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Qualifications

1974 MA (Cambridge)
Part 1: Anglo-Saxon, Norse and Celtic
Part 2: Social Sciences
1977 Diploma in Careers Guidance (University of Reading)
1998 Certificate in Proofreading and Editing (Maple Publishing Ltd)

Work

1974–78: Careers officer – West Sussex County Council
1978–82: Careers officer – Manchester City Council
1982–86: Careers officer – Derbyshire County Council
Since 1998: Freelance writer and editor
Since 2001: Associate, Plain Language Commission

Publications

Biography

2005: *John Marco Allegro: The Maverick of the Dead Sea Scrolls*,
(Wm. B. Eerdmans, Grand Rapids)

Tuition

2006: Perfect Punctuation: a distance learning course (Plain Language Commission)

Articles

1978–88: about 40 articles on careers, published by the Careers and Occupational Information Centre (COIC) in the careers encyclopaedia *Occupations*, online as part of the microDOORS series, or as individual leaflets
2004–09: articles on J M Allegro and the Dead Sea Scrolls for various publications. These included:

- ‘John Allegro and the Christian Myth’, published by the online resource *Bible and Interpretation* May 2005 (www.bibleinterp.com)
- ‘Awkward questions’ (November 2005) and ‘Mushrooms and myths’ (November 2006), presented to the Sauniere Society
- ‘John Marco Allegro: Freethinker or Troublemaker?’ for *Manchester and the Dead Sea Scrolls*, ed. George J Brooke (still awaiting publication)
- ‘Publication and publicity: John Marco Allegro and the Dead Sea Scrolls’ in *The Qumran Chronicle*, vol 12, no. 2/4, December 2004
- the foreword to *The Holy Mushroom* by Jan Irvin, pb. Gnostic Media, 2009
- the foreword to *The Sacred Mushroom and the Cross* by J M Allegro, republished by Gnostic Media, 2009

Since spring 2010: articles on local history and countryside matters for *High Peak Review*

Plain-language work includes editing, rewriting or proofreading text for public-sector, voluntary and private-sector bodies. For example:

- guides, charters, planning proposals, pension schemes and newsletters for central and local government departments and agencies
- reports and leaflets for various charities; sometimes in Easy English
- booklets for Community Legal Advice and the Legal Services Commission
- tenancy agreements, website entries, leaflets and letters for housing associations
- healthcare information and reports for primary care trusts and hospital trusts.

Work with undergraduate and graduate students

1997 – 2005: Proofreading dissertations and theses for home and overseas students; helping overseas students present their work in fluent English

Other interests

Walking, cycling, choral singing, piano, local conservation work