

Jim Harris

Together with Bill Murphy, Jim formed Stretford Athletic Club in 1964 and by the 1970s had turned it into the top women`s club in the country. He was the team manager of the women`s section for nearly forty years and took the club into Europe in the early 1980s.

He also produced a string of international athletes including Olympic Silver Medallist Shirley Strong, Commonwealth Games Gold Medallist Paula Dunn, Olympic Bronze Medallist Sandra Douglas, fellow Olympians Sharon Colyear and Louise Fraser and many more. He was one of only seventeen Master Coaches honoured by British Athletics.

He was involved in virtually every aspect of the club and his passion for the club and the sport was unsurpassed.

His funeral will take place on Tuesday 27th May at 2. 40 pm in the Old Chapel at Southern Cemetery. His family have asked that rather than flowers, donations be made to St Anne`s Hospice.

A celebration of his life will be held immediately afterwards in the function room at the club`s headquarters in Longford Park. All who knew him are welcome.

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You may leave comments or memories regarding Jim if you wish

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A great man and an inspiration to sprint coaches throughout the UK. I had the privilege of knowing Jim as a friend, Coach, college lecturer and neighbour and I will miss him greatly. Thank you Jim...

By **Bob Gaisie**