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For people with Cochlear Implants

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An association of cochlear implant users helping each other

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Editorial

Welcome to the Winter edition of Resound for 2026.

Sadly in this edition we have to pay tribute to two people with whom CICADA has had a long standing relationship; Lawrie Cleary whose efforts, as described in his obituary enabled Cochlear Implants to become available to lots of people in this country, and Deborah Mawman whose tireless work at the Implant Centre benefited many of us over the years.

Looking ahead for this year, a full list of planned events and dates is listed in this magazine as well as our Group Facebook site. It is not an exhaustive list and so if there are any suggestions about special events that anyone thinks would be of interest to the group then please let me know.

All ideas about activities and events are more than welcome as are friends and family.

It's rewarding to see so many of our group being involved in so many different actvities to help others, from lipreading to raising money for charities and helping each other with our own technological issues!

The Facebook page has been updated to include Back copies of Resound, Links to register for Resound On-line and the hospital support card.

The Facebook page is called Manchester Cicada Club.

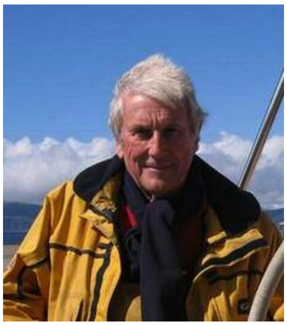
Our website is also still available for those without Facebook access for news, events and links to many helpful websites and organisations. www.manchestercicada.org.uk

Enjoy this issue and as always feedback is appreciated and I look forward to meeting with you during the year.

Kevin Williams - Editor

ROSE AYLING ELLIS

by John Newton



Whether or not you are a fan of "Eastenders" or "Strictly Come Dancing" you would have to be living on another planet not to hear about this young deaf actor who won "Strictly" recently.

She is an advocate of teaching British Sign Language (BSL) particularly to young deaf people, an issue which has been controversial from time to time in the past. There is a TV programme "Rose Ayling Ellis: Signs of Change" featuring her which is currently available in iPlayer.

I am normally wary of watching or reading accounts featuring deaf people written for the general public because they often annoy me by their generalisations and assumptions about what it's like to be deaf. This probably reflects the great differences which make up the deaf experience. However I strongly recommend this programme to readers of "Resound".

A lot of the programme is about children and others who are born deaf and this prompts the unmissable observation that there is a huge difference between the congenitally deaf and those who are deafened in later life, particularly after learning to speak.

This needs to be borne in mind while watching the programme. It is also reflected in the fact that a number of deaf charities were set up specifically to help the late deafened. The first one I encountered was the Association of Late Deafened Adults (ALDA) in the United States.

Clients of the Richard Ramsden Centre will probably be aware that the clinic deals with patients of all ages including children and toddlers. You may have been fortunate in meeting some of these youngsters in the waiting room there. The programme also reminds us that Cochlear Implants for young people, sometimes very young is often a great success story.

Some time ago I got into conversation there with a mother and her teenage daughter. The daughter had been implanted as a baby and to learn this prompted two questions in my mind. How does a child cope with this intrusive device stuck magnetically to one's head? And what was the ultimate effect of it?

The answer to the second question was before my eyes in this confident articulate girl in her late teens, she was there because of some problem with her phone and had always attended normal schools. Her mother answered the first one. As a toddler the girl accepted the CI with no fuss, even picking it up and sticking it back if it fell off.

Rose Ayling Ellis herself addresses the camera using speech and sign together and this confused me somewhat while watching the programme, The signing is not really "readable" for someone like me unfamiliar with BSL and often seems little different to the hand gestures some hearing people make to emphasise their speech, people of whom we say “he talks with his hands”. I guess you would probably have to sign up to a BSL course to get more insight into that. It’s a reminder though that sign language interpreters can be very expressive.

Miss Ayling Ellis suggest at one point that it is “like poetry” Some of the controversy about teaching BSL to children arose because some thought that the child would be inhibited from learning to speak. I think this massively underestimates the brain power of a child and particularly their learning power.

I have friend who moved to France when her two boys were just old enough to start elementary school. The were enrolled at a small single teacher village school in rural France, not only ignorant of French but also of the notion of different countries having different languages.

In three months they were fluent in both with no confusion between English and French, they were even able to make jokes about the differences.

There are, for me, however two very significant omissions from this programme. They are music and the telephone.

I have no idea whether the experience for me is purely personal but deafness has deprived me of music. I cannot hear a musical performance as any more than noise. The only music I can hear is in my head or sometimes in my dreams.

