

**Chattering May 2008**



**Dear All**

Apologies for the delay in this latest issue we have been extremely busy as you will find out below

## **New Office!**

We have now moved from our office in Peterborough to smaller premises in Walton on Thames, Surrey. This office is far more cost efficient and has brought our overhead costs down considerably.

Our new address is now:

DELTA  
The Con Powell Centre  
Alfa House  
Molesey Road  
Walton on Thames  
Surrey  
KT12 3PD

Please note that some of our materials still carry our Peterborough address. This will be changed in due course as the materials run out. However, there will be a POSTAL redirection on the address for a year.

The new office now houses **Steve Matthews** who, as from April was appointed as DELTA's permanent Operations Manager. Steve not only brings a wealth of management experience but also, as a profoundly deaf person with a Cochlear Implant is a brilliant advocate for the Charity. He has already been voted onto the UK Cod Board as a trustee. Steve is the only member of staff who works full time and can be contacted on 01932 243 018 or 07958 637 405 or email [steve.matthews@deafeducation.org.uk](mailto:steve.matthews@deafeducation.org.uk)

**Michelle Thomson** who was our Office Manager is now our Administration Manager. Michelle now works from home in Peterborough and is responsible for our accounts, producing Chat magazine, and all administration for our events. Michelle has been a constant asset to the organisation and we are very lucky to have her. If you need to contact Michelle direct you can ring her on 0845 0949 828 or email [michelle.thomson@deafeducation.org.uk](mailto:michelle.thomson@deafeducation.org.uk)

I **Wendy Adderley** still work part time from my home in the Wirral as the Family Support Manager, and currently manage all the fundraising work. Whilst working on the fundraising side I deal with the varied enquiries that we receive via email and phone, and also responsible for organising our events and Chattering. You can contact me on 0845 1081 437 or [wendy.adderley@deafeducation.org.uk](mailto:wendy.adderley@deafeducation.org.uk)

## AGM and Elected Trustees

We held a very successful AGM on Saturday 26th April at St James Church in Weybridge, Surrey. Steve's local church allowed us the use of their Parish Hall for our meetings. It is the first time in a long while that we have had managed to have the AGM so early in the year, thanks goes to Jane and Robin at Saffery Champness for all their hard work.

Steve made a presentation on the future of DELTA (which we hope will appear on the website in due course, followed by a focus on fundraising. We were joined by a few extra members for lunch followed by the AGM where Margaret Glasgow, as Chair of the Charity presented her annual report and also updated members on the current situation within DELTA. The meeting culminated with a presentation on the Now We're Talking Campaign by Pauline Hughes, CEO of The Ewing Foundation.

Thank you to all our members who came to the meeting, I hope you will agree it was well worthwhile and was topped off with a wonderful concert held in DELTA's honour by St James's Church Choir and raised in excess of £3000. A huge thank you to all the wonderful members of the choir and church who made it possible

The subsequent Board of Director's meeting re elected Margaret Glasgow as Chair and Steve Adderley as Vice Chair. The other members of the Board are: Chris Gardner-Medwin, Sue Lewis, Pamela Mason, Lynn Hounsome, Sarie Cross, Martin Grave and John Matthews.

## Membership of DELTA; Will you join us?

### CHAT & Chattering is changing!

We currently have 200 DELTA members who pay an annual subscription via Standing Order. This helps us tremendously as the regular donations that we receive bring in a much needed sustainable income. We realise, however, that apart from the "feel good" factor from helping a Charity that you believe in, we don't really give our members anything in return. We would like to address this issue and also encourage more of you to subscribe to our membership.

The changes we are bringing about will start in June, and the first change will be to swap our 'CHAT' and 'Chattering' Magazine/Newsletters around. This means that we can save at least £4,000 a year in our print and postal costs. Our next revamped issue of CHAT magazine will be received by our members **only**, this will include anyone who has made a donation of £30 or more, or is actively fundraising for DELTA. We will also be making it more newsworthy and hope to fill it with interesting news, information and topical issues. Please contact Michelle Thomson if you have anything you would like to share.



**Summer School Appeal 2008**

As always we are in need of help with raising funds to provide Worcester Summer School and hopefully a Lancashire weekend.

Can you help?

- **Collection Boxes:** We have lots of these at Head Office, can you ask your local management or local shop to house one for you?
- **Sponsored Events:** You don't have to be an athlete how about a sponsored dinner?
- **Coffee Morning:** Get your work colleagues to take it in turns and bake a cake one day each week, everyone saves £1 for a slice of cake, it soon adds up!
- **Get your company to sponsor us or your School to adopt us.**
- **Do you belong to Guilds/Clubs can you ask them to do a bag pack in a supermarket for you?**
- **Or of course you could join us for the Bike Ride or 10K London Run.**

**Board Up-date**

Following on from the AGM held at the Con Powell Centre, Peterborough in November, we are pleased to announce that Margaret Glasgow, MBE has been appointed Chair of the Board.

Margaret has been with DELTA from the start, when it was originally formed in 1980 in the guise of NAC (National Aural Group).

DELTA would like to take this opportunity to thank Alison Matthews for all her hard work and the professionalism she brought to the organisation during her time on the Board and more notably as the Chair.

To Pauline Hughes we offer our thanks as we welcome Sarie Cross, and newcomer Sue Mason who brings with her a wealth of knowledge and experience.

Thanks go also to Board Members: Steve Adderley (Treasurer), Sue Lewis, Lynn Hounsome, Martin Grove, Chris Gardner-Medwin and John Matthews for their continuing support, for the time and experience that they give so freely to ensure that DELTA continues spreading the message of Natural Auralism and showing that it REALLY does work!



