

Mary Garside

## REVIEW OF THE ANNUAL REPORT FROM OUR NEW MADAM CHAIR - MARY GARSIDE

In May we said good-bye to our Madam Chair Pat Jacobs who has now moved to Spain. We would like to thank her again for her invaluable support to Deaf Access over many years. I feel very privileged to take over from such a remarkably well liked madam chair and I hope to be able to offer some guidance to Deaf Access during my period as chair. I would like to start by saying that this has been another successful and very busy year for Deaf Access.

Amongst the changes throughout the year we have started two new funded projects, a lipreading class, and a popular battery and tubing clinic. Amongst our many achievements we have given our website a new look (which is on-going), added a calendar for deaf related events, developed mutually beneficial new partnerships and groups, had a good pass rate for our BSL courses, gained new funding and reduced the Greenwich equipment assessment waiting list from 5 months to 1. We have reinvigorated a local group on the verge of folding (called Bromley Deaf Families) by working with the existing committee to create Deaf Access Families. Three staff passed their level 2 ITQ courses; one passed his NVQ 3 play work (children) certificate as well as coaching certificates for different sports, also a first aid certificate and had a baby boy! (congratulations!) The most significant achievements have been our on going 100% success rate in getting clients Disability Living Allowance. Helping some deaf people who were long term unemployed on incapacity benefit who after coming to Deaf Access (advocacy / groups /volunteering) have developed the confidence and self belief to attend the job club and enter the world of employment. We got 3 new grants; Children in Need, Greenwich Healthier communities, and Kent County Council. We were accepted for UKCoD's National Consortium to deliver training to Healthcare staff and recruited a deaf parent and a father of a deaf child onto the board of trustees.

Looking at the figures for enquiries, you will see that they reflect the current shift in technology for Deaf / HoH people showing a marked increase in email enquires, and mobile text messages; Walk in 4309 Phone Calls 3728 Emails 9945 Minicom 236 SMS 2289 Fax 222. Deaf Access staff and volunteers are very committed to, and proud of, their hard work in providing an excellent and very varied service to Deaf and hard of hearing people, their families, carers and professionals.

Bromley as a Borough is still a predominately white area, and despite opening up our boundaries this is still reflected in our clients and Volunteers ratio of whom only a low 18% are from BEM, although this is up from our previous 1%! We have had difficulty reaching many groups / clients so we were pleased to have Chris Kubwimana a Social Work student here for his 100 day placement from Greenwich University.

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Access points is the newsletter of Deaf Access, The Bromley Resource Centre for the Hearing Impaired.	
Sent quarterly to: 'Friends of Deaf Access' Form attached to join.	

Our groups and courses have continued to be well attended and successfully run - some are self run in line with our policy of empowerment.

Regular Groups at Deaf Access include our popular **Tinnitus and Hard of Hearing Group** who meet alternative Mondays, we were sorry to lose our longstanding volunteer and group organiser Pat Jacobs who has worked long and hard to ensure its success and would like to welcome her replacement Mary Coleman. This group range mainly from 60 – to a young 85! For Sign language users we have the **55+ Deaf Social Club**. This revived BSL group are self run with oversight by Jonny Nelson. The group meet alternative Tuesday afternoons and have 25 clients who come along on a regular basis for social sessions thus providing each other with encouragement and reducing isolation.



Pat Jacobs

As part of our **Department of Health, Opportunities for Volunteering** project we have our **Positive Deaf Lifestyles** overseen by Mary Coleman and Volunteers. These are talks given, or translated in British Sign Language monthly to inform and empower Deaf people of all ages to help them make better life choices as well as generally improving their mental health. The project also focuses on Volunteers, training and support with very positive results.

Our popular **British Sign Language (BSL) Courses** now include weekend and fast track classes to meet the demand of busy professionals as well as informal practice classes and evening courses. Our thanks go to the Tutors Helen Schwarzacher, Michael Sadowski and Paula Boreham, as well as Frances Farnan who has co-ordinated this well.

