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The Ear Foundation NEWS



deaf children hearing and communicating in a technological era

The Ear Foundation provides independent information, education and support for deaf children and young people with cochlear implants, their families and their supporting professionals. We also carry out child and family-centred research in the field of cochlear implantation.

Summer at the House

With the school summer holidays in full flow, children and young people with cochlear implants were busy taking part in activities here at The Ear Foundation, led by staff from Nottingham Cochlear Implant Programme.

From the under 6-year-olds percussion band, to the 8 to 11 year olds dressing up as their favourite super-hero, to the teenagers' dancing routines, fun was had by all.

Various activities were planned which were designed to help build communication skills, as well as to enhance the children's language, voice and speech development.

More snippets about Summer at the House inside ...



Children enjoying Summer at the House

The Ear Foundation welcomes back David Luterman



David Luterman with the Parents' Panel: Tim Hardie, Anne-Marie Welter-Konsbruck, Jackie Johnson, John Atkins, Epp Müll, Ann-Charlotte Gyllenram

David Luterman was the keynote speaker at our recent one-day focussed conference, Parenting in the Cochlear Implant Era, held

on 19 October at the National College for School Leadership in Nottingham.

David has a huge amount of experience of working with families of deaf children, and he shared with us his thoughts about the impact of newborn hearing screening, hearing aids, and cochlear implants on deaf children and their families.

Workshops took place in the afternoon, enabling delegates to discuss the issues raised during the morning, and the conference closed with a group of parents sharing their own experiences about parenting a

deaf child. The day enabled parents and professionals to get together and consider how services are changing and should change in light of these experiences.



Parents sharing their experiences

What is a cochlear implant?

Cochlear implants provide useful hearing to adults and children who get little benefit from a hearing aid. They consist of:

- The internal part: the receiver, surgically implanted in the mastoid bone behind the ear, with electrodes inserted into the inner ear, or cochlea.
- The external part: the microphone and speech processor convert sound into an electrical signal which is sent to the electrodes in the inner ear. These then send the signal through the auditory nerve to the brain, where it is perceived as sound.

External (Bodyworn)



External (Behind-the-ear)



Internal

local riots. Our jury made legal history by finding him 'not guilty' in the light of new evidence!

Science, Sounds and Sensations

Explaining what a cochlear implant is, what it does, and what it feels like to have one was the subject of a video produced by the older Teenz.

"For the video, the Teenz chose to create two characters who were going to receive implants," says Liz Beadle, Teacher of the Deaf from the Nottingham Cochlear Implant Programme, "They found out what this would mean to them and what they would hear. All the participants contributed their personal experiences before the production had its first night showing to parents and friends."

Summer at the House

Here are some snippets about what the children and young people got up to during Summer at the House.

Family Music

Children aged under 6 years were encouraged to use the hearing provided by their implants, and both they and their parents joined in the activities; singing songs, taking part in interactive stories, and playing musical instruments.

The Rainbow Fish

The 5 to 7 year olds took part in activities centred around 'The Rainbow Fish', a book about friendship and sharing by Marcus Pfister, with the children learning new words, enabling them to better express their feelings.

Acting up

The 8-11 year olds enjoyed dressing up as characters from books, film,

and television, including Tracy Beaker, Winnie the Pooh, and Cinderella. The children really got into their roles, speaking and acting like their characters.

Afterwards, the group made a newspaper about what they had been up to, helping to develop their narrative skills.

Justice for all

The highlight of Summer at the House for the 11 and 12 year olds was taking part in a mock trial at the Galleries of Justice in Nottingham.

In 1832, George Beck was found guilty and hanged for allegedly setting fire to a factory during some



Re-enacting the trial



Creating their characters

Up, up, and away!

On a bright evening in August, the Nottingham Transformer Project erected a climbing wall in The Ear Foundation car park. The young people worked together, and supported each other to brave the wall.



Climbing the wall

My Fantastic Life 'Down Under'

I came to Australia to experience a different culture for a year. I'm living in Anglesea, which is a tiny seaside town about 2 hours west of Melbourne. My house is only 5 minutes walk from a beautiful beach and lots of surf!

