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NEW  
YEAR

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## **Obituaries**

**Brother Malcolm John Johnson R.O.H.**

**16<sup>th</sup> May 1937 ~ 20<sup>th</sup> November 2010**

(see page 3 for an article about Bro Malcolm)

**Brother David Patterson Gray R.O.H.**

**28<sup>th</sup> May 1942 ~ 18<sup>th</sup> December 2010**

(see page 4 for an article about Bro Dave)

**It is with much sadness that we announce  
their passing to the grand lodge above.**

**R.I.P.**

## **EDITORS RANT**

**NEW YEAR \*\*\*\*NEW CHALLENGE \*\*\*\*NEW HOPE**

### **WINNEX #27 MANTRA FOR the first issue of 2011.**

**APATHY IS SO LAST YEAR** - as WINNEX launches headlong into its sixth year with a resolution of hope for a brighter and fresher approach to old problems.

Maybe, just maybe, 2011 is the year when Minor Lodges become major lodges. We need to swell our numbers. Just think, if every Minor Lodge initiated just one kangaroo, or persuaded just one lapsed member to return to the fold, then the future of Buffaloism would be assured.

It shouldn't be looked upon as - **"It will never happen"**.

Of course it won't as long as just one member says it won't.

#### **Why are we so negative?**

In 2009 Bro. J. Hayden Bennett, our then Deputy Grand Primo, asked the 'Think Tank' what we need to do to maintain our current membership numbers.

The first answer to come back was ..... "Give everyone a responsible job": like entertainment committee or Lodge historian or even Lodge news editor, in fact anything that they can get involved with and be relied upon for their commitment.

Are they right? Do they have a point? I think so!!!

Has anyone given the idea a chance? I doubt it.

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Sadly, Winnux has, once again, to start the New Year with news that yet two more stalwarts of the Windsor & Uxbridge Province have passed over to the “Grand Lodge Above”.

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## **Bro Malcolm John Johnson R.O.H.**

Twenty Brethren along with their Buffesses, attended the service in Ruislip’s Breakspear Crematorium including some who had driven from as far as South Wales and Brighton.

A measure of Brother Malcolm’s popularity was shown in the fact that members had come from so far away in the atrocious wintery conditions that prevailed.

Brethren present included eight past Provincial Grand Primo’s; several Brethren that we had not seen for years were also there. Past Provincial Grand Primo, Brother Eric Prichard ROH a long time Province Trustee supplied Winnux with some of his personal memories of friend and Brother Malcolm John Johnson ROH and his wife Stella.

“Brother Malcolm and his wife Stella became good friends of mine and my wife Win, soon after I joined the Order in 1977.

'Bro. Malc.' joined the Order before me, into The John Hallewell Lodge, No 7912, on 6<sup>th</sup> October 1974. At a later date he also affiliated to The Boston Lodge.

He was duly raised to the 2<sup>nd</sup> degree on the 7<sup>th</sup> December 1975, rising to the 3<sup>rd</sup> degree on the 6<sup>th</sup> April 1979 and the 4<sup>th</sup> degree on 28<sup>th</sup> July 1984.

We often stayed over at each others houses for the night, following different lodge functions and dinners, depending on whose house was nearest to the function taking place.

Brother Malc. became a Trustee of the Lodge around 1984, he remained so until our R.A.O.B. Social Club closed on the 4<sup>th</sup> of February 2007. He found that he could no longer attend lodge often enough to remain a Trustee.

Brother Malcolm along with his wife, Stella, always came with us on all of the Lodge outings - to the German wine festivals as well as our boat trips on the River Thames.

In 1991 he was elected to the high office of The Windsor & Uxbridge Provincial Grand Primo.”

**R.I.P. Bro. Malc.**

## **Brother David Patterson Gray R.O.H.**



### **The much missed Bro. Dave Gray R.O.H.**

The last ever photograph, seen here alongside Linda, his partner of 30 years. Your editor took this picture at the Enterprise & Brent Valley Lodge and the Pride of Ickenham Lodge combined Lodge Christmas dinner on Dec 10<sup>th</sup> 2010.

Yet another Stalwart of our Province has gone to “The Grand Lodge Above”.

Brother Dave Gray R.O.H. passed away in the early hours of Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> December 2010, just three days after surgery to aid his blood circulation.

On Friday 7<sup>th</sup> of January 2011, a few of the mourners met up in The Swallow public house, by Hillingdon LRT Station, apparently Dave’s final watering hole, prior to attending the funeral oservice.

Mourners followed the coffin into the West Chapel of Ruislip Crematorium at 12.45 to the strains of 'In my life', by The Beatles.

The minister of Hayes Baptist Church, Reverend Reg Craig, welcomed the congregation, prayers and scripture readings followed; he then opened it to the floor by asking if anyone had any personal memories of Dave that they wanted

to impart.

There was a long pause and then Brother John Freeman ROH stood up and spoke briefly of his friendship both in and out of the Order.

We then sat and listened to, "The House Of The Rising Sun." by Geordie band, Eric Burdon and the Animals; after more prayers we all recited "The Lords Prayer" and then stood to sing "All things bright and beautiful."

Twelve Brethren then followed our Province Funeral Martial, Brother Duncan DeWilde Clark R.O.H., P.P.G.P., to the coffin. Brother David was given a full and proper "Buffalo funeral", which I was told later was much appreciated by many 'Non Buff' mourners present. We again took our seats for the committal, blessing and final piece of music, "Spirit in the sky" by Doctor and the medics.