Thanks to combined funding from **DOH OFV, Hayes (Kent) Trust** and **The Mayor's funding** we have achieved our goal of running a **lip-reading class** after many requests over the years! It has had very positive feedback. As well as tips and lipreading practise the Tutor covered many topics related to hearing loss and improving communication. The class continued until May and will commence again in September 08. (Spaces available for September- if you want to come do contact us to book a place!)

As always the Equipment Demonstrations are one of Deaf Access' most popular and busy services with demand constantly on the increase, this is due to the hard work, dedication and diligent oversight of Pam Rogers- who is a volunteer! Many clients have expressed their appreciation, and comments have included saying that the equipment has changed their lives for the better.

We have **City Bridge Trust** Funding for Children and Family advocacy (co-ordinated by Jonny Nelson,) following feedback, the **Parent and Toddler Group** changed in February from Thursday mornings to alternate Tuesdays 12.30-2.30pm. We now organise games and activities; music therapy, visits from a clown, Baby Gym etc. We have worked with an existing committee to invigorate a local group called Bromley Deaf Families, we took over the organisation and together created **Deaf Access Families**. We set up regular monthly events for deaf families to meet and support each other reducing isolation. Between the groups we have registered 133 parents and 199 children

Deaf Access also worked in partnership with **Deaf Parenting UK** organising one off Events. We arranged **Deaf Youths 'Keep In Touch' Days** with staff at Coopers Lane Primary School because many Deaf children in the Borough now attend hearing schools. We now take a more active role in the committee of the **Deaf Parenting Planning Group (DPPG)**, have taken over the administration of the **Greenwich Deaf Play Scheme (GDPS)** covering term time as they only operate during the holidays; as well as acting as treasurer, we act as a point of referral for enrolling children for this group. We have a place on the committee of **CODPUK (Children of Deaf Parents UK)** and assist with organising/volunteering family events covering a larger catchment area. The charity works to

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## " PAGE 3 BOY "



Jonny Nelson

Our Page 3 Boy this month is Jonny Nelson. Jonny was born in London and educated at the Mary Hare Grammar School in Berkshire. He has been with

Deaf Access for over 2 years now and is our Children & Families Advocate. Before working at Deaf Access he previously worked for DeafPlus in Whitechapel, doing a similar job.

Outside of Deaf Access, Jonny is a budding 'Brad Pitt', often appearing on the television in Programs such as See Hear's soap opera, 'Switch' and 'Rush' on Channel 4.

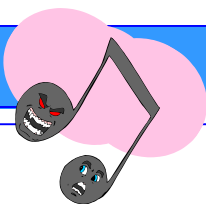
He's other great passion is sport both watching and participating. In particular he loves football, and plays in the first team of Charlton Athletic Deaf FC. His long term partner Jessica, who until recently ran the Dering job Club here, also loves sport - but not quite as enthusiastically as Jonny!

He has known Jessica since he was 8, (what you might call childhood sweethearts) and they have three children, Coralie 7yrs, Arthur 2yrs. and 6 month baby Roman. They have also started to get their children involved in sport and have even commenced swimming lessons with baby Roman too.



Well, fancy our Jonny being so talented - Access Points this month - maybe 'Hello' magazine next! **Ed.**

## TURN DOWN THE MUSIC



New research from RNID, the largest Deaf charity representing the 9 million deaf and hard of hearing people in the UK, has found that 68% of employers surveyed in the music and entertainment industry are unaware that they must comply with new Control of Noise at Work regulations that came into force in April. This means the UK's 568,000 workers in bars, pubs and clubs are being denied the legal protection that could save their hearing.

Perhaps more worryingly, 55% of the employers we surveyed, do not currently (nor have plans to) make hearing protection available to their workers, despite the fact that excessive noise in the workplace has caused an estimated half a million people living in Great Britain today to suffer deafness, tinnitus or other ear difficulties and is one of the most underestimated problems to be resolved.



