

# EAR FOUNDATION NEWS



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## 6<sup>th</sup> EUROPEAN SYMPOSIUM *on Paediatric Cochlear Implantation*

The very first European Symposium was organised by Professor Gerry O'Donoghue, Professor Mark Lutman and Sue Archbold, and was held at the Medical School of the Queen's Medical Centre University Hospital in Nottingham. That was ten years ago, and there were about 300 delegates.

This year's Symposium was the largest to date, with over 800 delegates attending at a purpose-built conference centre at Las Palmas de Gran Canaria, Canary Islands, Spain. Gerry O'Donoghue and Sue Archbold were the UK's representatives on the 15-strong Symposium Advisory Committee; and the Nottingham team was very strongly represented at the conference.

Sue Archbold was one of the Keynote Speakers, and other members of the team giving presentations were Gerry O'Donoghue, Thomas Nikolopoulos, Steve Mason, Dee Dyar, Suzanne Harrigan (on her work at The Ear Foundation with the Parent Interaction Programme), Liz Beadle (covering how we look after the teenagers in Nottingham, including the



● Conference Centre ~ Las Palmas de Gran Canaria

Summer Schools), Tracey Sach and Michelle Dodd. Posters were displayed by Margaret Tait, Yvonne Cope, Helen Peebles, Deb Wilson, Hazel Lloyd-Richmond and Jayne Inscoc.

The strength and quality of the Nottingham contingent were mentioned by many of the delegates ~ and we should be proud of their important contributions to this large and prestigious Symposium, furthering the quality of the support provided round the world for children with cochlear implants.

### Quality of Life

Whilst at the Symposium, many comments were received about the Continuing Education Programme at The Ear Foundation, and hundreds of leaflets were taken away about our Advanced Cochlear Implant Workshop and the Quality of Life conference.



● Helen Peebles, Liz Beadle, Sue Archbold, Dee Dyar, Margaret Tait, Tracey Sach, Yvonne Cope, Hazel Lloyd-Richmond, Michelle Dodd and Deb Wilson

## Professor O'Donoghue's Inaugural Lecture

We were all delighted when Founding Trustee Gerry O'Donoghue gained his professorship last year.

His Inaugural Lecture entitled "Cochlear Implants ~ rewiring the human auditory system" will take place on Thursday 16 May 2002, starting at 6:30 pm, in Lecture Theatre 1, Queen's Medical Centre University Hospital, Nottingham.

All will be very welcome to attend this lecture.



● Gerry O'Donoghue

## Quality of life in deaf children ~ Measuring the immeasurable

An important international conference is taking place in Nottingham on Friday 17 May, once again at Queen's Medical Centre University Hospital, Nottingham. It is being organised by Trustees Gerry O'Donoghue and Sue Archbold, and speakers are coming to Nottingham from all over the world.

The morning session will cover the more generic aspects of quality of life in relation to children and their families. The afternoon session will then consider in particular the impact of deafness on life quality. Price per delegate is £95, including lunch and refreshments.

Further details from Brian Archbold.

# CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

My first year as Chairman has seen a number of new developments, but first of all, I would like to pay tribute to my predecessor, Professor Gerry O'Donoghue, who has held the post of Chairman since The Ear Foundation was first formed in 1989. Without his vision, and the vision of others, we would not have the strong base that we have today.

The first major change of the year was to appoint Brian Archbold (Honorary Treasurer, Honorary Chief Executive and Trustee) to the Director's post, which is funded by Children in Need. The role had been vacant since Doctor Malcolm Garner left us, and we are most grateful to Children in Need for continuing the funding for a third year. Having retired as a Branch Director with Lloyds TSB Bank, Brian has brought some business ideas to The Ear Foundation, and promoting courses and conferences has certainly brought its benefits.

It was felt that there was a demand for training courses, particularly for Teachers of the Deaf and Speech and Language Therapists, and a brochure was devised which was distributed to Cochlear Implant teams throughout the country, and also as an insert with various professional journals (eg: BATOD). From a database of zero, by the end of the year, we had built up a database of 820 people, who have expressed an interest in our courses. They are from all over the UK, with quite a reasonable number from member states of the European Union.

The usual Advanced Cochlear Implant Workshop was also a great success, with more delegates than ever before, and this was despite a last minute move to the main campus of the University of Nottingham, due to foot and mouth disease concerns at the School of Agriculture. As many as 30% of the delegates were from abroad, and apart from European countries, there were delegates from South Africa, Saudi Arabia and Canada. We also held, for the first time, a Health Economics Conference in May, which attracted much publicity and a book will soon be published from the findings of the day.