I am having a really fantastic time here in Australia. We have been snorkeling in The Great Barrier Reef up in the Whitsunday Islands, viewing Uluru, watching dingoes and driving on the beach on Fraser Island, travelling on the Ghan train up to Alice Springs, shopping in Melbourne, looking around the Sydney Opera House, skiing at Mount Buller, fascinated by the beautiful grey kangaroos on the Anglesea golf course, photographing the sleepy koalas, filming emus. I really am fascinated by the wonderful places in Australia.

We went to New Zealand in

September for ten days and we stayed on a sheep farm of a friend of my grandmother's. There is gold on the land so we thought we might mine for some!



Enjoying horse riding

I go to the local school, Anglesea Primary, on my bike, which only takes ten minutes. It is weird because I was in Year 5 when I left the UK in December, but over here

I am in Year 4! It is because they start school a year later than we do. I go to Girl Guides on Thursdays and do horse-riding lessons on Tuesdays. I did Nippers (a surf club) in the summer.

The seasons are the other way round. It has been amazing so far. The only not so good thing about Australia is that at my new school the kids are not used to my cochlear implant but at my old school in Bristol they were pretty used to it because they knew me since I was 4.

Where I live is only two hours away from Melbourne, which is where they invented cochlear implants. A dream come true would be to meet Professor Graeme Clark while I'm here! (the man who invented cochlear implants)

Natasha, age 10

Family weekend

44 families joined us at Center Parcs for our annual Family Weekend, which took place 3-6 November.

The fun-filled weekend gave families a chance to meet up with old friends and make new ones, access information about cochlear implants, and enjoy themselves.

On the Friday, everyone got together for drinks and a quiz, with the Rees family winning the bottle of champagne and box of chocolates.

The following morning, the Teenz – and some adult volunteers – experienced the thrill of parachuting when they had a go on the Parc's Fan Descender, a 30 foot leap of faith. This was followed by a quick team game before heading back for lunch with their families.

During the afternoon we held a half-day conference for parents. After a welcome note from Brian Archbold, Chief Executive of The Ear Foundation, the King family from Scotland talked about why they came to the Family Weekend every year.

Other speakers included Professor Marc Marschark, an expert on the education of deaf children and young people, from the National Technical Institute for the Deaf, Rochester Institute of Technology in the United States, who gave a lively presentation about educating deaf children. He was followed by Christine Rocca, Head of Performing Arts at the Mary Hare School, who had parents pretending to be butterflies, tigers and snakes during a session which looked at using music and movement to help children develop their literacy skills.

We are grateful to Cochlear Europe for sponsoring this weekend.



Enjoying the activities at the Family Weekend

Pony Club Polo - Victory for Oliver

(by Sandy, Oliver's mum)

Oliver (9), was on the winning Jorrocks National Pony Club Polo Championship team held on 9th August at Hurtwood Polo Club. He plays for Cowdray Pony Club Branch.

Oliver played in the seven qualifying tournaments all over the country during July and August which led up to the Championships, and worked very hard to achieve this great success at the National Championships.

He is profoundly deaf and loves sport, especially swimming, cross

country running, football, tennis and skiing. Oliver has had a cochlear implant since aged 4. We use tape to stick his implant to his hair, having lost it a few times on the polo field! This works a treat – so having taped the pony's leg bandages and tail, we then put a cross of tape over his magnet! Also, he wears a guard on the front of his helmet to prevent a blow from a mallet – this working out such a great success, we also attached



Oliver playing polo

one to his (hearing) brother's helmet as it is great protection for teeth also! ... all part of the tacking up routine!

Oliver's deafness has not held him back in this sport – having won the Championships for U11 year olds at the age of 9 proves this!

Adventures at The Arches

In May, Teenz United visited the Arches Adventure Base in Nottingham for a session of team building games.

The Teenz had to think about how to get 16 people over a 13 feet high wall, and were then challenged by a session of climbing and bridge swinging. Everyone had a great time.



Teenz get to grips with bridge swinging

Adult implant users get together

On Saturday 30th September, The Ear Foundation opened its doors to adult cochlear implant users, offering deaf adults with implants a chance to get together.

