



Lancashire Deaf News

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The Courthouse Restaurant wins Jubilee People's Millions



On 28 June 2011 The Courthouse Restaurant project was on ITV's 'The Jubilee People's Millions' grants programme where viewers decided which project should win funding. On the next day the winning project was announced and The Courthouse Restaurant

celebrated its win of £59,900. This money comes from the Big Lottery Fund and will be used to set up a training centre for deaf people to gain qualifications in catering and hospitality, which gives a better chance of getting into employment.

The Courthouse Restaurant and East Lancashire Deaf Society want to send their warm thanks to all people who voted for this project - without your support we would not achieve this.

The opportunities are now there and the ball is rolling - if you are interested in volunteer or work placements or training in the field of catering and hospitality, please contact Arbab Hussain at arbab.hussain@elds.org.uk to discuss more.

ELDS and Joseph Frasier Solicitors formed an alliance

Finally the UK has a law firm that understands Deaf/HOH people's needs. Joseph Frasier Solicitors (JFS) are working towards making their services accessible for deaf/HOH people. Members of JFS staff are currently learning BSL with ELDS and aim to be able to communicate with deaf clients without an interpreter in the future. The firm's head offices are located in Kings Court in Blackburn which is owned by ELDS.

Founding Member and Solicitor, Saimina J Virmani said *'We have found that when people who are Deaf/HOH come to us for legal advice, they need help on many different issues. People who are deaf/HOH have nowhere to turn for legal advice and often get brushed under the carpet. Our campaign 'Representing Your Right To Be Heard' is about empowering deaf/HOH people through legal representation. The deaf community has been fantastic and really supportive - it's about working together at grassroots level.'*

The project will officially launch on 19th August 2011. Watch this space and visit their website at www.josephfrasersolicitors.co.uk.

If you are deaf/HOH and in need of any kind of legal advice, you are entitled to a free 30-minute consultation with JFS.

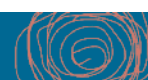
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Staffing Update



<< **Clare Robinson** is the new Administrative Assistant of Preston Lancashire Deaf Service office. She is the face you first see when you enter the new Preston office at 21 Cannon Street. She provides administration support to those

who work in Preston office, makes phone calls and welcomes you in the office.



<< **Lucy Slater and Lisa Faragher** are the new Community Interpreters replacing

Emma Shah. They are based in Blackburn but can be found anywhere in Lancashire representing Sign Communications North West.



>> **Anton Freedman** has been appointed to the Courthouse Restaurant as an Evening Chef. The restaurant has been open in the evenings for a while – come and try the new evening menu!



>> **Adam Bolton** is the new Front of House. He gives people a friendly welcome to the Courthouse Restaurant and takes orders.



If there's a fire and you can't hear a smoke alarm, what do you do?

Don't miss out on the life-saving early warning of a smoke alarm just because you can't hear it! Strobe/vibrating alarms are available and Lancashire Fire and Rescue Service have teamed up with ELDS to make sure that deafness does not become a barrier to fire safety.

Fire Safety – what's on offer A visit by Lancashire Fire and Rescue Service staff, who work out with you how to reduce risk of fire within your home. It's a free service and even the phone call to book the visit is free **0800 1691125** or online at www.lancsfirerescue.org.uk/fire-safety-check.

Depending on household circumstances, the strobe/vibrating type may be available free, but we'll go through that with you when you get in touch with us. A BSL interpreter can be arranged for the visit, but ask a friend or relative along and they'll learn something too! Learn about the SMS and Minicom services for making an emergency call.

Get advice. Get an alarm. Book your Personal Fire Safety Visit now.



Deaf aware garage in Preston

In this newsletter we sometimes let you know about services that are accessible to Deaf people. Mark Dobson from Penwortham Autotech in Preston is used to meeting deaf customers and welcomes them to his garage. He says his BSL is rusty but we think his signing is better than our speech!

Mark's garage does MOT's, repairs, servicing and bodywork. Unit 4, Middleforth Ind Estate, Penwortham, Preston, PR1 9QD. Tel. 01772 751117, Mob. 078 6020 8840. If you know of any other deaf aware services in Lancashire, do let us know!

Preston and Lancaster



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What to do if you have car accident



- 1. STOP!** (it is against law to drive off)
- 2. Check :-**
 - Your car – any damage?
 - The other car – any damage?
 - You – are you hurt?
 - Your passengers – are they hurt?
 - The other car – is the driver / any passengers hurt?
- 3. Exchange details**
You need to give:-
 - Your name
 - Address
 - Registration Number
 - Your insurers name and policy numberThey need to give you :-
 - Their name
 - Address
 - Registration Number
 - Their insurers name and policy number
- 4.** If you or anyone else is hurt or if things look suspicious to you, call the Police. Tell other driver and passengers to not leave. You don't leave the scene. When Police come tell them what happened. Get Police log number. If injury is bad Police will call Ambulance.
- 5.** Tell your insurance company about the accident.
- 6.** If you or your passengers have been hurt and not your fault then you might be entitled compensation. Contact us for advice. You have 3 years to make claim for injury from date of accident.

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New Sound Solutions shop opened in Blackburn

On Thursday 7th July the Mayor of Blackburn officially opened the new Sound Solutions shop at Heaton Street next to ELDS headquarters in Blackburn. Sound Solutions now has branches in Burnley, Lancaster and Blackburn.

