

Colin Bradbury, Principal Clarinet with the BBC Symphony Orchestra from 1961 to 1993, died today aged 90. Born in Blackpool, he was a founder member of the National Youth Orchestra of GB before entering the Royal College of Music to study with Frederick Thurston. His tenure at the BBCSO spanned the conductorships of Sir Adrian Boult, Rudolf Schwarz, Pierre Boulez, Rudolf Kempe, Günter Wand and Sir Andrew Davis. As an RCM Professor he went on to teach many of the next generation of British clarinettists and together with pianist Oliver Davies he researched, recorded and published a wealth of 19th and early 20th Century repertoire. His face, already familiar to Last Night of the Proms TV audiences, gained film recognition as an actor in 'Quartet' (2012). He is survived by his wife, flautist Janet Forbes, and their five children.