Hubert Chan from Cochlear and Richard Hughes from Advanced Bionics were on hand for an informal Q&A session, and following a request by those attending the last get-together, Dominic Wild from the Queen's Medical Centre showed the group a video of someone undergoing cochlear implant surgery.

The group also enjoyed a buffet lunch, had an opportunity to win some prizes through a raffle, and took part in a fiendishly difficult quiz about Nottingham's Goose Fair.

Around 30 people came along to this enjoyable and informative afternoon. The next get-together will also be held at The Ear Foundation – put Saturday 31 March 2007 in your diaries!

Goodbye and good luck

In September, the Nottingham Cochlear Implant Programme said goodbye to Deb Wilson, Teacher of the Deaf, as she moved on to retirement. Deb joined the team 13 years ago, and will be very much missed. We'd like to wish Deb all the very best for the future.

Team news

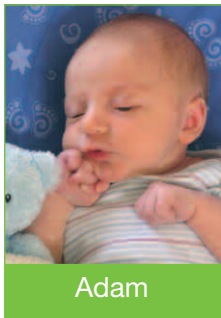
Well done

Congratulations to Emma Church, our Administrative Assistant, who recently passed BSL (British Sign Language) Level 2. Emma is now studying for Level 3.



Emma joining in Summer at the House

Congratulations also go to Emma Coombes, our Administration Manager, and her partner Phil, who had a little boy – Adam – in July.



Adam

And to Faizan, our Research Assistant, and his wife Maira, who recently had a little girl – Alaynah.



Alaynah with Maira and Faizan

New team members

In June, we welcomed three new members of staff:

Diana Harbor joined our Education Team. Di is a Speech & Language Therapist and Audiological Scientist who has worked for the Institute of Hearing Research and the Nottingham Cochlear Implant Programme.



Richard Murray started work as Administrator. He is covering for Emma Coombes, who is on maternity leave.



Nathalie Walters joined the team as Fundraising Manager. Nathalie has worked in various fundraising roles for a number of voluntary sector organisations.



In October we welcomed back Faizan Tayyab, who has joined us as Research Assistant for 4 months. Faizan is helping to draft various surveys to support our research, and providing first hand IT support.

CICS ♦ CICS ♦ CICS ♦ CICS ♦ CICS

SARAH DOES IT AGAIN!



Dressed to kill: Hamish, Kati, Remi and Alex

CICS member Sarah Grigg, kindly organised the second Bunny Ball in aid of CICS and the Mary Hare School. This fun-packed event took place on Saturday, 23rd September at the Crowne Plaza Hotel, Marlow, Buckinghamshire, and was enjoyed by over 200 people.

10-year-old Joe Grigg, who uses a cochlear implant, delighted the audience with some jokes, and The Weapons of Sound, who make music from recycled junk, had everyone on their feet. Later everyone enjoyed dancing to music from Sarah's father's band and a disco.

The evening also included the ever-popular token Roulette and Black Jack, and the chance to win some fabulous prizes in a silent auction and raffle (teenagers Kati, Alex, Remi and Hamish, all implant users, did a great job selling the raffle tickets).

We don't yet know how much was raised, but at CICS we are always grateful for anything! A great time was had by all and we'd like to thank Sarah, her family and friends for all the effort and enthusiasm they put into organising this spectacular and thoroughly enjoyable event.

Manpower needed to help with our money matters!

The CICS Trustees are very sad that Janet Stockton, our wonderful Treasurer, has decided to resign.

Janet has been instrumental in dealing with the tasks involved in the group becoming a registered charity, and has dealt tirelessly with our financial matters.

We urgently need to find another Treasurer. Ideally, we would like a volunteer with experience of being a Treasurer or someone with basic knowledge of accounting procedures, spreadsheets and basic accounting skills. Telephone and email liaison with the CICS Co-ordinators will be required and attendance at

occasional Trustees' Meetings, currently in the Newbury or London area, would be helpful, as would some computer skills.

The Trustees of CICS are parents or grandparents of children with cochlear implants and we hope that our new Treasurer will share our passion for the general subject!

What an opportunity! For further details please get in touch with Tricia Kemp at 020 8876 8605 or Janet Stockton at 01258 450181.

