



Chris Locke; was born and grew up in Edmonton London on the 3rd February 1943 where he met his wife Jillian nee Anderson. Chris attended Latymer Grammar School, The Royal Agricultural College Cirencester then Worcester College where he trained to become a teacher. After a short spell teaching in Stevenage, Chris moved to Harlow where he lived happily for more than 40 years. He taught at Burnt Mill School for 16 years, becoming the Head of Sheppard House, before joining Barking Abbey as Head of Lower School before he moved to Ashton Middle School, Dunstable, where he was Headmaster for 18 years.

Throughout their time in Harlow, Chris and Jillian worked at Nazeing Youth Centre providing countless opportunities for young people in the local area. Chris believed passionately in inclusion and worked hard to create positive opportunities for young people.

After a brief spell playing rugby for the men's teams at Harlow Rugby Club, Chris took over the organisation of the junior rugby at Harlow as his two sons, Jonathan and David, progressed through the junior teams. He became Chairman of the Youth section in 1983 and organised tours to Germany, Czechoslovakia, France, South Africa and Canada. There are many young players who gained life-changing experiences due to the opportunities and tours that Chris led at the Rugby Club.

In 1998, Chris became Chairman of the Rugby Club serving until 2007. He then took on the role of President, a role he proudly held until his death in 2011. During this period, Chris drove the club relocation forward and developed a strong membership of vice-presidents. Chris became infamous for his lunch-day jokes and speeches which were known for entertaining everyone involved.

Chris Locke sought to positively influence future generations of young people with his dedication to teaching, the community of Harlow Rugby Club and his work at Nazeing youth club. The unstinting dedication of his life to the well-being of his community could only be achieved with the support of his family, in particular from his loving wife Jillian (still living in Harlow). Chris' legacy was his enormous contribution to the young people of Harlow and more widely to the Rugby Club.