

Chattering April 2010



Dear John

It is now a full year since the current version of Chattering hit your screens.

What has changed in the meantime????

Chris Gardner-Medwin is still learning with his Cochlear Implant and his book is coming along very well.

We were able to hold 2 Summer schools last year thanks to the financial generosity of a few and the time and effort generously given by a great many more and we celebrated 25 years of Summer schools with a great fun day in October.

We have new leaflets for parents of newly diagnosed babies and older children **BUT** without your help, **DELTA** is really going to struggle to provide a Summer School provision in 2010 for all the age groups. So please can you help us by...

Holding a coffee morning? Garage sale?
Plant sale or open garden? Cook for friends?
Collect your annoying 1p & 2p coins?
Check out our website for more ideas.

Or support our runners in the **London Marathon** or our riders in the **Reigate to Brighton Bike Ride**.

Your help is needed more than ever to help other families to understand how to follow the Natural Aural Approach.

What has not changed **YET**, is for more of you our readers to share your experiences, ideas, memories or other items of interest.

It would also be a tremendous boost if more of you would **PLEASE** join www.everyclick.com and use it for your web searches (Yahoo based) and shopping!

Chattering Headlines

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Congratulations



The wedding of our highly regarded Operations Manager took place on a sunny though chilly March day. The happy couple then enjoyed the sunny delights of a honeymoon down under – Our heartiest congratulations go to Mr and Mrs Stephen Matthews.

Now back in the Northern Hemisphere Steve wishes to thank Frances and John for 'Holding the fort', and is looking forward to bringing DELTA and its aims to the notice of many more families and influential parties.

Summer Schools 2010

DELTA Summer School 30th July- 1st August 2010

DELTA has just celebrated 25 years of successful Summer Schools. The purpose of DELTA Summer Schools is to provide advice, support and encouragement to families who want their deaf children to learn to listen and talk.

Some feedback from the families:-

"We would like to say a huge thank you to everyone who was involved in the Delta Summer school as it was our first major interaction with other families with deaf children. We found the whole experience very helpful – in particular the educational and hands-on workshops. It was well organised and run and, in particular was great fun and informative at the same time."

"A fantastic experience. We have come out feeling positive and excited about the future. Thank you very much."

"The children have had the most fantastic time. Everyone has been absolutely wonderful. We can't praise them enough."

This summer we have been offered the Arborfield Barracks as one of the venues for a Pre School Summer School. The barracks offer a well equipped community centre for the day time activities, and the accommodation in the Officers Mess is fully catered.

The weekend is primarily for families of newly diagnosed and pre school children. The children are looked after for the day by teams of qualified staff and experienced volunteers.

The youngest can have fun in a well-equipped crèche whilst the older ones join in activity groups of their own age and interests.

The adults in the family take part in informal discussion groups and workshops, led by professional lecturers and teachers who are specialists in deaf education. The areas covered will include:

- Maximising the use and maintenance of hearing aids and cochlear implants
- Supporting listening and language in the home
- Gaining the most from preschool provision
- Making the best of the support available
- Understanding roles of the professionals working with your child

If you have any questions, please contact us on 0845 108 1437 or e-mail enquiries@deafeducation.org.uk or download our leaflet and application from [here](#).

If the Reading Summer School is not the right age group or a suitable location for you, then please download the [general Summer School leaflet](#) so that we can see what other Summer School we need to plan for in the near future.

We are launching a Summer School 2010 Grand Draw, with the following prizes!

1st Prize - £100

2nd Prize - £50

3rd Prize - £25

Tickets are £1 each and can be obtained via the office.

Please help us by selling some on our behalf, again contact the office for Grand Draw booklets to be posted to you.

London Marathon 2010

We at DELTA would like to wish all our London Marathon Runners good weather, good health, good speed and plenty of sponsorship for this years race on Sunday 25th April.

We have 7 runners this year running for DELTA, one sadly is injured and will now run in 2011 .



Perhaps you would like to sponsor one of them, click on the web link below!
All monies raised will go towards DELTA Summer School and its ongoing costs.

[John Matthews](#)
(Chairman of DELTA, aged 71)

[Ross Henderson](#)

[Rachel Cunningham](#)

[Gemma Rowley](#)

[Rob Howlett](#)

[Eden Walsh](#)

[David Littlewood](#)

Calling all Photographers

(Thank you - Bohemia Images)

[The Hear the World Photo Competition](#) (Initiative by Phonak)



Hear the World educates on the consequences of hearing loss and informs people about the solutions that are available. To celebrate hearing, and to illustrate how essential it is to our experience of the world around us, judges from **Hear the World** and **Digital SLR Photography Magazine** are looking for an original photograph that best depicts The Joy of Sound. The finalists' images will be considered the most original, visually appealing and self-explanatory – capturing the joy that our sense of sound can bring.

Theme: "The Joy of Sound"
Prizes:

- 1st prize - Nikon D3000 Kit and 32Gb iPod Touch
- 2nd prize – S3000 Coolpix camera and 32Gb iPod Touch
- 3rd Prize – S3000 Coolpix and 8Gb iPod Touch
- 4th Prize – 8Gb iPod Touch
- 5th prize – 8Gb iPod Touch

Although the winning entry will be selected by the official judges, all entries are open to public vote in the gallery. The nine images with the most votes at the end of the competition will receive runner-up prizes, and a selection will appear alongside the winner in Digital SLR Photography Magazine. Entries should be submitted online. Entries must be labeled with the entrant's name and image files must be 300 dpi and over 1MB. Entrants should include their own name, address and telephone number.

<http://www.hear-the-world.com/en/joyofsound/about-the-contest.html>

Tri Charity Jazz Concert

We have previously written about Mrs Dorothy Baylis who for the past five years has organised a Concert raising funds for Diabetes Research Cymru, GOSH Haematology Unit and **DELTA**.

