

Ken Crisp

1931 - 2020



Ken Crisp was born on the 20th July 1931 in London.

Ken was sent to a boarding school where Ken sang in the choir and said in his own words “I must have had some pleasure of doing so, although I cannot recall if pumping the organ bellows was a punishment or not.” For much of his early life church attendance would be reduced to Christenings, weddings and funerals. This would eventually change when he joined the Army Cadets. It was at an Army Cadets Youth Club Camp in 1949 where he met his wife to be, May. Following National Service in Gibraltar for 2 years with The Royal Electrical & Mechanical Engineers, Ken married May in Ealing in 1953. They were married for 67 years.

After initially living in Ealing they moved to Pinner in 1959. Here Ken quickly got involved with the local community especially Pinner Baptist Church. His involvement with the Church was very important to Ken and he was very involved with many different activities in the Church. These included running events and helping with publications. He also became the Health & Safety Officer for the Church. He was also a member of the Harrow Hockey Club where he became Captain, Social Secretary and then Chairman. Ken was so committed to investing in the lives of others that he was honoured by Rotary for his work in the community when he was made a Paul Harris Fellow, although he was not a Rotarian. Ken was also a member of Pinner Round Table, Pinner 41 Club and a Freemason in North Harrow Lodge which he joined in 1980. He became Worshipful Master in 1989 – 1990, Organist 1992 -97, Charity Steward 1998 – 2012 and Senior Steward 2012 – June 2020.

By trade he was an electrical engineer and he was able to use this knowledge by doing stage lighting for various local operas & musicals in his spare time.

Ken’s first involvement with Scouting was in 1979 when he joined 4th Pinner Sea Scouts and became Group Scout Leader. This was the start of a Scouting journey of some 45 years during which Ken became involved at District and County levels until the day of his death. Ken served Pinner & Headstone, Roxeth and Harrow and Wealdstone Districts. His service to the Middlesex West County began in 1979 and lasted for some 38 years. For his service to Scouting Ken was awarded the Medal of Merit in 1985, the Silver Acorn in 1994 and the Silver Wolf in 2005. Ken’s other contribution to the County was helping with the editing and publication of County News for some years using his computing skill.

Ken’s life was one lived to the full with his involvement in so many different organisations. He will be dearly missed by his many friends and colleagues at Pinner Baptist Church, in the many other organisations he was involved in and of course in Scouting in Pinner and the County at large.

Rest in Peace Ken.