



Lancashire Deaf News

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ELDS has great news to share with you! ELDS has been selected by the Jubilee People's Millions (Big Lottery) out of thousands of applications to go on TV and compete against another project to win £60,000 for the Courthouse Restaurant project.



If The Courthouse Restaurant brings in the most votes they will give Deaf people an opportunity to work in the restaurant and to offer training opportunities. There will be training in catering, hospitality, how to apply for jobs; know what to do in interviews and many other topics. The V Fresh Café will become a training centre and there will be chances for people to work in the Courthouse Restaurant to get experience.

The Jubilee People's Millions will be shown on ITV Granada evening news from 27 to 30 June from 6pm onwards. Each night two groups will appeal for viewers' support with the public voting by phone to decide who wins the prize. The Courthouse Restaurant will be on Tuesday 28th June at 6pm.

Granada TV will be coming to film the project in the next few weeks and ELDS will be hotting up its campaign to raise awareness of the project and getting people to vote! You can find more information about the project at [http://www.peoplesmillions.org.uk/2011-](http://www.peoplesmillions.org.uk/2011-finalists/granada/the-courthouse-restaurant)

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*Phone numbers to vote will be given out nearer the time – you can get the number from the above website; Daily Mirror or from information that ELDS has given out. **Vote for Courthouse Restaurant Tuesday 28th June ITV Granada 6pm***

Proof that Deaf can see better!



Deaf people have better eyesight than those who can hear.

Scientists discovered that the retinas of people born deaf, or who lost their hearing early in life, developed differently from those in people who can hear. University of Sheffield led this research and said this is because the brain recognises that the hearing of the Deaf person is not good so the brain rewires itself to make another area better which is the eyes in Deaf people's situation.

Lancashire Deaf Bingo

On Saturday 16th April people from all over Lancashire came to the Lancashire Deaf Bingo in Blackburn. There were raffle prizes, buffet and 6 games of Bingo ending with the Flyer with a cash prize of £150. Everyone had a really good time meeting old and new friends. *Jean Smallridge was the lucky winner of the flyer!*



Cinemas letting Deaf people down

Have you noticed that subtitled films are always at odd times such as 5pm during the week or at 2pm on a Sundays? Most people like going to the cinema on a Friday or Saturday night but this has not been the case for many Deaf people.

Even those who go on Sundays or at 5pm usually find that it is not subtitles, however there are some places that do show subtitles when it should. There is a Facebook group campaign called 'Deaf people are alive 7 days a week, not just Sunday/Monday/Tuesday' where it has over 700 members who feel angry about, the times and dates when subtitled screenings are scheduled.

Do you have any problems with your local cinema? Contact one of our Community Officers. If you want to know if there is a subtitled film near you visit this website

www.youlocalcinema.com

Computer Repairs North West

If you have any problems with your computer or laptop – contact Computer Repairs Northwest! You would be able to explain your problem in BSL as all the workers can use sign language! They can tell you what the problem is in BSL and explain what work has been done!



You can ask your local Community Officers to come and pick up the computer for repair or drop it off at the nearest office and it will make its way to the repair person. If you really need your computer, CRNW can offer you a courtesy computer while you are waiting for yours to be repaired.

Linda Spencer retires

Linda retired at the end of May 2011 after many years of working as a Community Officer in the Deaf community.



Many of you would know Linda working at Deafway and at ELDS for the last couple of years. Many Deaf people especially in Chorley and Lancaster will be sorry to see her go. ELDS asked Linda what she will be doing with her time; she said that she will be going on holidays and will still be involved with the Deaf community as she plans to be on a Deaf Club committee.

ELDS would like to thank Linda for her contribution to the work in the Lancashire Deaf community.

Are fire alarms free?

Fire Alarms for Deaf people in Lancashire used to be provided by the Fire Service/Social Service free of charge. Recently there have been a number of Deaf people who have said that they have been told that the alarms are not free; they have to pay for themselves.

ELDS are looking into this as it seems that some are still getting it free and some are not. Can you let us know if you have had an assessment in the last 3 months and what the outcome was i.e. did you have to pay or was it free? We need to collect evidence as need to see if Deaf should be paying when hearing people get theirs free from the Fire Services.

