



**Dr Clifford William Bishop;** born in Cardiff on the 19<sup>th</sup> April 1949 and trained as a doctor with his twin brother Clive at St Mary's Paddington. He practised at the Hamilton Practice, Keats House, Bush Fair, Harlow for over 30 years.

Cliff married Sylvia on the 24<sup>th</sup> October 1970 in Paddington Registry Office, London; he is survived by his wife Sylvia Bishop and daughters Catherine, Carol and Dawn.

Cliff arrived at Harlow RFC in 1971 where he played for many seasons and went on to become the Chairman from 1993 to 1998.

He had a wide variety of sporting interests including becoming an accomplished rugby referee. He played as a wing forward for the club and later went on to coach the Colts with Ross Loveday for many years. His time in coaching saw some of the Colts most successful years of development.

After retiring from playing, Cliff would often be found attending to the players after matches, dealing with their sprains and injuries pitch side and in the clubhouse. Another one of Cliff's interests was the wellbeing of the Harlow Boxing Club members. The club trainers would refer all its boxers to Cliff to ensure that they were medically fit and Cliff would issue the appropriate certificates.

As a runner, he ran several sub 3-hour marathons and was a very keen cyclist. It was during one of his cycling outings that he was taken ill. This was later diagnosed as cancer, and he died on 12<sup>th</sup> March 2016 at the age of 65.

Cliff's contribution (and that of his family) to the club and the community of Harlow was immense.