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Dear !*FIRSTNAME*!,



So Christmas is nearly here again, we all want to know where 2009 went. Sadly many will remember 2009 having suffered as a result of our crazy weather, or economy or other personal events. DELTA will remember this last year as one where our Operations Manager, our past and current Chair as well as at least one Trustee, have taken part in fundraising events to help keep DELTA 'running'. The support from our members, volunteers, and people who have 'just heard about DELTA' has been

wonderful, as have some extremely gratefully received financial donations.

DELTA looks forward to some exciting events in 2010, for professionals, for families with secondary aged (or approaching) hearing impaired youngsters as well as what will be our 26th year of Summer schools.

We are asking that you please register your interest by clicking on enquiries@deafeducation.org.uk at the same time as passing on the information to those around you who may benefit.

Please take time to read our newsletter to make sure that you don't miss out on Christmas Grand Draw tickets and Christmas goodies.

We on the DELTA Board and in the office, wish you and your family a **PEACEFUL CHRISTMAS** season – enjoying through the eyes of a child, sharing the spirit of Christmas with families and friends and starting 2010 in good heart and mind.

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Great South Run 2009

My Great South Run

It all started rather coincidentally. I met Steve and his dad on a train heading back out of London. We had all been to participate in another event in town that day and got talking about our experiences of the day and why we had all been there. While I had been out to see the sites while running, Steve and his father had been out running for DELTA.

As the train chugged back to Walton I learned more about DELTA and was really motivated to try to help. This is when the mention of the Great South was made – being a very beginner runner, it was a brilliant opportunity to take part in a big race, but also a huge challenge!

Going from 5k to 10miles really stretched me. I managed to persevere with the training and by the time race day came round, I felt confident that I could give the course my best shot. The atmosphere was brilliant with great support for all the runners all the way round the course...even for those of us at the back of the pack!

I have a great sense of achievement and I feel much more confident in myself as a runner. Most of all I am proud that I took up the challenge for a really good cause – even the most cynical of my acquaintances were happy to sponsor me once they learned about DELTA's work.

Paloa Smith - www.justgiving.com/Paola-Smith Raised £625.00 Thank you Paloa and thanks also goes to Air Products for their company donation.

Calling Teachers of the Deaf, Speech and Language Therapists and Teaching Assistants

Informed Choice? How the Natural Aural Approach can help a deaf child to listen and talk for themselves. Aimed at Local Teachers of the Deaf, Speech and Language Therapists and Teaching Assistants. To be held in early spring in the Southampton area. Enquiries to sarie@deafeducation.org.uk

DELTA Families and YDAG weekend

For those approaching secondary and further education. As soon as this suggestion was made, it provoked much interest and I could even say excitement from families who were sounded out.

The YDAGs are always happy for an excuse to get together!!! We are proposing to hold this weekend in spring 2010 at a fun place in the West Country.

The aim is to give families more opportunity to talk to our older YDAGs about their experiences in an informal setting whilst also providing workshops relating to secondary and post 16 matters. Currently this will have to be self funded but if we have lots of interest – who knows??? Certainly a case of the more the merrier.

PLEASE register with enquiries@deafeducation.org.uk your interest including the number in your family and relevant ages.

Summer Schools 2010 leaflet is on our website under current events, if you would like to pre register your interest then please download and fill it out and send it in to the office.

Good Luck – a star in the making?

Whilst disappointed to hear that 10 year old Megan Chalk and her family would not be coming to the DELTA Christmas party this year, we were delighted to hear the reason why - that she will be treading the boards!

Megan has successfully passed all auditions to take part in this year's pantomime at the Newbridge 'Memo', the theatre that was the Wales finalist in the BBC2 TV series 'Restoration'.

Megan who has a severe high frequency loss is on stage virtually throughout "Aladdin and the very chic lamp". We look forward to the report and photos. PS Get well soon to mum Emma after major hip surgery.

Forthcoming events



**Saturday December 5th... DELTA
Christmas Party...
10.30 - 15.00**

The 6th DELTA Christmas Party at
Greenmeadow Community Farm,



Cwmbran, South Wales, NP44 5AJ. (Just off the M4)
 Tickets are £8.50 per child (adults free)
 Turn up on the day before 12 or contact Lynn Hounsome on
lghounsome@gmail.com
 Visit our website under current events for further details,
www.deafeducation.org.uk
 For further details about the farm visit
www.greenmeadowcommunityfarm.org.uk

Sunday December 6th... The Carmen Challenge...

