

Bike ride events, sponsored walk, summer school, bag-packing weekend...

I would like to say thanks to those who told me the February issue (11) was "very good". Am I doing a good job as an editor? If not, please let me know!



DEAF STARS! – AN UPDATE

The previous issue 11 featured an article on Jennifer Ryan and her friends who directed and starred in a DVD "Deafness Matters" to raise deaf awareness.

The "Deafness Matters" DVD was selected for the International Documentary Film Festival OXDOX (which took place in March) and held in different venues across the UK. Here is Jennifer to report:-

Deafness Matters was successful in its application to be entered in an international film festival: OXDOX. The film was screened at two locations: Oxford and Milton Keynes in March. I attended the festival at Oxford.

Films were divided into time slots, so we had to watch Deafness matters at an allocated time-along with three other films. After the screening of all of the films, there was an opportunity for the audience to ask us questions relating to the production of the film, the message behind the film and various other things.

According to Beth Simmons, who attended the festival at Milton Keynes – said it was a very successful event – in which further copies of the DVD's were bought.

Jennifer x

Fantastic news! It is good to hear that folks are buying DVD to find out more about deaf awareness.



DEAF AWARENESS WEEK

It is deaf awareness week in week of 7 – 13 May 2007. What are you doing to promote deaf awareness? Megan Hounsome has some news to share with us:-

Lots of things happened down here. I'm doing my silver Duke of Edinburgh this weekend and then going to Florida for two weeks over the Easter holidays. I was made as acting corporal in Air Cadets for a month last February which I'm pleased about.

I'm part of the charity committee at school, a few weeks ago I told them about the deaf awareness week and about DELTA. Today, I was told that we are doing another charity in May and the chairman decided if we can raise money for DELTA which it's excellent.

Last Friday was Comic Relief, I've decided wearing one of my Air Cadets uniforms (combats) to raise money. So far I've raised £123.85.

Megan

Well done Megan. Thanks for helping to raise money for DELTA. Did you have fun in Florida? And good luck with your silver Duke of Edinburgh.



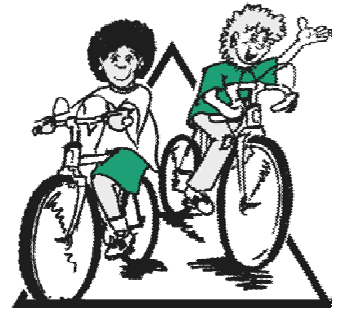
BIKE RIDE 1: REIGATE TO BRIGHTON – JUNE 2007

This is a reminder to inform you to register if you want to do the DELTA Reigate to Brighton Bike Ride on Sunday 24 June 2007.

I am doing the bike ride with other members of the fellowship.
Come and join us!

Please visit my fundraising web page and sponsor me:
www.justgiving.com/ianmcdonald.

Further details on the bike ride event can be found on the DELTA's website: www.deafeducation.org.uk/bikeride2007.



DELTA is looking for volunteers to help on the day e.g. man the checkpoints along the bike ride route or help at Ovingdean Hall School in Brighton. For further information, please contact DELTA.

If you want to cycle from Reigate to Brighton or if you have any questions to ask (i.e. about the bike ride event or the ydag bike ride team) then please email either Steve Matthews (DELTASteveM@btinternet.com) or myself.

Come on – it will be a superb day.



BIKE RIDE 2: ALTRINCHAM TO SPEKE – MAY 2007

There is another bike ride event in the northern area of the UK and it will be held on Saturday 12 May 2007.

This bike ride event is being organised by Abi Cope (one of the North West team) and this will be following part of the Trans Pennine Trail. The complete route will be 50 miles following a circular route.

Abi Cope and her family and friends from Barclays Bank did a similar route last year and Barclays Bank matched their sponsorship which they are hoping to get again this year.

They are also hoping to do a smaller route particularly for families and children who can raise some sponsorship and have fun at the same time.

If you fancy joining in the main bike ride or kiddies event then please contact Wendy Adderley on wendy.adderley@deafeducation.org.uk for further details.

This event is also being held in Deaf Awareness Week.

DELTA'S MUSIC DAY

In October DELTA is organising 'Music Around Britain'.

This is to raise awareness of how deaf children can enjoy music. DELTA and its regional teams would like to know if you can play music instruments or sing! If so, please contact DELTA office.

Can anyone help? Can you play on the drums or on the guitar? Do you want to show your talents? Tell us!

EAST MIDLANDS – FUNDRAISING EVENT!

The East Midlands regional team is organising a sponsored walk event to take place at Rushcliffe Country Park, Ruddington in Nottinghamshire. The event will take place on Saturday 1 July 2007.

The East Midlands regional team is looking for volunteers to help out on the day. All you need to do is turn up, sit down dozing under the sun and have fun!

Tell your neighbours to take their dogs out for walk (“sponsored dog walk”), tell your friends to bring their babies along (“sponsored push pram”) or just simply tell your friends to join you for a nice little walk (“sponsored walk”).

