NEWS UPDATES AND FORTHCOMING EVENTS


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Clive was born in 1948 in Manchester, England and educated at Burnage Grammar School from where he went into nursing. After gaining experience in management and training he was introduced to reflexology by his mother, Ruby, who had trained with one of Dwight Byers early tutors, Robert (Bob) Dallamore. Ruby, now 99, decided Clive would make a good reflexologist. However, he had other ideas and it was only when he took care of Ruby’s clinic for 3 months, that he seriously considered a career in Reflexology. When she returned, 5 of his mother’s clients wanted to continue with him as their practitioner.

Clive’s conventional nurse training made him question every aspect of reflexology, an approach which proved invaluable in changing rules and challenging myths. This undoubtedly influenced the movement for the integration of reflexology within mainstream healthcare. In 1992 he was asked to provide training in reflexology and palliative care by Beechwood Cancer Care Centre.

This led to writing and delivering reflexology modules validated by the University of Manchester and this was the start of long term collaboration with Peter Mackereth with The Annual Clinical Reflexology Conference, now in its 11th year.

Clive led training courses in cancer care for qualified reflexologists at the Bristol Cancer Help Centre (now the Penny Brohn Centre). He was reflexology tutor at Bury College for 10 years, senior lecturer for the reflexology training programme at Christie Hospital, as well as supporting course development at Salford University, St Helens, Wigan and Leigh colleges and Southern Ireland. In 2002, Clive was asked to join the Reflexology Forum. This led to the development of the National Reflexology Curriculum, which now forms a benchmark, against which all reflexology training courses are measured.

In 2003, Clive became a Trustee of Bury Cancer Support Centre, a charity founded by two of his former students. In typical Clive style put his heart and soul into every aspect of work; therapist, staff trainer, administrator, chair of trustees, clinical supervisor, fund raiser and even handyman. During this time, Clive was always there to listen, being down to earth, wise and occasionally dispensing some wicked humour. His rare talent of being able to see everyone’s point of view and dispel any conflicts with his gentle and sensible leadership will be an enormous and painful loss to us all. Towards the end of 2007 Clive’s health deteriorated and he underwent surgery from which he did not recover. Clive’s family requested at his funeral that donations in his memory be made to Bury Cancer Support Centre. He will be missed.