If you are on our general database and currently receive Chattering, you will continue to do so. We hope to produce Chattering at least 4 times a year but encourage those of you who are not members of DELTA to become members. We are also hoping to get further benefits for our members which will be exclusive.

We are trying to increase our membership to 500 by 2010.

Can you help us and join up? It costs;

£30 a year for a single membership

£40 a year for joint membership

£15 for concessions/unwaged

We hope to be bringing in an YDAG membership and a corporate membership, we will announce these once we have set them up.

By signing up to Standing Order it means you pay a mere £2.50 per month. If we have 500 members paying £30 a year it will bring in a whopping £15K a year to DELTA which would pay outright for a weekend summer school.

We have attached our membership application form to the end of this newsletter; it is also on our website here at this link [membership application form](#).

If you pay tax please also sign the gift aid form as for every £1 you donate we receive 28p on top. It soon adds up!

## **Reigate to Brighton Bike Ride Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> June**

### **We need more riders!!**

Starting off from Connevans in Reigate, who very kindly provide breakfast and finishing at Ovingdean Hall School for the Deaf in Brighton with a hot shower & lunch. This is a brilliant event and can be enjoyed by all ages, you can even hitch a lift up the notorious Ditchling Beacon. For more details and an application form please contact Wendy via email [wendy.adderley@deafeducation.org.uk](mailto:wendy.adderley@deafeducation.org.uk), or call 0845 1081437, or download a form off our website [Bike Ride 08](#)



## **Summer School Appeal**

We are plugging away to get enough money to fund Winchester. Special thanks go to Joshua and Dominic Barker and their school: Wheelock Primary in Sandbach. Josh and Dom are both profoundly deaf and persuaded the school to make us their charity of the year. So far the school have raised £500 by having an own clothes day and they are planning more events throughout the year.

Can you do a sponsored event, hold a coffee morning, get a group to bag pack at your local supermarket, hold a dinner dance? Any donations, no matter how small will help raise funds towards our appeal and help newly diagnosed children and their families learn to listen and talk.

If you have any fundraising ideas but need some help, please contact Wendy via email [wendy.adderley@deafeducation.org.uk](mailto:wendy.adderley@deafeducation.org.uk), or call 0845 1081437.

## Summer School Winchester 26<sup>th</sup> – 29th July

We still have a few places available for the Winchester [Summer School](#), please contact us for an [application form](#).

## Future Events

As you know we have been struggling to raise enough funds to host all our events this year, however, thanks to the West Lancashire Masons we will now be able to hold a pre school weekend in the North West in October. We are also planning a weekend school in the Midlands area for Primary age children in February 2009. As soon as we have dates and venues we will release the details.

## NDCS Family Fun Day Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> June

This is always a great event and a great chance for the whole family to get information and have fun. This year for the first time it is being held at Crewe Hall, Crewe, Cheshire. We will be manning the Now We're Talking Stand in the Exhibition Hall so please come along and say hello.


## Everyclick.com


Congratulations to all who have signed up to Every Click – We now have 35 supporters who have raised a total of £74.00! Keep Clicking!

Don't forget to sign up to Every Click [www.everyclick.com](http://www.everyclick.com) on behalf of DELTA. If you register as a DELTA supporter, every time you use it as your search engine it will raise money for us. It doesn't cost you anything and it really is simple. I now use it as my home page, so every time it comes up I've added to DELTA's funds. Please sign up today and tell all your friends about it too

## Finally

Do you shop online with Tesco, HMV, Amazon, M&S, John Lewis, Play.com, Next? If you do, you could also raise money for DELTA.

Just go on our website and click on this logo  and place your order as you would normally. By doing it through our website every time you order we will receive a donation from the company you buy from.

It really is as simple as that, go on try it now! 

Thank you for your continuing support

Best wishes

**Wendy xx**





Please return form and mandate to:

DELTA  
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Molesey Road  
Walton on Thames  
Surrey  
KT12 3PD  
Charity no: 1115603

## Membership Form

I/we would like to join DELTA and confirm that I/we fully support DELTA's mission to help deaf children learn to listen and talk through the Natural Aural Approach and its associated research, training and information activities. I am over the age of 16 years.

Signed .....

Name .....

Address .....

Postcode ..... Date .....

### Membership subscriptions (please tick box):

- Individual £30 per year (£7.50 per quarter)
- Joint £40 per year (£10.00 per quarter)
- Concession £15 per year (£3.75 per quarter)  
(Concessions apply to anyone not in receipt of a regular wage.)
- Or alternatively £ ..... per \*Month/Quarter/Year.

The membership year runs from 1st January.  
Members are entitled to attend and vote at general meetings.

### Gift Aid Declaration (please tick box)

- I want DELTA to reclaim the tax on this subscription. I understand that I must pay income tax or capital gains tax equal to the tax thereby reclaimed.

Note the membership benefits and liabilities contained in the Memorandum of Association  
(<http://www.deafeducation.org.uk/governance/delta-memo.pdf>)

Membership no: M (for office use)

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Do not separate - please return complete form to DELTA

## Standing Order Mandate

To the Manager

(Name of your bank).....

(Address of your bank).....

Please pay DELTA (40-36-15 A/C 62251213) the sum of

- £7.50 per quarter (Individual)
- £10.00 per quarter (Joint)
- £3.75 per quarter (Concession)

A quarter on 1st January, 1st April, 1st July or 1st October

Or alternatively £ .....per Month/Quarter/Year.

starting from ..... and until further notice.

Please quote reference: M (for office use)

Sort Code   -   -

Account

Signed .....

Name .....

Address .....

Postcode ..... Date .....

**This mandate replaces all others in favour of DELTA**

\*delete as applicable  
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