This year The Dolphin Quintet return to Abergavenny with a fantastic programme of Jazz. A large raffle is being organised and the highly regarded Angel Hotel, Abergavenny has offered to combine a pre theatre dinner - providing more advertising. It is already being mentioned on local radio stations. If you live anywhere nearby or fancy a special outing - please come and support this event.

For more details contact lghounsome@gmail.com

DELTA 21st Bike Ride

There are just 4 weeks to go to our 21st Bike Ride, it starts at Connevans Head Office in Reigate and winds its way down to Ovingdean Hall School in Brighton. There are currently around 45 riders taking part 15 of whom are our very own Young **DELTA** Adult Group (YDAG) and plenty of space for many more, so come on spring arrived this week, and surely summer is on its way!

If you fancy sponsoring the YDAG Team then please click here [Ian & the YDAG Team](#) to sponsor them.

Download our entry form here [Bike Ride entry form](#) and send your payment in to the office, we will then confirm and post you a sponsorship form along with some tips and ideas on how to raise money for DELTA.

Baz Bell, who we have heard about before when he cycled with his daughters from Rome to Home (Dorset) has kindly retraced the original route of the Bike Ride when it used to start from Clapham Common. For the braver riders amongst you, and at your own risk you can ride from Clapham Common to Connevens, Reigate before joining the main route as supplied by DELTA. If anybody would like a copy of this then please e-mail me on steve.matthews@deafeducation.org.uk and I send you a copy of the route to your e-mail address. **Please do be aware that DELTA insurance does not cover the route from Clapham Common to Connevens.**

Many thanks go to Baz Bell for doing this! I hope that I don't embarrass Baz & Bev Bell but I found a great photo of them preparing for the Bike Ride I presume at Clapham Common. Note that they are wearing a 'NAG' t-shirt!



Great Manchester Run Sunday 16th May 2010



There are only 9 Bronze Charity places available in this year Great Manchester Run on Sunday 16th of May 2010. Our Charity places are often filled very quickly, we encourage you to book your place with DELTA as soon as possible. Please find friends and family to run with you. Make it a team effort!

Closing date for this year has been extended by the race organisers to Friday 23rd of April 2010!

So to avoid disappointment, download your entry form from our website and fill in your booking form, then return to the office along with your fee.

Your Bronze Charity Place will be secured once we have received your entry payment and your Great Manchester Run entry form. You will also be required to supply your e-mail address for the final part of the registration process, which will involve using an online portal via a link on your email.

A Retirement message

A message from the retiring Service Manager of the Special Needs teaching Service, Leicester City.

I have taught or been involved in managing services for children with impaired hearing for nearly 39 years and seen massive changes not only to our approach but also to technology, expectations and outcomes for children and their families.

The strength and commitment of children, families and teachers is as great as ever and long may it continue.

As regards DELTA my small claim to fame is that during a brainstorm in Leicester City many years ago when trying to think of names for a newsletter that was being produced for the first time, I came up with the idea of CHAT - Children Hearing And Talking, which was your predecessor.

More importantly a huge thank you to all the children, young people, families and teachers I have had the privilege to meet over the years and I wish you all continued success in all your future efforts.

Regards
Rod Dyson



(Thank you for contacting us – we are delighted to publish your message. Please accept our very best wishes for a long and healthy retirement together with our thanks for all you have done for hearing impaired children.)

Calendar of Events

(www indicates further information can be found under current events at www.deafeducation.org.uk)

Date	Event	Details –
Sunday 25 th April	London Marathon	Supporters needed on the day to cheer our 8 runners on, and to encourage them by donating via Just Giving page which can be found on our website (Our Runners and Riders on Just Giving)
Sunday 9 th May	21 st DELTA Bike Ride	The 21st anniversary of our annual Bike Ride from Reigate to Brighton, come and join us in this very special year! (www)
Sunday 16 th May	Great Manchester Run	9 running places left – Closing date 9 th April (www)
Friday 21 st May	Jazz Concert	Borough Theatre Abergavenny, Gwent
Sunday 11 th July	British London 10k Run	12 places – Closing date 25 th June (www)

Friday 30 th July	Pre School Summer School	Until Sunday 1 st August, Venue is near Reading in Berkshire. – More details can be found from the Reading Pre School Summer School leaflet on the website. (www)
Saturday 31 st July	DELTA – AGM	TBC – Reading, Berks
Sunday 19 th September	Great North Run	15 running places left – Closing date 2 nd July (www)
Sunday 24 th October	Great South Run	15 running places left – Closing date 17 th September (www)

Please do check our website www.deafeducation.org.uk - current events from time to time to see details of fundraising events or other event that we are hosting.

Personal Ads

<p>FOR SALE</p> <p>Visit our website for DELTA Merchandise including our new 25 years of Summer School Logo DELTA Merchandise</p>	<p>ADVERTISING (PAID)</p> <p>This is empty, perhaps you could be here next month?</p>
<p>WANTED</p> <p>Regional Volunteers to assist regional teams and events What's on info of events around the country for oral/aural deaf youngsters and their families and professionals Contact: enquiries@deafeducation.org.uk</p>	<p>ADVERTISING (Donation per Booking)</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 www.kalkanholidays.info Weddings in Turkey For a wonderful and reasonable wedding see www.kalkan-weddings.co.uk Qualified lady photographer Weddings, Portraits, Pets www.bohemia-images.co.uk</p>



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Spend 2 or 3 minutes of your time by using www.everyclick.com/delta and you can give DELTA a gift too!

You can also continue to raise funds for DELTA, every time you search the internet through Every Click.



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