We all filed out to pay our respects to Linda, Dave's partner of more than 30 years. We viewed the many beautiful floral tributes and left a donation from the Enterprise & Brent Valley and Pride of Ickenham lodges to Linda's chosen charity 'The M.S. Society'.

We left the crematorium and drove to The Ivy Leaf Club, home of The John Hallewell Lodge, in Uxbridge, for the wake where a very fine graize, organised and catered by Eric and Win Prichard, awaited all. {ED}

### **Personal memories of Brother David Gray ROH.**

Brother David Gray will be so sorely missed by Brethren of The Windsor & Uxbridge Province. In truth, during the time that I knew Brother Dave he very rarely had much to say, but to coin a phrase 'Silence really is Golden'.

One could be forgiven for thinking that he wasn't there because he was a man of so few words; however, he was there, he was always there and usually before anyone else.

I was shocked however when at the wake I found out that I never really knew Brother Dave at all, people who knew him well referred to him as "Dave the Rave". Photographs of him that cannot be printed here were circulated which did not surprise anyone except me.

Dave was in The Highland Light Infantry, a Scottish equivalent of The Territorial Army, where he played a 'French Horn' in the H.L.I. band. Dave was a rocker who lived a full life. He also had a catchphrase, "Mine's a Guinness" which was noticeable on the side of his coffin.

Dave and Linda, his partner of more than thirty years, attended every Buff function that The Windsor & Uxbridge Province arranged and his services were always on offer in all Minor and Provincial Grand Lodge activities. Like all Brethren now in "The Grand Lodge Above" Brother Dave will be sadly missed by all who knew him and his memory will stay with us for a very long time. {ED}

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## **NEW YEAR MOVES**

Time once again for heralding important changes not only in our Province but throughout our great Order, from Deputy Grand Primo and new retinue of minor Grand Lodge Collars.

It is the time, at local level, when P.G.L. Collars are laid on new shoulders, new Roll Of Honour & Knights Chapter Presidents are installed and of course a new Grand Primo in Brother Terry Billingham R.O.H.

Yes we welcome changes at all levels.

Here in the Windsor & Uxbridge Province we announce and welcome our new P.G.P. Brother John Walsh R.O.H., Grand Alderman of Juniper 2009. Bro. John is not a stranger to this post because he was there in 2003 and before that in 1997.

2011 is a big year for another reason as his lovely partner Liz awaits the February arrival of another Walsh offspring.

A new year brings a new P.G.L which means a new Deputy PGP and once again we welcome Brother Duncan De-Wilde Clark R.O.H., who was P.G.P. back in 2005.

Let us hope that these and other changes highlighted elsewhere in this issue will help to make 2011 a year of endeavour and achievement in the fight against decline.

There are forward thinking plans afoot to change for the better of The Windsor & Uxbridge Province and so the greater good of our great Order. So watch this space.

Winnux Magazine #27 welcomes

## The Windsor & Uxbridge Province

Provincial Grand Primo 2011

Bro John Walsh ROH. GAJ 2009



Deputy Provincial Grand Primo  
Immediate Past PGP  
PG Secretary  
PG Treasurer  
PG Chamberlain  
PG Constable  
PG Tyler  
PG Registrar  
PG Alderman of Benevolence  
PG Alderman of Juniper  
PG Waiter  
Provincial Grand Lodge Trustees

Bro Duncan De-Wilde Clark ROH.  
Bro David Wheatley ROH.  
Bro Gareth Brown ROH.  
Bro David Wheatley ROH.  
Bro Douglas Parker KOM.  
Bro Terry Clark ROH.  
Bro David Tierney ROH.  
Bro John Reinz ROH.  
Bro Ron Pinnell ROH.  
Bro Eric Pritchard ROH.  
Bro Paul Harris ROH.  
Bro Eric Pritchard ROH.,  
Bro David Tierney ROH., and  
Bro Ronald Pinnell ROH.

## The Windsor & Uxbridge Province Knights Chapter, No 170

**Knight President**  
**Knight Vice-President**  
**Immediate Past Knight President**  
**Kt. Secretary**  
**Kt. Treasurer**  
**Kt. Director of Ceremonies**  
**Kt. Bearer of the Jewel**  
**Kt. Bearer of the Peace**  
**Kt. Guard**  
**Kt. Constable**  
**Kt. Registrar**  
**Trustees**

**Bro Terry Clark ROH.**  
**Bro Duncan De-Wilde Clark ROH.**  
**Bro Douglas Parker KOM.**  
**Bro John Walsh ROH.**  
**Bro Gareth Brown ROH.**  
**Bro David Tierney ROH.**  
**Bro Gareth Brown ROH.**  
**Bro Ronald Pinnell ROH.**  
**Bro David Wheatley ROH.**  
**Bro Douglas Parker KOM.**  
**Bro John Walsh ROH.**  
**Bro David Wheatley ROH.,**  
**Bro David Tierney ROH., and**  
**Bro Douglas Parker KOM.**

### **KNIGHTS CHAPTER 2010 ~ ~ 2011**



The outgoing President 2010, Bro Dougie Parker KOM, seen here on the left, handing over the conduct of The Windsor & Uxbridge Province Knights Chapter, No 170 into the hands of Bro Terry Clark R.O.H., Knight President 2011 prior to the 2010 Knights Chapter Dinner, Saturday January 8th, 2011.

A new year with new challenges and a revamped team with Bro Terry Clark ROH back at the helm.