Education is one of the objectives of our charity, and we have certainly fulfilled this in great measure, over the last year. It has also brought useful income to The Ear Foundation, which we are using to develop our facilities. On the same educational theme, we offer our thanks for the generosity of Cochlear Europe Limited, who have donated a new state of the art audio visual system in our conference room. This has been used not only for the courses we run, but also for our series of Twilight Lectures and shortly we will be using the video conferencing facility.

We held 3 Twilight Lectures over the year. The first was by Doctor Sue Gregory (who is now working at The Ear Foundation for one day a week, following her retirement from The University of Birmingham). For our second lecture, we welcomed Christie Yoshinaga-Itano from the USA; and for the third lecture, we had Warren Estabrooks from Canada.

In the latter part of the year, our application for a 3-year grant from the Department of Health was successful, and through this grant, we have been able to employ Suzanne Harrigan, a Speech and Language Therapist, as Family Education Co-ordinator. The results from Suzanne's Parent Interaction Programme are most exciting, and this grant will enable us to develop this further, over the next 3 years.

The Summer Schools were again popular, and we held 3 Residential Weeks, for different age groups, with 2 other courses for younger children. The evaluation sheets showed the huge benefits of children and young people with cochlear implants meeting each other, and this feeling was also evident at this year's Center Parc weekend, which was the most popular ever. Cochlear Europe Limited kindly sponsored a half-day conference for the parents and grandparents, whilst the children were being entertained elsewhere. Apart from receiving updates from various members of our team, the parents were able to discuss any problems and difficulties that they encountered. Once again, it was strongly felt that there were huge benefits in being able to talk to other parents who had implanted children. A further exciting development has been the setting up of a group of young people, who have called themselves Teenz United, who meet here at The Ear Foundation every other month on a Saturday.

For those of you who have visited The Ear Foundation recently, you will have seen that we have completed the furnishing of the new building. Unfortunately, this has attracted the criminal element, and we have had as many as 5 burglaries in a 6-month period. Not only has this disrupted our work, but we have had to spend a great deal of money on increasing our security, including new lighting on the outside of our premises, more alarm sensors, more video surveillance cameras and latterly grilles on the windows and doors. With this security work almost finished, we are hopeful that we will no longer have to suffer the break-ins that we have endured over recent months.

We were honoured to have a visit from HRH Princess Alexandra in September, when she carried out the official opening of our new premises. We were absolutely delighted that our President, Mrs. Marjorie Sherman, and her family, were able to join us for this day. Princess Alexandra acknowledged the great influence of Mrs. Sherman in helping The Ear Foundation to grow. Her Royal Highness visited both Marjorie Sherman House and the new Centre, and as well as spending time with Mrs. Sherman, with our team and with various local dignitaries, she enjoyed meeting the implanted children and young people, as well as their parents. In fact, she enjoyed her visit so much, that she stayed for 20 minutes longer than planned. In the conference room, Her Royal Highness met more of our supporters, and there were then brief presentations by Professor Gerry O'Donoghue, Sue Archbold and a most moving speech by Beth Bearder (13) who had a cochlear implant when she was a small child.

We are sorry that Mrs. Sherman has suffered from ill health over the last year, but she remains a very strong supporter of The Ear Foundation, once again sponsoring our Christmas Ball, which was the most successful to date. We send Mrs. Sherman our grateful thanks and very best wishes.

On the financial side, there were some notable successes in our fundraising activities, including the Christmas Ball, Deaf Awareness Week and the Zip line. However, other events had to be cancelled, due to reasons completely outside our control ~ foot and mouth disease stopped 2 of our events, and the burning down of an hotel in London stopped a planned abseil. On the positive side, the donations were higher than we had anticipated, albeit a lower figure than in previous years, excluding the audio visual equipment donation from Cochlear Europe Limited. We acknowledge that it is easier to raise funds for a new building or furnishings, but the generosity of our supporters has enabled us to enhance our work over the year.

A number of our team (Professor Gerry O'Donoghue, Sue Archbold and Suzanne Harrigan) have been invited to address conferences both in the UK and overseas. Their papers, and those produced by other members of the Nottingham Paediatric Cochlear Implant Programme, have been published, raising the profile of the work being carried out here in Nottingham. Brian Archbold and Sue Archbold also attended the annual meeting of the European Cochlear Implant Users' Group (EURO-CIU), and Brian also attended the UK's National Cochlear Implant Users' Group annual meeting in Birmingham.

