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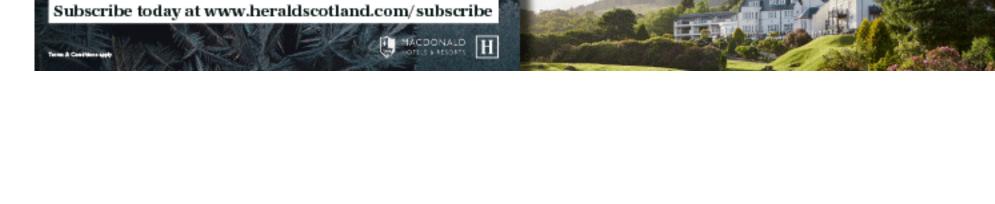
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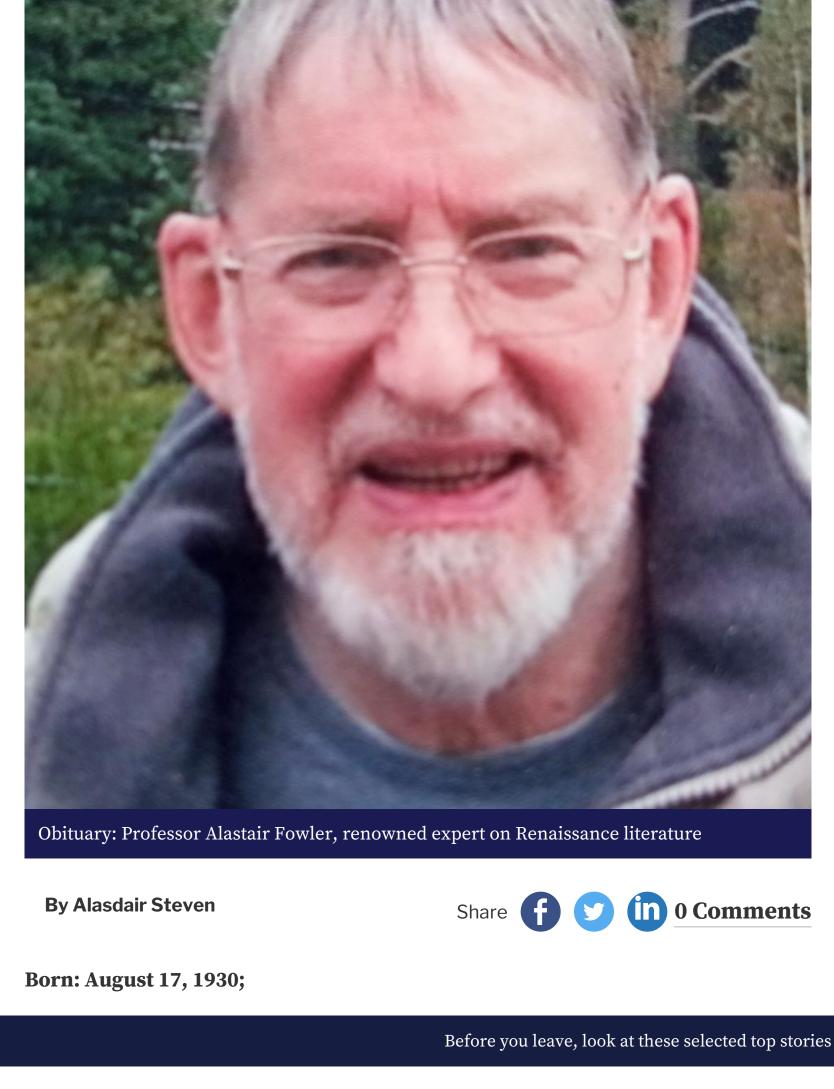
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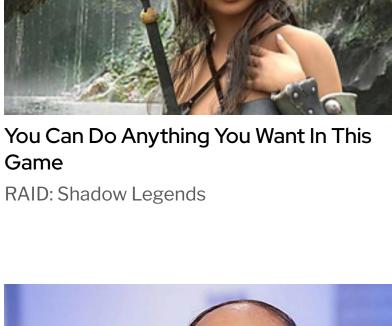
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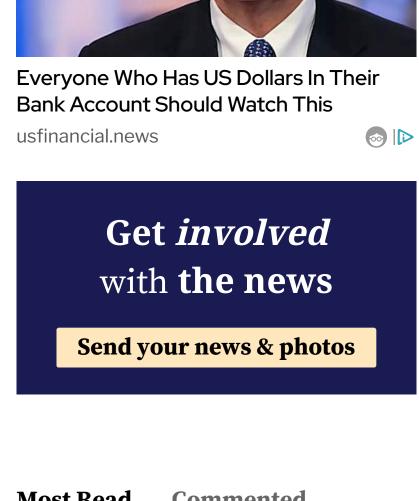
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Obituary: Professor Alastair Fowler, expert on





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Alastair David Shaw Fowler was born in Glasgow, the son of David and Maggie

Fowler. He attended Queen's Park School, in the Battlefield area of the city and

then, initially, read medicine at Glasgow University before transferring to

Edinburgh University to read English. In 1952 he went south to further read



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English at Pembroke College, Oxford under C.S. Lewis. It was to prove a most fruitful relationship. He cultivated a lifelong passion for the authors of the 16th century from Lewis's

1985–98). At the latter he was a Fulbright Scholar.

