

# Chattering June 2009



Dear Stephen,

Welcome to DELTA'S June Chattering e-mail, we hope that you will enjoy receiving these newsletters within the e-mail rather than going to visit our website.

However, PLEASE do continue to visit our website for further information regarding our events including sponsored events; you will be able to do this by clicking on the links when they appear.



Steve Matthews and Margaret Glasgow M.B.E. receiving a cheque from Winchester Round table at Summer school 2008.

Summer seems to have come at last, Bar B Q's have come out of hiding, and so have the weeds!!! Unfortunately it seems that people are being shy at coming forward – Please let us shout aloud the achievements of our youngsters.

## **SUMMER SCHOOLS    SUMMER SCHOOLS    SUMMER SCHOOLS**

We have worked hard to gain funding –  
Many thanks for those who helped fund us this year!

People have been generous –  
Without you we cannot run our Summer Schools!

Volunteers have volunteered once again without pressure –  
You know who you are, and thank you!  
We hope that you will have a good time this year!

Locations have been booked -  
**Winchester - South - Pre School**  
Sat.25<sup>th</sup> July to Tues. 28<sup>th</sup> July 2009

**Southport - North West - Pre & Primary School**

Mon. 27<sup>th</sup> July to Fri. 31<sup>st</sup> July 2009

## A FEW PLACES LEFT - PLEASE PASS THE WORD

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### **AGM & Chairman's Note**

**Thanks go to** Volunteers & Members, there has been much support this month!

**Stop Press the small charity car draw! Stop Press**

**Bike riders** tell us whether they stayed dry this year or in fact found Brighton!!!

**Chris G-M** has found a new reason for banning plastic wrappings in this months sequel. (Read our April and May issues to catch up)

**DELTA Goodies** get your orders in and raise funds!

**YDAG's** who are they and what do they get up to?

**SPORTY** is throwing out a few challenges!  
Includes a DELTA member & their epic 1300 mile family bike ride!

**REGIONAL NEWS** is off the ground this month!

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### **AGM & Note from our Chairman**

A while ago we set a date for our AGM, sadly there were very few who indicated that they were able to attend and it was necessary to postpone the AGM. We had thought that an alternative date in June or July would be suitable, but again we find ourselves in a position that we simply can not do this. The reasons for this are varied and include finance, reduced staff capacity and our need to focus on the events that we already have running through the summer such as the Bike Ride last month, London British 10k Run, various NDCS regional events, and our three Summer Schools that are thankfully fully funded and ready to go.

So we are proposing to hold our AGM in the Autumn Term along with a provisionally planned National 25th Summer School Celebration, This will give us time to raise much needed funds, to plan & prepare the AGM and perhaps end the evening with a celebration of some kind.

We hope that you will agree that this is the right decision, it's has not been an easy one.

We will fully support our Summer Schools and ensure that they run with the professionalism that has been shown every year, families are signing up left, right and centre and it's expected to be full by the time we enter July.

We are also grateful to all the Volunteers and Members, that are working hard at raising funds for DELTA. I would like to say thank you to everyone that has been helping and continue to help to ensure DELTA continues, as my attendance at a recent NDCS fun day held in Newbury shows, families are still coming to DELTA for help and help them we will. It was most gratifying to see the response that parents and student Teachers of the Deaf had to lectures and our young deaf adults, 'inspirational' was the word they used - the work goes on. But we need more funds, so if there is anything that you think you can do to help then please give us a call or drop us an e-mail.

You could still donate towards my recent Flora London Marathon. Five minutes outside 'good for age' at my first attempt. Go to [johnlm](#) and swell the total, please. Also think who in your circle of contacts might become a member and encourage them to join. Arrange an event in your area, we can back you with expertise collecting boxes etc.

Many thanks,

John

Chair of Trustees

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## *Thanks go to*

May has been a busy month for DELTA, and with the support of its Volunteers & Members it was a great success!

Firstly, I would like to thank our benefactor for his on going support.

Secondly, to the Trustees that stood down last month for their support and time that they gave to the board. It was a busy year for them.

Thirdly, to the newly co-opted Trustees who are joining us.

Fourthly, to all those who assisted in the planning, preparing, and participation on the day of the Bike Ride.

Fifthly, to Tara for making Tenby YDAG weekend happen. I know that they all had a good time and have shown much appreciation to Tara for her help.

Sixthly, to all the people who have raised money this month or are doing so in the months ahead to come.

The Wrinkles Walk up Scafell - Margaret, Pauline and co are walking up Scafell in October. to sponsor them visit [thewrinkliesareatitagain](#).

Bev Bell's family are riding their bikes from Rome to Home some **1312.25** miles.

Beauchamp School in Leicester, held a collection during Deaf Awareness Week.