We felt that there was a need to undertake a systematic literature review of key research findings on the entire range of outcomes associated with paediatric cochlear implantation. Cochlear Europe Limited have agreed to fund this research, with the aims of establishing the current knowledge on this topic and identify gaps; and to make recommendations for future research in the area, identifying aspects of benefit not taken into account before. The final report will give us a guide for future research and policy in the field, and will provide a framework for reporting outcomes from Cochlear Implant centres.

As you can see, we have had a very full year, and on behalf of our Board, I wish to express our thanks to all those who have supported us, whether it be through donations, sponsorship, attending our fundraising events or assisting with our work. In particular, I would like to thank all those team members of the Nottingham Paediatric Cochlear Implant Programme, who have given up their time willingly to run our courses and to help with the teenage groups and the Summer Schools.

Sir Frederick Bolton MC FIMarE

11 March 2002

## ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

This year's AGM took place at  
The Ear Foundation  
on Wednesday 20 March.

## DEAF AWARENESS WEEK

It was great to see the enthusiasm for National Deaf Awareness Week last year, with children raising money through (for example) concerts, sale of goods and non-uniform days. Through these events, we raised over £3,000 for The Ear Foundation. This year there will not be a National Deaf Awareness Week but National Sign Language Week will be from 7th to 11th October. The next National Deaf Awareness Week will be in the Spring of 2003 ~ we will keep you informed, as we would be delighted if more schools could join us.

Since the last edition of Ear Foundation News, we have had donations from:

Grangehurst Primary School and  
Hawthorn County Primary School

## NEW TEAM MEMBER

We are delighted to welcome  
Mrs. Janet Thomas to our team.

She has joined The Ear  
Foundation to give secretarial  
and operational support.  
Until recently, Janet was Personal  
Assistant to a Branch Director  
with Lloyds TSB Bank.



● Maureen Charlton, accommodation manager, welcomes Janet Thomas to The Ear Foundation

## British Association of Teachers of the Deaf

Many congratulations to  
David Hartley, who is taking over  
from Sue Archbold as national  
President of BATOD.  
Fewer free weekends for David,  
we fear!

## It pays to give to The Ear Foundation their share



Britain is one of the most generous nations in the world when it comes to supporting charities. Last year we gave almost £6 billion out of our own pockets to good causes, but most of us have probably never thought about how we give and have certainly never considered giving shares to the charities we want to help. Whether you've got a few old BT shares stuffed in a back drawer gathering dust, or you're an active player on the stock exchange with a sophisticated share portfolio, if you give shares to charity you could get personal tax relief of up to 40% while supporting a good cause.

Alastair Muir, 39, has made the most of this tax-effective way of giving. A retired businessman from Wiltshire, Alastair had built up a number of businesses before deciding to change his lifestyle. He sold his shareholdings, and now does a mixture of business consultancy and voluntary work for charities. He wanted to put something back into his local community, and got involved with the Wiltshire and Swindon Community Foundation. The Foundation manages and distributes funds on behalf of individuals, companies and charitable trusts to help those most in need in Wiltshire and Swindon.

He became a trustee but also wanted to support the foundation financially. At the same time he had shares in his portfolio that we wanted to sell, but which would attract some capital gains liability. He heard about Share Giving, and decided to make a donation to the foundation using the shares. He donated £4,500 in shares, and, as a higher rate tax payer, he got 40% income tax relief, which translated to £1,800 off his tax bill. If he'd simply sold the shares on the open market, he would have had to pay £1,800 in capital gains tax, so by giving them to charity he also saved £1,800 in capital gains tax. The result was that donating £4,500 in shares effectively cost him only £900.

Alistair said of his donation: 'Giving money to the foundation through Share Giving was as easy as writing a cheque - the only difference being that I received money back from giving my shares in the way of income tax relief, and the charity gained too.'

Alastair is an extreme example of just how much tax relief it is possible to get, but any donation of shares to charity will get full income tax relief, and the potential for charities is huge. Of the 12 million shareholders in the UK, 8 million didn't touch their shares last year. Indeed, a recent survey indicated that 1 in 5 of Britain's shareholders would be prepared to donate shares to charity if they were asked.

Donating shares to charity and claiming a tax break is easier than you think. The first step is to give us a call and let us know if you are planning to donate some shares. Depending on how the shares are held, you might have to fill out a stock transfer form or simply arrange for a transfer from your nominee account straight to the charity.

