

It is with great sadness that the club has learnt of the passing of former member and coach Arnie Fry.

The family have kindly passed on the Funeral arrangements and Arnies funeral will be held on Thursday 11th November at 1.30 pm.

It will be conducted at St Mary Magdalene Church, Hullavington and then afterwards at Hullavington Village Hall.

His Daughter, Rachel has passed on this message

"For anyone who wants to come to Dad's funeral on Thursday and help celebrate his life, he wanted everyone to wear a touch of pink to brighten the day if they can.

Thanks for all the support shown to all our family at this difficult time from the rugby community.

The time dad spent coaching rugby was very special, not only to him but for the whole family and the people whose lives he impacted"

Arnie was a long serving member of Chippenham RFC who along with Ron Highfield was instrumental in forming Chippenham Colts and was the Colts coach circa 1980-1986.

This initiative was the precursor to Chippenham's now very successful Mini and Junior section.

Arnie went on to become Head Coach for the senior teams at the club for season 1988-89 whilst at our old ground Birch Grove. He was again called upon to be Head Coach after we had moved to Allington Fields from 1994-1996.

He also served Dorset & Wilts RFU with distinction as both a coach and President.

Arnie coached D&W Under 18's circa 1996-2000 and was also involved at South West U18's.

Arnie served as Dorset & Wiltshire RFU President 1999-2001.

After he had finished with coaching and County commitments, Arnie continued his involvement in the club helping and offering advise where he could.

Arnie will be deeply missed by all those who knew him at Chippenham RFC and the wider rugby family.

Our thoughts are with Arnie's family at this sad time.