Deaf Access are hosting a

### **Golf Day at Shortlands Golf Club**

On: Friday 17 October 2008

Cost; Golf plus lunch; £33

For details about registering a place please contact Jonny:

Tel: Reception 020 8315 2550

Mobile text only: 07751 244 853

Email: [advocate@deaf-access.co.uk](mailto:advocate@deaf-access.co.uk)

## WORD SEARCH

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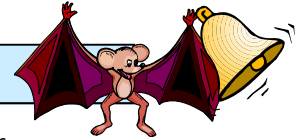
## Welcome to Our Puzzle Poser Page

- Access Points
- Advocate
- Audio
- Battery
- BSL
- Cochlear Implant
- Deaf Access
- Deaf Awareness
- Deaflink
- Dering
- Equipment Room
- Hard of Hearing
- Job Club
- Loop
- Newsletter
- NDCS
- Re-tubing
- RNID
- Social Services
- Susan Craney
- Tinnitus
- Toddler Group
- Trustees
- Typetalk



Find the words listed above - Then see if you can find the word not written in the grid. (All words are written vertically or horizontally only)

## DING BATS



Find the well known phrase or saying within the squares - The first one is done for you.

## BRAIN TEASER ??



A man went into a café, sat down, ordered a milkshake, cheese sandwich and a piece of cherry pie. 'You must be a policeman', said the waitress, but, how did she know ?

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Eyebrows

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## DON'T GET IN A 'TWO AN EIGHT' - JUST USE YOUR 'LOAF OF BREAD' AN 'AV A GO !

It is thought Cockney Rhyming slang originated from the East End of London, possibly used by the locals to talk amongst themselves without outsiders knowing what they were saying; or by criminals to confuse the police. They would drop the rhyming word and use only the first for further confusion. Listed below are 10 sentences in Cockney Rhyming slang for you to decipher.

Get yer **Bacon and Eggs** up those **Apples**. Just 'ad a **Barney** wiv me **Trouble**.

Me **Skies** are empty and I'm just dying for an **Oily** and a **Pigs Ear**.

I've been on my **Plates** all day and they don't 'arf **Pen an Ink**.

I couldn't believe me **Mince Pies** when I saw 'im in his **Daisy Roots, Whistle and Dicky**.

Just get a **Butcher's** at his **Syrup** on top of his **Loaf**.

Would you **Adam and Eve** it, the **Artful** as run off wiv me **Bricks & Mortar**

He was so **Tom and Dick** that now he's **Brown Bread**.

I had to walk down the **Frog** 'cos me **Jam Jar's Cream Crackered**.

We're so **Boracic** that there's no **Uncle Fred** or **Army and Navy** in the **Mother!**



## COMMUNICATION IS THE ANSWER

A Few Deaf Clients were concerned about the lack of communication and understanding of their deafness between themselves and the staff down at the Bromley Job Centre, located in Elmfield Road.

This was brought to the attention of Deaf Access and on their behalf Mary Coleman, contacted Helen Cherry the Manager at the Job Centre. Helen asked if she could come along to Deaf Access to discuss this problem.



The outcome of that meeting was that a Sign Language interpreter can now be booked for anyone accessing their services. Therefore, this

situation has greatly improved for both the deaf community generally and the staff at Bromley Job Centre.

Not only that, but the Deaf Awareness talks given by Deaf Access during Deaf Awareness weeks in May 2007 and 2008 were attended by the Job Centre's staff; this has improved their awareness generally as well as expanding their knowledge of the deaf world and understanding the barriers they face as well as their culture.

Showing the power of communicating with one another, this problem has now been reasonably resolved by Deaf Access' partnership with Bromley Job Centre.

## SITUATION VACANT ?

The Job Club, held on Wednesdays at Deaf Access, is now being run by Dering Employment Services Ltd. Jessica Wilde who previously ran this service for Deaf Access clients, has now taken up a new position and we are pleased to welcome Rachael Williams in her place.

Dering have also provided a volunteer to work along side Rachael, together with the 3 volunteers provided by Deaf Access.

Once the newspapers and internet have been searched, phone calls are made on behalf of

the clients to discover exactly what the job involves to check its suitability. Then following on from these calls, an interview is set up and, hopefully, a job is acquired!

The Job Club aims to provide vital help and support to Deaf and Hard of Hearing clients in their pursuit of finding suitable employment.