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detailed knowledge of Edmund Spenser. "In fact," Prof. Fowler wrote some years later, "Lewis offered something far better than efficient supervision; he opened windows to the expanse of intellectuality." The respect that Prof. Fowler gained in academia led to several academic posts. From 1955-59 he was junior research fellow at Queen's College, Oxford, then taught at Swansea (1959-61), and Brasenose College, Oxford (1962 - 71). He was appointed Regius Professor of Literature at Edinburgh (1972 - 84) and lectured in

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Sleepers His perceptive mind and extensive knowledge made him an inspiring teacher. He was always keen to involve students and to discuss and debate points at issue. But his renown was greatly furthered by his extensive publications - all of which came

The work which brought him particular fame was his edition (with John Carey) of

republished and is recognised as the authoritative understanding of the poem. The

distinguished critic John Mullen rightly hailed it as "a monument of scholarship."

Prof. Fowler gained even wider fame when, in 1997, the author Martin Amis

John Milton's Paradise Lost, which was first published in 1966. It has been twice

to exert a decisive influence on how scholars, critics and students reassess

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America at Columbia University (1964) and the University of Virginia (1969, 1979,

appeared on **Radio** 4's Desert Island Discs and chose Paradise Lost as the book he would like to be cast away with. More to the point, he insisted it be the Fowler A former student of John Carey, Professor Kirsty Gunn, of Dundee University, remembers him talking about Prof. Fowler with great affection and respect. Professor Gunn recalls: "John enjoyed working with him over the Paradise Lost edition and remembered the care Fowler took in selecting just the right word and phrase. John always said Alastair was a generous and grand friend who carefully listened to other opinions. He was a deeply learned man - and excellent

Write, which reflected a more relaxed side of his personality and was aimed at those who think they cannot write. He also wrote about numerology, for which he had a long-standing passion. His writing continued throughout the 1970s and he published books on Shakespeare's Sonnets and continued to reassess both Spenser and Milton. In 2005 he became involved in a literary disagreement. He reviewed a book in the

Times Literary Supplement (by Stephen Greenblatt) on the life and plays of

Prof. Fowler's scholarship had a considerable impact throughout literary

academia. His study and understanding of 16th century authors and poets has

Homes) and the likes of J.R.R. Tolkien and John Le Carré - the latter two had

stayed with him in Edinburgh. He was an enthusiastic chess player.

He was an avid reader but relaxed to the works of Conan Doyle (not only Sherlock

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was dubbed, "Godzilla [Greenblatt] versus King Kong."

greatly furthered the understanding of the era's writings.

Shakespeare. Prof. Fowler considered the book inaccurate: in fact, the word he

used was 'sloppy'. The book was a bestseller but the learned furore that broke out

To underline the variety of his interests in 2007 Prof. Fowler published How to

Alastair Fowler received many academic honours and was awarded the CBE in 2014. He married Jenny Simpson in 1950 and they enjoyed 68 years of happy marriage before her death in 2019. Their son and daughter survive him, as do their grandchildren and great-grand-children.

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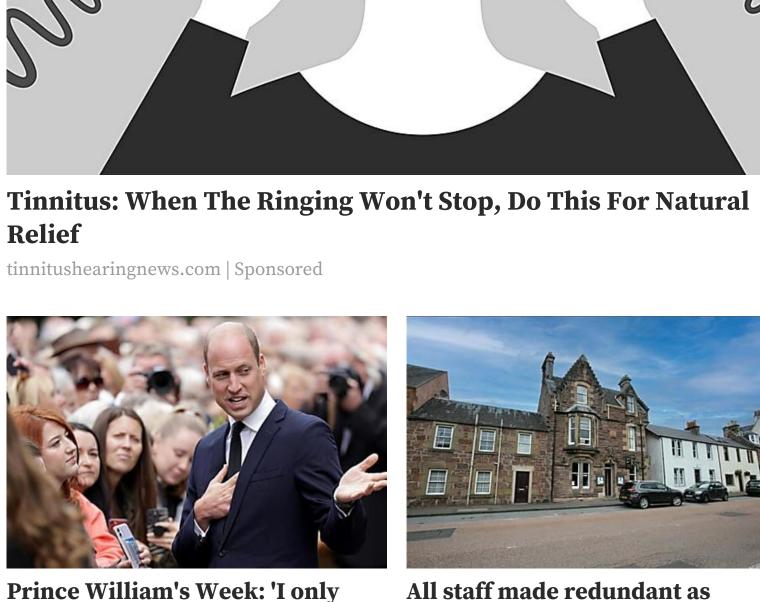


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