It was a great honour for me to occupy the Presidents chair during 2010 and I was both sad to leave it and happy to pass it on to more experienced hands. I feel sure that the future of # 170 is both bright and secure . {ED}

**The Officers & Brethren Of the  
West Hertfordshire Province R.A.O.B.  
Invite You to Witness the Ceremonial Investiture of  
Brother Keith Bland, R.O.H.  
as the Grand Registrar  
of the Grand Lodge of England  
at the Park Inn Watford**

**30-40 St Albans Road - Watford - Hertfordshire - WD17 1RN  
Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> April 2011 at 6.00 PM**

**The Ceremony will be performed by the  
Grand Primo Bro. T. Billingham, R.O.H.**

**Special bedroom rates are available at the Park Inn for this event @  
£55.00 per room including VAT and full breakfast.**

To reserve please call the hotel direct on 01923-429900 and ask for the RAOB  
special rate.

For hotel details click on: <http://www.parkinn.co.uk/hotel-watford>

Fraternally Yours      Bro Den Whittenbury ROH. [denthedec@sky.com](mailto:denthedec@sky.com)  
Bro Keith Bland ROH [keith.bland@ntlworld.com](mailto:keith.bland@ntlworld.com)  
Bro Mark Hardy KOM [hardym@btopenworld.com](mailto:hardym@btopenworld.com)

***Corrie on the subject*** (see Editors Rant - Apathy is so last year)

Hi Dougie

My opinion on the way forward and trying to recruit new members is:-  
trying **local Radio Stations**. Tried this, no contacts from this.

**Local TV Stations**, try a set with local TV this would have to have permission  
from Grand Lodge and include all provinces within that region, could take a  
long time to set up.

**Local Press**, tried this advertising functions and charity nights.

**Localised Poster-ing** within Shops, supermarkets etc. The problem is targeting  
the right type of people and finding the right type of place to advertise with the  
climate as it is today and people not having much free income.

**People** just will not *{or cannot - ED}* part with their money anymore.

Soap Box ended

Regards Alan Peggs P.G. Sec. Redcar.

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*Winnux thanks Brother Alan Peggs ROH for his input and sincerely hope that it is not the case  
nationwide. What about you dear reader do you agree with Bro Alan or is there an answer here?  
Please write in to Winnux and tell us your views. {ED}*

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If we are to go from strength to strength we must grab the nettle, be positive and try whatever it takes.

Nottingham Province did just that when they opened up a “RAOB Charity Shop. Their’s was the proverbial success story so much so that their numbers have doubled in the first 18 months and the success continues to build.

**We must start by telling the public that we exist. Nottingham did in big letters across their shop front.**

***R.A.O.B. CHARITY SHOP  
HELPING YOU TO HELP OTHERS.***

*How many times have you had to explain just what a “BUFF” is.  
“Isn’t it an old regiment or something?”*

If It is not wrong to tell people who we are, what we do and more importantly why we do it, \_\_\_\_\_ WHY DON’T WE?.

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One idea that I suggested and The Windsor & Uxbridge Province are looking into is to take part in a town carnival this year – Winnux will keep you up to date on how this works over the next few issues. **{ED}**

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**PROOF THAT WE CAN DO BETTER IF WE REALLY WANT TO**

Regular readers of Winnux will recognise the photo on the next page as one that first appeared in Winnux#20, the Summer 2009 issue. If anything is a good example of what is possible if we are positive about the future of Buffaloism this is surely it.

This is the Nottingham Province putting their money where their mouth is and making a big profit, and I don’t just mean financial.

The picture shows Brother Chris Bower standing in the doorway of his brainchild, The Nottingham Province, R.A.O.B. Charity Shop; if you haven’t read the article yet, please feel free to checkout Winnux#20 on our Province website [www.winnuxppl.me.uk](http://www.winnuxppl.me.uk).

**See what can be done if we are positive.**

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## **We wish you a jovial New Year**

Did you hear about the fat, alcoholic transvestite - all he wanted to do was eat, drink and be Mary.

Got an e-mail today from a bored local housewife, 43, who was looking for some hot action!

So I sent her my ironing.

After a night of drink, drugs and wild sex Bill woke up to find himself next to a really ugly woman.

That's when he realised he had made it home safely.

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### **WORLD CUP QUIZ**

*See how much of the July 2010 tournament you can remember. Shouldn't be too difficult as it was only six months ago.*

*No prizes, just for fun - answers later in this issue*

- 1 Which country played against South Africa in the opening game of the tournament?
- 2 How many goals were scored in total by England during their tournament final games ?
- 3 There were 10 different venues used. Where did England play their first game?
- 4 Only one African country, won a game in the first thirty two matches, which one?
- 5 Who won the player of the tournament award?
- 6 Which English referee officiated the final?
- 7 Give the first, second, third and fourth place Tournament winners.
- 8 Brazil has won the World Cup 5 times, for one point each can you say in which years?
- 9 Which countries shared England's opening group?
- 10 Which of the following countries did not take part in the final 32 Honduras, Kenya, Serbia, Cameroon, Croatia?

**How many can you answer before you turn the pages or look up Wikipedia?**

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## Letters to the Editor

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### **PRAISE INDEED FOR WINNEX**

*Wherever possible , as editor of " Winnux," I try to send a copy of the issue, containing items sent in to us, to the author. It is only fair that they see credit is given where it is due . With this in mind, I e. mailed Brother Paul Wilson KOM with a copy of Winnux #26.*

*Winnux received the following E.Mail from Brother Paul Wilson KOM, who amongst other things is Funeral Marshall to The Chesterfield & Mansfield Province. You may remember that Winnux reported on the funeral oratory, given so eloquently by Brother Paul at the service for Pam Simpson (see Winnux #26). The following article makes very interesting reading I am sure you will agree and we at Winnux are very grateful to Bro. Paul for sending it to us.*

*I print his response below {ED}*

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Dear Dougie,

Many many thanks for Winux26.