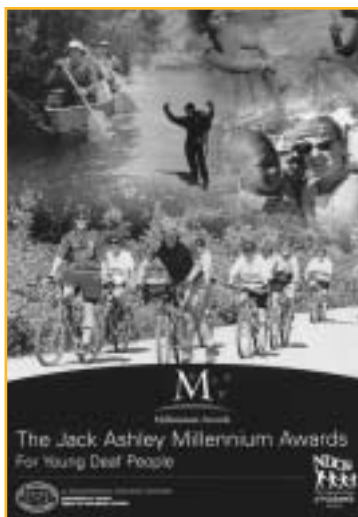
For a free guide to giving shares to charity, call 0845 0700 444, and to make a share donation to The Ear Foundation, call 0115 942 1985.

## The Jack Ashley Millennium Awards for Young Deaf People

In February 2002, the Millennium Commission approved a bid to run the Jack Ashley Millennium Award Scheme for a further 5 months. The scheme to date has given away a total of £509,240 in grants to 95 Award winners. Awards range from between £2,000 to £15,000 per person.

The Jack Ashley Millennium Awards funds ambitious projects for young deaf people aged between 14 and 25 from all over the UK, to improve their self-confidence and personal development. An important part of the philosophy of the Awards is that the community benefits from the project and that the applicant demonstrates new skills.

The final application round date is 7 May 2002. If you would like any further information on this scheme, details are available from: Text Tel: 020 7490 8656, Fax 020 7251 5020, Millennium.awards@NDCS.org.UK or visit [www.NDCS.org.UK](http://www.NDCS.org.UK).



## EURO-CIU

The Ear Foundation is a member of EURO-CIU, which is the European Association of Cochlear Implant Users. This year's annual meeting is to be held in Amsterdam on Saturday 6 April.

If anyone wishes anything to be raised at this meeting, please have a word with Brian who will be attending.



• Teresa Amat, Anne-Marie Welter-Konsbruck and Joan Zamora

## AICE (Asociación de Implantados Cocleares de España)

The 6<sup>th</sup> European Symposium gave us the opportunity to renew friendships with similar organisations in Europe, including both AICE and EURO-CIU, with whom we have close working relationships.

AICE brought out a Special Edition of their magazine "integración" to distribute to all 800 delegates at the conference. They used the opportunity to write articles about the different European countries that are members of EURO-CIU, including two pages on The Ear Foundation and two pages on our friends at the National Cochlear Implant Users Association ~ in Spanish and in English. Later in the magazine, examples of Ear Foundation News and the NCIUA Newsletter were shown.

We have a few copies of "integración" at The Ear Foundation if anyone would like to see a copy.

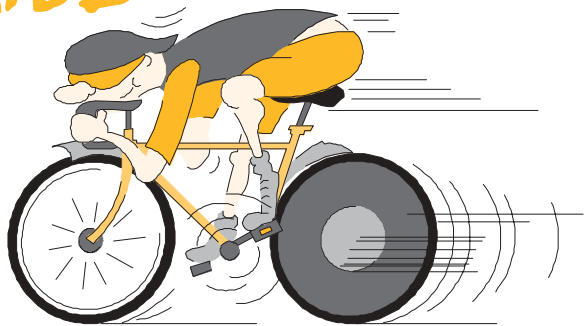


• Brian Archbold inspects the latest damage

## ....AND MORE BREAK-INS!!

Since the last edition of Ear Foundation News, we have had another two break-ins ~ taking the total to five in six months. One of these was in broad daylight on Christmas Day! Unfortunately these episodes have meant further expense on security and, to date, none of the culprits have yet been apprehended.

# CHARITY CYCLE RIDE



Nick Bolton, one of the sons of our Chairman, is planning to cycle the length of France from Cherbourg in the North to Biarritz in the South. The route will cover nearly 1,000 miles, and the journey will take place over a 14-day period from 27th April to 11th May. Nick's nephew, Frederic, received a cochlear implant, after he lost his hearing through meningitis.

Cycling with Nick will be Trevor Bowers, whose nine-year old son, Louis, contracted Perthes Disease, a potentially crippling disease of the hip. Children with Perthes Disease are often immobilised in various orthopaedic appliances for one/two years, and occasionally surgery is necessary. The Perthes Association helps these children, including the provision of unique adapted tricycles for children who would otherwise be confined to wheelchairs.



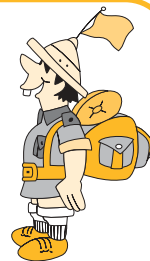
This Charity Cycle Ride is a tough challenge for Nick and Trevor, and is not taken lightly! They are raising money for both The Ear Foundation and The Perthes Association ~ so if you would like to sponsor them, just give us a ring and we will put you in touch.

Both are Registered Charities, so don't forget Gift Aid!