The Special Branch

Does your child have additional or complex needs as well as being deaf and having an implant? CICS Group is pleased to announce an exciting new initiative – “The Special Branch”.

Over the past ten years the criteria for cochlear implantation has been constantly changing and, as a result, more children with additional and complex needs are being implanted.

The Special Branch will enable the parents of these children to share their experiences with other parents in similar situations, and give the children an opportunity to meet other children with additional or complex needs.

The group will be co-ordinated by Lisa Davies, mum to Bethany who was born profoundly deaf, with Athetoid Cerebral Palsy and severe learning difficulties. Carmen Burton (Midlands CICS Co-ordinator) will also be helping with this group. Her daughter, Natalie, was born with

CMV, which left her profoundly deaf, and who has, amongst things, epilepsy, behavioural problems and learning difficulties.

If your child has an additional or complex need such as Cerebral Palsy, Downs Syndrome, Autism, severe learning difficulties, social skills or developmental delays etc., then The Special Branch could be for you.

If you would like to join The Special Branch, or would just like some more information please contact:

Lisa on: 01332 743555, or email: graceyb13@ntlworld.com or

Carmen on: 01332 365528, or email: info@cicsgroup.org.uk

You do not have to be a member of CICS to join this group.

As a matter of policy and privacy we will not be contacting individual families whose children we know have additional needs, so if you want to be included within The Special Branch, please let us know!

SOS!SEN in the South

Following the successful Information Day organised by CICS Midlands Group with SOS!SEN, the Southern Region decided to get in on the act, and on 11 June held an Information Day at the Arlington Arts Centre at the Mary Hare School in Newbury.

SOS!SEN offers independent advice to parents/carers of

children with special educational needs. On the day, Bob Parslow, Marion Strudwick and Mary Henderson from SOS!SEN provided useful information about a child's Statement of Special Educational Needs and preparing a case for SENDIST, and left plenty of time to answer the many questions put forward by parents.

This event was available free of charge to parents, thanks to funding from the Community Council for Berkshire.

Thames Valley Adventure Playground

By Sam and Neisha's Dad, Richard...

It may have been the lovely weather, or it may be that CICS members are not especially mad about football, but the World Cup Final in Germany proved to be no competition and the CICS day out at the Thames Valley Adventure Playground on Sunday, 9 July enjoyed its usual high attendance.



Max: I'm gonna get you!

Regular adventurers such as Maia, Amy, Max and Luke were joined by a number of newer CICS members, including Noah, who had only recently received his bilateral implant. And, with all the water canons in full working order and a number of new or renovated activities on site, fun levels were



Ellis: What shall I do next?



Maia: Worth coming for this!

high! Well, is there a child in the world who doesn't enjoy drenching adults with water?

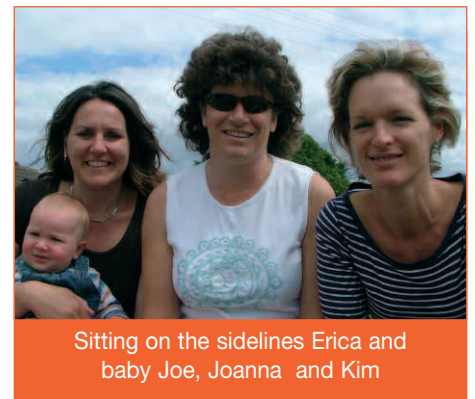


Jacob: Wow this is fun!

Inside, the brilliant soft-play area generated as much joyous screaming as ever, and by the end of the afternoon the adventurers had established a new and probably unbeatable record for the number of balls removed from the ball-pool to various corners of the playground. Now, there's a challenge for next time. And a splendid array of home-made sandwiches, cakes and biscuits kept batteries (both young and old) fully charged throughout.

Fun may well be the order of the day at Maidenhead for the kids, but this twice-yearly event also provides us parents with a rare opportunity to sit and enjoy a cup of tea, a chat and, in my case, a lot of biscuits,

knowing that whatever the kids are up to, and wherever in the playground they are getting up to it, they are safe, secure and enjoying the company of other implantees. Advice is shared, old friends laugh (and, yes, cry) as they swap their latest implant/school/statement stories, and new friends are made. But, if all that makes you want to come next time, just remember to bring a towel!



