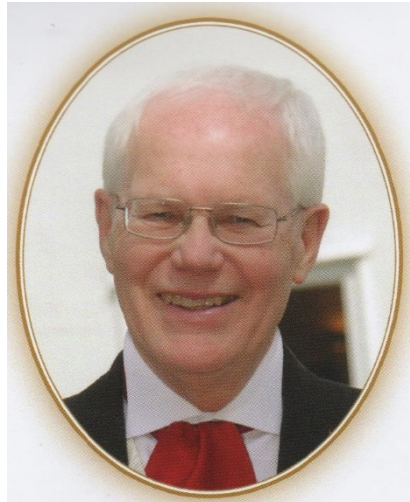


Edward (Ted) Peck



4 June 1937 to 15 February 2021

Ted Peck (as he was always known) joined the 23rd Harrow Wolf Cubs at the end of the second world war and was a member of Scouting in the County continuously until 2015 – 70-years continuous membership in one County, which is unlikely to be equalled.

His adult service began in 1955 as an Assistant Scout Leader and he held 17 different appointments at Group, District and County levels until he retired after 60 years adult service in 2015.

The 23rd Harrow was always his “home” Group and he became GSL in 1963 at the age of 25. At that time this was the minimum age for taking this role and he was one of the youngest GSLs in the UK for many years. He undertook his Wood Badge training at Gilwell four years later and was the youngest person on the course. Under his leadership the Group grew to more than 120 members.

The 23rd was based at Wealdstone Methodist Church. Ted had a lifelong commitment to the church, and it was where he was married to Emma in 1957 and where his two sons Stephen and Michael were baptised. Alongside his Scouting service Ted served the Church as an energetic and influential member throughout his life. The link between his church and Scouting was instrumental in seeing the Group merge with 10th Harrow (based at the Anglican church in Wealdstone) in the 1970s when the churches were working in close co-operation.

Between 1971 and 1994 he served in various District roles in Harrow, most notably as District Commissioner between 1987 and 1994. He was passionate about membership growth and adult support and this brought him to the attention of Headquarters as his District was one of the few in the UK where the membership was close to mirroring the diverse nature of the population of Harrow.

Between 1994 and 2007 he served in various County roles, most notably as ACC Leader Training between 1994 and 2000. He was a popular, passionate and talented Trainer and his leadership of the Training Team brought an energy, passion and fun to training that influenced many people for years to come.

During this period, he was also involved in establishing and supporting the first Muslim Scout Groups in the UK which were based in central London. His passion for diversity and clear understanding of Scouting's values ensured that the Groups were fully integrated into local Scouting and respectful of religious needs. This approach influenced the development of many other Groups across the UK even today.

Between 2000 and 2015 Ted served in various roles in Willesden District where his passion for the development of Scouting and his lengthy experience meant he became a mentor to many in the District which helped to develop the District.

For many years, he was also involved with Headquarters. He helped to develop and deliver a national adult recruitment campaign and the development of the seven steps to adult recruitment which are still used to this day. He also volunteered as a trainer on many courses at Gilwell for Commissioners and his humorous and passionate approach to Scouting is remembered by many people across the UK. What is less well known is his support to several serious Safeguarding reviews during this time.

Ted will be remembered as a passionate and committed Scouter who always demonstrated Scouting's values and always put others and the Movement's development before himself. He was a passionate moderniser and always focused on the future. In 2000 he was awarded the Silver Wolf for "services of the most exceptional nature" and it is a measure of the man that this award was made when he was "only" three quarters of the way through his service as an adult in Scouting.

However, Ted was more than just a Scout - all those who knew him knew he put his commitment to his wife Emma and family above all and lived his faith through his commitment to his Church with the same energy. We can definitely say he "left the world better than he found it"

Adult Appointments

ASL 23rd Harrow	18.7.55 – 22.9.60
AVSL 23rd Harrow	22.9.60 – 01.10.63
GSL 23rd Harrow	01.10.63 – 31.08.79
ADC (S) Harrow	23.06.71 – 11.11.78
ADC (LT) Harrow & Wealdstone	11.11.78 – 01.04.87
AVSL 23rd Harrow	31.08.79 – 31.08.85
ALT Harrow & Wealdstone	01.02.86 – 31.01.92
DLT Harrow & Wealdstone	31.01.92 – 31.12.2000
DC Harrow & Wealdstone	01.04.87 – 04.10.94
ACC (LT) Greater London Middlesex West	05.08.94 – 31.10.2000

Executive Ctte member GLMW	30.06.94 – 04.11.2007
District Chairman Willesden	31.10.2000 – 17.06.2010
Exec Ctte Officer (Acting) Willesden	10.10.2000 – 01.11.2002
District Treasurer Willesden	01.11.2002 – 31.05.2003
DC (Acting) Willesden	01.04.2004 – 01.02 2005
Exec Ctte Officer (Acting) Willesden	29.05.2007 – 19.06.2008
Exec Ctte Officer (Acting) Willesden	31.10.2007 – 15.11.2007
Exec Ctte member Willesden	17.06.2010 - 20.11.2015

Good Service and Long Service Awards

15 years Long Service Award	08.10.71
Medal of Merit	01.05.74
Silver Acorn	23.04 88
Chief Scout's 25 Year Award	27.08.92
Bar to the Silver Acorn	23.04.94
Chief Scout's 40 Year Award	28.04.99
Silver Wolf	23.04.2000
Chief Scout's 50 Year Award	08.07.2005
Chief Scout's 60 Year Award	07.07.2015