

## Charlie Colquhoun 1953-2008

Last September saw the untimely death of Charlie Colquhoun, Master in Charge of Fives at Clifton College. By way of tribute, we publish the following words from his colleague Alan Brown

The Clifton College community has been shocked by the sudden and unexpected death of Charlie Colquhoun. Now, several months after the event, colleagues almost daily discuss how they are missing Charlie. This is a phenomenon I have not encountered before in my teaching career.

Charlie arrived at Clifton in the mid-eighties and in every way and every place he made people feel good about themselves. He was a born communicator; a friendly, jolly man. His history reports were famous for their use of positive adjectives, heavily underlined. I believe Charlie was master in charge of Rugby, Cricket and Fives at various times and, most important, he was an outstanding House Master. His thanksgiving service was packed and uniquely brought together the community of the last 25 years.



**Charlie Colquhoun: "gentlemanly, funny, mischievous and talented"**

I have played Fives against and alongside Charlie for 30 years. What a pleasure. He was gentlemanly, funny, mischievous and talented. Of course, he was a big man and deftly used his profile to smother any sight of how he was hitting his service – no visual lets! His speciality was hitting to a length drummed

into him on the Blundells' courts by Chris Reischweld.

He was an enormous encourager of the young and gave up hours of his time to coaching Fives. He ribbed me mercilessly about my kit; without that ribbing, it is as if a bright light has been turned off.