**Registration - 9.30am, Rehearsals - 10.00am - 1.30pm & 2.30pm -
 6.00pm, Performance - 7.30pm**

The Carmen Challenge... Well this is it! The primary auditions for 'Carmen' have taken place, and on Sunday November 8th, three excellent 'Carmens' were put through their paces, both musically and dramatically before a Grand Jury.

The main event is on **Sunday December 6th** and will be held at The Leisure Centre, Monmouth. With the professional direction and musical accompaniment, this event promises to be marvellous! Everyone is welcome to learn Carmen by Bizet in a day and perform it during the evening. Come and help Monmouth Music Theatre achieve their aim of raising £1000 for DELTA. If you don't want to take part, please try to come along to the 7.30pm performance. Please see website www.carmenchallenge.com for further details.

Christmas 2009 Grand Draw Tickets

**£1 each
 (Books of 5)**

**buy via the office and volunteers
 prizes list on website**

**1st Prize: Bungalow Break
 2nd Prize: Hand Made Quilt
 3rd Prize: Lewis Hamilton Photographic Prints**

Other prizes include:

**Item of Personalised Photo Art (Courtesy of www.bohemia-images.co.uk),
 Sonic Boom Alarm (2) (Courtesy of www.connevans.com),
 Archery Lessons for 4 people (Courtesy of Alan Grimshaw, Toxoteach)
 Various Vouchers**

**To be drawn on Friday 11th December 2009 by Mr David Evans at
 Connevans, Reigate, Surrey**

(Further details and full list of prizes can be found on our website:
www.deafeducation.org.uk)

If you have been selling the tickets on our behalf then please ensure that you send them in to the office ASAP

Christmas Merchandise

We have for sale this year our **Calendars** with a DELTA reminder each month (Festive envelope included)
 & **Christmas Cards** (4 different designs by children).
 We also have a selection of t-shirts and polo shirts some of which are organic cotton, these all come with our smart new logo celebrating 25 years of Summer School.
 All are sold at a very good price, these would make great **CHRISTMAS PRESENTS!**
 Check out the Christmas Merchandise list on the website



Talking of shopping for Christmas presents...

When you search or buy on line, how do YOU do it?

Spend 2 or 3 minutes of your time by using these sites below, and you can give DELTA a Christmas present too!

You can also continue to raise funds for DELTA,



every time you search the internet through Every Click.

- Go to www.everyclick.co.uk
- Register by filling in your details
- Choose Deaf Education through Listening and Talking as your charity
- Choose everyclick as your home page or a tab on your home page
 - Use it every time to type in a website
 - Use it every time to search

- Use it every time to shop OR shop through our web site.

We currently have **49** users and welcome to **3 new users**, they have raised over **£143.91** just by using EveryClick.
Imagine if there were 149 users ? ? ? Or more ! ? !

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<p style="text-align: center;"><u>FOR SALE</u></p> <p>Visit our website for DELTA Merchandise including our new 25 years of Summer School Logo</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>DELTA Merchandise</u></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>ADVERTISING</u> <u>(PAID)</u></p> <p>This is empty, perhaps you could be here next month?</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><u>WANTED</u></p> <p>Regional Volunteers to assist regional teams and events</p> <p>What's on info of events around the country for oral/aural deaf youngsters and their families and professionals</p> <p>Contact: <u>enquiries@deafeducation.org.uk</u></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>ADVERTISING</u> <u>(Donation per Booking)</u></p> <p>Holiday accommodation in Turkey Villa sleeps 8 -11 or Villa sleeping 6/7 plus separate 1 bed Apt sleeps 2/4 ALSO Duplex sleeping 6 <u>www.kalkanholidays.info</u></p> <p>Weddings in Turkey For a wonderful and reasonable wedding see <u>www.kalkan-weddings.co.uk</u></p> <p>Qualified lady photographer Weddings, Portraits, Pets <u>www.bohemia-images.co.uk</u></p>

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