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I first spoke to CLIVE amateur call sign G1EUC in the early 1990's when I had a problem setting up my data station. Over the telephone he gave me a lot of advice which solved the problem. I thought then as I put the phone down what a helpful guy and that opinion has not changed.

A few years later when the amateur radio examination system changed, a team of us in CARS including Clive, began giving courses for those who wished to take the exam. CLIVE volunteered to be the central point of contact for students who wished to join the courses. We all thought the numbers would be in the tens, which would involve not much time or paper work.

How wrong we were, with Clive's organisational skills and his aptitude in filling the courses over the years CARS has trained hundreds of students allowing them to pass the different exam levels. This has given CLIVE many hours of work and with masses of paperwork, and carried out always with a smile and a joke or two.

My first opinion has stood the test of time.

It is a tribute to CLIVE'S efforts that CARS is recognised as one of the foremost study centres in the country.

Clive is also one of the most respected amateurs in Essex, from him setting up one of the first data nodes in the late 1980's to being an active member of the Essex repeater group, he was Chairman this year. He was also a member of several other Essex amateur radio societies and he has helped them with their training efforts.

The amateur radio community in Essex has lost one of its inspirational members.

Chelmsford Amateur Radio Society has lost a great hard working stalwart.

I have lost a good friend.