

HAROLD VICTOR WHITTINGHAM better known to us as “Vic” (by Enid Billington).



Sadly, Vic passed away just before Christmas at the age of 94, after a relatively short illness. As many of you will know, Vic was one of the early members of the Society, along with his wife Lillah who preceded him a few years ago.

His first wife, Jill, provided him with daughter, Susan (Clowe) and son, Brian. He married Joan Walker in Bahrain in 1977 with whom he hoped to retire to Bredon but, sadly, Joan died before this could happen. In 1985 he married Lillah Baker. She had been a friend of Joan and had helped Joan whilst she was ill.

Vic was a committee member for a number of years prior to becoming Secretary to which he devoted much thought and commitment.

For those who knew him I am sure you will agree Vic was more Bahraini than a Bahraini. He loved Bahrain and returned on each of the visits made by the Society and always took the opportunity to visit old Bahraini friends, and of course the British Club of which he had been Chairman in 1961 and 1962, when it was still known as the “Gymkhana Club.”

Vic was a Bahrain resident for many years. I first met him in January 1971 at the launch of the Gulf Weekly Mirror in Manama. I saw him daily standing in the doorway of his premises, Gulf Technical Services, in the Old Al Khalifa Road, where he could be seen chatting to the late Tariq Al-Moayyed. Vic was very active in Bahrain in many organisations. Vic loved and lived life to the full. On his return to England his passion was Worcester Cricket Club, alongside running a small high class hotel, and catering for large social functions. Vic was a very sociable man who was also extremely generous. He will be missed and I raise my glass to him for all he did for the Society.

His daughter, Susan Clowe, has been quite overwhelmed by the messages she has received and has asked to let it be known how much it has meant to her.