That is a major deprivation for me who was a serious amateur singer and music enthusiast. Rose Ayling Ellis said that as a competitor in “Strictly” she was able to hear the rhythm and some of the music but she doesn’t elaborate.

I have a phone which like most people nowadays is essential to me. I can’t make voice calls but rely on e-mail and various messaging services. What I miss and what I think has a serious effect on my social and emotional life is the inability to have comfortable chats with my distant friends for which text messages are an inadequate substitute.

I use UK Relay for “business” calls but find it doesn’t work for me in social calls. In spite of the progress in messaging services, particularly things like “Face Time “ it’s difficult to find a substitute for the nuances of the human voice.

Miss Ayling Ellis claims that her deafness is not a disability, indeed she says she is proud of it.

If that’s true is it because of the force of her own personality and it is that force which we should take on board in our own lives. We should be grateful for her example.

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Obituary
Deborah Mawman

It is with much sadness that we announce the death of our colleague and friend Deborah Mawman.

Deborah passed away on the 25th January after a brief illness.

Deborah worked at Manchester Royal Infirmary for 38 years and she was the adult cochlear implant coordinator for 23 years prior to her taking early retirement in 2020.

Joining the cochlear implant programme in its infancy she was instrumental in making Manchester the largest implant centre in the country. She had a positive outlook, a warmth of character and was dedicated to her patients and colleagues.

Known for being generous with her time and support she helped to mentor many people who went on to work in implant centres throughout the UK. Although retiring 5 years ago, there is still never a week that passes without a patient asking about the 'lovely' Deborah.

She was indeed lovely and will be missed by us all and leaves behind her husband, Tim who was an ENT surgeon within our service and also Ronnie, the dog that became a big part of her life after her retirement.

Our heartfelt condolences go to Tim and to Deborah's family and friends.

Martin O'Driscoll   Richard Ramsden

Getting a cochlear implant is one of those life events which stands alongside getting married, having a child, starting a first job or bereavement of a loved one which stays in our memory forever. For those readers who were implanted at the Manchester clinic before 2020 that meant meeting Deborah Mawman who we have just learned has passed away after a short illness. She was in charge at the clinic until she took early retirement in that year. Her presence at the clinic put her in a special class of clinicians who go beyond the merely technical expertise. Her charm and caring personality made visiting the clinic an uplifting experience. Anyone who met her and was treated by her will be sad to hear she is no longer with us.

John Newton - Manchester CICADA

News from Med-El

The Future of Cochlear Implants: Invisible Tech & Robotic Surgery

Ever wondered what cochlear implants will be like one, five, or even 10 years from now? From invisible cochlear implants to robot-powered surgery, we look at what the future of cochlear implants holds.

It’s been almost half a century since the first modern cochlear implant was implanted. Pioneered by MED-EL founders Ingeborg and Erwin Hochmair, it helped restore a sense of sound and speech to profoundly deaf users.

Since then, cochlear implants have developed in leaps and bounds. Improved sound technology helps people understand speech in tricky situations and enjoy music. Audio processors can stream sound from your phone, charge without wires, and they come in various designs to suit your lifestyle.

Still, the push to develop cochlear implant technology isn’t over. Far from it: Our research and development teams are always striving to make hearing solutions even more effective. Let’s look at what the future of cochlear implants could bring.

TICI: An Invisible Cochlear Implant

At the moment, cochlear implants consist of two parts: the internal implant and the external audio processor. Imagine if you didn’t need the outside part at all. That’s the idea behind the totally implantable cochlear implant.

The whole system, including the audio processor, microphone, and power supply would all sit under the skin. This would effectively make the system invisible and work even when the user is asleep.

But how far away are we from a totally implantable cochlear implant? Well, the first one was implanted in Europe in 2020 as part of a clinical study. As with any new medical device, ensuring its long-term reliability and safety is of utmost importance. This makes it tricky to give an exact timeline on when this invisible cochlear implant will be widely available.

Robotic Cochlear Implant Surgery

Inner ear surgery needs incredible precision. This makes it the perfect candidate for robot-assisted surgical tools such as OTOARM and OTODRIVE. These machine-assisted tools were launched in 2024 and are designed to help precision during ear surgery.

Why does this precision matter? Because it can help make surgery gentler on delicate structures in the inner ear. This gives you a better chance of keeping your remaining hearing, and you’ll be more likely to benefit from future innovations in hearing technology. There’s also a link with better hearing outcomes.[1][2]

So, will your cochlear implant surgery be assisted by a robot? Right now, less than one percent of cochlear implant surgeries use robotic assistance. But as these tools and trainings become more available, we will start to see more robotics and advanced software integrated into surgical workflows.

