

Listening for Life Centre: Royal Opening



LFLC update

I would like to wish you all a very happy and prosperous New Year and take this opportunity of thanking all the supporters of The Ear Trust for making The Listening For Life Centre a reality.

The Royal opening by HRH The Duke of Gloucester was a tremendous event and a great honour. As a trained architect he appreciated some of the designs in our building. Sadly we could not invite everyone. We would, however, like to invite everyone to an

Open Day on Saturday 6th March 2010.

This will be held from 11am to 2pm to give you all a chance to look around and appreciate the facilities. Please contact Breeda to have your name put on the list of attendees. (01274 364853) I look forward to meeting you.

Kind regards
C H Raine - ChM FRCS

YCIS update

As you will no doubt see from the photographs the Listening for Life Centre is now formally open! I would like to say a big THANK YOU to everyone who has contributed by giving time, ideas, kind words and actions.....we wouldn't be here without you.

And to staff news....

Andy Dearnley is now our full time Technician, managing our spares and repairs service and is doing a great job too! Hopefully, a new Audiologist will be joining us in January. I can let you know more in the next news letter.

And finally, we want to wish Pauline Beesley, Audiology Services Manager, a very happy retirement and to say thank you for all the support she gave the service. We know she loves travelling so we wish her lots of adventures filled with fun in the future!

Hope you all have a very Happy Christmas and New Year.

Jane
YCIS Service Coordinator

A selection of photos taken at the royal opening .

His Royal Highness the Duke of Gloucester was introduced to patients, Trust staff, YCIS staff fund raisers and Ear Trust members.



Fiza from Bradford presented His Royal Highness with the gift of a stone garden snail in a basket with flowers. We have had a lovely letter of thanks from him.



His Royal Highness was very interested in the implants.



George from Wakefield was more interested in having his photo taken.



Finlay from Leeds also enjoyed the camera.



Speeches from David Richardson chairman of the Bradford Hospitals Trust, Chris Raine and His Royal Highness finished the afternoon.



If you would like your story to be published in Hearsay please send to

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Josie and Olivia from Harrogate with Chris Raine.

The Royal opening had lots of local publicity including this interview and picture in the Yorkshire Post.



No regrets as daughters' lives are transformed

Little Saffa , aged only 20 months, was treated a year ago at the centre, making her its youngest success story.

It was not a difficult decision for her family because Saffa's older sister Fiza now seven, had undergone the same surgery. Both were born profoundly deaf.

Their mother Sehkia Bi, 40, of Undercliffe, Bradford, said while Fiza was two-and-a-half when she had the implants, early intervention was thought wise in Saffa's case because she had had a bout of meningitis.

Their prospects were bleak but now the lives of both have been transformed.

Sehkia Bi said: "Saffa's life has changed a lot. She was a very quiet child."

Both girls have hearing tests and check-ups every month.

They are doted on by Sehkia, her husband Fazal Hussain and their seven other children. Sehkia says agreeing to the treatment for Fiza had been difficult but after seeing the improvement they had no hesitation when Saffa was found to be in a similar predicament.

Patient Support Group

The patient support group is a small friendly group that meets four times a year for an informal coffee morning get together.

The patient support group is for any adult who has a cochlear implant and relatives are also welcome. The group provides the opportunity to meet up with other people using cochlear implants to share stories, experiences, chat and make friends with other people who understand what life is like with a hearing difficulty.

We send out invitations to regular attendees and people who have received their cochlear implants more recently.

We also invite people who are under assessment for a cochlear implant to come to this meeting so that they can ask current cochlear implant users about their experiences of having a cochlear implant. This is a really important part of preparing to have a cochlear implant and most people who are under assessment find it extremely helpful to have the chance to talk to a few cochlear implant users. People often report that they feel less worried about the operation and more confident that they are making the right decision to go ahead with the cochlear implant after they have attended the group.

If you are not currently receiving invitations to the patient support group and would like to be added to the invitation list then please let me know.

Lynne Tapper

Speech and Language Therapist (Adults)



Seasonal Trivia Quiz

(answers below)

1. In Frosty the Snowman who brought Frosty back to life?
2. What was Scrooge's first name?
3. Name the 3 reindeer names whose names begin with D?
4. What was the first gift my true love sent to me on the sixth day of Christmas?
5. What colour is the Grinch?
6. What song was originally Titled 'One horse open sleigh'?
7. What snack is often left out for Santa?
8. What do most elves wear on the tips of their shoes?
9. What two words are normally pre printed on gift tags?
10. What is the name of the most famous Christmas ballet?



- Answers
1. Santa Claus
 2. Ebenezer
 3. Dasher, Donder, Dancer
 4. Six geese a laying
 5. Green
 6. Mince pie
 7. Jingle bells
 8. Bells
 9. To, from
 10. Nutcracker

Stage 84



We would like to thank Valerie Jackson from Stage 84 for sponsoring The Listening for Life Centre as their charity from the "Spectacular" performance at the Alhambra Theatre Bradford in October. There were over 270 children on stage at one time and the picture shows a little group from the show

GOLF DAY 2010

We are holding a Golf Day at Bingley St Ives Golf Club on Wednesday 23rd June 2010. This will be a 4 person team with a start time of 12 noon.

Light refreshment – Game of Golf – Dinner and Prize Giving - £300 per team.

If you would like to Sponsor a Hole – please send A.4 Laminated sign and cheque for £25.00 payable to The Ear Trust.



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Ellie Jo

A recent event at the Durham Hotel in North Marine Drive in Scarborough raised £704.00. This was a week-end of Auctions, Raffles – Quiz's etc. so a big thank you goes out to all involved especially Nanette Ingle at the Durham Hotel and Ellie Jo's parents for all their efforts.

Thank you also to Scarborough News who advertised the event and the acknowledgement.

ANNUAL RAFFLE

Autumn 2009

ANNUAL RAFFLE – RESULTS

First prize – No 00908 - claimed

2nd Prize – No. 08156– claimed

3rd Prize – No. 02077- claimed

Many thanks to all who supported the raffle.

Telegraph & Argus Update

The T & A have continued to support us with coverage of local events and also collecting monies from their readers.

We have received cheques from schools, companies and groups in lieu of Christmas cards and many other fundraising ideas.

Manchester 10K 2010



Runners, walkers and helpers wanted for the BUPA 10K Manchester run Sunday 16th May. We have applied for the Charity Village again and also for 50 running places. If you or any of your friends would like to join us please register your interest **NOW**. We had to turn away quite a few last year.

Contact CHRaine@aol.com

We also have 2 places for the Great North Run 19th Sept 2010 for any serious fundraisers and runners.

Parents & Friends

We have many parents of patients doing fundraising events and we hope to highlight some of them in the Hearsay from time to time. If you have any ideas or would like to do something for The Listening for Life Centre Appeal – then please contact me on 01274 – 364853 (m) 07815753677 Thank You - Breeda

If you have raised funds or would like to raise funds for the 'Listening For Life Centre' please contact Breeda BARRY

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