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Dear Reader,

Stormy July. Let us hope the weather improves again for the last week and our **25th year Summer Schools.**

Still a few places available for families at both

Winchester - South – Pre-School

Sat. 25th July to Tues. 28th July 2009

Southport – North West – Pre & Primary School

Mon. 27th July to Fri. 31st July 2009



Also look for our special events and competition

Thank you for the nice comments received about our new direct Chattering – don't forget to pass the word.

PLEASE do continue to visit the website for further information about these and other events being organised on behalf of DELTA

Thank you also to **MARY HARE** for very kindly offering to solve our Summer School toy storage problem and for the use of their bus. It is all very much appreciated.

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DO YOU know of anyone who has helped at any Summer School or Information Weekend over the last 25 years and maybe is no longer in touch with us?

LET US KNOW their names & contact details, and where and when please.

CARMEN CHALLENGE fundraising with a difference by an Monmouth Music Theatre

DELTA GOODIES Orders needed now – and raise funds!

EVERYCLICK makes money for DELTA every time you surf

Have you joined the Small charity draw yet????

MEET our youngest and newest Trustee
(YDAG, Bike Rider, Runner)

And it's hello from me...

Some of you may or may not know me, my name is **Edward Stuart** and I've been an active volunteer for DELTA for the past 4 odd years. Through a pleasant co-incidence I met some of the Leicester YDAGs and was invited to attend Lancaster Summer School in the Summer of 2004. Since then I've put a further four summer school's under my belt and a good few Great North Runs, 10k's and bike rides.

All through this time I've been admiring the work that DELTA does and the impact it has on families and especially the children involved. As a moderately deaf person I can resonate and respond to the feelings that parents and children are experiencing when benefiting from DELTA's good work. I've known that the board and staff of DELTA have been eager to involve representatives from the three main aspects of their work as well as to encourage people with different skills to help run the charity.

When the opportunity arose to become a member of the board, I'll admit that I did take some time to think about what I could contribute and give to DELTA over and above the voluntary work I've done over the past few years. After some thought I realised that DELTA is changing and adapting to the challenges it faces and if I wanted to help DELTA then the best way to do that was to get involved and make my point in the places that matter and give DELTA the benefit of my experience as a listening and talking 'child'!

I was born and raised in Watford (for my sins!) and was schooled in mainstream schools along with my twin sister. When we reached secondary school age I joined my elder brothers (hearing) at the local boys state grammar school, whilst my sister went to a school with a hearing unit. We had no teachers of the deaf and after a trial with a support teacher it was decided that we were coping well and did not require the assistance. After finishing secondary school my parents relocated to Somerset where I attended the local sixth form college and successfully obtained the grades to attend Brighton university to study Business. Four hazy years later and I surfaced with a piece of paper claiming I had a degree! The world was my oyster! Well... eight years later and after a few too many functional jobs shall we say I find myself as a Management Information Specialist at the London Borough of Camden. I would say my specialisms lie in Human Resources, Information Technology and dealing with irate managers who want things done yesterday... Ho hum!

Still, I'm very excited to become a bigger part of DELTA and hope you will assist us in achieving DELTA's philosophy "*we believe that the vast majority of deaf children can learn to listen and talk and we believe that all parents of deaf children should be given this option*"

Whilst I was not able to directly benefit from DELTA's great work, I will do anything I can to ensure that everyone else can.

And it's goodnight from me and I hope to see you at either Winchester or Southport Summer School this July, otherwise at the many events coming up.

Edd

ROME TO HOME with the Bell family – what's it all about?

Those of you who have been to the DELTA Summer Schools at Colchester or Winchester over the last 15 years may remember the twins, Sarah and Caroline Bell. This year they are cycling from 'Rome to Home' with their dad and a friend, Nick.

On 4th July they flew out to Rome with their bikes. Their challenge is to cycle home to Poole totally unsupported, carrying their survival kit with them. Here are a few facts about their journey:

- It will take just over 2½ hours to fly there but 18 days to get back.
- They will be cycling over 2000km – that's more than 1300 miles, just under 1/20th of the way around the world,
- They expect to spend, at least 130hrs on their saddles.
- Each wheel is expected to make nearly 1 million revolutions



- Each bike will be expected to carry luggage weighing the equivalent of a 5 year old child!
- They will know a lot more about themselves when they get back than they did when they started.

