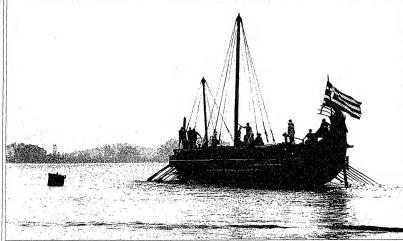
Obituaries

Distinguished classical scholar whose researches launched the first ancient Greek warship for 2,000 years

John Morrison

ohn Morrison, who has died aged 87, was the suffering of the professor of triemes, the ancient Groek warships distinguished by three banks of our said of their hulls. A classical of their hulls, and the hulls, and their hulls



2,000 years earlier. It was a

2,000 years earlier. It was a
the true detective story.
Morrison's years of study
convinced him that a threestered ship, using oars the
same length, was both possible and fast. His father made
so are successed to feel the same
length on all three levels.
Morrison himself started
the project with two pieces
of evidence, a carved stone
naval inventory of the mid4th century BC, which
and their spacing, and the
no remaining remnant of a
trirem sheef at Zea, which
revealed the maximum
dimensions of the ship —
37 metres long and 5.5 met
tres wide. The vessel was reyears and their spacing, and the
normal stream of the same
dimensions of the ship —
37 metres long and 5.5 met
tres wide. The vessel was reyears arranged in three tiers.
Other clues were found in
the writings of Herodotus,
who revealed that a punishment on ancient Greek ships
was to put a man's head
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years and the ship and the ship and the ship
of course, that oarports
must have been at least head-





Greek odysey... (clockwis from above) Morrison, in his familiar battered hat, oversees final preparations for the launch of his ship; enthuslasts demonstrate the rowing formation that made the trime the most effective car-powered ship in history; the Olympias on exercise in Poros bay

sized – and in The Republic, where Plato likened a sharf of light binding the heavens together to "the kneed as harf of light binding the heavens together to "the knypzomata of the trieres." The hypzozma is a twisted rope from stem to stem, which prevents such a broaking its back.

Coates and Morrison studied the remains of merchant ships of the period for construction clues. They also looked at ancient Greek arterior of the Lenormant relief, for clues about the seating and on arrangements, and the outrigger provided for the top tier of oarsmen. With the part the Greek With the part the Greek With the part of the greek of the construction, the Helmin analy sessed Olympias, was launched in 1987, and underwent sea trials at Porus, manned by a British and international volunteer crew. I was fortunate enough the same properties of the contrading of the Guardian, and an extraordinary week it was. Morrison and Coates, with Sorrison and Coates, wi

extraordinary week it was. Morrison and Coates, with trireme nuts from all over the

with excitement.
Purther friction was caused by the captain, Lieutenant Dimiter Papadas, who had commended to the control of t

maker of ancient oared ships.
The professor shook him by
the hand and said: "Good

world, stayed at the Hotel Latsis, while the crew was billeted
posted, but unwilling, to abide
by Greek naval discipline. The
Latsis had the only telephone
for miles around, and buzzed
with excitemen.
Further friction was caused
by the captain, Leutenant
by the captain, Leutenant
confirmers of the ship. The crew
christened him Captain Pugwash, and I connived in detente by interviewing him
at length on the deck, while
tente, while the confirming wash, and so the control of the
extent by interviewing him
at length on the deck, while
ters, Mike Budd and Pord
Weiskittel, did what they
wanted to do below decks.
Once the proud naval officer
was included in the evening
trireme seminars, which
went on into the small hours
derstanding broke out.
Even the large number of
covers among the crew knew
nothing of how to row the
Olympias. Within 10 days,
however, they had sone a
long way to confirming what
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has just been published by Cambridge University Press.

Orison was educated a Chartercancer and on the Cambridge in 1992. He began his academic career as a fellow at the college in 1993, and continued with the British Council in Claim of the Council in Claim of Baghdad during the second world
Greek at Durham University
in 1945. He returned to Trinity as senior tutor in 1950, later moving to the new
Churchill College, and, afterwards, spending 14 years as
president of Wolfson College,
He sat on many commitbeing that on sixth-form education (1968-72). He was joint
elitor of the Classical Review. He opened Cambridge to a wider range of schools,
and was instrumental in persuading the colleges to Join
the old Universities Central
was appointed CBE in 1999. During the war, Morrison
married Elizabeth Shulman,
the governerness to King
Fissal of Iraq. Abs survives

married Elizabeth Shuman the governerness to King Faisal of Iraq. She survives him, together with their thr sons and two daughters. Christopher Dodd

John Sinclair Morrison, classicist and triremes expert, born June 15 1913; died Octo-ber 25 2000

faiths as well as revering his own. With his wife Marjorie Dowsett, a teacher whom he had married in 1931, he retired to a Methodist home for the aged in 1990, where he continued to write both

uren. Bernard Braley

Chronicler of the folksong world

Eric Winter

The folksong writer and ohronicler Eric Winter, who has the way most music journalists would choose: reviewing from his hospital bed. In his case, it was John and Alan Lomax's Big Brazos recordings for Reference Reviews. Folksong is concept that has been subjected to many the folks of the continually redefined to reflect political and doctrinal stances and cultural exclusiveness. Winter was one of many writers.

cultural exclusiveness. Win-ter was one of many writers who put a topical side-spin on the f-word, as well as championing traditional folk music.