Wow what can I say! **A very thorough, professional newsletter.**

I take my hat off to you. Perhaps you would be kind enough to keep me on the mailing list for future editions. Once again sincere thanks.

Paul Wilson

PS Hope you don't mind but I have forwarded it to other members of the Chesterfield Province.

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*Praise is embarrassing but always nice to get, but equally pleasing is the news that readers are passing on "The Winnux Word" please continue to do so. If you know a Brother who has a computer at their disposal why not pass on the Winnux web site address [www.winnuxpgl.me.uk](http://www.winnuxpgl.me.uk)*

*Help us to spread the WINNEX WORD*

*I also e. mailed a copy along with my thanks to The Right Honourable Bro. Norman York Grand Primo 2004, Grand Treasurer. for his article and Poem entitled "Echo's."*

*I was gob smacked by what followed {ED}*

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Dear Bro' Dougie,

I have just finished reading WINNEX # 26. Thank you for sending it and I would welcome a hard copy please, my first reaction "brilliant" rest assured I will be in touch soonest.

Fraternally Norman.

|With praise like that, how could I refuse? I promptly posted a hard copy off to Brother Norman and two days later I received the following letter containing a £10 note.

**Royal Antediluvian Order of Buffaloes.**

**Grand Lodge of England.**

**Bro. Norman G. York ROH. Grand Primo 2004.**

**Grand Treasurer.**

Dear Bro. Dougie,

May I first of all, thank you for e. mailing the "Winnux" journal to me, and also the very sensitive and professional way that you reported the sad passing of Pam, one of my fellow 1994 officers, and I mean that, that she was not a man, never detracted from the fact that she and our other ladies of that wonderful year, were, and will always be, remembered as very special, and she and they were very much part of the team.

No doubt when producing the “Winnux” , one of the main concerns must be to keep the content interesting? Well don’t worry about this, issue {#26}, it is great, you kept me up till all hours last night, so with your permission I would indeed like to be a regular receiver from now on.

Please find my entrance fee enclosed.

I feel privileged to have had the opportunity to contribute in a small way to such a prestigious epistle as the “Winnux”, there is no doubt that it is a gigantic undertaking that needs a lot of input and I will certainly bear in mind your suggestion that someone from the “Think Tank” might like to “say a few words”, I will pass it on.

Bye for now and as Henry Hall used to say, “Here’s to the next time.”

Fraternally yours

Norman .....

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## THE RIVER PIKE MINING TRAGEDY. NEW ZEALAND OF NOVEMBER 2010

Readers will remember the 33 Chilean miners trapped for so long and how they were all so mercifully rescued and returned safely to their loved ones.

One could be forgiven for thinking that mining disasters are a rare occurrence but not so. Between 2000 and 2005 more than six thousand Chinese miners perished and 4749 were killed in a series of explosions in 2006 alone.

A second mining disaster in 2010 - this time in New Zealand, had no such happy ending as in Chile, tragically there were no survivors. Miners of all ages perished in a series of explosions and poisonous gases - including a 17 year old Joseph Dunbar who was working his very first shift down the mine.

What follows is an e. mail to your editor from **The Right Honourable Brother Richard Calvert, of Grand Lodge of New South Wales East.**

“Winnux” is very grateful to Bro. Richard for this and the many e-mails that he regularly sends including the very enjoyable “Buffalo Bulletin” journal of the G.L.N.S.W. (East).

Brethren can contact Bro Richard Calvert ROH by e. mailing me and I will pass it on to him - ***if you do please tell him you read it here in Winnux. (ED)***

*I just got this one in from a close Lodge mate of mine and is worthwhile reading. It's a poem for the 26 lives lost in the recent NZ mining accident. May they rest in peace.*

*Griz.*



## ***The men of the River Pike Mine***

Fathers, husbands, brothers, sons Coasters, Kiwis, Aussies, Poms,  
Mates and friends who we are seeking.  
Methane gas from coal seams leaking  
Vents exploded, phones unheeded  
Level heads and strength are needed  
The world above unites as one  
To bring the missing to the sun.

Rescue teams are standing by  
As holes are drilled and experts try  
To find a way that's safe and sound  
To rescue those beneath the ground  
Could robots work where men are mortal  
To pierce the dangers of that portal  
But alas all effort fails  
The darkness of the mine prevails.

A second blast of rock and thunder  
Hope and prayers are rent asunder,  
A nation weeps and Coasters mourn  
Pike falls silent, dark, forlorn  
A hole remains within the ground  
Devoid of joy, of life, of sound  
Another hole within the heart  
Of those forever set apart.

From those they loved who went to toil  
Digging coal beneath the soil  
Those who gave their lives that day  
To work a shift for honest pay  
They wait at rest within their mine  
The men of Pike, the Twenty Nine

Sean Plunket ( A New Zealand radio announcer)

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Brother Richard Calvert ROH. Of New South Wales Australia  
E.Mailed these pictures of the Toowoomba flood disaster

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*These pics are phenomenal!! It's a wonder no more deaths occurred when this hit Queensland!!*



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**I feel sure that I speak for every Buff when I say that our hearts go out to everyone of the flood victims especially the families of those who tragically lost their lives in this devastating disaster. {ED}**

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Thank you for the copy of Winnux & your Winnux letter that you sent. I don't know what I can say to help your magazine fill space, but I'll try.