Sitting on the sidelines Erica and baby Joe, Joanna and Kim

If you would like information about any aspect of the CICS Group or have any ideas for future events please contact one of the Co-ordinators:

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Twilight Lectures

Counselling families in the technological era

Newborn hearing screening, digital hearing aids and cochlear implants provide new opportunities for deaf children to acquire near normal speech and language abilities.

David Luterman, an internationally renowned audiological scientist, and author of many books about working with families of deaf children, talked about the need to recognise that this technology does not lead to a happy child; only good parenting with input from supportive, knowledgeable professionals can ensure that a hearing impaired child grows up to be a content, confident adult.

The Ear Foundation's conference room was full, and over 70 people logged on to listen to the live webcast. Since the lecture, over 500 people have listened to the recording.

David's course, Counselling Families of Young Deaf Children, held at The Ear Foundation the following day was a sell-out.



David Luterman being thanked by Professor Adrian Davis, Director of the Newborn Hearing Screening Programme

Cochlear implantation in children: What surgeons start, teachers have to finish

With the majority of profoundly deaf children now receiving implants, the life-long management required places pressure on established clinic-based models of service delivery.

In addition, the situations in which the child uses their implants may be very different to the acoustically treated environment of the implant clinic. The reality of classrooms the world over is that they are busy places, aurally challenging, with demanding curricula and language.

On 24 October, two of the most experienced professionals in the implant field, Professor Gerard O'Donoghue and Sue Archbold, looked at how the medical and educational models of deafness can be brought together to maximise the benefits of cochlear implantation for deaf children.

Over 80 people joined in to listen to the live webcast, with almost 500 afterwards.



Professor Gerard O'Donoghue and Sue Archbold

Both lectures were broadcast as live webcasts under the The Phonak iLEARN VIP Lecture Series, and recordings of the webcasts can be accessed through our website www.earfoundation.org.uk

Cochlear implantation: long-term issues

On 20 April 2007,
The Ear Foundation

will host the
European
Association of
Cochlear Implant Users (EURO-CIU) biennial conference at the National College for School Leadership in Nottingham, in co-operation with the National Cochlear Implant Users' Association and CICS.



The event will bring together the members of the national Cochlear Implant Users groups from across Europe.

With its focus on "Cochlear implantation: long-term issues - access and management", the conference will provide up-to-date information about some of the current issues related to implantation, including access, reliability, and long-term support needs.

The programme includes many internationally-renowned speakers: Professor Quentin Summerfield, Professor Gerard O'Donoghue, Dr Lorraine Gailey, Sue Archbold, and Liz Beadle from the UK; Geoff Plant from the USA; Dr Monika Lehnhardt and Dr Volkmar Kratzsch from Germany; implant users Gilles Cognat from France and Dr Ruud van Hardeveld from the Netherlands; and the parent of an implant user, Ann-Charlotte Gyllenram, from Sweden.

The conference will be held in English, with simultaneous translation into German, French, Spanish and palantype (speech to text communication) in English. We are anticipating 150-200 delegates from across Europe.

For further details or to book your place, please log on to our website, or contact Brian on 0115 942 1985, email brian@earfoundation.org.uk – a special rate is available from friends of The Ear Foundation.

MARJORIE SHERMAN MEMORIAL LECTURE



Mark Lutman being thanked by Kevin Gibbin - trustee of The Ear Foundation

Advances in cochlear implantation for children: from hesitant beginnings to an exciting future.

This year's Marjorie Sherman Memorial

Lecture, which took place on 1 November, was given by Professor Mark E Lutman, Head of Hearing and Balance Centre, Institute of Sound and Vibration Research, University of Southampton, UK.

When cochlear implantation in children began in the UK in 1989, it was unknown whether children who had been

born profoundly deaf would be able to develop useful hearing and spoken language through an implant. We now know that they can, and that education in mainstream school will be possible for most children implanted early in life. Yet there are further gains to be achieved, which will improve the prospects and quality of life for implanted children.

Professor Lutman's presentation reviewed the advances that have been made in the field of cochlear implantation, focusing on recent research and future prospects.