Looking ahead, advances in robotic surgery will help make operating rooms more connected and easier to use. By reducing the number of separate systems surgeons need to manage, these tools should help ease their mental workload and improve efficiency. This will give clinicians more time to focus on providing the best possible care for patients.

Ever-Improving Audio Processors

In the early days of cochlear implants, processors were about the size of a large wallet and had to be worn on the body. Today, audio processors are smaller than an AA battery and worn on the head. They can automatically adapt to different sound environments for superior hearing performance, and the newest audio processors have direct streaming built in.

Future cochlear implant audio processors are set to build on these improvements still. Since we design new audio processors to work with older implants, current CI users will also be able to enjoy these new technologies.

(Even) Better Sound Quality and More Individualised Solutions

In just 50 years, we’ve gone from implants that can support speech understanding to ones that can support a whole spectrum of sound, and new technologies and the right electrodes can make sound experiences with cochlear implants even more natural.

Take OTOPLAN, for instance. This surgical planning software lets surgeons select the right electrode for each cochlea, and after implantation, the audiologist can program the audio processor to match a person’s individual anatomy. This can help cochlear implant users come closer to natural hearing.

As more technologies like this emerge, we can expect to see even more individualised approaches to cochlear implants. In fact, one of MED-EL’s goals is to further customise future cochlear implants for the best possible results.

To learn more about MED-EL products and services please visit our website: medel.com/en-gb

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BeHeard by MED-EL Counselling Service

BeHeard by MED-EL is a free, confidential counselling service designed to support individuals and families navigating the emotional and psychological challenges of hearing loss and hearing implantation.

Hearing loss can affect more than just hearing, it can also impact confidence, relationships, and overall wellbeing. BeHeard by MED-EL is a free, confidential counselling service that offers emotional support from an accredited therapist to help you or your family manage these challenges.

Through online assessments, one-to-one or group sessions, and guided wellbeing resources, you can find support for issues such as anxiety, frustration, or family stress, all alongside your child’s hearing journey. To find out more please visit beheardbymedel.com

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At MED-EL, we regularly host webinars that provide information on our products, services, connectivity, and rehabilitation, which feature our Hearpeers mentors and guest speakers.

Over the past year, we have held webinars on the following topics:

- Understanding Your Hearing Test Results
- Travelling with Your Hearing Implant
- Cochlear Implant Rehabilitation with Music
- What I Wish I'd Known Before Implantation
- User Review: Choosing your Audio Processor
- Support for you from the Hearpeers Mentors

Did you know that you can request a link to view any of our previously held webinars, not just the ones listed above? We have a wide range of webinars you may have missed. To access, simply visit the Hearpeers website: hearpeers.medel.com/en_gb/events

Upcoming Webinars

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First travels with my Cochlear implant

by Ali Hargreaves

I was quite nervous about travelling with my new Bionic ear!
I had booked my flights to Katmandu for the beginning of November in order to meet my son Olly who had cycled there. He had invited me to join him there to go trekking. I'd had my operation at the beginning of September so still pretty early days really getting used to it.
I had taken advice for my lovely mentor Charlotte and the support team at the MRI.

I had a practise run travelling to Belfast with my girlfriends at the beginning of October. This was fantastic because they knew I was nervous… and looked out for me! My first concern was being able to fit all the extra equipment required for those of us travelling with a cochlear implant (CI) i.e. the battery charger, dehumidifier box and a multi plug socket! We were only allowed a small cabin bag with Ryanair (and they are always very strict about the size and weight.) This "gubbins" filled half my bag! I also made sure I had my information card handy explaining all about my CI for entering the scanner at the airport.This was the first kindness and support shown by one of my friends who went ahead of me and explained everything to the Passport control lady. I walked through with my device on (feeling like some kind of criminal for some weird reason!) However, apart from being stopped to have a personal independent scan… it all went quite smoothly. And the passport control lady actually smiled to make me feel better (which is highly unusual in my experience at Security at airports!)
I was able to hear a little more than usual from the announcements… but not

everything. This obviously was an improvement and hopefully something that will get better in time as my brain gets used to it… and it was only three weeks after my "switch on"!

