

Advertorial

A VISION - MY LIFE'S PURPOSE

(STAGE 3) THE RENEWAL CENTRE RG7 1TJ

The arrival of Don Lavender at the Renewal Centre, with his exceptional experience, is like a ray of sunshine.

In the USA he worked with multi-addictions for 25 years. With colleagues he was treating 600 families a year before coming to the UK.

Don feels the Renewal Centre's ambience is ideal for the gentle family therapy needed for those suffering the effects of alcoholism in a relative, friend or colleague to which it is dedicated in its vision. Family therapy is his professional passion.

The characterful, calming barn conversion has a beautiful stained glass window with a butterfly lifting off a honeysuckle around which are the words LOVE ONE ANOTHER. It depicts the process of the family living with alcoholism without knowledge: grubbing around like a caterpillar, trying to cope with the inevitable trauma and profound effects: getting to a crisis point of



the chrysalis and its metamorphosis with the beginning of the recovery process. The result is the emergence of the butterfly in its flight of freedom.

It is a much-neglected need in the UK where Don says we are 15 years behind the USA. The specialism of addiction needs education.

The foundation is laid for my God-given vision to materialise. The adjoining accommodation is prepared in Honeysuckle Barn.

The Renewal Centre is available for courses, classes, counselling, group therapy, away days, seminars, meetings, training,

workshops and retreats in addition to the family healing for which it is created.

We are ready to encourage people in the therapy process as the demands arise and await the unfolding of the planted seeds, to bloom in their personal growth.

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The Progression and Recovery of the Family in the Disease of Alcoholism

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Dedicated to the pioneering provision of specialized therapy for those people affected by alcoholism/addiction
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