

Stan Parkinson R.I.P.

Stan Parkinson took the habit at Dover, a co-novice of Brother Alfred Calcutt. He left through illness during the novitiate. His younger brother, Frank, also joined the de La Salle Brothers as Brother Austin Henry. He left the London District in the late 1960's to enter the priesthood.

Stan died aged 87 earlier this month after a long and debilitating illness. He was a former BBC Television producer whose illustrious career began at the birth of television in the 1930's when he was one of the first two full-time cameramen in the world, recording BBC programmes at Alexandra Palace.

Stan rose to become the BBC's regional head of light entertainment in the north west and worked with a host

of stars including Ken Dodd (and his Diddymen), Harry Worth and the ventriloquist Ray Allen. Stan brought 'Pinky and Perky' to our screens. He worked on the early editions of 'Top of the Pops' lending his voice to the introduction "Yes its number one, it's Top of the Pops!".

On leaving the BBC Stan joined the staff of the Catholic Radio & Television Centre at Hatch End where he proved to be a natural teacher in sharing his expertise and love of television with would-be producers from all over the world.

Stan was very committed to his faith and had a special place in his heart for the Brothers. His first wife died in the 1970's and he married Dorothy. They had 31 very happy years together.