

NIGEL BOARDMAN...

THE CHAPEL AT BREAKESPEAR CREMATORIUM WAS PACKED WITH THOSE WHO WISHED TO PAY THEIR LAST RESPECTS TO A MAN WHO HAD BEEN SUCH A WELL-KNOWN AND POPULAR MEMBER OF THE LOCAL COMMUNITY.

Nigel died suddenly at the early age, these days, just short of his 64th birthday. Some years ago he had undergone a heart by-pass operation, but had recovered well and was looking forward to driving again.

Nigel was born in Willesden, one of twin boys who were both members of 21st Willesden Scout Group. He learned to sell in a nearby gentleman's outfitter and, after attending Kilburn Grammar School, joined the City firm of Kitkat and Aitkin. He used to remark that his early learning selling experiences stood him in good stead in his later career. In his latter years, he helped new companies with their funding, as he had a profound knowledge of the City and had many contacts there.

When he moved to the Eastcote area he worked with 4th Eastcote Group, where his son Darren was a Cub Scout and a Scout, Nigel became AGSL, and then, for 11 years, he was Chairman of the Ruislip District Scout Council. He oversaw amalgamation with Northwood Eastcote Scout District to form Ruislip Eastcote Northwood District. Much credit goes to Nigel for the smooth way in which the new District took shape.

He was also instrumental in getting 'The Shooting Star Appeal' adopted by the scouts to raise money for the first children's hospice in Middlesex and was a member of the group working to raise money for the purchase and development of Chalfont. He worked for the NSPCC, and served as a JP, regularly sitting on the Uxbridge Magistrates' Bench.

The funeral service was conducted by Capt Don Woodhouse who recounted that Nigel never ceased to be interested in

the well-being of children. He attended all the Scouting functions he could, including the Centenary Jamboree. His favourite saying was "when a member dies, they have gone home". A fitting tribute to the popularity of such a person who worked to 'help others' all through his life.

Our condolences go to his daughters Gail and Susan, and son Darren.
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ADDENDUM

One of the 17 Campsites at PACCAR is named after Derek Boardman. In 2007: Nigel Boardman, Chairman of Ruislip Eastcote Northwood District Scout Council wrote to say:

"I chose to remember my twin brother in this way because he lost his life at a Scout meeting over fifty years ago. We were both keen Scouts in 22nd Willesden. I still meet up with fellow Scouts who were with me on that fatal evening. This shows the level of friendship enjoyed by those in Scouting. I want to see first class facilities at Chalfont Heights Scout Camp Site for Scouts and all young people from around the world to enjoy."