Memories of this trip that spring to mind were hearing another level of sounds when listening to the sea waves crashing, hearing seabirds (but sadly no Herring gulls crying this time , which is something I have missed so much about the sea side) and being able to stay in a very noisy pub in the city without needing to leg it out of there. Conversation was impossible still but my friends struggled too! Over the weekend, I was able to have much better conversations with my friends though… and so I felt much more included talking about current affairs and life in general. I couldn't hear everything but it was so much improved and has given me a new found confidence. My friends all noticed the differences too. Walking across the busy city streets felt so much safer because I could hear the traffic! All this was useful in the lead up to my upcoming trip to Nepal.

In the lead up to my trip to Nepal… I was becoming increasingly anxious of the journey ahead. I knew I'd be OK once I met Olly…. as I decided that he'd be able to look after me! But I had to get to Katmandu. I had two flights to catch. One from Manchester to Doha and then another to Katmandu. I knew Olly was on a tight schedule to be able to get to Katmandu on time to meet me as he was cycling the Annapurna circuit in tough snowy conditions with no room for any issues along the way! For this reason I already had a hotel booked for two nights and a taxi to meet me at the airport (therefore being able to avoid the insistent taxi drivers trying to get me to use theirs. I travelled there on my own thirty years ago so I knew the score… but didn't have the same confidence as my thirty year old self!

The hour before I was due at the airport I was feeling so shaky I went for a walk with my husband to calm my nerves. It was during this walk that we received a phone call from Olly to tell us that he had fallen off his bike and broken his collarbone very badly. At that moment, he was being helped at the side of the road so this was the only information I had before boarding my flight! My nerves were ready to explode!

Going through the scanner was OK… I explained about my CI to the person the other side of the booth. She didn't seem to understand what the device was (which I showed her lifting up my hair in the process) but she motioned me through and I explained it to her. So we can't assume that the staff know about such things even in the Western world! Again I had the personal scanner experience.

I had two hours in Doha before the second flight but only one hour on the return journey which didn't leave much room for any issues like delays! The Q'tar airline flight appeared to be on time so that was good. My friend had said the Doha airport was an excellent modern airport with lots of helpful staff to assist if there were any delays etc. My husband had checked how to get free wifi at the airport so I could check any messages form Olly etc. It all went very smoothly and I boarded my second flight.

When I arrived at Katmandu airport I hadn't factored in the fact that I would have to apply for a visa using technology! The last time I went I just had to fill in a paper form. Lots of tired and bewildered people looking incredibly frazzled while trying to get the machine to work… and had to wait ages for the two officials every time things went wrong who had to keep helping. I was feeling sick at this point! Eventually I caught hold of one of the officials and indicated that I needed to start my application but that I found technology very difficult and please could he help me. I'm glad I was so cheeky because he just filled it all on line using his phone and took me over the correct counter (which was also confusing many people) This took over an hour… then I went through passport control. I collected my bags and headed out to find my taxi driver who I was assured would have my name clearly on a board. Imagine my dismay to see so many boards… but not one with my name on it. Eventually I walked down a slope with lots of taxi drivers harassing me (this was what I'd been trying to avoid!) As I got to the end of the disorderly crowd… I finally spotted a piece of cardboard with my name scribbled on and the relief was immense!

The next challenge began as my taxi driver had a very strong accent. I was tired and hot and in a taxi driving erratically through very busy noisy streets but I'm glad to say he got me there safely.

I settled in and found out that Olly was in a hospital in Pokhara which was an eight hour bus journey away. We were unsure if Olly would be transferred to a hospital in Katmandu so I had to sit tight.

I had anticipated the noise and chaos of Katmandu city… and it was just as I remembered it. I was concerned that I would find it too overwhelming… but my brain is already telling me I can hear so much better that I am no longer in danger… so I was able to cope. In fact I rather enjoyed it! I have found a new confidence return. I went off to explore the city with a map downloaded on my phone having sorted a SIM card and getting money out at the ATM. I told myself "You can do this!"

I could hear the mad traffic, police whistles blowing, dogs barking, the vendors advertising their wares, monkeys screeching, and much more than I would normally hear. I decided to focus on these amazing changes to my life rather than the worries that had been consuming me.

I also decided that I needed to get to Pokhara ASAP and booked my bus for 6 am the next morning. This made me feel much better too. I felt more relaxed.

Olly's cycling friend Josh told me where they were staying and I met him at the hostel. I dropped my bags off and walked to the hospital see Olly. It was such a relief to see him. Of course our trekking plans had been thwarted but I was so glad I was there. He had had his operation and was full of metal. We are now both bionic!

