

OBITUARY TO BARRY JOHN PELMORE

As Chair of our little Club I have the honour and privilege of writing a short obituary to the memory of a very special man, Barry Pelmore, who passed away on 2nd July 2018. SCARCE was founded in 2010 and a chance meeting of Barry with my brother Mike meant that Barry was introduced to the delights of spending his evenings on the third Wednesday of each month chatting with other motoring enthusiasts and also joining us on many of our jaunts. Barry was born in 1944 in Swanage, Dorset growing up with his sister Bronwen and the twins Michael and Susan. Schooldays were spent at Tonbridge followed by St. Edward's Oxford then Sandhurst with six and a half years in the Royal Artillery where he saw service in Germany with the British Army of the Rhine. During his time at St. Edwards, Barry was introduced to rowing and in 1964 was a member of the Sandhurst crew that got into the finals at the Henley Royal Regatta.

His career began as a Stockbroker in the City and his professional working life ended in the property sector in Liverpool but some of his happiest days were spent running the kennels business in Saddleworth. His hill walks with his faithful springer spaniel 'Tracker' no doubt added to the enjoyment of his 29 year association with Oldham Mountain Rescue where he was often found accompanied by his dear friend and fellow SCARCE member Dr. Andrew Taylor who was with him to the last.

Accompanied by his dear wife Steph, Barry travelled extensively throughout Britain and to far flung places such as Australia, Mexico, Hawaii and their final trip was to romantic Vienna for Steph's birthday last September. Throughout his last five years living with cancer Steph has been at his side all the way and many of you, even if you do not come to our regular meetings, will have had the honour of meeting both Barry and Steph at our annual Christmas Dinner, at the last of which Barry with tongue in cheek presented Deryck with a memento to his triangulated skills with the tulip runs!

As many of you may also know, both Mike and I are long-standing members of the Bentley Drivers' Club and it was Barry's uncle G. Keston Pelmore who actually founded that Club back in 1936, a Club that now has many thousands of members in over 50 countries.

I have been asked by the B.D.C. President to pass on this article for publication in their bi-monthly magazine where no doubt so many others who met Barry along life's highway will be saddened to hear of his passing. Barry's funeral was held at 10.30 a.m. at Hollinwood Cemetery in Oldham on 16th July 2018.

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