

David Towler



6 January 1937 - 6 June 2023

Life for David started in Kentish Town (then in the Borough of St. Pancras).

David had a strong Faith. He valued his Church attendance and his Christian Faith.

At Kentish Town Parish Church (later to become St. John the Evangelist's) he was, a member of the choir, a server, a sides-man, a lesson reader and a member of the Church Council

Whilst living in Harlington he was a Church Warden at St. Peter's & St Paul's Church and at Christchurch.

When he moved to Slough David became a member of St Mary's Church, Wexham where he occasionally took Morning Prayer. He was a member of the "St. Mary's Men's Fellowship". He continued to attend and support St Mary's after he moved to Yiewsley.

At 8 years old David became a Wolf Cub in St. Pancras Scout District as well as joining the Choir at Kentish Town Parish Church (his Dad was the Verger). Both of which started a life-long love of music and Scouting. David said that these two interests in many ways shaped his life.

His love of music saw him take part several times in the choir for the pageant "Boy Scout" in the Royal Albert Hall. Over the years he had been a member of several Choral Societies. From 1995 he was a member of a Hillingdon based choir called "Voices in Accord" (previously called "Miscellany") and was still singing with them until April 2023.

After becoming a Wolf Cub David went on to become a Sea Scout, Senior Scout and then a Rover Scout.

Whilst serving with the RAF for 3 years he carried on with his Scouting wherever he was stationed. In that time he served on 13 different stations in 5 different countries (3 in the Middle East, Cyprus and RAF Northolt).

In 1955 David started his Adult service in St. Pancras Scout District as an Assistant Scout Master, and after leaving the RAF he became a Scout Master.

On moving to Hayes in 1964 he joined the 2nd Harlington Scout Group as an Assistant Scout Leader and later became the Scout Leader. He became a member of the Hayes & Harlington Scout District Team where he held the roles of District Scout Leader, Assistant District Commissioner (Scouts) and District Commissioner. He was also a member of the Scout Active Support Unit.

He was a Service Crew Member at Tolmers Scout Camp Site in Hertfordshire for 10 years.

He was for 20 years a Training Tutor on the Greater London North West County Training Team.

In 1988 he became a member of the Greater London North West County Team where he held the role of Assistant County Commissioner (Scouts) for 5 years.

As an Administrator in Scouting he held the positions of District Secretary for St. Pancras Scout District, District Secretary for Hayes & Harlington Scout District, County Secretary, Leader of Friends of Chalfont, and Secretary to the Paccar Scout Camp Board.

He was made Vice President for the County in 2009 and for Hayes & Harlington District in 2016.

One of David's highlights was that he lead the County Contingent to the 16th World Scout Jamboree which was held in Australia in December 1987/January 1988. They enjoyed Christmas Day in the air.

He helped with the catering at 3 Welsh Jamborees.

He ran the catering teams (catering for around 500 Scouts) on 3 of the County Expeditions to Zellhof in Austria and to Kandersteg in Switzerland.

David was awarded the Medal of Merit in 1982, the Silver Acorn in 1988 and the Silver Wolf in April 2000. He was also awarded the Long Service Decorations for 25, 40, 50 and 60 years Adult service.

He enjoyed travelling abroad and around the UK, and attending many reunions.

David will be remembered for his Faith, his Scouting and his Singing, and will be greatly missed by Kathleen and all his family and friends.

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