



Dave Flynn
1937 - 2009

It was with great sadness that we heard Dave had been called to Higher Service on 19th October 09. Dave had undergone surgery for a serious throat problem, but complications set in. He was one who could be called a true Scout, always ready to lend a helping hand at any activity - many will remember his duties as First Aider at Crow Camp as he was a trained medic. Dave was one you could call a true friend and there is no higher praise than that. Dave had been a member of the Fellowship since 1994 and was awarded the Silver Acorn for his Services to Scouting. One job that Dave enjoyed was being Deputy Warden at Crow Camp; all the Service Crew will miss his call of "Tea Up!"

The funeral took place at Trinity Methodist Church on Friday 30th October, this being the Church that sponsors Dave's Group - 21st Romford. The service was conducted by Rev. Roy Jackson (Superintendent Minister, Romford Circuit). The Church was full with Romford Scout District being well represented, together with members of the British Red Cross and the London Ambulance Service. Scouts from the District formed a Guard of Honour and Leaders acted as pall bearers. During the service tributes were paid by the Group Chairman and a representative of the District Scout Fellowship.

The committal was at the crematorium where a second guard of honour was formed by Leaders and representatives of the District. Donations were requested instead of floral tributes.

The Fellowship Own 2009

2009 saw Romford Scout Fellowship responsible for organising the annual Fellowship Own. After a lot of planning after the date was announced across Greater London North East earlier in the year and it was, as they say, "alright on the night", or in this case the afternoon of the 18th October.

The venue was the Methodist Church in Clockhouse Lane, Collier Row, Romford and we are grateful to the Church Stewards for the use of the Church and its facilities. At rather short notice the Service was conducted by the Rev Bernadette, Priest In Charge of the Church of the Ascension, Collier Row. The organ was played by member Jackie Brett.

Greetings were extended by Keith Pethers, District Commissioner (Romford and District), who presented a Long Service Award to Betty Guthrie. (Betty has been involved in Scouting in Romford for so many years we think she must have known BP). The new Colours of Ilford North West Fellowship were blessed during the Service at their request. The Reaffirmation of the Scout Promise was led by Malcolm Wetherill, Assistant County Commissioner (Scout Fellowship) GLNE. Prayers and the Address were by Rev Hull.

There were 80 plus in the congregation, including 22 from Romford - a very good response all round. As we always say, these things do not just happen and our thanks go to those outside the Fellowship who helped. Those who prepared the Church; the lady who brightened the Church with her floral arrangements; ladies who baked cakes without being asked. Then there were



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those who prepared and served the refreshments and made sure that there was ample despite some misgiving on the part of the Secretary.

After the event tables and chairs had to be put away, the floor swept and the kitchen left clean and the crockery etc put away. We can claim the event as a success and are aware that it took a lot behind the scenes by unseen people to make it so.

The collection in aid of the Scout Holiday Homes Trust came to £161.00, so a big thank you to all those who gave so generously.

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The Barrier

At our monthly meeting on 22nd October we were pleased to welcome back Freddie Sayer. Freddie, you will recall, works for Help The Aged and spoke last time about security in the home. This time he was speaking about the construction of the Thames Barrier. Although one or two thought that it might be a boring meeting, it was a most interesting and enlightening evening. Blueprints, photographs etc were all there and the question and answer period over a cuppa showed how much the talk was appreciated.



The meeting started by observing a minutes silence in memory of Dave Flynn.

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Birthday Greetings



We wish many happy returns to those members who celebrate their birthday this month:-

Bob Carter; Liz Golden; Vicky Hood; Vera Olney; Keith Pethers and Alan Ross

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Sick and Wounded

We know of some members who are not in the best of health and that there are others waiting for hospital appointments, but they do not wish the details to be spread far and wide, we respect their wishes and hold them in our thoughts.

Please remember them all in your prayers.

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Provisional Dates For 2010

All dates shown are Thursdays.

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| 21st January | Fellowship Meeting |
| 18th February | Fellowship Meeting |
| 25th March | Fellowship Meeting |
| 22nd April | Fellowship Meeting |
| 20th May | Fellowship Meeting |
| 17th June | Fellowship Annual General Meeting |
| 23rd July | Fellowship Barbecue |
| 23rd September | Fellowship Meeting |



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21st October Fellowship Meeting
18th November Christmas Dinner

These are provisional dates and may have to be changed if there are any clashes with other bookings.

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Directory Amendments

Delete (with regret): reference to Dave Flynn.

Change of Address: Stan Hall, Romford Nursing Care Centre.107 Neave Crescent; Harold Hill. RM3 8HW.
Enquiries 01708 379022

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Gang Show Memories



Ask anyone who has been in Scouting for some years and it is a safe bet that they would have been involved with a Gang Show, either on the stage or behind the scenes making sure that the hundred and one things unseen by the audience run smoothly. Imagine the chaos if the wrong props are on the stage or if members of the cast are in the wrong costumes - absolute disaster. Weeks of rehearsals with the young folk and getting adults prepared to make fools of themselves when they have never set foot 'on the boards'. Imagine then when in September 1997 a CD was produced by Gang Show From Scratch - rehearsed and recorded in one day!

