

## **COUNCILLOR LAWRENCE (LAURIE) BUNN**

Councillor Laurie Bunn died on 5 February 2003. He was 69 years old.

Laurie Bunn became involved in Council related work when he led a protest about a dangerous road near his home in Rush Green. He subsequently stood, and was elected, as Councillor for Eastbrook Ward in 1982. He was a member of a number of committees under the old Council structure including, Barking Arts Council, Dagenham Town Show, Technical Services, Building Services, the Romford Post Office Advisory Committee and the Police Sector Working Party.

After restructuring of the Council in May 2000, Laurie Bunn served on the Regulatory and General Matters and Personnel Boards. He also made a major contribution to the East London Waste Authority (ELWA). He served on the Road Safety Council and was Vice Chairman of the London Accident Prevention Council, serving all 32 London Boroughs. In addition, he was a member of the Dagenham Area Contract Panel, the Community Health Council, Barking and Dagenham Sports Council and the Reserve Forces and Cadets Association for Great Britain. He was also on the Eastbrook, Heath and Alibon Community Forum and a Trustee on the Dagenham United Charity. The breadth and variety of committees Laurie Bunn served on reflected his values and enthusiasm as a Councillor.

Laurie Bunn was a printer until he retired in 1991, a member of the Dagenham Labour Party for over 30 years and a life member of the National Society of Operative Printers and Assistants (NATSOPA). Born in Stepney, he lived nearly all his life in this Borough. He is survived by his wife Eileen.

Laurie Bunn was Vice-Chair of both Eastbrook and Hunters Hall School Governors. In 1995/96 he was Mayor of Barking and Dagenham and his chosen charity was Shopmobility, which provides scooters and carers to assist people with disabilities to go shopping. In addition, he was the founder member of the Disabled Access Group for Barking and Dagenham.

He enjoyed horseracing, photography, the arts and classic cars.