

Chattering March

Welcome to the first edition of Chattering for 2009!



(Photo, Lynn Hounsome - Spring arrived in Wales!)

It's been a while since **DELTA** wrote to you and lots has happened during that time. Whilst it has been a difficult period over the last few months we are still here and have a number of exciting news stories to tell you about!

Whilst we would love to tell you about it all in one go, we would like to kick start this year with updating you on Fundraising during March. Then during April, tell you about some events that are taking place this year including our **A.G.M.** on **Saturday April 25th** and the **SOUTH & NORTHWEST SUMMER SCHOOLS** in July.

YDAG (Young DELTA Adult Group) are also putting the final touches to their newsletter, so you younger ones keep an eye out on your emails!

Please watch this space and our **WEBSITE!!**

Oh! Gosh the website has been revamped! We hope that you like the cleaner, simpler design of the site and our lovely new photo. We have a couple of volunteers at the moment working on the content to bring it up to date as well.



Thanks goes to Ian Rankin & John Matthews for all their efforts!

If you have any suggestions or photos then please do let me know.

So whilst we are on the website news you will notice that on the top right hand side we have a large button called '**Current Events**'. This is where you will find PDF documents of our events including fundraising and all other events such as Summer School and our forthcoming A.G.M. in April.

FUNDRAISING

As I am sure you are all aware DELTA survives totally on the generosity of its members & volunteers, and the goodwill of several companies. We also apply to many trust funds and grant making sources however the simple fact is that everyone is giving less! This then means that DELTA has less money to spend on its core activity, and that means less families and professionals get to hear about us!

So how can we change this? Well, for many years DELTA has run or organised several events such as the Reigate to Brighton Bike Ride that was started 20 years ago by Doreen Ross! Doreen raised over £15,000 in one year! Last year we received £9,000, lets hope that we can raise



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even more and beat Doreen's best year! Others have been guaranteed places in running events, such as the London Marathon and Great North Run.

As well as the above, this year we have three new running events as this is one of the most popular ways of raising money for charity.

Details of all events can be found on our website www.deafeducation.org.uk under the **Current Events** 'Current Events' button (as seen left). A pull down menu of all events that DELTA is currently organising or taking part in will then be displayed.

If you are planning on hosting an event for DELTA then please do let me have the details and we will list these up as a PDF document for all to view. Hopefully this will help us find more people to take part and raise more money for DELTA.

So in date order, this is a list of all the fundraising events so far this year, that you can take a physical part in or support! You will find entry forms for all the events at the end of this newsletter!

Date of Event	Closing Date	Event Name	Location	Distance
10 th May	Pay on the day	Reigate to Brighton Bike Ride	Reigate/Brighton	47 Miles
17 th May	3 rd April	Great Manchester Run	Manchester	10 Kilometers
26 th April	CLOSED	Flora London Marathon	London	26 Miles
12 th July	1 st June	British 10k London Run	London	10 Kilometers
20 th September	7 th August	Great North Run	Newcastle/Gateshead	13.1 Miles
25 th October	25 th September	Great South Run	Southsea/Portsmouth	10 Miles

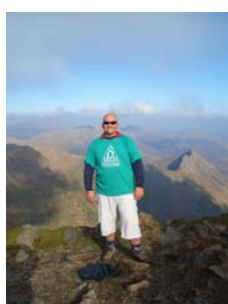
Please contact me if you have further questions or ideas or suggestions about other events we can do.

There are many other events going on around us perhaps you may be able to enter those and select DELTA as your charity.

There are plans for a raffle later this year to be drawn at our 25th Summer School Celebration in October, so we are seeking some good quality prizes for that. Perhaps someone has a holiday home or cottage, hot air balloon ride, case of wine, donation of vouchers and the list is just endless! Please contact me if you have a prize or would like to get involved on this project.

If you are keen to offer your time or skills in kind, then please do contact me at the office as we may have just the perfect role for you!

That is all for now and please keep in touch and visit our 'Current Events' button often!



Get fundraising!

Steve Matthews