St James Church Choir in Weybridge are hosting a concert again this coming **Saturday, 6th June**. Performance includes The Armed Man by Karl Jenkins and other favourites.

For tickets call 01932 856399 or e-mail me on [steve.matthews@deafeducation.org.uk](mailto:steve.matthews@deafeducation.org.uk)

Three other social fundraising events are detailed towards the end of the newsletter, we hope that we will see you at one of these soon.

## **Stop Press the small charity car draw! Stop Press**

The draw will open on Saturday 6th June!  
A brand new Fiat 500 could be yours!

Buy a ticket @ £2 each  
and give 95.2% to  
DELTA at the same time!



the small charity car draw

The FSI have organised the small charity car draw to help small charities\*, like us, raise money for our brilliant cause by offering our fabulous supporters a chance to win a brand new [Fiat 500](#), kindly provided by [Zurich](#)!

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### **Bike Rider Hiten**

On Sunday May 11th 2009, the 20th anniversary of the DELTA Reigate to Brighton bike was on. Thanks to Steve Matthews and volunteers that this bike ride went ahead. What was more satisfying is that we managed to find 6 YDAG riders to join the event in a short space of time. Some of us did not even train for it.

Rob Wignall and Chris Swirles were the first timers for this event. This is probably my third time doing this year and I should know how to arrive at each checkpoint and the finish without using a map and signs. Richard Breen, Daniel Rule and Edward Stuart were doing this event for the 2nd time after a frustrating ride last year as they got lost on the way to the finish.

The weather was almost perfect for the ride as it was dry and cool. The people at Connevans were very helpful indeed as they agreed to store our bikes overnight and then provided us breakfast at the start. Without them we wouldn't have been so well prepared, so many thanks go to Connevans!

After coming third in last year event, these riders has given me something to think about. This is probably the most hardcore crew I have ridden with. From start to the finish, I was behind them most of the time.



Even under my guidance, we did get lost once after check point three but thanks to the genius Edward Stuart has managed to get us back on track to the finish. Also some of us did not even arrive at check point 3 and we all re-join shortly after the checkpoint. This is what teamwork was about.

All of us attempted to ride the Beacon Hill without a mini bus. I was still behind them wondering where they got their stamina from. This was the best part of the ride as it was very difficult and you need plenty of endurance. As I reached the top and came last, I went to buy an ice-cream to reward myself but the guys were eager to get back to cycling as we could see the view of the sea.

We all finished at the finish line together and it took us 3 hours 50 mins of riding time. This was an impressive time. We had beers and hot food ready for us. Even though we were quiet around the table, we were pleased that we did the bike ride in a satisfying manner. (Editor note - Beers were donated by David at Connevens, and the hot food and showers were provided by Ovingdean Hall School - Thanks for this, it makes the day end on a high!)



It was a very enjoyable bike even this is my fourth one, I could never get bored of doing it. From the last few events, I know that any people who can ride a bike can do this event.

If your interested to do it next year, get someone to do it with you and share your experience with us. It will be rewarding!

### **Chris G-M - Part 3**

Chris Gardiner-Medwin, one of our trustees, and a very longstanding member of DELTA, was deafened in 1947 at 16 months. He was taught to speak and lip-read. We are delighted that he was accepted for the cochlea implant programme, he is one of the longest deafened people to be so. Here is the 3rd serialised extract of his experiences: -



#### **Day 3 after switch on**

On waking I put on my EE (external element or extra ear!) in bed and listen to myself counting and singing songs I know. Knowing the songs maybe I think I hear, but at least what I hear, if I hear, corresponds to what I think I should hear! Is that nonsense? It is hard to know whether it is my guessing brain or the CI that is making me hear what appear to be very familiar sounds! (Incidentally while I type this on this keyboard some keys are clacking away and others not and I always thought it was silent!).

Time for a silent shower and dress. EE back on and a blast of bleeps.... must think.... things become clearer, shuffling feet (on purpose!), clothes rubbing ... breakfast time starts with a clatter of dishes in the sink, water running, drying cloth on the bowl rustling away, cereal pouring into the bowl, milk hissing into the bowl of cereal. Plastic wrappings should be banned for two reasons; Noise and environmental pollution! It is amazing how noisy it is opening the cereal and a multitude of other things wrapped in plastic and all of them sound different! Wow! I am getting definition despite all the 'noise'! That is a revelation!

I am happily slurping the fruit juice after listening to it fall into the glass! I am like a

child fascinated by the noise that things make that I am in danger of going too far but thank goodness I am, this morning, alone in my own space to do what I will! While having breakfast, I listen to the crunch between my teeth and the hiss of drinking juice and even me breathing and sniffing and the rustle of the newspaper! Time to get used to these very ordinary sounds that people probably don't even think of. Better to do these things alone before I send all else mad!

