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DELTA SUMMER SCHOOLS 2006

What a fantastic summer it was for both DELTA Summer Schools. I didn't attend this year but I can see that everyone had a great time – see below reports. It was a great reunion for many of those who came back to help once again at Winchester and Lancaster Summer Schools. They updated each other with news and gossips, welcomed new volunteers into the 'family', chatted to the parents, looked after the children and never feel too tired to party at evenings!

Lancaster – North Summer School

Edward Rex helped at North Summer School and here is his report:

As people arrived on Saturday, there was a strange going-on with 2 dummies upstairs of Pendle Bar. Of course, it was the training of dedicated DELTA volunteers for first aid training. Though training isn't the right word... outrageous wigs and dresses were put on the dummies due to the amusement of the volunteers.

Saturday night saw characters from the 20s-70s strutting the dance floor – it was Ruth Broughton's 21st party. This saw the emergence of Kate's machine-gun laugh, Steve's new singing voice, the induction of Emily, Sarah Adderley, Sarah Marsden, Kate Aylott and Luke White to the crazy world of DELTA!

The day after saw people emerge with sunglasses and during the day peeps got sunburnt. Andy Stubbs got 1 half of his leg sunburnt and Ed Stuart simply forgot to put his sun cream on despite his protests that he doesn't need sun cream to tan as he's got gypsy blood in him. Parents moved in and we defo put on our best behaviour... yeah right!



Monday came suddenly and off to the zoo we went! Matt Jane was compared to a sealion, seagulls hovered dangerously to the kids, Hannah Wilson squirmed nervously in front of a snake, etc. Night time saw the usual tricks. Pope (John Durance) got covered in shaving cream whilst he was sleeping with the door wide open..., Ed got locked inside a cupboard by Sarah Marsden and Andy, Becky Marchmont was taunted with the voice of Big Brother and she dangerously went mad with a shoe and Andy's snoring could be heard.

Tuesday was a trip to the circus. Though how the volunteers were supposed to be role models we do not know. They prised the hands of kids from the games for their own enjoyment, laughing at the misfortune of performances by acrobatics (namely Sarah Marsden!) and each volunteer getting their faces painted. The night brought about rivalry as there were pool competitions in the bar and you could cut the tension with a knife! Afterwards a few people went with Ruth and Dex to Lancaster city centre for P...A...R...T...Y!

Wednesday was the exciting trip to Camelot! Boat rides, water rides, and a joust later, DELTA Cheered on the green knight who fell to the ground first but nevertheless gave a

cheer from the volunteers as he put the yellow delta cap on his horse! The night saw the return of the ball Turth game and many secrets were let out of the bag!

Thursday came about with many tears that the week was almost over. Bowling caused the volunteers to be aggressive and lost to the kids! The shame of it all!

Then we all settled down to watch Ice Age! The usual fish and chips came and one person scoffed 3 lots, the greedy pig! Then lots of people stayed up that night due to farewells and a series of events to make the week to remember.



It was an all round enjoyable week and I couldn't have asked for more. I met loads of new people, re-forged friendships and made total fools of ourselves! Cheers everyone!

Edward (The Spud)

Wow! Look like everyone had fun! I hope the new volunteers enjoyed it and will be back to help again next year.

Winchester – South Summer School

Megan Hounsme helped at South Summer School and here is what she has to say:

This year at Winchester summer school, we had 17 families and included two sets of grandparents and two sets of twins (who were little pickles).

On the social evening, I gave a cheque for £500 to Alison Holmans. This was a fund raise in my local area, the details are in CHAT. I also did face paintings on some youngsters like a clown, a lion and butterflies.

I helped in the nursery all through summer school and chatted to the parents at the tea and coffee time.



Megan

Wow! Look like everyone had a colourful time!



POSTCARD FROM...

On Saturday 23 September the Wales region team held a Beechenhurst Family Fun Day in the Forest of Dean.

Megan's mother (Lynn Hounsme) organised the event and here is Megan's story:

Last September, we had Beechenhurst family fun day and BBQ in the Forest of Dean. It was an outside event area with gas BBQ where it was held. It was a great day, we had 15 families some brought their dogs. I did the face paints and raised £12, while my mum did

the BBQ and chatted to the parents. We also had sales which we raised around £30. Altogether we raised about £230.

Megan

DELTA MEMBERSHIP / ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Has anyone signed up to be members of DELTA yet? This is a last reminder.

You should have received an email from me at the beginning of October about DELTA membership. DELTA is seeking new members and I repeat the key points you need to know:

1. Join DELTA as members (see www.deafeducation.org.uk/members)
2. The Member's Day and Annual General Meeting being held on 21 October at Mary Hare School and, if members, you will be very welcome
3. Join DELTA mailing list (see www.deafeducation.org.uk/update)
4. Join DELTA email list by sending a blank email to join-delta@delta.talklist.com

Becoming a member means you will have more of a say in the way DELTA run things and you will be able to vote on important issues. Membership entitles you to 20% discount on fees for all official DELTA events, and all for just £30 per year! Fee is £30 per year, concessions (anyone who is not in receipt of a regular wage) are £15 a year and this can be paid quarterly at just £3.75.

DELTA will be holding the Member's Day and Annual General Meeting (AGM) at the weekend of 21 October. This will be taking place at Mary Hare School, near Newbury. The idea is to start the day at 10am and have working parties looking at updating literature, looking at fundraising and future ideas. The AGM would then be in the afternoon followed by a meal and social. You can only attend if you are members.

For further information contact Wendy asap on wendy.adderley@deafeducation.org.uk or visit DELTA web page: <http://www.deafeducation.org.uk/members/MembersDay.html>.



EXAM RESULTS

Only one of you wanted to share your examination results. Megan Hounsome writes:

I've received my GCSE's last month and got 3 C's, 5 D's and a double E. But mum has appealed my double Science because I passed the exam and they down graded my coursework. "Not fair!!"

The sixth form is going well. I'm taking Photography, Music Tech and resit Maths and English.

Megan

Come on folks – please let us know what you are doing at colleges / universities.

WHISPER FROM DELTA

No comments from Wendy.

... AND IT IS GOODNIGHT FROM ME



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

Regards,

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Do you know anyone who may be interested to receive the ydag / dvg newsletter? If so, please tell them about the newsletter and ask them to contact me.

Your contributions will be most welcomed – we want to read a story or hear what you have been up to. Please send contributions to the above e-mail address.

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