## WHY NOT GO ON A RALEIGH INTERNATIONAL EXPEDITION?

Raleigh International have some places left on expeditions this Summer ~ Namibia (6 July to 14 September) and Ghana (12 July to 18 September).

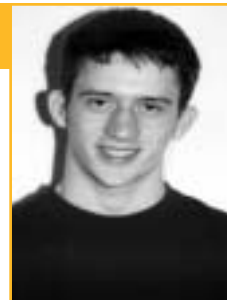
You have to be a minimum of 17 years of age to participate. The next selection weekend is on 13 April in Oxford. Contact Raleigh International: [info@raleigh.org.uk](mailto:info@raleigh.org.uk) or telephone 020 7371 8585.



## SWIMMING

Two of our young people are doing really well with their swimming.

Elinor Scott (10) of Newport, South Wales, was last year chosen by the British Swimming Director to swim as part of the British Deaf B Team at Ghent in Belgium. She had been noticed at the British Deaf School's Finals in Birmingham the previous November when she had become the Under-13 Backstroke Champion. This month she is taking part in the British Deaf Team's training weekend at Aldershot and will also have the opportunity to take part in the Gala there, the National Finals for deaf people.



● Richard Breen

Richard Breen (16) of Leicester is the Junior European Deaf Swimming record holder at 100m Backstroke and 100m Freestyle and, as a member of the British Deaf Team, he participated in the World Deaf Games in Rome which took place between 25 July and 2 August 2001. He swims six times per week, totalling 8½ hours, so it certainly keeps him busy ~ and will prepare him to meet his ambition of competing in the Deaflympics which are to be held in Melbourne Australia in January 2005.

## MULTI-SENSORY ROOM

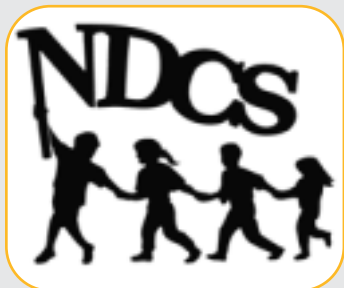
Over the last year, The Percy Bilton Charity have been extremely generous in making significant donations to equip our Multi-Sensory Room. Included in this equipment was a Soundbeam System.

We realised that we could be more adventurous with the Soundbeam System if we had a second beam. Bethan Williams, mother of Yasmin, kindly introduced us to Mr Ellis, proprietor of Palins of Rhyl. Throughout 2001, Palins Country Club and the Magpie and Stump Mexican Pub/Restaurant raised enough money to present this specialist piece of equipment. We are most grateful to Mr Ellis, and the staff & clients of Palins.



Palins' manageress Diane Phasey and Magpie and Stump manager Paul Hodge presenting the new Soundbeam equipment to Brian Archbold

## EDUCATIONAL ISSUES WITH NDCS



We are holding a one-day event on Saturday 11 May, in collaboration with the NDCS. It will provide families with facts and information about issues to do with education ~ including statementing, transfer to secondary education and accessing support.

So, if you have any concerns or worries about your child's current or future schooling, then this is the event for you! Suzanne has all the details.

# Christmas Ball

It seems a long time ago now, but the latest Christmas Ball has received more compliments than ever before! Prestwold Hall once again came up with an excellent venue, superb food and first class service. This year's band was the well acclaimed local group Mood Indigo, who generously gave us a significant donation out of their fee. Many thanks to Raphaële O'Donoghue for introducing us to this band, and for negotiating these special terms.

The event was a sell-out, and no-one seemed to mind moving a few tables from the dance floor, to allow more space for the dancing.

We haven't had an Auction at the Ball for a few years, and many thanks to Trustee Richard Pannell for handling this so well. The huge hamper kindly donated by Mr & Mrs Knight went to Mr & Mrs Terry Smalley; and the flight piloted by one of our surgeons, Kevin Gibbin was enjoyed by Mr & Mrs David Smith. (See photograph before taking off ~ on a very stormy day)

Many thanks to all who contributed to the success of the Ball ~ our President, Marjorie Sherman, who once again generously sponsored the Ball, Cochlear Europe who sponsored the net cost of the Band, Advanced Bionics

(Clarion) who sponsored the Bucks Fizz Reception and to MED-EL who sponsored the Raffle. Thanks also to those who sold so many tickets, and to those who came along! Following generous sponsorship and support, the Ball made over £7,200 for our funds.!



● Mr & Mrs David Smith with pilot Kevin Gibbin

## Literature Review

A range of outcomes associated with cochlear implantation have been reported in literature over the last 10 years. These have included specific measures of functional outcome, as well as more important measures of well being, such as social interaction and quality of life. The research has been reported in a wide range of contexts and professional journals, which makes accessibility and comparability difficult. Additionally, the cost-effectiveness of cochlear implantation is currently under question, and there is a great deal of interest in a wider range of outcomes such as long-term educational and quality of life measures.