I recall the events of the previous evening in glorious solitude with just myself and my new sounds! Cooking sounds, the sizzle of oil in the pan but not the gas hissing which is a disappointment until I discover that I can hear the clicking of the gas lighter on the hob for the first time ever! Incredible! Later I get to enjoy (?!) the delights of hearing myself eating, crunching, slurping and scraping the bowl and the knife on cutting board. I am reminded that I even hear the knife slicing through the onions! I go through all sorts of other foods, celery, red potato, garlic and ginger ... my goodness what have I been missing for countless decades!

Later, I try again and put on my beloved 'Sounds of Silence' by Simon and Garfunkel (which I used to enjoy, after a fashion, in the late 70's but not much since) on my computer (which my friend says is rather 'tinny') and listen hard. I get the rhythm which is familiar but there are all sorts of foreign sounds that I do not recognise and I miss the ones I knew. (This keyboard seems to have different sounds for the letters and spacer which is the loudest! This is very irritating, as every time I hit the spacer I get a bleep!) (Welcome to the hearing world of very irritating noises Chris!!!)

I listen to the way things sound different instead of 'mass' noise. Simple things like glasses clinking, a spoon in the bowl, and a cup on saucer! I try the TV with subtitles but this is impossible as the synchronisation is so bad I give up the subtitles and try without! I suspect this is too much of a leap in my current orbit.

At least I am hearing the difference in sound between different actions. Thumb clicking (with a bit of reverberation too! Why?), whistling. I even hear the soft loaf of bread fall on the work top! Previously most sounds seemed like flat noise. I hope that sounds comprehensible.

I am now off to enjoy the sunny weather with my friend! First I check I have the remote control which fits neatly into my mini camera pouch cum keychain! I hear the rip of the Velcro fastening and the zipper!

My friend's dog gives me her usual affectionate greeting but rather quietly as if she knows not to burst my brain (i.e. not the drums which no longer work!). I notice her bark sounds different and less piercing but that must be the EE controlling the volume as M. can't bear her high pitched bark! The sounds of traffic in the distance I thought I heard turns out to be tinnitus, so I do have a problem here distinguishing which is which when it is quiet.

I hear M's telephone ringing for the first time! We go off to Leigh woods to see if there are any birds about but it is too late in the morning for that but I do hear the rustling of the wind in the pine trees after some concentration!

An evening dinner party in Bath at a friend's amazing house made out of an old squash court turns out to be a rather clattery event with the noise of knives and forks on plates rather dominant over rather ghostly sounding human voices ... rather eerie!!

To be continued...

## SPORTY



### SATURDAY 12TH JULY 2009 **RUNNERS NEEDED!**

12 charity places are up for grabs in this very well-known annual 10K run called the London 10K!

Happening on Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> July in London, DELTA (Deaf Education through Listening and Talking) needs **YOU** to raise funds for many events taking place throughout their 25<sup>th</sup> year of running Summer Schools for parents of deaf children to discover the aural way of raising their kids. Next year sees 30 years of DELTA since they first started in 1980.

Why should you run for DELTA?

**DELTA** promotes the education of hearing impaired children use of their residual hearing capacity and through the development of a naturally spoken language.

**DELTA** advances the development of hearing impaired children by researching and educating the parents, teachers, and others the various techniques of auditory acquisition.

**DELTA** trains hearing impaired people in the field of further and higher education, employment opportunities and promotes the needs for these to take place.

For more information about DELTA please follow the link to our [website](#)

The London 10K will enable the above aims to take place and even raising £150 will significantly help DELTA by securing a family deposit to come to their annual Summer School; or raising £1000 will help DELTA pay running costs for a month; or raising £400 will enable DELTA to print 5000 leaflets! Every little bit helps.

To secure a running place, please follow the link and fill out the forms at:  
[London British 10k Run](#)

**Bev Bell writes...** On 4th July 2009, Baz, Caroline, Sarah and Nick will be jet setting off to Rome with their bikes, with the intention of cycling the **1312.25** miles back to Poole, Dorset in just 19 days!!

If you feel exhausted at the thought of this challenge, and would like to support them and a worthy cause, please pledge some money to our chosen charity, DELTA. You can do this at our Just Giving site - [Rome2Home](#)

**Bike Ride 2010** - we have provisionally booked the date 9th May 2009, it is also the 21st year of our Bike Ride. It promises to be a fun filled day, so if interested then please drop an e-mail to [steve.matthews@deafeducation](mailto:steve.matthews@deafeducation) so that he can record your interest!

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## ***DELTA Goodies***

We are currently putting together an order of DELTA logo items including our popular Hoodies & T-shirt orders.

The more we order the more funds we raise!

