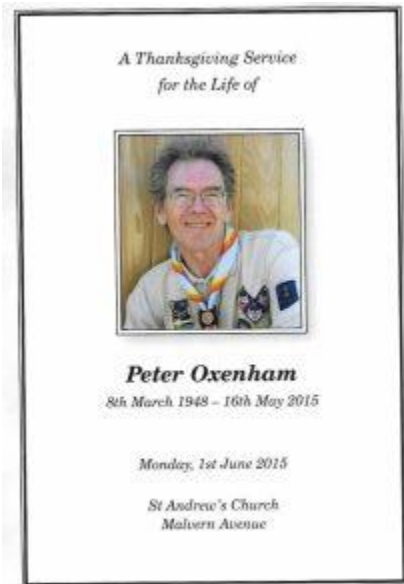


# PETER OXENHAM...

THE FUNERAL FOR PETER OXENHAM WAS HELD ON MONDAY 1 JUNE 2015. THE FOLLOWING EULOGY WAS INCLUDED IN THE ORDER OF SERVICE.



“Peter Oxenham was born in Houghton-le-Spring County Durham on 8 March 1948 the younger of twins. He attended a local Grammar School and went on to complete an apprenticeship in Engineering. Peter began his career as a draughtsman turning ideas into concrete plans, earning a reputation for his attention to detail and problem solving skills. This proved to be just the beginning in a long and successful career as a Design and Chemical Engineer.”

“Peter met Joan in May 1970, romance blossomed and they were married in July 1972. Together they moved to London and settled in Harrow. In 1989 the family expanded with the arrival of their daughter Lucy. In later years he was also adopted by the cat, who followed him everywhere.”

“Peter had an impact not just on the life of his family but also those of the local community, as a member of the Scout movement. Peter started in Scouting in 1971 and worked within the movement for over 40 years alongside Joan. In 1975 Peter and Joan began a lifelong relationship with St Andrew’s Church running the 9th Roxeth Cub Scout pack. In

later years Peter became Group Scout Leader working with the support of the Scouting community to grow and expand the Group, improve and renew equipment and fundraise money for a new minibus. Between them they have influenced the lives of many children through the Cub Scouts and he will be sorely missed."

Peter was said to be good at "not panicking". He was quiet and hard-working. He had a love of music including piano, rock and heavy metal.

Within Scouting he became an Assistant Cub Scout Leader and then gave over 40 years service to Scouting. This was initially in Kensington and Chelsea and then at St Andrew's Church in the 9th Roxeth. He was a County Skills Instructor for Mountain Activities and started the Roxeth Venture Scout Unit. He ran the Duke of Edinburgh Award scheme within the Group, became Group Scout Leader and his service was recognised by the award of the Silver Acorn in 2007. In 2009 he was awarded the Outstanding Leader Award. He was an active member of the District Scout Fellowship which later became the Scout Active Service Unit.

He always put others first, encouraged others, had a generous spirit and was a stubborn helper. He will be difficult to replace.