

NEWSLETTER

MAGNETISE

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Report from the Chair

Welcome to HCCIGs first Magnetise for 2018 after a break of service by the team. We hope you are enjoying the long hot summer days and are sure they are anything but 'lazy' as there are always many sporting events on the calendar to watch or even for you to take advantage of just getting out and about visiting places unless you prefer relaxing in your garden. Living in London and the Home Counties we do have a lot on offer to entertain us but HCCIG doesn't compete with all that and simply provides a programme of socials to give opportunity for its members to get together, exchange ideas, keep up-to-date on the latest CI information and have fun. There was a change though we had no control over, the Wine Bar we have frequented for the last 17 years closed so we have moved to Wetherspoons over the road in Holborn. Members have told us they find the central location key, and the food and beer to be of good quality and value so are happy with the venue. That said, we are always keen to hear of new recommendations for lunchtime socials to complement these evening ones so let us know of those places down your way you'd like us to visit.

Some 12 of us went Sunday 8 July for a 3-hour trip on the Lady A from Little Venice to Camden Lock and back to Paddington Basin. This was a lovely trip gliding along the canals past the London Zoo and through tunnels and a lock. A good contingent reluctant to disband after enjoyed a meal out nearby to round things off. Such outings are always popular so again let us have ideas of where else we can take a group and especially if not so restricted on numbers as we are aware some of you have missed out.

It will soon be that time of year again and we have our AGM taking place on Saturday 29th September in Enfield at the Dugdale Centre which is just a few minutes away from Enfield Town station that has a half hourly service from/to Liverpool Street Station. We hope to invite one or two related charities to give information on their products and services and the aim is once business is concluded to enjoy some time to socialise over refreshments and perhaps take a look at a new exhibition in the gallery on the ground floor.

Happy Holidays!

Dates for your Diary

SOCIAL

11th September 2018

6-9pm

Wetherspoon's Penderel's Oak

283-288 High Holborn

London WC1V 7HP

Nearest tubes Chancery Lane or Holborn. Just come along, join in and catch up on the latest CI chat.

AGM

Saturday 29 September

12 noon – 3:00pm

Dugdale Centre

39 London Road

Enfield EN2 6DS

Christmas lunch

**Saturday 1st December –
save the date!**

Royal College of Physicians,
Regents Park NW1 4LE

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Little Venice canal trip



The trip began from moorings in London's Little Venice and travelled the very attractive and peaceful waterside areas along the Grand Union Canal and Regents Canal in Maida Vale. The elegant houses which line the canal were built in the 1840's and Robert Browning lived beside the canal in the 1860's before moving to Italy and its said he died in Venice, which is a possible reason for the naming of Little Venice, but this wasn't widely used until the 1950's. Whether this is true is not known but certainly the island bird sanctuary in the heart of Little Venice is now called Browning's Island and there's a memorial to Browning near where he used to live in the canal-side Warwick Crescent. Some would rather say that Lord Byron first mentioned Venice when

comparing our canals to those he had seen in Venice.

Originally there was no way through to the Thames from the Grand Union Canal so in 1812 it was decided to build a new canal to connect the canals to the river and the world of international trade which this would open up. The new canal was named The Regent's Canal by John Nash, the famous London architect responsible for so much development during the 1800s, gaining approval from his employer The Prince Regent while designing Regent's Park, and was opened to Camden in 1816 and all the way to Limehouse in 1820.

Leaving Little Venice to the east we passed through the Maida Hill tunnel which is 272 yards underground, below Edgware Road. No opportunity to lip-read in the dark!

We also passed through 400 yards of London Zoo. Other landmarks were pointed out by our skipper including old warehouses originally owned by Gilbeys, at the time being the world's biggest wine and spirit merchant based in Camden during the 1900s and makers of Gilbeys London Gin, exported from all over the world. It seemed as if all the world had flocked to Camden Lock Market when we arrived as we were taken through the first of the Hampstead Road Locks, one of twelve locks which gently lower the canal down the 86 feet to the river Thames at Limehouse, still 6 miles from this point.