If you would like to sponsor the team, please follow the link below where you can donate on line, <http://www.justgiving.com/rome2home>

CHRIS G-M - four days after switch on...

Chris Gardiner–Medwin, (See previous issues of Chattering) possibly one of the longest deafened recipients of a cochlear implant: -



Day 4 after switch on

The next day M & I visit the seaside. I hear kids chattering (bleeping!) away (never before!) on the beach among the rocks and hear a boy banging against some railings in the distance but had to ask M what the noise was.

I hear the ticking of M's indicator in the car when it is stationary but not when moving. There was the possible sound of gulls but not sure. Back at home another new sound repeated itself, a strange double sound several times before the EE cut out! Ah! So that was the warning note to tell me that the batteries are dead after less than 3 days! I can now hear...

Chris has decided to start compiling his experiences into a book - watch this space!

SPORTY runners & riders and their sponsors always wanted please!



SUNDAY 12TH JULY 2009

Please sponsor our runners here at [Just Giving](#)

RUNNERS NEEDED!

[Great North Run - SUNDAY 20TH SEPTEMBER 2009 - Closing date 10th July 2009](#)

[Great South Run - SUNDAY 25TH OCTOBER 2009 - Closing date 30th August 2009](#)

A few charity places are up for grabs in these very well-known annual runs called the Great North & Great South!

DELTA (Deaf Education through Listening and Talking) needs **YOU** to raise funds for many events taking place throughout their 25th 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](#)

These runs 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 links for the run you want and fill out the forms at:

[Great North Run 2009](#) or [Great South Run 2009](#)

Deaf Tennis Open Day - Canford Park
2nd Aug 2009 Start: 10:00 AM - Finish: 1:00 PM

The Deaf Tennis open day is a free of charge day for anyone with a hearing impairment. The day will be run by National Deaf Development Coach Dan Tunstall who is an experienced coach. Come along and give tennis a try and to see the programme that will shortly be on offer at Canford Park.

Cost Details: The day is £2.50 for all players with a hearing impairment for the taster day

Parking: No on site car park. On road parking available. *Booking:* To book a place at the event please call David Hudgell - Bristol Tennis Development Officer on 0117 3525632.

Bike Ride 2010 - Reigate to Brighton

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.org.uk so that he can record your interest!

DEAFLYMPICS? What are they?

"The games are built on 80 years of tradition. Organized since 1924 by the Comité International des Sports des Sourds, CISS (The International Committee of Sports for the Deaf), the first Summer Deaflympics were held in Paris. Winter Deaflympics were added in 1949. The Summer and Winter Deaflympics are sanctioned by the International Olympic Committee, IOC.

The need for separate games for deaf athletes is not just evident in the numbers of participants. Deaf athletes are distinguished from all others in their special communication needs on the sports field, as well as in the social interaction that is an equally vital part of the games."

Quoted from <http://www.deaflympics.com/about/>

This will be my third Deaflympics in September at Taiwan. I have been to Melbourne (2005) and Rome (2001). The Deaflympics happen every four years on the year after the Olympics and the Paralympics itself. In Rome and Australia I did achieve finalist placings but no individual medals itself, apart from one silver medal in the 4x200 freestyle relay in Rome itself.

The actual event itself is much like the normal Olympics as that you have roughly 12 days of sporting events, with an Opening and Closing Ceremony which takes forever and a day to conclude but is highly entertaining at times, highs and lows of teams winning and losing by the smallest margins, talking to others sporting discipline such as Badminton and seeing how different/similar they do things to yourself and many others. Of course most of the competitors are there to make the best job that they physically can do and beyond. Then they party exceedingly hard after their competition.

The Great Britain Team will be taking a variety of sports with them, as I understand it will consist of the Football, Swimming, Badminton, Tennis, Track and Field. There is some other sports but I cannot remember what they are currently. Yet.

(Ironically even though I was quite a bit faster in Australia than Rome and did get two places higher (4th instead of 6th) the standards of swimming has shot right up to the possibility of actually swimming for a living as when we were in Australia. We found out that quite a few of the Eastern Bloc countries as well as China, has offered cash for medals to their sportspeople which does not happen in Britain at all. Unless of course you were a Olympic or Paralympic sports person. So yes, I was understandably a bit bitter about that!) Richard Breen

Thanks Richard and I know everyone at DELTA wish you & Tom Baxter the very best of luck

FAMILY FUNDAYS – Celebrating 25 years of Summer Schools

During 2009 DELTA, (& previously NAG) will be celebrating 25 Years of Summer Schools.