Please contact me for further details. Please come and help out at Rushcliffe Country Park – chat to parents, give balloons to the little children, play games with other volunteers and have a picnic with everyone.

Come on – it will be a great day!



DELTA SUMMER SCHOOL 2007

Have you completed your forms yet? If not, please do it ASAP!

It is unfortunate news to hear that Winchester Summer School has been cancelled due to lack of funding but don't worry because Lancaster Summer School will still be running ahead. The date for Lancaster Summer School will be Monday 23 July to Friday 27 July and it will take place at Lancaster University.

Most helpers will be arriving Sunday afternoon or Monday morning. The families will be arriving on the Monday afternoon so DELTA will need some of you to be available from about 1pm to help them to their flats and also to prepare the crèche etc. Summer School will be finish on Friday afternoon with a shared afternoon tea for all families and volunteers. Wendy would like to invite everyone to the fish and chip supper on Friday night which is a traditional thank you to everyone.

It is always fun at Lancaster Summer School – I have helped for several years. You can either (1) be with little ‘noisy’ toddlers in the crèche (playing with water, decorating biscuits and taking them for a walk to the playground or to feed the ducks) or (2) go out with older ‘cool’ children on visits to Camelot theme park and Blackpool Towers.

At evenings volunteers have plenty to do – have a barbeque, play games outdoor and there are a couple of bars (with pool tables) at the University. There is a leisure centre on the campus where you will be given free pass (from DELTA) for a nice swim in the pool.

Please contact Wendy Adderley on wendy.adderley@deafeducation.org.uk for further details.

DELTA SUMMER SCHOOL FUNDRAISING QUIZ

Lynn Hounsome (Scame up with a quiz to raise funding for DELTA. Excellent idea!

There are 200 questions to answer! Four prizes to be won: 1st prize is a surprise; 2nd prize is £25 High Street voucher; 3rd and 4th prizes are £10 High Street vouchers.

You can submit as many entries as you wish at a minimum donation of £2 per entry. Entries must be received by Sunday 1 July 2007. The winning entries will be drawn on Thursday 26 July 2007 at Lancaster Summer School.

The quiz and entry details are contained in the attached file entitled "DELTA QUIZ 2007". Please let me know if you have problems with the attachment.

PARACHUTE JUMP!

Rosie White is raising money to do a parachute jump for Cancer UK. Here she explains:-

I'm going to make a parachute jump at the end of May in order to help raise money for Cancer UK. The event will be held at Bridlington and is organised between Eden Health and Fitness and Skydive Brid, all money is to be collected prior to making the parachute jump. Thank you for your support.

If you would like to sponsor me please send a cheque along with the amount you wish to donate made out to me "Rosie White" to: 23 School Lane Bempton, Bridlington, East Yorkshire YO15 1JA.

If you would like to contact me about anything to do with the jump or the charity's involved or with any questions you might have about anything really! Here is my mobile: 07894241686.

THANK YOU.

Rosie xx

Good Luck Rosie – rather you than me! Perhaps someone would like to do this to raise money for DELTA?! If so, please let us know!

FUNDRAISING IDEA: BAG-PACKING WEEKEND

Lynn Hounsome asked:-

Is there any chance of a group of youngsters, their families and friends doing a bag-packing weekend for DELTA at, for example Sainsbury's.

Reason being, Megan's Air Training Corps did two days before Christmas, and a weekend before Easter and on each occasion raised over £3,000. Yes, three thousand pounds each time!!!

Please guys!!!

Come on folks – help to do SOMETHING to raise funding for DELTA!

DELTA SALE PRODUCTS

Lynn asked (again!) if anyone would take a look at the sales section of the DELTA website (<http://www.deafeducation.org.uk/forsale>).

If you want to buy any items for Lancaster Summer School there will be no postage and packaging as Lynn will bring them herself. Any queries, please contact Lynn Hounsome on LGHounsome@aol.com.

WHISPER FROM DELTA

Hi All,

Good to hear all your news, keep it coming. Well done to those of you who ran the London Marathon, you did a brilliant job especially with it being so hot! And well done for all the sponsorship money you've raised.

We are still needing money for Summer Schools this year and as a result we have had to curtail our activities slightly by shortening Winchester Summer School to a one day event. Lancaster Summer School, however, will be running as normal. Thank you to all of you who have volunteered your help at Lancaster. I will be sending out a letter soon asking you to help us raise money individually with lots of ideas on how you can help so look out for my email next week.

I'd like to take this opportunity to say farewell to our Chief Executive, Dr Keith Gladstone who has moved on to pastures new. I'd also like to wish Julia Gomm, our fundraiser, good luck and farewell, but only temporarily as she has just started maternity leave. I'll keep you updated.

That's it for now, thanks Ian for another good newsletter... keep them coming.

Wendy xx

... 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.

Don't forget – this is YOUR newsletter and it is up to you to tell me what you want to see in future issues.

NEXT ISSUE: JUNE 2007

Please submit items for the next newsletter (issue 13) by mid-June 2007.

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