Contact any of the Community Officers or visit one of the offices addressed on the back page.

Lancashire Rose Care Services
Giving Independence

L RCS provides care and support to people in their own homes to enable them to live as independently as possible.

Anyone who needs support in the home can access the service:

- Older people
- Deaf adults
- Deaf children
- Deaf with additional needs

Examples of services L RCS can do:

- Personal Care
- Light domestic duties
- Assistance to appointments, shopping, etc
- Respite Care – Sitting in service
- Independence skills
- Social skills

L RCS can specifically cater for Deaf sign language users by providing care workers who can use sign language.

For more information about L RCS contact
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Deaf Lancashire Profile



LDN interviewed Omar Zamir a Catering Assistant from Nelson

How long have you lived in Lancashire?

I was born in Nelson 20 years ago and I still live there.

What is the best thing about living in Lancashire?

I have a great group of Deaf friends & we often meet in Burnley. Lancashire is a great place for traveling around and it's a very peaceful place.

Where did you go to school?

I went to Royal Cross Preston then to Ashton High School in Preston. It was mainstreamed but I stayed with my Deaf group most of the time.

What do you do for work?

I am a Catering Assistant at the Courthouse Restaurant in Blackburn; I am currently working towards being a professional Chef.

If you did not have a job, what would you have done?

I would have looked for volunteer work or go back to college and learn a different skill. I do not like sitting around doing nothing.

You have been asked to give advice to Deaf children, what advice would you give?

You must learn, support each other and think about your future. It is important to get as many qualifications as you can and pass your experience onto others.



Lipreading classes There have been quite a few requests for lip reading classes throughout Lancashire. If you are interested in attending lip reading classes – this website is the best to look at www.lipreading.org.uk/lipreading-classes/58-england/107-lancashire.html There seems to be some available in Accrington, Burnley, Preston and Clitheroe.

Blackpool Bus Pub Crawl

- >>> Tickets £12 per person
- >>> Saturday 02 July 2011 from 6pm to 12am
- >>> Fundraising evening for Lancashire Deaf Service
- >>> 5 secret pub stops
- >>> Finger food provided at break

Limited 70 people

- >>> More details of where to meet on tickets only. Contact your Community Officers for tickets.



Lancashire Deaf Service

Funds raised from this event will be used to support volunteer costs.

Deaf Holidays

Deaf World Travel UK is a Deaf run travel holiday company. Ian Funnell has been organising Deaf holidays all over the world for over 20 years and this is still going very strongly. The next holiday is for MIJAS, SPAIN on 23rd - 29th September 2011 for women only. In 2012 there are holidays to Italy, Croatia and Mexico. **Visit this website for more information www.deafworldtraveluk.co.uk/ if you are unable to access the website, come to one of the ELDS offices to have a look.**

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Events

What

When & Where

Accrington Coffee Morning	Weds 29th June @ 10.30am Blind Society, Accrington
Blackpool Pub Crawl	Sat 2nd July @ 6pm Blackpool
Burnley Coffee Morning	Mon 4th July @ 10.30am Town Hall, Burnley
Morecambe/Lancaster Deaf Forum	Tues 5th July @ 7 pm, Regent Caravan Park
Blackburn Coffee Morning	Weds 6th July @ 10.30am, Courthouse, Blackburn
Burnley Deaf Forum	Weds 13th July @ 6.30pm Town Hall, Burnley
Chorley Deaf Forum	Tues 26th July @ 8pm Chorley Deaf Club
Accrington Coffee Morning	Weds 27th July @ 10.30am Blind Society, Accrington
Burnley Coffee Morning	Mon 1st Aug @ 10.30am Town Hall, Burnley
Blackburn Coffee Morning	Wed 3rd Aug @ 8pm Courthouse, Blackburn
Preston Deaf Forum	Thurs 4th Aug @ 2pm Town Hall, Preston
Morecambe Deaf Club	Every Weds at Regent Caravan Park

New Offices

ELDS will be moving to new offices in Lancaster and Preston. The new places will be more accessible. Preston is moving to 21 Cannon Street which is a few more streets away from the current office and has ground level offices. Lancaster's new office is just round the corner from the current office – the new address is 22 King Street which is on the main road opposite the market again at ground level.

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