Mrs Marjorie Sherman was the first Patron and President of The Ear Foundation. She was an inspiration to so many people, and this annual lecture, kindly sponsored by The Archie Sherman Charitable Trust, is held in her memory.

Deaf Blindness

Earlier this year, The Ear Foundation agreed a grant to enable Dr Sofia Stamataki to attend an international meeting on Usher syndrome.

People with Usher syndrome are born deaf or with partial hearing loss, and gradually lose their sight.

As promised, Dr Stamataki provided a review of the meeting, an excerpt of which is below.

"The 1st International meeting for Usher syndrome and related disorders which took place in Omaha, Nebraska (October 4-6, 2006) was the first meeting that facilitated the exchange of ideas between clinical researchers and basic scientists for better understanding of Usher syndrome. The ultimate goal was to promote the diagnostic process and improve the management of this devastating condition".

New Frontiers in Deaf-Blindness

The Ear Foundation is hosting a Deaf-Blind conference at The Royal Society of Medicine on Friday, 15 June 2007.

The meeting will provide a forum for the exchange of ideas among clinicians and scientists to advance the understanding of conditions causing combined vision and hearing loss.

The day is intended for professionals whose work may bring them in contact, even occasionally, with deaf blind children or adults: audiologists, otolaryngologists, ophthalmologists, paediatricians, psychologists, social workers, educators, genetic counsellors, scientists and the voluntary sector.

The conference is being organised by the Department of Audiology, Sahlgrenska University Hospital Gothenburg, Sweden and the Department of Otolaryngology, Queen's Medical Centre, Nottingham University Hospitals NHS Trust, in collaboration with The Ear Foundation.

For further details contact Brian on 0115 942 1985 or email brian@earfoundation.org.uk

Cochlear Implants 2006 – The State of the Art

On 2 November we held a one-day focussed conference at the National College for School Leadership in Nottingham, Cochlear Implants – The State of the Art.

The day provided professionals working with deaf children and adults with the latest research and practice in this fast-changing area.



Speakers at the Conference

The Ear Foundation hosts first ever conference on education for deaf children with cochlear implants

On 26 June, 200 delegates from around the world attended our conference, Educational Implications of Cochlear Implantation, at the National College for School Leadership in Nottingham.

International experts on deaf education, Professor Marc Marschark and Professor Pat Spencer, from the USA, talked about the challenges that cochlear implantation has brought to the education of deaf children throughout the world.

Delegates then gained an insight into what school is really like for a young person with an implant, when 16-year-old Rebecca French, who

received her implant when she was 3-years-old, took to the floor. Rebecca explained how she began her education in a school for the Deaf, and moved on to a mainstream school, speaking about the challenges she has faced and how she has overcome them.

Sue Archbold, Education Co-ordinator at The Ear Foundation, said, "It is amazing that from the first child here in Nottingham in 1989, now over half the profoundly deaf children in the UK have implants – and

we are only just realising what the potential is for their education. This conference provided an opportunity for experts in the field to discuss the issues, and it's so important that we listen to young people like Rebecca who can tell us what they need at school."



Delegates networking over lunch

BAA Satellite Workshop

Staying in Step with Parents: Counselling Strategies for Audiologists

On 21 November, Kristina English, Associate Professor at the University of Pittsburgh, delivered this exciting seminar hosted by The Ear Foundation before the start of this year's BAA Conference.

Parents experience many reactions when their child is diagnosed with hearing loss. These include shock, anger, guilt, wishful thinking, avoidance and sorrow. If

these reactions are not actively acknowledged, parents are less able to move forward to make decisions and handle challenges. Audiologists are uniquely positioned to provide the timely emotional and psychological support that parents want and need.

This seminar described how to improve our ability to "hear" these reactions, and provide a set of counselling strategies designed to support parents through their reactions and adjustment process.

With thanks to Advanced Bionics for supporting this event.

Increasing demand for Ear Foundation expertise



Di Harbor, Educational Tutor, talking with William, an implant user, in Vienna, Austria

Demand for our knowledge and skills is increasing, both nationally and internationally.

For example, over the past few months, The Ear Foundation has welcomed visitors from Denmark, Germany, India, France, and Sweden. While members of our Education Team, have travelled

within the UK and abroad, delivering talks and courses in Austria, Belgium, Holland, Hong Kong, India and South Korea.