From the lock we turned around and made our way to the Paddington basin which with new building has changed beyond all recognition and even has access to the

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station from the canal side. Here there were lots of restaurants and bars including the floating variety plus one or two supermarkets for river users. This concluded our 3 hour trip at which we enjoyed our picnic lunches.

Crackling, hissing and losing sound

This was a topic on the Little Venice trip as one of our members was having problems. It's something that that we don't hear of very often but occurred as a result of the member changing her coil after noticing the raised bumps around the perimeter were pretty worn with a few years use. She then found the magnet strength of the new coil too strong causing discomfort when holding a landline handset to her ear for telephone calls for any length of time. That was solved with a weaker magnet being installed but she started to experience some crackling and hissing plus the connection being interrupted so sound did not transmit as well. What she didn't realise is the cable to the coil had kinked and once this was changed all the problems disappeared! So, if you have experienced similar problems just make the same checks with the coil and cable. Coils must fit comfortably on your head and not be knocked easily as this can also cause problems – check the magnet strength if causes any discomfort too. Take a look at your manufacturers handbook for tips on changing either item and return faulty ones to the Cochlear Implant Department so they can issue you with a spare for future eventualities. A

good check is to compare the new spare item with the one you are using!

The exception to the rule was another member found her coil had melted overnight in it's Breeze box! Perhaps there was a power surge? See picture below.



The North London Caravan Club

Chairman chose HCCIG as one of his charities to support for his 3 years of office to 2018. We've been told 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.

Darren Pallett & David Gordon have been invited to attend their next Rally at St Albans in September to receive the donation. The trustees have given an undertaking it will be used to host an event where CI users can be encouraged to access music and widen their listening skills so watch this space for something different in 2019.

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GDRP ... Membership forms will be going out soon and if you haven't already heard by now we as a Charity have to ask you for permission to hold your contact details on our database. New forms will have a clause about this and we need you to return them by the deadline of 30 November 2018. If this is not done then we cannot contact you again as your details will be removed from our records to comply with these regulations.

Christmas lunch – plans are in the making and it promises to be a special one at the Royal College of Physicians, Regents Park. More details to follow at the AGM.



A national charity since 1911

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

Some of us helped change the law for subtitles on the little screen. Now we want a solution to get subtitles for the *big* screen.

Have you ever tried to go to the latest blockbuster with your friends and family – only to discover there were no subtitled screenings? Or, if there was a screening, it was at a time you couldn't all attend? We're looking to make these issues a thing of the past.

Along with the UK Cinema Association (UKCA), [we've launched the Cinema Subtitle Tech Challenge](#), to encourage technological innovators to come up with a solution so that people with hearing loss can have the same level of access as the wider public.

Find out more about how we hope this challenge will create a more inclusive cinema experience by going to our website at <https://www.actiononhearingloss.org.uk> and searching on for the Technology challenge.

StageTEXT

Every word counts

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

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Hear now. And always

Cochlear LIVE!

Cochlear™ is delighted to invite you and your family to register for 'Cochlear LIVE!' taking place on Saturday 10 November 2018 at the [National Conference Centre](#) in Solihull, West Midlands from 10am to 4pm. You can book up to 4 FREE tickets (per family/group) for this event.

The day is for people who have a hearing implant from Cochlear (Cochlear™ Nucleus® and Cochlear™ Baha®, Kanso®, Carina®) and their families to come together to enjoy a programme of interactive, informative and fun workshops covering a range of relevant topics.

We are also pleased to invite people considering implant surgery to attend and join the free information workshops.

To find out more, please visit:

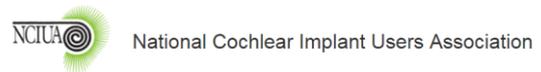
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Contacting HCCIG

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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Batteries are sent out by 2nd class post.

*Walk-in repair hours are from 2-4 pm
but you need to let department know
what time you wish to come in.

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