Our Buffalo Bulletin, which comes out monthly, is typed up on a computer using Pagemaker, but as it's A4 folded in half I can't actually produce it on line, so it is sent by snail mail to all our avid readers.

We send copies to all the Grand Lodges in Australia & the Grand Lodge of New Zealand, free gratis & they do the same for us. We do reprint anything interesting, giving credit where its due.

I also send a Bully to Grand Lodge in Harrogate, but they don't reciprocate.

My father used to send his copy out to me, which he subscribed to. When he passed to the Grand Lodge above I rang them up to cancel, and suggested they could send it direct to me until his subs ran out. They wouldn't do it, so I told them to put the money in 'Ours'.

I have a Scot, Alan Sinclair KOM who came over for a holiday a while back, and I send the Bully to him at no charge, and he has decided to send the BQJ over to me (which I appreciate).

Now, we have a Kiwi (New Zealander) domiciled over here, he was a Primo when he arrived, but we made him a Knight, and he is something of an artist. Pen and ink drawings, which I have reduced to half size to fit in our magazine. I will scan the A4 sized ones and send them over for you.

He swears they are just generalisations, and any resemblance to any Buffaloes is purely coincidental (but I, and a few others, reckon we can see ourselves), they are Buffalo topics, and might amuse your readers.

I'll also add you to my mailing list.

Grand Lodge of Western Australia does not have a web site, but we do have Email [buffswa@bigpond.com](mailto:buffswa@bigpond.com)

I will be in touch again shortly,

**Yours fraternally,**

**Roy V. Cruwys ROH Grand Secretary, Editor, past ROH Pres, past Kt.Pres, past Certifying Council Pres. (And generally all-round good guy)**

I am very happy to spread the "WINNUX WORD" by e-mailing or if necessary snail mailing a copy of Winnux to new readers especially those overseas {ED}

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During 2010, Winnux brought you a series of articles highlighting facts about people and places and the history of the area known as our Province. Here in this issue we are proud to bring to the table the latest instalment in the series, Winnux now shines the spotlight on some of the many well known stars of stage, screen and sports field who, at some period in their lives, lived within the boundary of the Windsor and Uxbridge Province.

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For many years the late great actor comedian and “Carry On” stalwart Sid James lived on a large estate behind a high wall at the entrance to Iver Village. Born Solomon Joel Cohen of Jewish parents in Johannesburg in 1913 he died in 1976 at the age of 62 years.



Cilla Black has a house in Denham Village. Paul Daniels used to live in the same road as Cilla, but has since moved to a village near Henley on Thames. {Incidentally he used to live in South Bank in the Middlesbrough & District Province. Of which, your editor has very close connections.}

Denham Village holds many attractions for the famous.

By no means the least of these is, Sir John and Mary Hayley Bell, and the celebrated Mills Family. In 1975, the Mills family bought **Hills House, Denham, Buckinghamshire**, a 17th century house with a four acre garden. By 2003 it was too big and the stairs were too challenging for both Sir John and Lady Mills. They moved in 2003, to a bungalow in the village.

Lady Mills suffered from Alzheimer's disease and used a wheelchair in her final years. Sir John Mills died on 23 April 2005, aged 97, from a chest infection. His widow died eight months later, on 1 December 2005, aged 94.

**More about the Mills dynasty later in this article**

Sylvia & Gerry Anderson, creators of the T.V. puppet series including, 'Thunderbirds' and 'Captain Scarlet', as well as drama series 'Space 1999', lived in Royal Lane, Hillingdon. Son, Michael Anderson Jnr. who co-starred with Hayley Mills in Disneys 'In search of castaways' also lived there.

Jane Seymour, who co-starred with Roger Moore in 'Live and let die', is

from Hillingdon. Jordan (Katie Price) lived here for a time and was frequently seen bouncing the night away in Uxbridge night club, 'Royales' {now renamed 'Liquid'} as has Claire from 80s pop group 'Steps'.

Footballer Tony Adams went to Brunel University back in 2001 – 2002, as did comedienne Jo Brand. TV Presenter & Comedian Roland Rivron grew up on the Oak Farm Estate in Hillingdon.

*{I used to go to Oak Farm School myself in the 50s} (ED)*

There have been reports of sightings of Angelina Jolie in 'Starbucks', Uxbridge; I believe that she has a property nearby in Buckinghamshire, close to Pinewood Film Studios.

Linford Christie, Dane Bowers, Shane Ritchie, Emma Bunton, Russell Grant used to go to Abbotsfield Secondary Modern *{as did I (ED)}*. Linford Christie has been spotted many times in the Uxbridge branch of W.H. Smiths.

American actor Tom Cruise was rumoured to have bought a house in Denham.

I stated previously that Denham holds many attractions for celebrities, this is probably due to it's totally unspoilt rural village with good connections to London and Heathrow Airport, not to mention the close proximity to Pinewood Film Studios.

Apart from Cilla Black and Claire from 'Steps' several pop music artistes have lived in The Borough of Hillingdon, names like Ron Wood of 'The Rolling Stones' and Roy Wood of 'Wizzard' (Yiewsley), Brian Taylor of the 'Tom Robinson Band' (West Drayton) Matt Fretton (once almost sorta famous) of 'The Sweet' (Hayes), Gary Numan (Hayes), The Ruts (Hayes), Jools Holland's brother Rowan and Cliff Bennett of 'The Rebel Rousers' {Hillingdon} to name a few, and who can forget Dorothy Squires (Ruislip) a singer once married to Roger Moore.