The Job Club is here to help you so why not come along –

**Every Weds. 10.00 am – 4.00 pm**  
Appointments may be needed for the advisor.

## GOLF AT CHERRY LODGE

Once again, we are grateful to Cherry Lodge Golf Club who will be holding their annual Fund Raising Day for Deaf Access, on 29 September 2008. Thanks is also given to Pam Rogers who gives up her time to organise this popular event for our benefit!



### Formal Apology:

We would like to Apologise to Roger Hewitt for a printing error in the last edition. In his article 'Sign of the Times' it was stated "Sign recently changed it's name to 'Sign Translate'." Unfortunately, this was an error on our part and should have read - Sign recently changed it's name to 'SignHealth'. Sorry again! Ed

'Access Points' encourages readers to submit their views and opinions, however we respectfully remind you, that contributor's opinions and statements, made throughout the Newsletter, do not necessarily reflect our views.

**WORD SEARCH**

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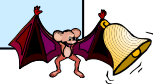
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**Toddler Group**

**BRAIN TEASER ??**



He was wearing his Uniform of course !!

**DING BATS**



2. Man over board

3. Shot in the dark

4. Corner stone

5. Tea total

**DON'T GET IN A 'TWO AN EIGHT' (State)**

1. Bacon and Eggs - Legs / Apples & Pears - Stairs
2. Barney Owl - Row / Trouble & Strife - Wife
3. Butcher's Hook - Look / Syrup of Fig - Wig / Loaf of Bread - Head
4. Sky Rockets - Pockets / Oily Rag - Fag / Pigs Ear - Beer
5. Plates of Meat - Feet / Pen an' Ink - Stink
6. Mince Pies - Eyes / Daisy Roots - Boots / Whistle & Flute - Suit / Dicky Dirt - Shirt.
7. Adam and Eve - Believe / Artful Dodger - Lodger / Bricks & Mortar - Daughter
8. Tom and Dick - Sick / Brown Bread - Dead.
9. Frog & Toad - Road / Jam Jar's - Car / Cream Crackered - Knackered
10. Boracic Lint - Skint / Uncle Fred - Bread / Army and Navy - Gravy / Mother Hubbard - Cupboard

6. An open & shut case

7. 3 Blind mice (the i's are missing !)

**'BE PREPARED' - STROBE LIGHT AND VIBRATING-PAD ALARMS**

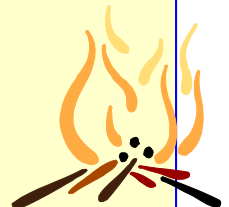
If you are deaf, a little hard of hearing or simply a heavy sleeper, you should consider this type of smoke alarm system. These smoke alarms can be fitted with a vibrating-pad and flashing strobe light.

You should put the pad under your mattress or pillow to wake you up at night if there is a fire. When smoke is detected, the alarm will sound and set off the light and pad. This should wake you up instantly.

Battery-operated systems from £100

For details please call Pam or Maria

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## INVITATION TO AGM

On behalf of Mary Garside the Chair, and the Trustees of Deaf Access we are writing to invite you as a Friend of Deaf Access, to be our guest at our

### Twelfth Annual General Meeting on: Tuesday 22nd July, 2008

At  
7.30pm

To Be Held At The **Community House** Conference room.

Following her recent working visit to India our guest speaker Trustee Di Blackmore will present her personal view of the challenges faced by parents and teachers as they strive to educate some of the poorest deaf children in Bangalore, Kolkata and in the rural villages of India.

#### 'The lives and stories of Deaf children and their families in India'.

It will be wonderful to hear about her experiences and the highlights of her visit.

It will be an informal meeting of the Trustees, Staff, special guests, and Friends of Deaf Access only, followed by refreshments.

*We hope that you will be able to attend and look forward to meeting you again.*  
Susan Craney, Centre Director.

## THE BIRTHDAY BOYS

Get the jelly and ice creams out it's party time !!

Last year we reported on the birth of Fraser and Oscar, the grandson's of Susan Craney, Centre Director and Beryl Baxter, Editor of



Fraser

'A real cheeky little monkey' !!

