Undaunted don takes over London: Profile

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Randolph Quirk: 'We in this university have nothing to apologise for.'

World-famous

But, and here is the astonishing thing, never once has he been asked up. The principal work has been on the unique, world-famous Survey of English Usage, which he founded in 1959.

The goal is nothing less than to describe the grammatical repertoire of adult native speakers of English: their linguistic activity from writing love letters to talking to a public inroor near a dinner party (from a learned text on Germany, 'A Corpus of Modern English'). Material is reordered in a dictionary by word, based on 12 hours a day, seven days a week, for scholars from all over the world. However, with the best will in the world, space and technical facilities are severely limited. So a composer

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