Many are the times I would see Mrs. Johnny Dankworth's {Cleo Laine's} father bicycling along the Uxbridge road in Hillingdon and Hayes. I remember well his cycle clips and black homburg.

'Family Affairs' (CH5 soap) was recorded in Uxbridge/Hayes and Southall.

Ellen Terry, the most famous actress of the Edwardian age (aunt of Sir John Gielgud) had a week-end cottage here in an old pub (now demolished) where she would occasionally pull pints behind the bar.

The RAF directed the Battle of Britain from an underground operations control bunker where Winston Churchill had his own quarters for his many visits to observe the progress of the battle.

T.E. Lawrence {of Arabia} and Douglas Bader were both stationed at RAF Uxbridge.

{Apologies to the many more not mentioned here (ED) }

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**Sir John Mills C.B.E. {actor}**



Born Lewis Ernest Watts Mills at the Watts Naval School in North Elmham, Norfolk, Sir John Mills CBE appeared in more than 120 films spanning more than 70 years, many of which were made within our Province {Pinewood} or Ealing Studios, or just outside at Bray Studio's near Maidenhead.

Sir John's back catalogue of film appearance reads like an encyclopaedia of "The British film industry".

Here we list some of his greatest achievements.

He made his film debut in *The Midshipmaid* (1932), and appeared as Colley in the 1939 film version of *Goodbye, Mr Chips*, opposite Robert Donat.

Enlisting into The Royal Engineers 1939, rising to Second Lieutenant, he was discharged in 1942 owing to stomach ulcers.

There followed a catalogue of cinema classics including Noël Coward's *In Which We Serve*, then the lead in *Great Expectations* in 1946 as Captain Robert Falcon Scott in *Scott of the Antarctic* (1948). War dramas became his forte as he starred in a succession of classics including *The Colditz Story* (1954), *Above Us the Waves* (1955) and *Ice-Cold in Alex* (1958).

From 1959 through the mid-1960s, Mills starred in several films alongside

his daughter Hayley. Their first film together was the 1959 crime drama *Tiger Bay*, in which John plays a police detective investigating a murder that Hayley's character witnessed.

Following Hayley's rise to fame in *Pollyanna* (1960) and the 1961 family comedy *The Parent Trap*, John and Hayley again starred together, in the 1965 teen sailing adventure *The Truth About Spring*, the 1964 drama *The Chalk Garden* (with Deborah Kerr in the lead role), and the 1966 comedy-drama *The Family Way*, in which John plays an insecure, overbearing father and Hayley plays his son's newly wed wife.

As Col. Barrow in *Tunes of Glory*, Mills won the best Actor Award at the 1960 Venice Film Festival.

For his role as the village idiot in *Ryan's Daughter* (1970) — a complete departure from his usual style — Mills won an Academy Award for Best Supporting Actor.

His most famous television role was probably as the title character in *Quatermass* for ITV in 1979. Also on the small screen, in 1974 he starred as Captain Tommy "The Elephant" Devon in the six-part television drama series *The Zoo Gang*, about a group of former underground freedom fighters from World War II, with Brian Keith, Lilli Palmer, and Barry Morse. Mills also starred as Gus: The Theatre Cat in the filmed version of the musical *Cats* in 1998.

In 2000, Mills released his extensive home movie footage in a documentary film entitled *Sir John Mills' Moving Memories*, with interviews with Mills, his children Hayley, Juliet and Jonathan and Richard Attenborough. The film was directed and edited by Marcus Dillistone, and features behind the scenes footage and stories from films such as *Ice-Cold in Alex* and, in addition the film also includes home footage of many of Sir John's friends and fellow cast members including Sir Laurence Olivier, Harry Andrews, Walt Disney, David Niven, Sir Dirk Bogarde, Sir Rex Harrison and Tyrone Power.



Annette Mills {Johns sister}  
at the piano with Muffin the Mule

His first wife was the actress Aileen Raymond; they were married in 1927 and divorced in 1941.

His second wife was the dramatist Mary Hayley Bell; their marriage on 16 January 1941 lasted 64 years, until his death in 2005. They were married in a rushed civil ceremony, due to the war, and it was not until 60 years later that they had their union blessed by a church.

They had two daughters, Juliet, star of television's *Nanny and the Professor* and Hayley, a Disney child star noted for starring in *Pollyanna* and *The Parent Trap*, and one son, Jonathan Mills. In 1947 he appeared with his daughters in the film *So Well Remembered*.

Mills' grandson by his daughter Hayley, Crispian Mills, is a musician, best known for his work with the alternative rock group *Kula Shaker*.

He was appointed a Commander of Order of the British Empire (CBE) in 1960. In 1976 he was knighted by Queen Elizabeth II.

In 2002, he received a Fellowship of the British Academy of Film and Television Arts (BAFTA), the highest award given by the Academy, and was named a Disney Legend by The Walt Disney Company.

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## **LONDON UNDERGROUND QUIZ RESULTS**

It was just a bit of fun put together by your editor to help raise a few pounds for Right Honourable Brother David Wheatley's PGP appeal for 2010 to help [The Lynda Jackson Macmillan Centre](#), based at [Mount Vernon Hospital](#).

The Quiz participants all purchased a stamped addressed envelope containing a London Underground tube train map and a fifty cryptic clue questionnaire. Entrants would have to think outside the box to find the corresponding underground stations.

Once the clues were solved the stamped addressed envelope supplied would then be used to post the entries to me for marking to arrive on or by the deadline of November 30th.