Access Points, respectively. We can hardly believe that one whole year has now past and in a few weeks time these two little darlings will be celebrating their 1st birthdays. According to Fraser's Aunty, he's now beginning to take his first steps with the aid of his 'push-long walker' as well as giving cheeky grins when doing something he knows he shouldn't be doing -

Likewise, Oscar is also growing up fast and has progressed from sucking his thumb to now sucking his big toe! (Wow - I would just like to be able to touch my big toe !!) -

However, his mummy says his real party piece is laughing as he wiggles his bottom in time to music - 'He just loves to Boogie' !!

Both Birthday boys will be celebrating their birthdays with a party - Fraser at home in Derbyshire with his family and friends and Oscar with his family and friends on the Beach at Brighton.

Wishing you both  
a very  
'Happy First Birthday'  
Boys.



Oscar

### Funds Raised

A Big thank you goes to Alan Roberts & the Volunteers who worked hard to raise £84.27 with the Pitch & Putt Game as part of the Beckenham Lions Club Fete, held at Beckenham Recreation Ground on Saturday 21st June.

strengthen families through workshops, and social interaction as well as providing support and information to professionals through their website / emails, which fits in well with our charity aims and objectives.

As well as the groups, we do **Advocacy** and **Advice Sessions**. Sadly our advocacy funding from **City Parochial** finished in January 2008 and despite applications elsewhere no further funding was secured. The project has made a huge difference to the lives of many of our BSL clients, so much so that they have often travelled long distances to attend. Our strength is that our service is client led and not target driven. We know from experience that this is a valuable service and it compliments our other work. The majority of our clients are BSL users and as a result of the advocacy service they discover our other services, and this has a big impact in the demand for them making us busier!

Deaf Access was among a consortium established nationally by **UKCoD** to deliver the CACDP Level 1 in Communication Tactics with Deaf People to all Healthcare staff in England and received funding from the **Department of Health** to do this. The course was free to the staff of the Primary Care Trust's and was in response to the TEA report (Towards Equality and Access) which revealed that Deaf people had problems accessing health services. Deaf Access were allocated 6 PCTs. Penny Wallace co-ordinated this project. Sadly of all those 584 contacted the majority did not respond, only 9 departments followed it through to the free training. Bromley and Lewisham PCT did not take it up despite numerous efforts to accommodate them. On a positive note Dartford's initial training day had such good staff feedback and demand that they eventually had 3 days! Brent and Greenwich had the same response so had unused allocations to have 2 days each. Eastern & Coastal Kent had one day. The project had fantastic feedback resulting in further (paid) requests for training. Our thanks go to the trainer Roger Hewitt for his sterling work on our behalf.

During the year the Children and Families **Advocacy** has slowly built up; although take up of this service by hearing families has been lower than we had hoped, we have dealt with 13 different issues assisting 20 parents.

In November 2006 we began a temporary contract to cover the **Greenwich equipment service** for people with a hearing loss doing admin, assessments and a drop in morning for equipment issues in the borough. Initially we began with an 18 month backlog of client referrals. Penny Wallace and Susan Craney both worked hard to cover the waiting list we are pleased to say that the original waiting list of 5 months, is now about 1 month or less. Equipment deliveries were up to 4 months; now within 1-2 weeks! Penny has worked hard administrating this efficiently for us.

We were also successful in our bid to get a contract before Christmas to do a '**Healthier Communities and Older People**' project for Greenwich which covers in part advocacy and promoting independence and integration.

Material transactions – 2 new computers, and a data projector for PowerPoint presentations.

I should like to finish by reaffirming Deaf Access' mission statement: and commitment to all our clients; *'Deaf Access helps Deaf and hard of hearing people to improve and maintain their independence by providing information, support and services as well as promoting public awareness and understanding.'*

To this end, I would like to thank all the volunteers including the Trustees who give their time, skills and care to Deaf Access. Without their help only a fraction of what Deaf Access does could be achieved. Thank you all.

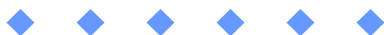
**Mary Garside**  
**Chair of Deaf Access as from May 2008**



## IRISH RESEARCH INTO DEAF AWARENESS

### Gill Harold

Gill Harold is an Irish research student who has been visiting Bromley since February this year. Here, shortly before she is due to return to Ireland, she explains the purpose of her study and shares details of her time at Deaf Access.



