



Welcome to our first newsletter! ☺

Update from BSL Go!

It's been a busy time for BSL Go! and our signers. Well done to all signers who have taken part in the school summer concerts. We are very privileged to be a part of what are essentially showcases for musical talent. Whilst you are all linguists and not performers, your performances were very beautiful and musical and have been very well received again. Not only are you showing off your signing skills, building your confidence but you are also playing your part in continuing to raise Deaf awareness.

Successes for BSL signers

Almost every week I have students coming to me or emailing me to tell me about how they have used their BSL in the real world, used it at work, got a new job or university offer because of it or enrolled on a high level formal accredited course because of the skill they have developed.

There are too many people to name individually here, but you will know who you are. Please keep this up – it's the whole reason why I do what I do! Every time I hear about something like this, I feel so proud and I also feel hopeful for the future when the barriers in communication in our community is eradicated. Thank you for taking the time to learn BSL and make this a reality.

If you have photos of you signing which you would like to share, please do send them to me – I would love to see them.

Staffing and volunteer information

Sarah Clapcott will be running her second beginners course, which start in September. She has just completed the first course, which was a resounding success. Congratulations to Sarah.

Sarah Ford is now heading into her third term as communication support worker. She is making a hugely valuable contribution to our deaf and hearing impaired learners.

Peter is now becoming a well-established member of the team of volunteers at Stubbington OAP Deaf club. The team is now three strong. If this is something you are interested in, please do get in touch with me.

New groups

We have three new groups starting in September:

Crofton Hammond Junior school - Monday lunchtime – Sarah teaching

Adult beginners – Tuesday 7-8pm – Sarah teaching with Sarah F supporting communication.

Home Ed group – Monday 10-11am – Buckland Community Centre, Portsmouth. Dianne teaching.

Continuing classes

The following classes will be continued in September

Anne Dale Improvers – Monday lunchtimes (Dianne teaching)

Adult Advanced group – Monday 7-8pm

Monday Improvers stage 1 group – Monday 8-9pm

Tuesday Improvers – 8-9pm

Crofton school Improvers stage 1 – Thursday 3.15 – 3.55pm

Crofton school Advanced stage 1 – Thursday 4 4.40pm

Thursday Improvers stage 2 - 7-8pm

Thursday Improvers stage 1- 8-9pm

Missing lessons?

If you are unable to get to a class, don't worry. I will endeavour to get all missed handouts to you. You can also ask a fellow student to take a photo of any notes they have made and write them out in your own book. It's always best to get this done as soon as possible and maybe ask a fellow

To show you the signs/ linguistics.

There is also scope for booking a 1:1 private catch-up lesson if you feel that you would prefer to do that.

If you would like to discuss this, please do get in touch.

Stubbington Bank Holiday fair August 26th

Stubbington OAP Deaf club will have their annual stall at this event. Please go along and “chat” using your BSL skills – they will be delighted to see you. I will be there at some point during the morning, so maybe see you there.

Summer lessons

I still have a few spaces remaining for the additional summer classes which are running on Tuesday evenings between 7.30 -8.30pm at the Crofton Community Centre. If you would like to come along, please let me know as I need to know numbers.

The dates are August 13th, 20th and 27th. Only a few spaces remaining. You will need to have a community centre membership to attend these classes.

Deaf Awareness and BSL training for businesses

Just to let you know, I am taking bookings from businesses to deliver training to staff. If you are interested in this for your business, please do get in touch.

Britain's Got Talent

Many of you will have been involved in our auditions for this previously. I am thinking about going for this again this year but actually travelling to London for a proper audition.

I'm not confident that doing the remote auditions are helping us. I will look into this – watch this space.

Interpreting service

Please remember me if you have a client at your work who needs a BSL interpreter 😊.

I think that's all for now!

Have a great summer and please be sure to keep me up to date with your successes at using your BSL!

Best wishes,

Dianne, Sarah C and Sarah F.

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