Unfortunately the quiz proved to be too difficult for some because some entry forms came back anonymously with very few correct answers.

Nobody actually succeeded with 100% correct unfortunately but we did have a winner in Brother Brian Pinnell ROH who scored 47.5 points out of 50, the nearest runner up was Brother Tony Robinson ROH; both Brothers are members of The Enterprise & Brent Valley Lodge #5610.

Congratulations to Brian who wins a bottle of fine single malt whisky and very well done Bro. Tony who, as the fastest loser, won a selection box of four miniature bottles of fine vintage Port. ....

I am very pleased to announce that the sum of £200 was raised for the PGP's appeal, thanks to all who took part and better luck next time when I promise to make the questions a lot easier. {ED}

For the benefit of those who found the quiz too difficult, here are the correct answers.

Remember that you had to think outside of the box and all the answers were there, in the underground map supplied.

01	Springfield's Heavyweight	== Homer ton ==	Homerton
02	All five vowels for Mr Whittington	== A.E.I.O.U. ==	Mansion House
03	A mound of dyslexic mosquitoes	== gnats ==	Gants Hill
04	Is this station falling down	==	London Bridge
05	Gabriel	== Archangel ==	Angel
06	Seat of the Woolsack	== a seat in ==	Westminster
07	Antediluvian Boulevard	==	Old Street
08	Flock Watchers Flora	==	Shepherds Bush
09	Elliptical	==	Oval
10	It has a court in the middle	== tennis court ==	Wimbledon
11	Babar and Balmoral	==	Elephant & Castle
12	Her other home was Osborne House, I.O.W.	==	Victoria
13	Mind the Gap	== Watford gap ==	Watford
14	This old lady is a safe place	==	Bank
15	Down by the riverside	==	Embankment
16	Karl's Communist Plot	==Karl is buried here==	Highgate
17	Home of the Tyburn Tree	==	Marble Arch
18	Landslide on the DLR	==	Mudchute
19	Doctor Foster has a practice here	==	Gloucester Road
20	Charred "quercus robur"	== latin for Oak ==	Burnt Oak
21	Farrier with a mallet	== a farrier is a smith ==	Hammersmith
22	Taxicab in the middle	==	Hackney Central
23	This is a Lombardy	== Lombardy Poplar - tree ==	Poplar
24	North bound church	==	Upminster
25	Holy place	==	Temple
26	Ricky Gervaise is angry in the office	==	Brent Cross
27	Robin Hood's weapon on a chapel	==	Bowchurch
28	Is there a branch of Lloyds Bank here?	==	Blackhorse Road
29	USA Con	==	Amersham
30	Maple Leaf Spring	==	Canada Water
31	Beer for roosters	==	Cockfosters
32	Ribbon Street	==	Bow Road
33	Scottish thoroughfare	==	Caledonian Road
34	Todd Carty's School	==	Grange Hill
35	Not the Bard's birthplace	== not on Avon ==	Stratford

36 Cavalier Victor	== both car models ==	Vauxhall
37 It's not unusual to live here	==	Custom House
38 Lucky number for nuns	==	Seven Sisters
39 University Big Top	==	Oxford Circus
40 Ambulance Forest	==	St. Johns Wood
41 A House for Heidi	==	Swiss Cottage
42 Do you need your Passport	==	Pimlico
43 A street in Lancashire	==	Preston Road
44 The Dames Cuppa Clipper	== Dame of Sark ==	Cutty Sark
45 Artesian Oxo Cube	==	Stockwell
46 Crimson Cantilever	==	Redbridge
47 Eight furlong Finish	== 8 furlongs in a mile ==	Mile End
48 Bad weather for premier league	==	Tottenham Hale
49 Elizabeth's method	==	Queensway
50 Scargills Forest	==	Colliers Wood



**What Buffaloism is all about.**

**Bro. Dougie Parker KOM handing Brother David Wheatley ROH. PGP 2010 a cheque for £200.00. towards his PGP's annual appeal. The total raised from our Quiz on behalf of The Lynda Jackson Macmillan Centre at Mt. Vernon Hospital, Winnux thanks everyone who took part for making the quiz so successful. {ED}**





## **THE LAST POST**

If any of you have ever been to a military funeral or Anzac Parade and ceremony in which The Last Post was played; this brings out a new meaning of it.

Here is something everyone should know. Until I read this, I didn't know, but I checked it out and it's true:

We have all heard the haunting song, 'The Last Post'. It's the song that gives us the lump in our throats and usually tears in our eyes; but, do you know the story behind the song?

If not, I think you will be interested to find out about its humble beginnings.

Reportedly, it all began in 1862 during the American Civil War, when Union Army Captain Robert Ellicombe was with his men near Harrison's Landing in Virginia; the Confederate Army was on the other side of the narrow strip of land.

During the night, Captain Ellicombe heard the moans of a soldier who lay severely wounded on the field. Not knowing if it was a Union or Confederate soldier, the Captain decided to risk his life and bring the stricken man back for medical attention.

Bravely crawling through the gunfire, the Captain reached the stricken soldier and began pulling him toward his encampment. When the Captain finally reached his own lines, he discovered it was actually a Confederate soldier, but the soldier was dead.

The Captain lit a lantern and suddenly caught his breath and went numb with shock; in the dim light he saw the face of the soldier. It was his own son.

The boy had been studying music in the South when the war broke out, without telling his father the boy enlisted in the Confederate Army.

The following morning, heartbroken, the father asked permission of his superiors to give his son a full military burial, despite his enemy status; his request was only partially granted. The Captain had asked if he could have a group of Army band members play a funeral dirge for his son at the funeral.

