

Praise for staff following pool tragedy

LEISURE centre staff in Harborough have been praised by the widow of a man who died at the pool-side.

John Lloyd (70) of Kibworth Harcourt is believed to have suffered a heart attack while swimming at Harborough Leisure Centre on Friday afternoon.

His widow, Beryl, said: "I am very appreciative of the efforts made at the leisure centre. The emergency services were superb and the staff and swimmers at the centre really looked after me."

Centre manager Clive Williams also praised efforts to save Mr Lloyd.

He said: "The lifeguard first noticed Mr Lloyd was having difficulties and a member of the public escorted him to the side where people on duty stayed with him until an ambulance arrived.

"The staff were highly praised by the ambulance crews. They did what they should have done and I am very proud of them."

"In the six years we have been open

this is only the second incident we have had - it is very sad."

Mr Lloyd attended the Harborough Baptist Church and was a lay preacher who visited many local churches.

The Rev Malcolm Barrett, Harborough's Baptist minister, said: "Mr Lloyd was central to the community here and was very active in Kibworth and Harborough."

Mr Lloyd leaves three sons, David, Peter and Andrew. The funeral will be at Harborough Baptist Church on Monday.

LLOYD - John of Kibworth, passed away suddenly on Friday 17th January 1997. Much loved husband of Beryl and dearly loved father of David, Peter and Andrew. Funeral service at Market Harborough Baptist Church on Monday 27th January at 10.00am. Family flowers only - donations if desired for Market Harborough Baptist Church to Rev M Barrett, 11 Victoria Ave, Market Harborough, LE16 7BQ.