He was in hospital for five days. I spent the mornings exploring while he rested. One morning I walked up the hillside to get a good view of the Annapurna mountains. I spent a couple of hours sketching, but I could hear this kind of sizzling sound. I thought it must be electricity but I couldn't see any cables or wires anywhere! It was a bit of a mystery. Once Olly was discharged from hospital, we walked up the World peace pergoda and I heard the sound again. I asked Olly what that sizzling electricity like sound was and he smiled. "They're Cicadas Mum!" That is a memory which will stay forever… the day I heard Cicadas singing for the first time in decades! We heard lots of tropical birds singing too which was delightful.
We stayed in a small hotel next to the hostel. Olly and I shared room which meant I could keep an eye on him. The first morning… we asked for an extension lead as we needed more sockets for my CI stuff. As I plugged in my charger there was a popping noise and smoke started coming out of the plug! Olly acted very fast than goodness! It was OK and still worked which was a relief. It would have been a bit of a nightmare if I couldn't use my CI!

We went on a short three day trek to Poon hill in the Annapurnas. Obviously I had to carry both my stuff and Olly's (including my CI stuff.) The rooms had no heating and it was freezing. The battery recharger turned red it was so cold! That was the first time this had happened.
Olly and I had lots of catching up to do. He really noticed the difference in my hearing and remarked that he didn't have to repeat himself anywhere near as much as usual! It was so good to be able to have a more normal conversation for a change.

I decided to do a Tandem paraglide while I was there. The organiser was explaining how we must listen to our pilot and that when he said "walk" we must walk… and when he said "run" we must run. I explained that I had a CI and that maybe it would be a good idea if I had an extra instruction of one tap on the leg for "walk" and two taps for "run" He looked at me (and I could see him processing this new info!) Then he said "OK… you come with me!" Fortunately, the helmet fitted over my CI and didn't press on my head. Anyway, I managed to hear the guy who I was attached to despite his accent, the helmet and the sound of the wind! I was only a metre away from an eagle which flew happily alongside us for quite a while and the views were amazing!

Three weeks went rather quickly and before I knew it I was heading back to England. I only had one hour in Doha airport for my connection. We arrived with time to spare and took our seats on the plane… but then sat for a whole hour on the runway. I could not hear any announcements. I asked a lovely Indian lady who was sitting next to me and she told me about the delay but her accent was strong and I couldn’t follow everything she said. I worried that I would miss my flight. Although my CI is making things so much easier and better… the announcements weren’t one of them. I was still at a disadvantage. Not knowing what’s going on is upsetting. In the end the plane was waiting for us. If I had known this… my journey would have been far less stressful.

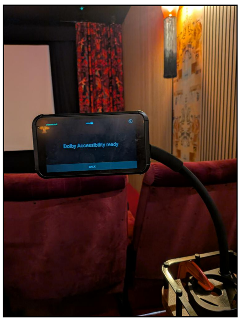
Over all this journey was extremely good for me. I enjoyed the adventures… and realised I can do it! Having my cochlear has definitely improved my travelling experiences and I am sure that as my brain learns to tune in more… it will just get even better.
Onwards and upwards.

Dolby Accessibilty Solution

by Dian Pollitt

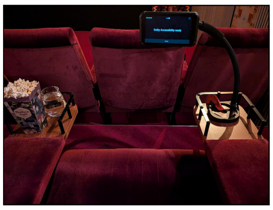
I recently received a note from one of our members, Dian Pollitt, with an update on some equipment she came across at a recent visit to her local cinema.

After she asked the staff if any of their film showings were subtitled, they informed her that all their films were subtitled due to the fact that they have installed Dolby access solution equipment.



Eager to try it out she arrived and a staff member attached the portable DAS on the table joined to the arm of her seat, the film started and subtitles were clear and in time, most enjoyable.

The Dolby Accessibility Solution integrates hearing impaired (HI) amplified audio, visually impaired narrative (VI-N) audio, and closed captions (CC) in real time on a single dedicated receiver.



The Dolby Accessibility Solution works by wirelessly streaming HI audio, VI-N audio, and CC from any digital cinema package (DCP) that contains accessible content, avoiding synchronization issues associated with cloud-based solutions. The DAS receivers can be configured to provide either **CC** display, **HI** audio on both ears, **CC display and HI audio** simultaneously, **VI-N** audio on both ears, or **HI audio on the left ear and VI-N audio on the right ear** at the same time. These configurations allow guests to choose the experience they prefer. The Dolby Accessibility Solution consists of a server that connects to the digital cinema server and a single Wi-Fi router that provides coverage for the receivers to be used from any seat in the auditorium. For especially large auditoriums, more than one Wi-Fi router can be used.