Demand for our information resources is also rising, with packages being sent to individuals and organisations across the world.

The Ear Foundation BBQ 2006

By Richard Murray ...

As Germany geared up to face Portugal in the World Cup 3rd place final, Normanton-on-Soar was preparing for The Ear Foundation's Annual Barbeque.

On Saturday 8 July I set off for my first Ear Foundation barbeque.

Upon arrival, the sound of Ken Godfrey's Jazz Band could be heard amongst the 200 voices mingling around the garden. The Ear Foundation stall was in full force, with people trying to win the big teddy bear. While the number of children who had found the face painting stand was evident, as butterflies, spiders and gold stars had found their way onto many smiling faces.

Further on up into the garden were various stalls selling books, cakes, strawberries and cream, plants and toys. There were plenty of games for

everyone, including Find the Treasure, Roll-a-Coin and a tombola. At the very top of the garden children were enjoying the Bouncy Castle.

The day was a big success; it was great to see so many people enjoying themselves, and we raised a brilliant £1,000 for The Ear Foundation. Many thanks to everyone who came along.

Richard works at The Ear Foundation as Administrator



James and his mum, enjoying the face-painting

Golf Day

Our annual Golf Day teed off at 10am on Friday 23 June at Ruddington Grange Golf Club, raising £1,105 towards our work.

There was a great turn-out, with 48 golfers taking part. The weather was ideal, and everyone enjoyed the day.

The results:

- **1st place**
Dale Lee and Chris Senior
- **2nd place**
Ian and David Hudson
- **Longest drive (gents)**
Ian Hudson
- **Longest drive (ladies)**
Janet Thomas
- **Nearest the pin**
Helen Lister
- **Putting competition**
Mark Annison

A big thank you to everyone involved.

We hope you can join us for next year's event which will be held on 15 June 2007. For further details, please contact Janet on 0115 942 1985 or email janett@earfoundation.org.uk.



Brian Archbold, Chief Executive of The Ear Foundation, with this year's winners, Dale Lee and Chris Senior

Dinner and dancing at The Ear Foundation's Annual Ball



Prestwold Hall


This year's Christmas Ball will take place on Friday 1 December at Prestwold Hall in Loughborough, Leicestershire, one of the East Midlands' finest stately homes.

You will be welcomed with a glass of Buck's Fizz, with an excellent menu to follow. Monty's Special Guest Band will provide the music for what promises to be a wonderful evening.

Tickets are £50. For the last four years, the Ball has been a sell-out. Please contact Brian on 0115 942 1985 or email brian@earfoundation.org.uk for further details.

We hope that you will be able to join us.

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Thank you to all our supporters

Cricket brings in cash



On the 4th August Caswell Adhesives and Saint-Gobain Performance Plastics lined up for their 6th annual charity cricket match.

Players included staff and operators from each company, and team spirit was running high as the two teams were level pegging at two wins each following a rained-off match in 2005.

This closely fought event is held each year in aid of a number of charities. This year, the match raised £900, which was split between three charities, one of which was The Ear Foundation, who have benefited from the annual match since it began 6 years ago.

We'd like to say a big thank you to everyone at Caswell Adhesives and Saint-Gobain Performance Plastics for all their support, and also thank all the companies and individuals who helped to make the event such a success.

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When selling an item, you can donate some, or all, of your item's final selling price to The Ear Foundation. Buyers bidding for an item through eBay for Charity will know that they are supporting a good cause. Go to

<http://pages.ebay.co.uk/community/charity/>

for more details.

Skydive

We'd like to say a big thank you to Victoria Rees who recently skydived to raise money for The Ear Foundation and CICS. Victoria presented cheques for £200 each to both organisations at this year's Family Weekend.



Victoria talking to Brian Archbold about her Skydive

Christmas collection

Help us help more deaf children to hear and communicate by buying The Ear Foundation's Christmas cards and gift wrap.

Please contact Richard on 0115 942 1985 or email richard@earfoundation.org.uk for a brochure or to view and buy online visit www.earfoundation.org.uk/shop/



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