With sponsorship from Cochlear Europe, we have appointed Ernst Thoutenhoofd to be Research Officer for this review, with Project Directors being Brian Archbold, Doctor Sue Gregory and Doctor Thomas Nikolopoulos. The aim is to undertake a systematic literature review of key research findings on the entire range of outcomes associated with paediatric cochlear implantation. Two subsidiary aims are to establish the current knowledge on this topic and identify gaps; and to make recommendations for future research in the area, identifying aspects of benefit not taken into account before. The final report will become a guide for future research and policy in the field and will provide a framework for reporting outcomes from Cochlear Implant Centres.

● Ernst Thoutenhoofd

**This year's Ball is (as always) on the first Friday in December ~ Friday 6th December 2002, so get it in your diary now**

## Center Parcs

What an incredible weekend! There were more families than ever before, with every single villa booked ~ and a waiting list in case there were any cancellations. The buffet lunch on the Saturday, the children's entertainment and the half-day Conference for parents, all kindly sponsored by Cochlear Europe, were very well received. It was great to see many people from all over the UK ~ England (from the north to the Home Counties and to Cornwall), Scotland, Wales and (for the first time) the Isle of Man.

Whilst the children were being entertained (see photograph), the parents and other family members, received presentations from Brian Archbold (The Ear Foundation), Sue Archbold (Nottingham Paediatric Cochlear Implant Programme), Lisa Aubert (update from Cochlear Europe), Kevin Gibbin (update on surgical techniques) and Tricia Kemp (CICS). There then followed a Parents Panel, with many interesting questions from the floor.

Alison Vinden offered to write up the weekend for NDCS Talk magazine, and you can read more about it there.



This year's Center Parcs Weekend, once again in Sherwood Forest, will be the weekend of 22 November.

Details from Brian Archbold.

## DUCK RACE ~ SATURDAY 15 JUNE

Many thanks to Diana Walkerdine, who has agreed to hold a Duck Race once more. Last year it had to be cancelled, as the river bank had collapsed due to the floods. If you wish to "buy" a duck (or ducks) for the Duck Race, please send £1 per duck to The Ear Foundation, and we will allocate you a number. Prize for the first duck home is £100, second prize £50, third prize £30 and fourth prize £20 ~ we will let you know if you have won! Please tell us your telephone number, your email address or your postal address, so that we can contact the winners as soon as the race is over.



# CICS MIDLANDS

## Parents Conference

CICS Midlands are proud to announce their first Parents Conference:

Know your Moo, Baa, Ssss, ~ but where to go from there?

OR

Promoting language development in children aged 5 to 11 years

The conference is specifically aimed at helping those parents whose children have been implanted for more than three years, but all are welcome. The ideal chance to gain information and advice on how to further develop and extend your child's spoken language and listening skills.

We are hoping to have a variety of speakers, including parents and teachers of implanted children, Speech and Language Therapists, representatives from Nottingham Paediatric Cochlear Implant Programme and Cochlear Europe.

It will be held at The Ear Foundation on Saturday 15 June from 10:30 to 4 pm. Cost is £5 per family, and limited crèche facilities will be available at £2 per child. As space at The Ear Foundation is limited, the conference will be restricted to a maximum of 40 adults. Please reserve your place as soon as possible.

Other CICS Midlands events include a Scavenger Hunt at Markeaton Park, Derby. Please note that, owing to unforeseen circumstances, we have had to change the date of this event to Saturday 27 April, from 1:30 pm to 4 pm. Cost £2 per family to cover the cost of prizes. Please let Carmen know if you want to come.

There is also our annual Picnic in the Park; and hopefully a Golden Jubilee Celebration/Party

For more information about any of the CICS Midlands events, please contact:

- Carmen Burton, 32 Grosvenor Street, Derby, DE24 8AU. Tel: 01332 365528; or
- Janet Stockton, 53 Wilne Lane, Shardlow, Derby, DE72 2HA. Tel: 01332 799282.

## HOLIDAY RAFFLE HOLIDAY RAFFLE HOLIDAY RAFFLE HOLIDAY RAFFLE HOLIDAY RAFFLE HOLIDAY RAFFLE

This was hugely successful, with so many tickets sold! In all, there were 20 prizes, and we are most grateful for all those who donated these, particularly David & Sue Fisher who provided our First Prize.

