

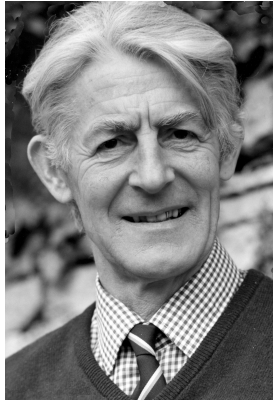
## Terry Hartley 1924 - 2009

The first words people say when I mention Terry's name are, "He was such a nice man". Conversely he referred to everyone else as, "A very nice person". I have never heard a derogatory word said about him. He was a man without malice.

Terry was born at Lower Farm, Upper Milton in 1924 but he spent several early years in the East End of London where our respective fathers were managing boys' clubs. Uncle Ernest returned to farming before the Second World War.

In 1944 my parents moved back to Shipton bringing with them a Mrs Wilson, the widow of a vicar. She had two daughters, Mary and Rachel. Terry and cousin Dick were detailed to meet them off the train at Shipton when the two daughters came to visit their mother. Dick very soon married Mary and in 1946 Terry and Rachel followed suit. No-one else ever got a look in! They were happily married for 46 years until Rachel sadly died of leukaemia in 1993. But in 1995 at the age of 71 he was lucky enough to get wed again, to Cathy, a long time friend. Cathy devoted herself to his well-being in these last difficult months and her love and care were a great comfort to him.

To return to earlier years, he developed a passion for skiing. Under the umbrella of the Ski Club of Great Britain, of which he became Chairman and President, he helped take parties of school children on



skiing trips to Grindelwald, Switzerland. As a member of the Eagle Ski Club he completed a series of high level ski trips, gained an intimate knowledge of the Swiss Alps and was made a Freeman of Grindelwald.

He played hockey for Bourton on the Water - being a good enough centre-half to be picked for both Oxfordshire and

Gloucestershire and was instrumental in buying the Shipton Cricket Club ground when the Shipton Court estate was broken up in 1947. He helped establish the club, became its fixture secretary and eventually Captain and then President. He was a very good wicket keeper, batsman and on retiring he took his turn at umpiring. Unusually for a farmer, he enjoyed gardening especially vegetables. He somehow managed to find time to farm, ably supported by a very loyal staff, Ivan Puschnik in particular. We will remember Terry for his prodigious memory of events, people and places. He was the most polite and courteous man who has had an influence on many lives. We will remember his wit and the wisdom he gave to us and the various organisations with which he was connected.

Above all he was a wonderful family man, a loving father to Katherine and a devoted husband to both Rachel and Cathy. They were his priority in life though on occasions even they had to take second place to a new challenge.

**John Hartley**