Hello everyone!

It was in February of 2007 that I first approached Deaf Access and Director Sue Craney. At that time, I was searching for an appropriate place to spend some time learning about the experiences of Deaf people in Southeast London with regard to accessing services. It is hard to believe that it has been a year and a half since I first set foot in Deaf Access. Bromley is certainly a long way from University College Cork in Southern Ireland, so what brings me here ?

My own interest in Deaf culture began six years ago when I went to my local Deaf Centre in Cork. I began to learn Irish Sign Language. In the five years that were to follow, I had the opportunity to get involved in Deaf Awareness Training, Communication Tactics Training, study CACDP Irish Sign Language to Level 2 and, most importantly, meet many members of the Deaf community and became involved in activities within the centre.

From these experiences grew an interest in Deaf issues and a desire to understand the nature of urban Deaf experience. I began a PhD research study which is entitled *Cities Without Sound; Re-spacing the Geographies of Urban Deaf Experience*. Funded by the Irish Research Council for the humanities and Social Sciences, is taking a comparative look at the experiences of deaf service users in urban areas in the

UK and Ireland. Can they really be that different?

Well for a start, there are approx 50 - 70,000 first-language British Sign Language (BSL) users across the UK, but only 5,000 people in Ireland whose first language is Irish Sign Language (ISL). BSL achieved recognition in 2003, but Irish Sign Language has not yet achieved this. Also, both countries have different sets of laws and policies with regard to service provision and access regulations. This research is trying to find out how the different systems in place in both countries impact upon Deaf people's lives, and see whether or not there might be lessons we can learn from each other.

Since February, with the invaluable help and co-operation of the Clients, Director, Staff and my fellow Volunteers at Deaf Access, for which I am extremely grateful, I have been able to conduct two focus groups and numerous follow-up interviews with Deaf service users who have been very generous in giving their time and sharing their experiences with me.



Gill Harold

I look forward to returning to Deaf Access in the future and sharing the findings of the research with all those who became involved and anyone else who might be interested. It is hoped that the research findings can be used in the promotion of Deaf Awareness among service providers and improved access for Deaf service users, both here and in Ireland.

If anyone is interested in finding out more about the research, I welcome all emails to: [g.harold@student.ucc.ie](mailto:g.harold@student.ucc.ie)

**Gill Harold**

***Our thanks go to Gill for all her hard work– she will be greatly missed! Sue.***

# Access Points

## TINNITUS & HARD OF HEARING GROUP



The Tinnitus and Hard of Hearing Group meet every 2nd and 4th Monday in the month at 1.30, at Deaf Access.

### Programme of Events:

<b>July</b>	<b>14</b>	- The work of SAFFA (Armed Services)
	<b>28</b>	- C.A.B. (Citizen's Advice Bureau)
<b>August</b>	<b>11</b>	- L.B.B. Housing Provision
<b>September</b>	<b>8</b>	- Abbeyfield
	<b>22</b>	- Carelink
<b>October</b>	<b>13</b>	- Local Historian
	<b>27</b>	- R.N.I.D. – History of Typetalk

All are very welcome to come along and join us! We aim to support people who are Hard of Hearing and / or suffer from Tinnitus. Our talks aim at broadening the mind, thinking positively and distracting us from our problems. Our talks are followed by refreshments and home made cakes! Hope to see you soon!  
*Loop System available. Admission - £1.20*



### CHURCHILL THEATRE, BROMLEY

Some shows are Captioned, or Sign Language interpreted for your

#### Dates for your Diary!

**ALL THE FUN OF THE FAIR - With David Essex** Signed Show 19th Sept 7.45

**CINDERELLA - With Steve Guttenberg** Signed Shows 14th Dec 5.30 & 4 Jan 5.30

**STAGETEXT** - Captioned Performance **Tue. 13 Jan 2.30**

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Something to think about:

Life is not measured by the number of breaths we take -  
But by the moments that take our breath away.