Congratulations to everyone who won a prize! ~ the lucky winners were:-

Sue Denning who won the FIRST PRIZE with Ticket No. 13182 ~ one week's stay for up to six people in a large holiday apartment in the delightful historic old town of Oliva near Valencia & Alicante, Spain. Accommodation only, from 4 ~ 11 May 2002.

Chris & Mary Ashworth who won the SECOND PRIZE with Ticket No. 9528 ~ One week's stay for up to four people in a ground floor apartment with sea view, just outside the picturesque fishing village of Calella de Palafrugell, Costa Brava, Spain. Accommodation only, before end of May 2002 but excluding Easter.

- Mr H Hilliar won the Child's Season Ticket ~ Crealey Park, Devon with Ticket No. 0891.
- Mr & Mrs Conde won the Family Ticket to Coldharbour Mill, Devon with Ticket No. 7009.
- Mr D. Ledger won tickets to the Tropiquaria Wildlife Park, West Somerset with Ticket No. 6769.
- Mr N. Harris won 2 children's tickets to Fleet Air Museum, Somerset with Ticket No. 8439.
- Mr & Mrs Budden won 4 children's tickets to National Marine Aquarium, Plymouth with Ticket No. 1604.
- Mr White ~ Tickets to Wildlife Park at Cricket St. Thomas, Somerset with Ticket No. 11379.
- Ms B. Sharp won the Family Ticket to Bowood House, Wiltshire with Ticket No. 6061.
- Mr & Mrs C. Greenway won 2 Tickets to Paignton Zoo, Devon with ticket No. 8494.
- Mr M.M. Brandon-Bravo won the Family Ticket to Magna Project, Rotherham with Ticket No. 13043.
- Mr M. Clough won 4 Tickets to Wonderland Pleasure Park, Farnsfield with Ticket No. 13572.
- Mrs Deighton won Tickets to Wonderland Pleasure Park, Farnsfield with Ticket No. 5282.
- Ms J. Craven won Tickets to Horse World, Whitchurch, Bristol with Ticket No. 0799.
- Mr S. Selby won 3 children's Tickets to The White Post Modern Farm, Farnsfield with Ticket No. 2575.
- Mr D.A. Davison won a Family Ticket to Earth Centre, Doncaster with Ticket No. 9341.
- Mr Lathey won a Family Ticket to Earth Centre, Doncaster with Ticket No. 6751.
- Mr D. Stevens won Tickets to Roman Baths, Bath with Ticket No. 14970.
- Mr D Bell won 4 Adults Tickets to the National Sea Life Centre, Birmingham with Ticket No. 1715.
- Mrs A. Daffas won 4 Adults Tickets to the National Sea Life Centre, Birmingham with Ticket No. 7919.

## PARENT INTERACTION PROGRAMME

Speak to Suzanne Harrigan if you would like to join the Parent Interaction Programme. These three-day courses aim, through a combination of group work and video feedback, to help you communicate more effectively with your child.

These courses are suitable for families of pre-school children who are within the first 12 months of implantation and are at the earliest stages of language development. Parents need to be able to attend for all three Saturdays and be willing to be filmed! This course is highly recommended by both parents and professionals ~ we strongly urge you to attend!

The next course is on Saturdays 16 March, 13 April and 4 May; but further courses will be available later in the year.



## CICS MIDLANDS HALLOWEEN PARTY 2001

A really SPOOKY time was had by about a dozen CICS Midlands families last October. Families came from as far afield as Doncaster, Nottingham, Swadlincote and Derbyshire. Everyone made a GRUESOME effort for the children's fancy dress competition which was won by Thomas Bates and Pippa Bryan.

We had lots of GHOULISH games and a party tea. This was followed by a wonderful Halloween Cake courtesy of Natalie's Grandma. We're looking forward seeing everyone at the next Party!

● Judging the Halloween Fancy Dress



## Twilight Lectures



Over the last year, we have arranged a number of Twilight Lectures. Although these are aimed at professionals working in the East Midlands, everyone is welcome to come along. The latest lecture was on Monday 11 March, and was by Professor Margaret Harris, Reader in Development Psychology at Royal Holloway University of London. She is author of many articles and books on language development in deaf and hearing children, and her lecture was entitled "Early interaction between deaf children and their mothers". Our Twilight Lectures start at 5:30 pm, and finish at about 7 o'clock.

If you would like to be added to our Twilight Lectures Mailing List, either send an e-mail to us on [brian@earfoundation.org.uk](mailto:brian@earfoundation.org.uk) or telephone Brian.

