

Preface to the revised edition

Richard Hogg, perhaps the most outstanding historian of English of his generation, died unexpectedly on 6 September 2007. He was the author of a two-volume *Grammar of Old English*, general editor of the monumental, six-volume *Cambridge History of the English Language* and founding editor (with Bas Aarts and David Denison) of the subject's flagship journal *English Language and Linguistics*. His death was a dreadful loss to his many friends and to the academic community.

This revised edition of his popular *Introduction to Old English* has been prepared by Dr Rhona Alcorn, who has incorporated subtle pedagogic improvements while taking care to preserve in Richard Hogg's memory the unique character and style of the original text. Necessary corrections have been made throughout, the bibliography has been updated and revisions to the glossaries aim to achieve a closer correspondence to the material introduced. We are indebted to Kathleen Dubs and Donka Minkova for suggesting some of these changes.

Fittingly, Dr Alcorn was the first winner, in 2008, of the *Richard M. Hogg Prize* of the *International Society for the Linguistics of English*. She is now a full-time researcher at Edinburgh University's Institute for Historical Dialectology.

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