

New members, postcard from, happy birthday, good luck...



NEW MEMBERS

Please welcome Kate Aylott from Leicester and Jacqueline Clarke from Horley.

Kate will be helping out at North Summer School for the first time this year and Jacqueline helps regularly at South Summer School. Here they introduce themselves:

Hi my name is Kate Aylott, I'm 17 years old. I was born in Leicester and have lived here all my life. I didn't start to lose my hearing until I was 8 years old, and since then it has gradually deteriorated, I now wear a cochlear implant and one very old analog hearing aid. At the moment I am studying for my A-levels, and next year I plan to go to university to study psychology, after that I would like to become a forensic psychologist. My interests include ten pin bowling and textiles. I also have a twin sister but she doesn't have any hearing problems, however she is very supportive and always looking out for me! I am going to the DELTA summer school in Lancaster for the first time this year so I am looking forward to meeting lots of new friends there. Kate xx

I am sure you will have no problem making lots of new friends at Lancaster Summer School. Enjoy the fish and chip!

Hello everyone, Jackie Clarke here. I am 20 years old and currently working at a local supermarket whilst looking for a job at a local primary school supporting deaf and/or special needs children. I was born in Redhill, 3 months early and spent the first 3 months of my life in hospital in Brighton. I had regular hearing tests but it wasn't until I was 4 years old that I was diagnosed as having a moderate to severe hearing loss. I attended The Mead County First School for 3 years, when I was 4-7 years old, this had a hearing unit and enabled hearing impaired children to mix with hearing children. From 7-16 I attended local mainstream schools and then went on to my local sixth form college - Reigate College. I heard about DELTA when I went to a local tennis camp run by British deaf Olympic players. I helped out at the last South Summer School in Colchester and then helped at the Winchester Summer Schools. I go to church, where I play the drums. I also help out at the church youth group Crusaders, on a Friday evening, where we get 100 children 9-15 years old from the local area who don't go to church. I am just about to start learning to drive! I hope to start working in a school in September. Jackie x

Have fun learning to drive and good luck looking for a teaching job.

REIGATE TO BRIGHTON BIKE RIDE



The DELTA young volunteers' bike ride team are asking their friends to sponsor them on the bike ride event. All team members are boys and they will be cycling 47.5 miles from Reigate to Brighton on Sunday 25 June 2006.

You know what to do – write a nice little cheque to DELTA, donate online at the DELTA web site (go to donation page and select 'DELTA's YDAG Reigate to Brighton Bike Ride Team') or help the team to raise funding.



POSTCARD FROM...

DELTA held a family weekend in Tenby, South Wales on 12 – 14 May. I went to help out with other volunteers and we had such a great time.



Me and Elizabeth



Lynn, Sarie and Wendy



Me and sandcastle!

Two volunteers Hannah Cheney and Megan Hounsome share their tales:

There was 5 of us from Leicester who went to help out, Myself (Hannah), Lizzie, Ian, Laura and Owen. The weekend was based on information for parents and answer any questions they needed answering. During the meetings, some of us did talks to the parents about ourselves and our deafness. We also looked after deaf children and their brothers and sisters. The children were full of beans and kept us on our toes!! Haha!! The families who attended this weekend, some had been to our Lancaster and Winchester Summer Schools, so it was nice to see them again and catch up on their child's progress. Also it is great to meet new families too as we like to meet new people and encourage them on a positive note.

We had a chance to chill out, this was either spent on one of Tenby's lovely beaches (see photographs), socialising with the parents. We also celebrated one of our young DELTA volunteers 16th Birthday. This was Megan whom some of you may have met on previous DELTA functions!

Hannah Cheney

Myself, Hannah, Liz, Ian, Laura and Owen had a DELTA weekend in Tenby, this is the first Welsh weekend. It was a great experience and we had a chance to speak to the parents and some of the children.

On Saturday evening, after the helpers had a meal on the caravan site and had a chat with the families, we all went back to the caravan where I stayed with my mother (the caterer), Wendy (Tangerine, ask Wendy what it means), Sarie Cross (who remembers me from waaay back) and Jenny (who I had a great laugh with). Out came a surprise early chocolate birthday cake complete with sixteen candles and a card from the gang. This was accompanied by a surprising, tuneful happy birthday. Thanks guys.

Hope all well. Megan

Megan I hope you had a great 16th birthday on 19 May. And good luck with your GCSEs!

JOURNALISTS AND PHOTOGRAPHERS REQUIRED!

I am seeking journalists and photographers for the ydag / dvg newsletter.

I am inviting volunteers from Lancaster and Winchester Summer Schools to help write for the newsletter. Have you got the skills to write creative articles? It can be a poem, a gossip column or anything you would like to write. And who can take good snappy pictures? Photographers are needed too.

Everyone will want to know what has been going on at both DELTA Summer Schools and other DELTA events!



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

As most of you know Ruth is celebrating her 21st birthday at Lancaster Summer School.

Ruth attached a new invite for her party on Saturday 22nd July as a few amendments have been made. Ruth says:

We decided that it would be better and easier for more people to come if we changed from having the meal/bar etc to have the Pendle bar and a buffet - only thing is in this venue there isn't a working bar so could you please bring a bottle with you.

Get looking for costumes as there will be prizes for the best ones!!

Hope everyone is well.

Take care, Ruth x

You are invited to Ruth's 21st Birthday Party
on 22nd July 2006

AT: The Pendle Bar – Lancaster Uni

TIME: 7pm till late!

THEME: 1920's – 1970's

There will be a prize for the best adult and young person's costume, so get creative!

Please bring a bottle (wine or otherwise) with you – a buffet and entertainment will be provided; Steve Adderley's band 'The Spangles' will be playing. You don't have to worry about driving home either as accommodation is available, however it may be helpful to bring a sleeping bag just in case.

Come and join the celebrations!!

Please let Ruth or Sue Broughton know at either

Broughton@btinternet.com or

RuthBroughton505@hotmail.com

as we need to know numbers for the buffet and for places to stay. There will be beds available but we need to know numbers ASAP, so we can ensure that everyone gets one!

Hope to see you there!!!

GOOD LUCK

Good luck to those who are doing their examinations this summer. When you have done your last exam, put your feet up and have a nice relaxing summer break.

WHISPER FROM DELTA

Thanks to everyone who took part in the Tenby weekend you were fantastic, as always! Been very busy organising family days in the East Midlands and North West Regions, will be able to tell you all about them in the next issue. Summer schools are approaching fast. I know we still have to get many of you cleared for CRB, unfortunately we've had a hold up

due to changing signatories. As soon as it's up and running I'll contact all of you who need it. In the meantime happy sunbathing and hope the exams are going well.

Wendy x

PS – Good luck to Steve Matthews who's having his Cochlear Implant done this month. Fingers and toes crossed!

... AND IT IS GOODNIGHT FROM ME



That's all for now folks. Please do keep in touch.

Regards,

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