

NEWSLETTER

MAGNETISE

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Report from the Chair

A warm welcome to HCCIGs summer Magnetise 2017. This year we started with the wine bar social which was held on Tuesday 21st February 2017. A discussion took place over the changing of filters on a CI 6 Nucleus which was shown to members there and it transpired that some people did not know this should be done around every three months! So a good conversation was had on this subject.

One lady came to meet those of us with CI implants as she was scheduled to have her operation in July and it was fortuitous she was able to speak to another recipient who had the Kanso which is what she is having – this is the latest innovation from Cochlear that is barely noticeable.

Two more referrals from St Thomas and UCL hospitals came to the 2nd wine bar meeting on 4th July and we were able to answer some of their questions. That's the whole point of this group to share our experiences so individuals can find out more especially as they may forget to ask when attending hospital appointments. It's good to even reassure prospective recipients' partners or other family and friends as they have questions of their own on what to expect and how to adjust after. The next HCCIG wine bar social will be on 12th September so do join us but if you can't make it and have a question please send me an email on the subject so I can help or point you in the right direction.

Saturday 29 April 11 of our members attended the North London Caravan Club's Chairman's rally near Saffron Walden, Essex. The Chair has nominated HCCIG as one of the charities he is getting the NLCC to sponsor and I hear that it went very well so a big thank you to all who helped support this event.

The AGM will take place on a Saturday 16th September 2017 in London near Kings Cross. If you are interested in joining us then let me know as we hope to invite manufacturer's representatives along to give us an update on their products and services. The aim is once business is concluded to enjoy some time to socialise over refreshments and take a walk around the wildlife park.

Happy Holidays!

Dates for your Diary

WINE BAR
12th September 2017
6-9pm

Lounge 33 Wine Bar,
33-35 Brooke Street, Holborn,
London EC1N 7RS.
Nearest tube Chancery Lane Exit
2. Just come along, join in and
catch up on the latest CI chat.

AGM
Saturday 16 September
11am – 1:30pm
Camley Street Natural Park,
N1C 4PW
<http://www.wildlondon.org.uk/reperves/camley-street-natural-park>

Christmas meal
2nd December – save the date!

Newsletter updates If you would like to submit an article for the next publication of Magnetise then send it to hccigs@gmail.com by **24th October 2017**. Your newsletter will be emailed to you unless you ask for a hard copy to be posted.

NLCC Charity Weekend 29 April



The North London Caravan Club is sponsoring HCCIG from 2015-2018. So far, funds have been raised through a sponsored run by one of its members and through charity auctions and raffles. The Chairman and members know Darren Pallett and his family well over the years and have seen how his hearing has been given back with his Medel implant so felt it worthwhile to support his work as a Trustee of HCCIG so others can benefit in the future.

During the afternoon, NLCC held a garden fete of stalls to raise funds. There was tombola, bookstall, raffle, play your cards right (a very difficult game), bric a brac, face painting, cakes, food and drink stalls. The Teenagers managed the teddy bear tombola and guess the number of sweets in a jar. The most important stall was our costume jewellery stall!!!!.

At the end of the afternoon, a very entertaining live auction took place, selling some good items. One of our members was pleased to get his hands on an almost new paella pan and gas ring set for just £20! In the evening there was a disco and social event in the local village hall for those staying on site.

BSL ... Dear Jenny, Please accept my thanks for the 'Remembering Margaret Oatway' article in the Autumn Newsletter. The very many messages of support I have received over the last few months have helped me no end through what has been a very emotional time. Margaret was indeed 'a lovely lady' and an inspiration for so many.

I'm sure that she would also have very much supported you mentioning the learning of some basic BSL in your Report from the Chair. I can vividly recall when Margaret and I visited Red Square on our first evening when on a holiday to Moscow 15 or so years ago. We were watching a group of Russian deaf people chatting away in sign language when Margaret impulsively walked up to them and started signing. After a few minutes common signs were identified between BSL and Russian Sign Language and friendship established. At the same time Margaret was simultaneously trying her best to translate into spoken English for my benefit. A similar situation occurred a couple of years ago in Istanbul when she struck up a conversation with some Arabic signers.

My own BSL is extremely basic but a couple of months ago while in Saigon and thinking about crossing a very busy road to visit a museum, a local lady approached me and pointed across the road. She had picked up that I was a tourist (not difficult!) and seemed to be indicating that I was indeed heading in the right direction. It quickly became apparent to me that she was deaf so, taking a leaf out of Margaret's book, I signed the few BSL signs I knew that seemed somehow relevant. She smiled and signed some Vietnamese Sign Language and we spent several minutes laughing at each other's attempts to communicate at a simple level before parting in friendship.

She helped to make my day and I hope that in some way I made hers.

With my best wishes. Brian Oatway



Hear now. And always

International Cochlear Implant Day and World Hearing Day with Cochlear!

Saturday 25 February 2017 10:30 to 14:30
Wellcome Wing, Science Museum,
London, SW7 2DD

Our Chair Jenny and one other member attended this fun packed and informative day that was FREE to all Cochlear™ Nucleus® and Cochlear™ Baha® implant recipients and their families. The aim was to learn about Cochlear's latest innovations in hearing, particularly the Kanso, take the opportunity to talk to the Cochlear Team and other recipients then finish the day by enjoying the Museum's world class scientific displays.



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To find out more, please visit:

<http://www.cochlear.com/wps/wcm/connect/intl/home/discover/cochlear-implants/kanso-sound-processor> or email:

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Useful links



<http://www.earfoundation.org.uk/>



<http://www.bcig.org.uk/>



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<https://www.actiononhearingloss.org.uk/default.aspx>



<http://www.medel.com/uk/>



<https://advancedbionics.com/>



<http://www.nciua.org.uk/>



Hearing loss at work

In a 2016 survey by totaljobs.com, it was revealed that 1 in 5 workers haven't told their employers that they experience deafness or hearing loss at work — figures fuelled by an absence of awareness and understanding across UK businesses.*

Surprisingly, it's not just companies that are unaware of the issues. Many people don't always recognise themselves that they are struggling because of a hearing loss. It can be such a gradual, progressive change, which may take up to ten years to address.

Hearing loss can impact on an individual's ability to communicate effectively, which in turn can affect understanding, employee satisfaction, motivation, trust and ultimately productivity.

Hearing Link held a Let's Listen 2017 conference on 6 July in London but you can find useful information and articles on their website at

<https://www.hearinglink.org/get-involved/lets-listen-2017/>

StageTEXT

Every word counts

Go to <http://www.stagetext.org/> to find out where captioning of performances will be available.

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Contacting HCCIG

Please use email as the main way to contact Jenny as she is often out and about on HCCIG business or busy with family commitments. That way you can be sure your messages will be picked up and a reply returned in due course. Thank you.

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Website – www.hccig.org.uk

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Facebook –to find us search for Home Counties Cochlear Implant Group and feel free to add comments, photos or updates on any member news.

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