This is a great achievement and there are events planned in the Autumn to mark this milestone.

The date is October 24th The location is in the Warwick area and will be suitable for all ages.

A Celebration Day which will be an opportunity to meet up with old friends and share memories. Perhaps catch up with the progress of some of the children and families. Swap photos and make new friends.

Also for the convenience we will hold the AGM during the day, all members are encouraged to attend. For those members who have not been involved with the Summer Schools its a great opportunity to come and hear first hand about this most important part of DELTA's work.

As well as this, Family Days are planned in Weybridge, (South East) Bank Holiday Monday 31st August 2009 & Beechenhurst (Wales & West) Sunday 13th September 2009 and possibly another further north. These Family Days are fun events and are ideal for spreading information about DELTA & the Natural Aural Approach and for recruiting members and fund raising.

This season of events will form a launch into the next phase of DELTA work. It would be quite wrong to assume, as some of the public seem to, that with better aids and cochlear implants the problem of deafness disappears. Far from it, the needs of young children to acquire natural language, naturally is as necessary as ever and DELTA's role is by no means diminished.

So book the dates and watch out for more details on the web site and in future CHATTERINGS.

God bless
John

COMPETITION for a COMMEMORATIVE FUNDRAISING CERTIFICATE

2 X £5 VOUCHERS ARE UP FOR GRABS!!!
Children's entry / Adults entry

Design a Certificate on A5 sized paper in landscape or portrait which includes;

'In the 25th year of NAG/DELTA Summer Schools'
OR

'25 years of NAG/DELTA Summer Schools'
Space for the name of the person/group responsible for Raising Funds
Space for the Amount, signature & date
Space for DELTA Charity details

All entries (with senders details including age if under 16yrs)
to be submitted before 1st September either
by post to: The Con Powell Centre, Alfa House, Molesey Road, Walton on Thames,
Surrey. KT 12 3PD or by e mail to: steve.matthews@deafeducation.org.uk

Results in the September edition of Chattering

CARMEN CHALLENGE

A theatre group in south Wales has taken up the challenge of putting on a semi staged performance of the world's most popular opera Carmen in just one day with the aim of raising £1000 for DELTA

The event will take place in the historic market town of Monmouth situated on the Wales-England border.

Monmouth Music Theatre, well known for its outstanding productions of West End musicals and operettas by Johann Strauss, Offenbach and Gilbert & Sullivan are also searching for a talented singer to take on the title role of the seductive Spanish gipsy girl who pays the ultimate price in this gripping story of lust, love and betrayal set in 19th century Spain.

Monmouth Music Theatre is giving a prize of £100 to the successful singer

chosen by the celebrity jury.

This great opera cannot of course be performed without a chorus of soldiers, smugglers and Carmen's fellow cigarette girls, so come and join in and have a good sing!

If you don't want to take part just come along and enjoy Bizet's gorgeous melodies. The Carmen Challenge will take place at Monmouth Leisure Centre on November 8th, with rehearsals beginning at 10.30.

The performance starts at 7.30
For more information go to

www.carmenchallenge.com

REGIONAL NEWS

ALL EVENTS ARE OPEN TO WHOEVER WISHES TO ATTEND especially families & friends of DELTA

SURREY - St James Parish Centre - Weybridge
Bank Holiday Monday 31st August 2009 - Midday onwards

DELTA Social Event & BBQ with bouncy castles, fun games etc
Ticket sales in advance, contact Steve Matthews on steve.matthews@deafeducation.org.uk

GLOUCESTER – Forest of Dean – Beechenhurst Events Area
Sunday 13th September 2009 -10am to 4pm

5th DELTA Funday and Bar B-Q, with Archery and silly games
Ticket sales in advance, contact Lynn Hounsome on lghounsome@gmail.com

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

PERSONAL ADS

And finally, our new **PERSONAL ADS** column. Please contact enquiries@deafeducation.org.uk regarding anything you see here, or with anything you wish included.

Would you or your boss give a donation for an advert?????

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the small charity car draw

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