## Drop in Mornings

Once a month, The Ear Foundation is hosting family sessions from 10 am to 12 noon. These mornings give families the chance to meet up and discuss any issues or concerns they may have, both with each other and with professionals and representatives from CICS who will be dropping in. So the dates for your diaries are:

- Thursday 28 March
- Thursday 25 April
- Thursday 30 May
- Thursday 27 June

*We look forward to seeing you!*



Don't forget our Summer Schools! The dates for teenagers are as follows:

- \* 16+ ~ 31 July to 2 August
- \* 10s to 13s ~ 7 to 9 August
- \* 13s to 16s ~ 12 to 14 August

The Summer School dates for younger children (mornings only) are:

- \* 6s to 10s ~ 29 to 31 July
- \* Under 6s ~ 5 to 7 August

## Summer School

## DATA PROTECTION ACT

In the last edition, we ran an article about the provisions of the 1998 Data Protection Act. A very small number of our old supporters have asked us to take their names off our Database, which we have done. A number of other people have contacted us to correct their address in our records, mainly the addition of Post Codes. If we have your address wrong, or if you no longer wish to receive Ear Foundation News, just let us know and we will put it right.

## GOLF DAY

Do you play golf? We are holding The Ear Foundation's first Golf Tournament at Breadsall Priory Golf and Country Club, Moor Road, Morley, Derby on Friday 14 June, from 11 am until 1:30 pm. Cost will be £35 per person, including a buffet lunch. Speak to Brian Archbold or Phil Richmond for details. Why not get a team of four together at £140, perhaps mixing business with pleasure.

If any companies or individuals wish to sponsor a hole, give us a ring! We hope to see you there!

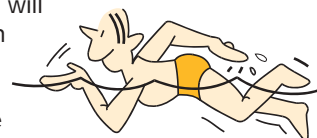
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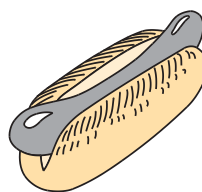
Last year was the first time that we had tried a Zip Line as a fund-raising event, and it went down really well (pun intended!) with a net figure of £2,350 raised. Dale wasn't quite sure about doing it herself last year, but then enjoyed it so much that she went back for another attempt ~ you may have seen her photograph in the last edition of Ear Foundation News. We are, therefore, repeating the event, and this year's Zip Line will be on Sunday 22nd September ~ why don't you speak to Dale about how good it was!

## SPONSORED SWIM AND BARBECUE

Loughborough Swimming Pool has again been booked for this year's Sponsored Swim ~ this year it is on Saturday 13 July, starting at 5:30 pm. Afterwards, and for those who don't like swimming (!), there will be the usual barbecue in Brian & Sue's garden at Normanton on Soar. The Jazz Band and the Bouncy Castle have been booked!



This is a most enjoyable fund-raising event, so if anyone would like sponsorship forms for the Swim, just let us know. For the last few years Trustee Tricia Kemp has raised by far the largest amount, and she



has also managed to get most of the sponsorship with Gift Aid ~ a lesson for us all!! We are hopeful that Philip and Amanda Daffas & family will be able to join us for this event ~ it will be good to see them again. As you may know, Philip left the

UK last year, to work for Cochlear in Australia, but his current rôle takes him all over the world.

## ROYAL MARINES ENDURANCE COURSE

This has always been one of our most popular (and perhaps most challenging!) fund raising events. Last year it had to be cancelled because of Foot & Mouth Disease, but this year it will be going ahead on Sunday 2nd June. If you are interested in receiving details and how to take part, Dale Sutcliffe has all the information you will need.

# THANKS TO DONORS

Many thanks to all those who have made donations over the last few months. We have had some very generous donations since our last Newsletter, so our grateful thanks to all, including:

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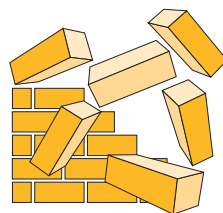


# TEENZ UNITED

Our teenage group, Teenz United, continues to meet here at The Ear Foundation; and they have just produced their latest Newsletter.

They are currently preparing for a fashion show later in the year ~ so they've already had a trial run, with their hair done by Janet, nails by Diana and facials by Rachel. And it wasn't just the girls who had the treatment, as we had some male takers for the facials, and they seemed to enjoy the experience! House of Fraser are going to provide the clothes for the Fashion Show, so Jane and Nicola joined the team for lunch.

So if you are interested in Fashion Shows, there are a limited number of tickets available from Teenz United or from The Ear Foundation ~ £5 per adult (including light refreshments), £3 for children and young people aged 5 to 16, and under 5s free. It will take place here at The Ear Foundation on Saturday 18 May, starting at 5 pm.



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