



THE BRITISH SCHOOL OF OSTEOPATHY

A MESSAGE FROM THE BRITISH SCHOOL OF OSTEOPATHY

The British School of Osteopathy – the BSO – is honoured to play a part in this memorial and celebration of Violet Roberts' life.

Violet first began attending the BSO's General Clinic in the year 2000. At that time her general mobility was not good, so we arranged for her to be treated on the ground floor, as she was unable to leave her wheelchair to access the first floor treatment rooms which we usually used at that time for patient appointments.

Osteopathy works best when a patient is interested in and centrally involved in their treatment. Violet proved to be just this sort of patient, and we were absolutely delighted to watch her progress as she became able first to leave her wheelchair, and then walk to the lift.

Violet gave so much back to us in return. To the many students who treated her, and the tutors who supervised her treatment. It was a great honour to have our work with her acknowledged during the special ceremony in 2006 to mark her 90th birthday, which members of the BSO's team were proud to attend.

Violet also made generous donations to the work of the BSO as a registered charity, and helped us with our promotional work. For example, when we publicised the opening of our new, fully accessible clinical centre on Southwark Bridge Road in 2008, Violet and her son David kindly allowed us to tell the media about our work with her, and the difference it had made to her mobility.

It thus gave us great pleasure – and was utterly fitting – that David and Violet were able to join us as special guests when the BSO's Patron, HRH The Princess Royal, Princess Anne came to officially open our new clinical centre. Violet's memory will live on with us all including the BSO students who treated her and those who played a special part in helping them towards graduation and a career in osteopathy.

On behalf of everyone at the BSO, we are proud to have known her.

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