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Who's Who?

My name is Ian Barrett and I am currently Chair of the Shropshire Deaf Children's Society (SDCS).

As a family we have been involved with the SDCS for the past 14 years, ever since our son Alexander was diagnosed as profoundly deaf, following meningitis.

For most of this time we have been recipients of support from the charity, either directly or through funding for the Sensory Inclusion Service (SIS). However, five years ago I took early retirement from teaching and felt that I was now in a position to give something back to the SDCS. I joined the committee and was soon persuaded to take on the role of Chair. Thanks to the fantastic support of the other committee members I have had a really enjoyable time as Chair. I am particularly pleased with the great team effort that enabled us to celebrate the 65th anniversary of the SDCS in style, with a superb charity ball and excellent family fun day.

Outside of the SDCS I help out with conservation work on the Haycop Nature Reserve in Broseley, lead the local Scout troop and am a governor at Broseley CE Primary School as well as squeezing in some hill walking.

With the support of both SDCS and SIS Alexander has grown into a well-rounded and successful teenager who, along with his two sisters, needs ferrying around in mum and dad's taxi to a whole range of events and activities.

Retirement has not been as restful as I thought it might be, but it is never dull or boring!



Dates for your diary

Primary Day - Arthog Outreach, Wellington. **Thursday 31 May**

Secondary Activity Day - Conover Hall, Shrewsbury. **Saturday 14 July**

Football talent ID day - Shrewsbury Sports Village. **Tuesday 29 May**



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Children's Hearing Services Clinic

If you have an appointment that has been organised by one of the SIS team please be aware that you will **NOT** get a letter confirming this appointment from the hospital. Please ensure however that you check in at the appointment desk on your arrival.

New online battery ordering service

It is now possible to order hearing aid batteries online directly from the hospital. Two packs can be ordered each time and will take 7-14 days to arrive. Batteries will be delivered directly to your home address.

Please use the following link

<https://www.sath.nhs.uk/wards-services/az-services/audiology/battery/>

Cinema Exhibitor's Association card

You can apply for a Cinema Exhibitor's Association (CEA) card which entitles you to 'two for the price of one' tickets in all participating cinemas if you Claim Disability Living allowance (DLA). The card costs £6 (processing fee) and is valid for one year.

For more information and terms and conditions please visit the CEA website at

www.ceacard.co.uk

or Telephone: 01244 526 016

Textphone: 18001 01244 526 016

Email: info@ceacard.co.uk



Postage

As part of the cost saving that the Local Authority has to pursue please be aware that we can only send out items 2nd Class so there may be more of a delay in receiving items.

Research Project

The University of Edinburgh – A chance to be involved.

We have been asked to pass on information about a research project for families.

The aims of the study are to explore the challenges and barriers families may face in gaining information about deafness, language and communication, and to investigate factors which can lead to successful outcomes for their deaf child's language development. They are interested in families with deaf children under 12. The study has been funded by the National Deaf Children's Society and received ethical approval from the Moray House School of Education at the University of Edinburgh.

If you are interested in taking part the web address for more information is:

<http://www.ssc.education.ed.ac.uk/research/tellingit/>

London Marathon

Oscar Owen's Nanny Sue is running the London Marathon this year and will be raising money for SDCS. The charity would like to thank Sue for her support and wish her all the best for this challenging run.

If you would like to sponsor Sue, please visit her fundraising page: <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/suzanne-whiteside1>



Ian's Hadrian's Wall Challenge

Ever since I was a child I have been fascinated by the Romans, helped by reading Rosemary Sutcliffe's 'Eagle of the Ninth'. My interest in all things Roman has led me to visit parts of Hadrian's Wall on a number of occasions, including famous forts such as Housesteads and Vindolanda. However, there is much of the Wall that I have not seen. Consequently, I have decided to walk its entire length and to do this as a sponsored walk in aid of the SDCS. I am planning to leave Wallsend, in the east, on Monday, 25th June and over the following five days to walk the 73 miles to Bowness on Solway in the west. Accompanying me will be an ex-colleague, Rob Hall, who has walked the Wall on several occasions in the past; Rob will also be raising money for the SDCS.

I have set up a Just Giving page and will post updates on progress over the five days of the walk. I would be very pleased if you were able to sponsor me via the following link to Just Giving:

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/ian-barrett3>

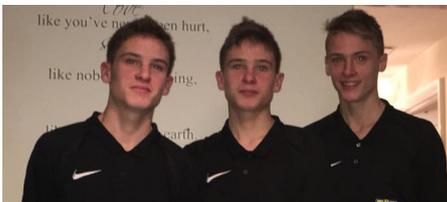
Ian Barrett
Chair SDCS

Eisa Muhammed

Eisa received a Head teacher award recently for returning to school with a positive attitude towards work following the school holidays. Well done Eisa!



Josh and Martin Sandland



The boys were put forward for a football referee course through Sinclair United Lions, a local football club for all ages. The course was run over two evenings and two full days at Telford College. Since taking the course they have refereed a few games each along with their brother Anthony. Well done to you all!

Sean Peel

Sean recently passed his driving test. He started lessons in February last year and after twenty lessons passed first time. Sean was over the moon and couldn't wait to get out in the car on his own. Congratulations Sean!



Achievements

Well done to all of you



Tobey Rippard

Following a deterioration in his hearing in 2016, Tobey was referred to the Cochlear Implant programme at Birmingham.



Tobey needed both his eardrums repaired and two cochlear implants. However, for someone who has always found hospitals and medical procedures extremely frightening, this was never going to be straightforward. Nevertheless, Tobey worked with the implant team and with the amazing staff at Birmingham Children's Hospital to overcome his fears and had his first cochlear implant just before Christmas.

I cannot begin to describe what an immense achievement this was for Tobey and how proud all the SIS staff are of him and his mum. Tobey was back in school in January and is 'like a different child' (the words of more than one of his teachers).

Not only has Tobey now got improved hearing but he has also proved to himself that he is braver and more determined than he ever thought he could be. You are an absolute star, Tobey, WELL DONE!

Sophie Clay

Sophie Clay was honoured with a special award at the Corbet School awards evening in the Autumn term. She was given the

Anna Lumby Award, which was an award set up in memory of a student at the school who sadly passed away in 2007. The school SENCo, Rachel Stokes, made a wonderful speech about Sophie and praised her for having worked hard to overcome many adversities while at school. Her determination paid off when last summer Sophie was rewarded with a great set of GCSE results. Well done Sophie!



Evan Davies

Evan was picked for six-a-side challenge cup for the TNS football team which subsequently came runners up – second out of 15 teams. He was also chosen as STAR pupil worker of the week for a wonderful book review which he recorded at home and then uploaded to his electronic portfolio (SEESAW) for all the class to see. Evan has recently moved up a stage on his Maths CLIC test, which is a huge achievement having scored three lots of 10/10 over three sessions.

