

It was with a deep and personal sense of loss that I learned of the passing of my dear friend Hilary Everitt on 19th May 2016 - a sweet, kind, gentle and generous lady who will be sadly missed. I attended the same schools as Hilary did in those now hazy, long ago days of the late 40's and early 50's, Hilary was a year younger than I was and consequently was in a form below me but I can still recall the way she "mother henned" some of the other girls! We both dwelt in Wealdstone and she lived not far from Harrow and Wealdstone station when that dreadful train crash occurred there in 1952. After we left school we naturally went our separate ways and it was only by a mere chance that whilst at a ballroom dance in Hemel Hempstead that my partner at that time and I attended we were seated at a table with a couple my partner knew well and were introduced to me as Hilary and Chris. During the evening school days were mentioned and we were both amazed to find that we had known each other in the past and gone to school together at the same time. I learned that she had worked (and still did) at the Hemel Hempstead head office of Kodak having started aged 15, in an office at the Kodak Harrow factory where my father had worked for some years beforehand. It was mentioned during that evening that my partner and I had discovered an Old Time dance club (my first love) and shortly after that they "gave it a try" liked it and stayed with it and we all went around together and indeed Hilary attended dances right up to her passing. Although her last years were spent combating her illness the memories that remain are sweet ones of her and we still laughed together whenever we met.

My thoughts are with her husband Chris at this sad time.

Brian Faulkner.

It is with great sadness that we heard that Hilary Everitt passed away on Thursday 19th May. Hilary, together with her husband, Chris, successfully ran the Abbots Langley Old Time Dance Club for over seventeen years and she also served as an Area Representative for OTDS for most of that time. She was not only a beautiful, smooth dancer but also one of the loveliest, kindest people you could ever meet. I will never forget how welcome she made us feel when we first nervously went to the club and I am sure many will affectionately remember Hilary for her warmth and generous nature. Many of us will also fondly look back at those splendid Bi-Annual dances that Hilary & Chris hosted at the Boxmoor Playhouse Theatre in Hemel Hempstead - a perfect traditional setting for nights of Old Time Dancing.

Our thoughts are very much with Chris at this sad time, after his years of devotion to Hilary and his tireless efforts and remarkable patience in recent times when she was in poor health.

All our love - Pam, John & Jonathan Grewcock, Rickmansworth