The request was turned down since the soldier was a Confederate. But, out of respect for the father, they did say they could give him only one musician.

The Captain chose a bugler. He asked the bugler to play a series of musical notes he had found on a piece of paper in the pocket of the dead youth's uniform.

This was granted; the haunting melody, we now know as 'The Last Post', used at military funerals was born.

## The words of 'The Last Post' are:

The day is done,  
gone the sun,  
from the lakes,  
from the hills,  
from the sky,  
all is well,  
safely rest,  
God is nigh.

Fading light,  
dims the sight,  
and a star,  
gems the sky,  
gleaming bright,  
from afar,  
drawing nigh,  
falls the night.

Thanks and praise,  
for our days,  
neath the sun,  
neath the stars,  
neath the sky,  
as we go.  
this we know,  
God is nigh.

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I too have felt the chills while listening to 'The Last Post' but I have never seen all the words to the song until now. I didn't even know there was more than one verse .

I also never knew the story behind the song and I didn't know if you had either so I thought I'd pass it along.

I now have an even deeper respect for the song than I did before.

Remember those lost and harmed while serving their country; also remember those who have served and returned, and for those presently serving in the Armed Forces.

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*Whilst remembering our brave men and women in our armed forces serving in hostile lands, let us not forget their loved ones praying for a speedy and safe return. {ED}*

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## WE GO TO THE THEATRE AND GRAND LODGE PAYS THE BILL

Yes you read that right - the Brent Valley and Enterprise Lodge #5610 spent a great night out at the theatre courtesy of our friends at H.Q.

In November 2010 we had not one but two winning Grand Lodge Lottery tickets amounting to £300. It was decided that we spend it on a night out. After a short discussion it was decided that all compliant members of the lodge would be given free tickets to a show at a local theatre.

We studied the catalogue and agreed on “Rockin on Heavens Door”, a night of 50s and 60s rock-n-roll with tribute artistes of the genre. Come the day, Thursday January 13<sup>th</sup>, 18 brothers and partners arrived at “The Beck Theatre” in Hayes, Middlesex.

The show started with the Eddie Cochran classic “C’mon everybody” from the compere for the evening who was a Shane Fenton {Alvin Stardust} lookalike. He then introduced the first of four guest artistes, BUDDY HOLLY, backed by the R.O.H.D. Band, we were treated to superb representations of the Holly favourites including “That’ll be the day”, “Maybe baby”, “Peggy Sue” and many more.

The compere then returned to sing a couple of Conway Twitty classics like “Only Make believe” and “Lonely blue boy”

Chuck Berry {a.k.a. Earl Jackson} came on and duck walked his way through several Berry classics including “Maybeline” and “Little Queenie”. Next on was Jerry Lee {The Killer} Lewis {a.k.a. Billy Gerraghty} with his floppy blonde hair and bright red “teddy boy” gear and his rock n roll piano bashing out all the favourites, “Wild one”, “Breathless”, etc., finishing with a show stopping “High School Hop”.

I did not realise this at the time but I was later informed that Buddy Holly and Jerry Lee were very convincingly impersonated by the same very talented guy.

The second half of the show was mostly Elvis portrayed by one of the best Presley impersonators around, Lee Jackson. With plenty of audience participation, and a couple jiving in the aisle. Lee swivelled his way through many of Elvis’s best known early “Sun record” hits.

The compere came on again and sang Del Shannon and Billy Fury hits. Chuck and Jerry came back for their final solos and then Elvis - as he was in G.I.Blues.

Then all on stage for the finale. Everyone on their feet clapping singing and dancing along to “Johnny be good”.

We all filed out still singing to ourselves and praising the cast. In the foyer,

Chuck and Elvis signed autographs and posed for photographs. We stepped out oblivious of the rain. We had had a great evening out and Grand Lodge had paid for it what more could we have asked for?

We must not forget however, the work done by, Bro. Fred Clark who did all the organising. MORE PLEASE FRED {ED}

Well there you are Brethren the end of yet another Winnux.

Like 2011, there is more of the same to come. At least with your help there will be. I may be the editor and I may pinch ideas from other magazines from time to time but that is when our readers have let us down.

So if you don't want more from me, put pen to paper or fingers to keyboard and send me your thoughts and opinions. Tell our readers about your Province, how are you dealing with the problems we face, what plans are afoot for your Province in 2011? What interests you? Whatever it is, we want to hear about it.

The more we get from you the less you get from me ***SIMPLES.***

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Whatever you want to say please remember that swear words, racist, inflammatory comments or any article likely to bring our great order into disrepute are wholly unacceptable. Outside of these exceptions we will print your messages verbatim.

It is fair to say that these will be your thoughts and opinions and not necessarily those of The Windsor & Uxbridge P.G.L or staff of Winnux magazine; for that reason we confirm that we cannot accept responsibility for any inconvenience caused.

With that please send in your articles for inclusion in WINNUX #28 our Spring Issue to arrive at my desk on or by the final deadline of FRIDAY 15<sup>th</sup> of APRIL.

**CHEERS & S<T>B.**

**Bro.Dougie Parker KOM. P.PGP.07**

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Spring – 15<sup>th</sup> April, publication date – May

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All photographs for inclusion should be in JPEG format, 96-150dpi (to allow accuracy when reducing for print). Articles should be approx. 2,500 words if no photographs included or 1,500 words with inclusion of 2 photographs (note for guidance - the article on John Mills is 717 words); any article of longer than 2,500 words will be considered for serialisation.