

DEN WEST...

DEN JOINED THE 5TH WEMBLEY IN 1942 AS A WOLF CUB AND FROM THAT DAY ONWARDS HE NEVER LOST HIS LOVE FOR, AND DEEP INVOLVEMENT IN THE MOVEMENT.

Having passed through the Scout and Senior Scout sections he became a Rover Scout and then a Leader in Wembley. He married Jean in 1958. Having been apprenticed as a Joiner he played a leading part in 1975/6 in the team that designed and built the Wembley District Headquarters, so much so that he was appointed Warden, a job that he carried out with distinction until his illness was diagnosed early in 2005.

He was very active in the Scout Fellowship, a founder member of the Friends of Chalfont and over the years one of its most involved members. Outside of Scouting his voluntary involvement was enormous being active for the local Abbeyfield Home, for the local St James Senior Citizens club, for CARE, for the Mount Vernon Scanner Appeal and he gave blood regularly right up to his 70th birthday.

His support for Chalfont Heights was monumental with much of his handiwork still on show. As our principal grass cutter he wore with pride the T Shirt embroidered "Field Commissioner" – indeed he was wearing it as he passed away. His outstanding service to Scouting was recognised in the early nineties by the award of the Silver Acorn. It is said that none of us is irreplaceable, but Den comes pretty close. The large number present at his Cremation in December displayed our deep affection and regard for him, and gave great support to Jean and to his children Anne and Keith.

Thinking right to the last of his beloved Chalfont he expressed a desire that donations in his memory be used for a specific development at the campsite. To date this fund stands at just over £1,000.