It is true that those taking part had experience of being in Gang Shows and no less than 32 different 'Gangs' were involved - not every member of each cast of course, but the number of people involved must have been difficult to make gel. However it worked. No less than 20 tracks were recorded and 39 different songs included and by modern magic the voice of Ralph Reader himself in one of the songs. The CD does not show the name of the people who released the CD so we presume it was a private sale for all those who took part Rehearsed and recorded in one day and with an orchestra - unbelievable, but what memories the cast must have!

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Festive Greetings

Once again we are giving members the opportunity of sending seasonal greetings through the pages of the Fellowship Newsletter.

If you wish to take advantage of this facility please send details to Graham our technical expert - contact details at the bottom of page 1 of the newsletter.

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B. P. Guild

We received recently a leaflet from The Baden Powell Guild Of Great Britain, an independent adult organisation of former Scouts, Guides and other interested persons or inspired with the ideal of maintaining the 'Scout Spirit' in everyday life. The aims of the Guild is to put into practice the principles of life set by Lord Baden Powell. To keep alive among its members the spirit of the Scout Law and Promise. To carry that spirit into the communities in which they live and work. Remembering their other responsibilities actively to support Scouting, Guiding and any cause or charity which shall be considered suitable. Members of the Guild are automatically members of the International Scout and Guide Fellowship.

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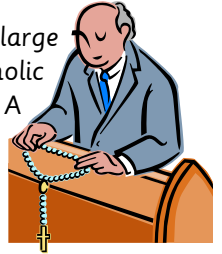
We have taken the liberty of quoting from the leaflet received. If you would like more information go to www.badenpowellguild.org.uk or Email to:- allan.page@talk21.com.

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The Chaplains Corner

The following item was sent to us and we thank the person who was kind enough to send it. It came from a Belfast Church Newsletter.

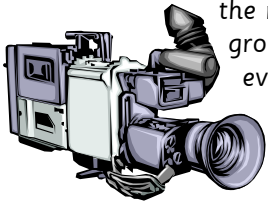
On taking up the position of Vicar in North Belfast I had the pastoral oversight of a large Church in a reasonably well off area and got on well with the Father from the nearby Catholic Church. I found that I was responsible for a much smaller Church in a poorer and deprived area. A very small congregation and the Church needed money spent on it to improve the neglected state of the place. A Prayer for a Miracle perhaps? One evening there was a caller at the Vicarage, a young lady who was a scout for a film company. The small Church was ideal to be used in a Christmas programme a comedy, with a well known actress playing a lady vicar.



It was agreed to meet at the small Church with representatives of the production company. Instead of just perhaps one or two people there was quite a crowd - all experts in their own particular skills. The Bishop agreed that the Church could be used with certain restrictions, i.e. no damage to the fabric of the building. A date was agreed for the start of the production. Came the day and a long convey of vehicles wound its way to the Church. It was a scene of mad activity, chaos it appeared to the onlooker, and there were plenty who watched the proceedings. Miles of cables were laid, a prefabricated gateway to the Church was set upand a large porch (all wood and plastic), set up over the main door. Local folk were conscripted as extras and clad in Victorian type costumes, with a request to come back in two days time. In that two days a large Christmas tree, festooned in artificial candles was set up complete with a large generator for the power.

The actors and actresses arrived complete with their caravans. A run through for the cast and extras - all supposed to be arriving at the Church. Two run throughs and everyone was satisfied. Shooting at 3.30pm. During the rehearsals a strange looking vehicle had arrived. When everyone had left to have their lunch a group of men started to spray 'snow' made of some kind of paper. The filming went ahead OK, everyone was happy. Autographs were collected and the clearing up began. The vehicles left as soon as they were loaded and some kind of normality resumed. The 'extras' all collected their fees and handed in their costumes and went home bemused by their experience. A large cheque arrived for the Church - the small Church was able to have the repairs carried out and the congregation has grown. The filming outside the Church lasted about 3 minutes and the finished production looked as if it was from a book by Charles Dickens. The miracle longed for had happened and Christmas had done its magic.

Did I say that the filming was carried out one evening in September? Not only the magic of Christmas but of technology.



Rev Peter Noone

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Scouts Remember

The 8th West Wickham Scouts formed part of the Guard of Honour at this year's Festival of Remembrance at the Royal Albert Hall.

Ten Scouts joined The Scout Association's Patron, Her Majesty The Queen, the Prime Minister Gordon Brown and invited members of the general public to honour those who have given their lives in service of their country.

Over six million people watched the Festival of Remembrance on the BBC. The Scouts will lead people into the hall before taking their place in front of the stage for the service.

Stuart Haydon, Group Scout Leader for the 8th West Wickham, described it as an 'honour' and said the Scouts were 'very much looked forward to representing the UK's young people at the event.'

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