His father worked as a

His father worked as a craftsman spinner and weaver, got gassed during the first world war, and, when the cotton trade collapsed, became foreman at a brickworks. Eric himself won a scholarship to Ashton-under Lyne grammar school, and, by 19, was internal advertis-

Death Notices

Memorial Services

MILLER. A memorial service for Tim Milter will take place on Tuesday 28th November 2000 at 11.30 am at St. Etheldreda's Church, Ely Place EC1.



ing manager in a Manchester department store. Called up to the RAF in 1940, he worked in radar, first as a

department store. Called up to the RAF in 1940, he worked in radar, first as a mechanic, and later an as instruction. Off bases, he fell in struction. Off bases, he fell in struction of the struction of the struction of the struction of the struction. After demok he went through a number of jobs – teacher, sales rep, librarian, sub-editor – all the while staying active rices. In 1949, he met. Addrey Hunt, his secfolk group spin-off of the London Youth Choir, and at folk sessions at Soho's 44. Club in Gerrard Street. In the immediate postwar years, Sing Out! shone brighter than any other folk magazine. But I was After a brighter than any other folk magazine. But I was After the struction of the str

and wrote for the UK Press Gazette. While holding down

learious day jobs, he chronieledt the folk seen, and was a
linchpin for important early
festivals, such as Loughborough and Keele. Between
1973 and 1986, he taught
journalism at the London
College of Printingontent
merely to file copy: he prosetylised. Through Sing, he fed
songs into the folk scene's
communal many publishing
songs by John Brunner, Sydney Carter, the McPeakes,
Pete Seeger and many others.
Manchaster, prompted by
the 1985 Munich air disaster,
was recorded by the Spinners. Typically, his journalism was optimistic, positive
and supportive.
So many words have been
So many wor

and Swing 51 in Britain.

An activist and champion of the champion of the champion of the champion of the Britain be remembered to the British folk revival. He chronicled the movement, contributed to the folk repertion; both as seminator, and sustained it physically with hospitality and support. Furthermore, as lan Anderson, the editor of Folk Roots (another line, be but "the transparency of the good journalist". Ken Hunt

Eric Winter, journalist and songwriter born December 19 1920; died October 23 2000



Prolific hymn writer who put Christianity's social concerns to verse

he poet and Methodist minister Fred-erick Pratt Green, who has died aged 97, was the most prolific writer of hymns since Charles Wesley. He achieved national prominence when his Hymn For The Nation was used in the Queen's sil-ver jublice service in 1977.

was used in the Queen's silvery jubiles exvice in 1977. Barlier, in 1975, his poem, Carlier, in 1975, his poem, Carlier, in 1975, his poem, Cauded by Philip Larkin in the Oxford Book of 20th-Century English Verse, His more than 300 hymns, all written after his rettrement, grace the hymn books of more than 1975. The silver was the hymn books of the hymn



Pratt Green . . . fell-walking church must involve itself in

church must involve itself in social concerns. Pratt Green's distinguished service as an itinerant innister took him to Yorkshire and years at Ilbord. Essex, combining his work with air warden duties. For five years, he preached at the Dome concert hall in Brighton, holding a 2000-strong congregation. After meeting and exchanging werses with a competent agnostic poet, Fallon Webbthey meeting and exchanging verses with a competent agnostic poet, Fallon Webbthey meeting and exchanging verses with a competent agnostic poet, Fallon Webbthey meeting and exchanging verses with a competent agnostic poet part of the property of the proper

gospel events. His powerful text for Passiontide begins, "Besus in the olive grove", "Besus in the olive grove", and the olive grove to the olive grove to the olive grove to the olive grove the olive grove the olive grove the olive grove to us with his hymn: "The church of Christ in every age/ beset by change but spirit led," must claim and test its heritage/ and keep on rising from the dead." Pratt Green himself was gentle, impattient of bureaucracy, and saw the presence of God in other religious and, in the following 10 years, turned out 150 moy years, turned out 150 moy years, turned out 150 moy have years, turned out 150 moy have global terms, When In Our Music God Is Glorified, echoes Psalin 150 with its line, "Let every instrument be turned for praise; and recalls how "the church in liturgy." He was the church in liturgy. God Is Here, As We His People, is concerned with church worship, while, in contrast, Pratt Grenst exts beginning. Fratt Grenst exts beginning with the church worship, while, in contrast, Pratt Grenst exts beginning with the contrast, and the contrast of the contrast, which is a cutre door, let the coar of traffic drown the voice of prayer" warns us against allowing our hymns to drug us to forget the needs of our hungry, suffering world. However, we have a suffering world. The contrast was a suffering world. The contrast was a suffering world. The contrast was a suffering world. The world was a suffering world. The world was a suffering world. The suffering was a suffering world was a suffering was a suffering world was a suffering world was a suffering was a

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dramatist, 55; Michael Kitchen, actor, 52; Angela Knight, investment manager and former Conservative MP, 50; John Lowe, jockey, 72; Sarah Macaulay, public rela-tions consultant, 37; Prof Robort Mahler, physician, 76; Keyin Mooney, jockey

the Daily Telegraph, 44; Lary Mullen, rock drummer, 39; Tom O'Commer, come-dian, 60; Silmmer, Sawle, disc Jocks tharrity fundraiser, 74; the Middle East, 55; Noro-dom Silmoulk, king of Cam-bodia, 78; Ian Walker, foot-baller, 29.