

Obituary -

My very old friend, Barry Rogers, of Coedpoeth near Wrexham, died on 16th November aged 89. I first met Barry & Iris at their Coedpoeth Club in 1985, when OTDS was in its infancy, and they joined making him one of the longest serving members of OTDS, apart from me. Over the next 30 years we worked together on the Chester weekend in September '89, the Manweb Balls in March & September '91, the Bodelwyddan weekend in September '92 and the AGM weekend in Wrexham March '96. Barry & Iris were competent leaders. They were the first to give David Ingleby a 'Club' booking in the early '90's. He struggled to keep the club going following the death of Iris and Joyce & I together with Keith & Eve Stubbs helped with the leading to help. After he closed the club Joyce & I were asked to run a dance in the Institute in Coedpoeth which we did for a couple of years until falling numbers meant it closed. It was at this dance that Barry danced with Linda, whom he later married. Following his stroke some years ago his dancing was curtailed but I did meet him at a couple of times at the Chirk, near Wrexham, dances around 2020, when he was just an onlooker. His funeral was on 12th December but I was unable to attend as it was by invitation only. Condolences to Linda and his family. President Fred.