

Welcome to the 5th edition of the BAA Horizon. The BAA Board, its committees and the Fitwise team would like to send our congratulations to Nicole Robinson, editor of the BAA Horizon, who got married this weekend. We hope you had a wonderful day and have a lovely honeymoon, but please hurry back as we have missed your input into this edition of the Horizon! We hope all our members enjoyed the Bank Holiday weekend. The launch of the BAA Conference 2015 is only a week away and we encourage all members to visit the [BAA website](#) on the 12th May for further details.

Horizon continues to receive positive feedback. Please keep sending your news items to: admin@baaudiology.org

News:

- **Deaf Awareness Week** runs from 4th - 10th May 2015. Deaf Awareness Week aims to improve understanding of the different types of deafness by highlighting the many different methods of communication used by deaf, deafened, deaf-blind and hard of hearing people. www.actiononhearingloss.org.uk
- **Persistent swollen neck glands could indicate cancer:** Recent research led by the University of Exeter Medical School, published in the British Journal of General Practice today, has concluded that persistent enlarged lymph glands, found in the neck, should be referred for further investigation when detected in clinic. Professor Willie Hamilton, who oversaw the study, is deaf. He lip reads and interviews well. www.exeter.ac.uk/news/featurednews/title_447882_en.html
- **New research records tinnitus activity in the brain:** Researchers reporting in the journal Current Biology have taken advantage of a rare opportunity to record directly from the brain of a person with tinnitus in order to find the brain networks responsible. David Stockdale, Chief Executive of the British Tinnitus Association: "It is very rare to be able to study tinnitus in this way. The study seems to show that tinnitus is a more complex phenomenon than previously understood. If these findings are replicated, they will have implications for future research." The paper in full can be accessed at [www.cell.com/current-biology/abstract/S0960-9822\(15\)00278-X](http://www.cell.com/current-biology/abstract/S0960-9822(15)00278-X)
- **Ear plug use across the UK – help us find out more:** The British Tinnitus Association (BTA) is launching a survey today to find out more about the use of ear plugs in the UK. It is hoped that the survey results will provide the national charity with some really useful feedback about ear plug use. The survey, which takes only a few minutes to complete, can be found at www.surveymonkey.com/s/useofearplugs and the BTA is encouraging anyone in the UK to complete it.
- **Academy for Healthcare Science Announcement:** The Academy is delighted to announce that Dr. Brendan Cooper has been appointed as its first President. Dr. Cooper will be focussing on developing the Academy's external professional relationships and strengthening the one voice work. To visit their website see: www.ahcs.ac.uk

BAA Board/Committee updates:

- **BAA Website:** Now the [BAA Website](#) is a mobile responsive site it is easier to add CPD Activities on the go using your smart phone or tablet. If you are travelling by public transport why not try to record your CPD on your journey home from the next event, meeting or conference you attend?

We are now more active on our Twitter account as an organisation and have over 1,000 followers. You can follow us or tweet us [@BAAudiology](#).

- **Service Quality Committee:** After a lot of hard work and consultation with members, BAA have published guidance developed by the SQC on 'Identifying Cases of Non-Routine Hearing Loss in Adults'. The document can be found on the news section of the main website and in the publications

section. www.baaudiology.org/index.php/news/news-home/guidance-identifying-non-routine-cases-hearing-loss-adults/

- **Conference 2015:** The exhibition was launched to the corporate members this week and there has already been a flurry of activity with several of our Platinum sponsors reserving their stands within the exhibition hall. The remaining exhibition stands will be launched to all other potential exhibitors mid-May. Keep an eye on the [BAA Website](#) from the 12th May when the Conference will be launched officially. Details of the venue, programme, abstract submission, awards and of course, the Gala dinner will be available to view from the 12th May 2015. It is definitely an event not to be missed so visit www.baaudiology.org/conference for further details on how to book your place.

Job Adverts:

- **Audiology Practitioner**, Band 5, Kings Cross Hospital and Community Care Centre, NHS Tayside. 37.5 hours per week. www.baaudiology.org/files/3014/3037/6895/NHS_Tayside_-_Audiology.pdf
- **Lecturer in Audiology (teaching and scholarship)**, The University of Manchester. Full time or 0.50 FTE. www.baaudiology.org/files/8314/3037/6921/Manchester_University.pdf
- To advertise a job in future editions of Horizon please contact advertising@baaudiology.org

Upcoming Courses:

- **Hearing Aids:** The Inside Track Course: Wed 1 – Fri 3 July 2015, James Cook University Hospital, Middlesbrough, Booking deadline: Wed 3 June 2015. To apply for this course please visit <http://southtees.nhs.uk/services/ear-nose-and-throat/audiology/information-for-professionals/>
- **The Hearing and Balance Centre** at the Institute of Sound and Vibration Research (ISVR), University of Southampton, is now running the Hearing Aid Aptitude Test distance learning programme. Further details available here: www.baaudiology.org/files/2314/3037/6896/University_of_Southampton.pdf
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Events:

- **South East BAA Regional Meeting**, Monday 15th June 2015, London. The morning sessions cover Complex Paediatric Cases and the afternoon session cover Bespoke Assessments and Professional Affairs. More information at: www.baaudiology.org/events/calendar/south-east-regional-baa-meeting/
- **Digital Health and Care Congress 2015**, 16-17 June 2015, London. Enabling patient-centred care through information and technology. For more information see www.kingsfund.org.uk/events/digital-health-and-care-congress-2015

Social Media Summary:

- News from [Twitter](#):
- Apple Watch compatible h/a available now from 2 companies, & Samsung announce plans for their own aid businesskorea.co.kr/article/10298/... [#audpeeps](#)
- [@KidsAudiologist](#): During 2014 the NHS purchased 1,265,761 hearing aids! Up 1.8% (Source AudiInfos March 2015) [#AudPeeps](#)
- [@radicalaud](#): Performance and characteristics of the Newborn Hearing Screening Prog in England: The first 7 years <http://informahealthcare.com/doi/abs/10.3109/14992027.2014.989548>

- On our [Facebook](#) group:
- Congratulations to members running the London Marathon: Heather Dowber & Ceri Whittaker from Resound completed the London Marathon for Hearing Link. Gemma Leadbetter an audiologist in Dumfries and Galloway also completed the London Marathon to raise funds for the Dumfries and Galloway Hard of Hearing Group. Louise Jenkinson, who is part of the BAA's Conference planning team, ran on behalf of Sense, the National Deafblind and Rubella Association
- Richard an active campaigner and volunteer has written a blog about commissioning decisions <https://turnerrichard7.wordpress.com/2015/04/26/hearing-aid-cuts-in-north-staffordshire-falling-on-deaf-ears/>
- Hearing aids may help with forgetfulness-as long as you don't forget to wear them: <http://mobile.reuters.com/article/idUSKBN0N82GG20150417?irpc=932>
- Discussions on Trakcare and Lorenzo patient record systems are on the [BAA Facebook Group](#).
- Daily Mail article on hearing aids and hearing loss. <http://www.dailymail.co.uk/health/article-3051533/Are-victim-HIDDEN-hearing-loss-listen-radio-maximum-volume-lip-reading-probably-suffering-silent-epidemic.html>

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