



Dr Clare Bailey 1957-2011

Clare Bailey (nee Sykes) did her BSc in Pharmacology at the University of Manchester and spent a year working with Mike Parsons, one of the discoverers of Tagamet, at Smith Kline French in 1979. She then went to carry out her PhD with Roger Horton at St Georges on CNS neurotransmission. Her neuropharmacology interests continued with a period of postdoctoral research in my laboratory at Surrey where she led our research programme on the development of opioid

receptors in the brain. She was a lot of fun in the laboratory, and worked really hard at a really exciting time in opioid research.

She married David Bailey in 1981, and her work in pharmacology was put on the back burner as she brought up her three children, Emma, Harriet and James. The family spent time in the USA following David's posts in pharmaceutical industry. Her wide interests in acting, gardening and travelling always ensured most engaging discussions and the most fascinating Christmas letters. Clare contributed to the running of the small biotechnology companies that David founded, including DeNovo pharmaceuticals, and was always in touch with her pharmacological past.

In 2007, she was diagnosed with a brain tumour and she died on St Clare's day, August 11 2011. Clare was my first postdoctoral fellow and thus her premature death was particularly untimely. Her contributions to pharmacology, and to her family, will be remembered by many.

Professor Ian Kitchen