Sound Solutions offers assistive technology to make life easier for deaf and hard of hearing people – flashing doorbells, vibrating alarms, telephone sound amplifiers, loop systems and many more. Sound Solutions also provides personal demonstrations in the shop or home visits, group demonstrations, consultations and training on how to use the equipment. You can try before you buy!

For further information, visit the shops in Burnley (28a Keirby Walk), Lancaster (22 King Street) or Blackburn (Heaton Street). You can also email any enquiries to soundsolutions@elds.org.uk.

In September, Sound Solutions will open in Preston.

Deaf Lancashire Profile



In this issue we interviewed

Irene Cobb from Ormskirk.

How long have you lived in Lancashire?

I have lived in Lancashire for 43 years.

What is the best thing about living in Lancashire?

The people are very friendly. Lancashire also has lots of history and plenty of shops.

When you went to school, which school did you go to? What do you remember from that time?

First I went to a nun school for two years and then to a deaf school at 7 Crown Street in Liverpool. It was not a pleasant experience as I had to move schools a lot due to war reasons. I remember the food being horrible!

When you were working, what did you do for a job? Did you enjoy it and why?

Ironing. I love ironing and still do it now. It is my hobby and it makes me happy. I do it for free for my local church.

What do you enjoy doing in your free time?

I go out a lot. Every week I go to church where everyone can sign. I also meet friends and family to catch up news.

Technology has moved forward very quickly and made life easier for Deaf people. What do you think is the best technical development and why?

Two things - mobile phones and emails. It makes it easier to contact friends and family quickly, and it is also easy to get in touch with LDS community team.

What would you like to say to the young Deaf generation?

Be independent with your life and don't let anything stop you. You can achieve anything you want!

Playscheme in Burnley

Exciting activities for deaf and hard of hearing children from 5 to 11 years of age! Games and sports, creative arts and many more.

Where: Reedley Hallows Nursery School and Children's Centre, Barden Lane, Burnley, BB10 1JD

When: Mon, Tue, Wed from 10am to 3pm (until end of August)

Price £5 per child per day. Booking a place for your child is easy - contact Lisa Puttock (lisa.puttock@elds.org.uk) or Tom Glover (tom.glover@elds.org.uk). Tel. **01282 839180**.

FRIGHT NIGHT

Come and enjoy thrilling ghost stories told by BSL storytellers at V. Fresh Café in Blackburn on Friday 28th October from 7.00pm onwards. Some of these stories are believed to be true! **Ticket £7.00 includes buffet.** Drinks are available to buy. Book your place by email: chantelldelacroix@yahoo.co.uk or by text message: **078 7556 4233**. Please note that this event is not suitable for the little ones – too scary!



25 Years of Love

Mr & Mrs Brian & Jean Bradley celebrated their Silver Wedding on 28th June 2011. They had their wedding blessed at St Christopher Church in Blackpool by Father Graham. It was a beautiful service and some deaf friends attended.

Deaf Mountain Biking

Are you interested in mountain biking? No one to go with? Ian Funnell is looking into organising deaf mountain biking on disused rail tracks and mountain tracks in Lancashire and the Lakes. If you have a mountain bike and would like to join Ian and others, send him an email: iani40@hotmail.com.

Winterfest at King's Court

ELDS will organise a merry Winterfest at Kings Court in Blackburn on Saturday 12th November! This event welcomes people of all ages. Fun, stalls, food and of course a visit by Santa himself!

Would you like to set up your own stall selling Christmas gifts or decorations at Winterfest? If yes, contact lisa.puttock@elds.org.uk to find out more!

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Events

What

When & Where

Accrington Coffee Morning	Wed 24th Aug @ 10.30am Blind Society, Accrington
Burnley Coffee Morning	Mon 5th Sep @ 10.30am Town Hall, Burnley
Hard of Hearing Group	Thu 8th Sep @ 10.30am Lancaster Deaf Club
Fylde Deaf Forum	Tue 13th Sep @ 7 pm, Fylde Coast YMCA St Annes on Sea, FY8 1XD
Blackburn Coffee Morning	Wed 14th Sep @ 10.30am, Courthouse, Blackburn
Wyre Deaf Forum	Tue 20th Sep @ 6.30pm Fylde Coast YMCA, Poulton le Fylde, FY6 7PU
Accrington Coffee Morning	Wed 21st Sep @ 10.30am Blind Society, Accrington
Blackburn Deaf Forum	Mon 26th Sep @ 6pm V.Fresh Cafe, Blackburn
Chorley Deaf Forum	Tue 27th Sep @ 8.00pm Fosterfield Day Centre, Chorley, PR6 0EY
Burnley Deaf Forum	Wed 28 Sep @ 10.30am Town Hall, Burnley
Burnley Coffee Morning	Mon 3rd Oct @ 10.30am Town Hall, Burnley
Morecambe Deaf Forum	Tue 4th Oct @ 7.00pm Regent Leisure Park, Morecambe, LA3 3DF
Preston Deaf Forum	Thu 6th Oct @ 2.00pm Town Hall, Meeting Room 1
Blackburn Coffee Morning	Wed 12th Oct @ 10.30am Courthouse, Blackburn
Hard of Hearing Group	Thu 13th Oct @ 10.30am Lancaster Deaf Club
Accrington Coffee Morning	Wed 19th Oct @ 10.30am Blind Society, Accrington

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