(Ed. The popcorn and glass of wine is not normally included with the DAS)

Tribute to Lawrie Cleary

by Prof Ramsden

It is with much sadness that I have to tell you of the death of our dear friend and Cicada Patron Lawrie Cleary.

His contribution to cochlear implantation in Manchester and indeed in the United Kingdom cannot be overstated.

I first met him in about 1985 when he was a patient of mine. He had lived with a partial hearing loss since childhood and wanted to know where the next big advances would be in the management of deaf people.

Lawrie with Prof Ramsden at the opening of the Head and Neck Centre at MRI

I told him that the results from cochlear implantation were now very encouraging but there was no established programme in the United Kingdom, but I was keen to look into in the subject in more detail.

I had been invited to visit the Mecca of implantation in Australia where Professor Graham Clark had perfected the "Cochlear" device. Lawrie's reaction was typical of him. He was immediately enthusiastic and said "Well, I'll come too".

He was inspired by what he saw, but dismayed that no funding was available in the NHS – bear in mind that each device cost in the region of £15,000.

Lawrie's reaction was to raise the money ourselves and set about doing so by setting up a charity, HEAR, and organising a series of money raising events.

By the summer of 1988 we were able to perform the first implant using the Australian "Cochlear" device on a lady from Cumbria. She had a great result and overnight the operation made headlines in the national press and on television.

We were able to carry out several more implants and at the same time employ the support teams to assess the hearing and tune the devices.

Pretty soon other centres in the country copied the Manchester model and before long the combined results from all the centres were scrutinised and as a consequence the NHS agreed to fund cochlear implantation in the UK.

This was a direct result of Lawrie's devotion to the cause over a period of many years and gave him considerable satisfaction.

The Windsor castle appointment

HEAR raised in the region of 2 million pounds and supported several high-quality research projects and a number of deserving deaf causes in the North West.

When it was eventually disbanded the balance of around £750,000 was donated to Manchester Royal Infirmary for the development of the new ENT Unit and the Implant Centre.

Lawrie's contribution to the management of the deaf was recognised when he received an MBE from our late queen on a memorable day at Windsor Castle.

Lawrie himself was the most delightful person, very kind, enthusiastic and generous. He loved life and had many interests, golf, football, and art.

As a younger man he had a building company and later in life became a very knowledgeable art expert, a field in which he generously supported lesser known artists.

His greatest love however was his family – his wife Pat and his 3 children Mark, Stephen and Julie and their respective offspring.

Notes

PROPOSED EVENTS SCHEDULE 2026

Details of each event will be advertised on our Facebook site Manchester CICADAClub as we go through the year and in addition for those members not on Facebook information will be emailed as well.

The Griffin Arms Bold Heath	20th Feb
The Swan two nicks Bollington	20th Mar
Netherton Hall Frodsham	24th Apr
The Ring O'Bells Daresbury	15th May
Worsley Old Hall Manchester	26th Jun
Cheshire Cat Christelton	17th Jul
Lamb Inn Chinley	21st Aug
Worsley Old Hall Manchester	18th Sept
Royal Oak Inn Riley Green	16th Oct
The Swan two nicks Bollington	20th Nov

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TeL: 0161 701 6931 (Appointments)
TeL: 0161 276 8079 (repairs and spares)

http://www.manchestercicada.org.uk/implant-clinic/

National Support organisations

British Tinnitus Association:
https://www.tinnitus.org.uk/

Hearing Link:
https://www.hearinglink.org/

RNID (Action on Hearing Loss):
https://www.actiononhearingloss.org.uk/

Disabled Travel Advice:
http://www.disabledtraveladvice.co.uk/

Meniere's Society:
http://www.menieres.org.uk/

National Deaf Children's Society:
http://www.ndcs.org.uk/

National Association of Deafened People (NADP): http:// www.nadp.org.uk/

Equipment Suppliers for Deaf People

Sarabec: https://www.sarabec.com/

Connevans: http://www.connevans.co.uk

Hearing Link UK: https://www.hearinglink.org/

RNID (Action on Hearing Loss):
https://www.actiononhearingloss.org.uk/

Accessory help

The accessory help page has links to videos about how to connect your processor to different accessories, such as remote microphones, TV support etc. that may be supplied to you by the implant centre.

https://www.manchestercicada.org.uk/accessory-help/

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