Visit our [website](#) for current details or e-mail us on [enquiries@deafeducation.org.uk](mailto:enquiries@deafeducation.org.uk)

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## ***YDAG's - Young DELTA'S Adult Group***



YDAG and their Tenby weekend

On Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> May, on a gloriously lovely day, 15 people set off from their respective corners of the UK (namely Surrey area and Leicester area!) to converge onto Tenby, a small, peaceful town in South Wales for three nights in a caravan park- the poor residents and other holidaymakers didn't know what would hit them!

I drove down with Edd, Daniel and picked up Jen on the way. Edd drove the majority of the way, giving me grief about braking distances, while the rest of us complained about being hot/cold and playing cheesy music extremely loud! We were the first to arrive, so we had the choice of caravans to choose from- obviously I chose the one that was different to the other two, which were identical! Then we had to attend to an important matter- dinner and drinks!

The others eventually arrived, and joined in the drinking and talking, until about 4am; when people then split off into the caravans and had their own "fun"!! Saturday was overcast, fairly warm day. Which was nothing like the temperatures back in Leicester and Surrey, but that didn't stop us heading to the beach, and playing in the caves, or drawing images in the sand!

Cat, Jen and myself went to do the food shopping, and considering it was the first time Jen had met either of us, despite arguments about what to get and how much to spend, thankfully, we are still friends!! Never again though- three hours doing the food shop is not my idea of fun!

BBQ fun was had that night, where Hiten's eyebrow was singed off, and then more drinking and games were had - including twister! Sunday was go-karting for the majority of the group, from what I recall, Dan went the wrong way, there were some major crashes, but I believe Edd had the fastest lap! There was also some major sunburn going on, which made me laugh - but karma came back to me and I got sun burnt the following weekend! Monday was sadly our departure date, but before we left,

we all went into town to grab a bite and enjoy Tenby a bit more before returning back to work, studies and the like!

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here was also a DELTA fundraising event during the weekend - where you had to eat a cracker completely in 20 seconds or pay up £2 for DELTA - sufficiently to say, apart from Pope (John Paul) (or so he claims) its impossible to do so! We also had money left from the budget so a total of £70 has been donated to DELTA.

We also had a chance to have a meeting to discuss DELTA and how YDAG needs to be more proactive in helping increase DELTA's awareness and members base, as well as fundraising events. Several ideas were raised, so watch this space!

The weekend was great fun, and everyone seemed to enjoy themselves, and people already have ideas for the next social weekend- with more of a fundraising element to it!

If you are interested in getting in touch and joining YDAG, feel free to contact myself [taradavinasethi@gmail.com](mailto:taradavinasethi@gmail.com) or Edd Stuart [edd@ydag.co.uk](mailto:edd@ydag.co.uk) or search for us on face book- there is a DELTA volunteers group

*Thanks for this Tara – The Young Delta Adult Group is made up of Hearing Impaired and Hearing young people from mid teens upwards, and does include some very sensible people!!!*

## **REGIONAL NEWS**

### **ALL EVENTS ARE OPEN TO WHOEVER WISHES TO ATTEND including families & friends of DELTA**

**GWENT – Abergavenny Borough Theatre - Abergavenny**

**Friday 5<sup>th</sup> June 2009  
7.30pm**

Tri-charity Jazz concert with The Dolphin Quintet Swing and amazing variations – profits being divided between Diabetes Research, G.O.S.H haematology and DELTA  
Ticket sales in advance, contact Lynn Hounsome on [lghounsome@gmail.com](mailto:lghounsome@gmail.com)

**SURREY – St James Parish Centre - Weybridge**

**Bank Holiday Monday 31<sup>st</sup> August 2009  
Midday onwards**

DELTA Social Event & Bar B Q  
Ticket sales in advance, contact Steve Matthews on  
[steve.matthews@deafeducation.org.uk](mailto:steve.matthews@deafeducation.org.uk)

**GLOUCESTER – Forest of Dean – Beechenhurst Events Area**

**Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> September 2009  
10am to 4pm**

5th DELTA Funday and Bar B-Q, with Archery and silly games

Ticket sales in advance, contact Lynn Hounsomes on [lghounsomes@gmail.com](mailto:lghounsomes@gmail.com)

**Full details of the above events are arriving shortly and will be listed as an event on our website within [Current Events](#)**

## Chatter – Box

Q. Where is the QUESTION!

A. There was no question this month, so if you have a question, then please let us know and we will try and provide an answer in next month's Chattering!

## PERSONAL ADS

And finally, our new **PERSONAL ADS** column  
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### **WANTED**

Prizes for our Grand 25th Summer School  
Anniversary Raffle  
(Vouchers or Gift Cards are preferred as  
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New Members!

Regional Volunteers to assist regional  
teams

What's on info of events around the  
country for oral/aural deaf youngsters  
and their families, and professionals.

Questions  
For Q & A Chatter-box

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