



YDAG MAG

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DEAF EDUCATION THROUGH LISTENING AND TALKING

In the 18th
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Answers!

Co-editor, athlete, man of mystery; It's Hiten Laad!

Hope you all had a good Christmas and got a present you wanted. I think more than half of you have made a New Year's resolution. It is now declared that making one is unhealthy so good luck! Mine is quite a private one so will let you know soon if I am still alive.

I am glad to confirm that DELTA is up and running for first few months in 2009 but it came from a few hard decisions taken by the head office after we lost the application for lottery funds back in October.

We will all have to work together and raise funds in 2009 to keep us going. This newsletter will remind you again why we are such a special crew and there wouldn't be US if it wasn't for DELTA. If you are stuck for ideas, please think about doing one or two events mentioned in the 2009 Events Calendar in this newsletter.





Co-editor, Heartbreaker & Dancing Queen; It's Becci Sharpe!

Well as DELTA rides the storm we the YDAGs are still here! And I shall continue to report the YDAG news to you guys so you can keep up to date with the ridiculous parties, fundraising, erotic novel readings and general catch up of your deaf and hearing friends across the

country. Important bulletin– Becci Sharpe is now brunette! See, where would you be without hot goss like that??

I've decided to have some fun with this newsletter– and I apologize in advance for the randomness that is my hilarious fictitious short story I was very delirious with the flu and a mighty uni work load. We also have a very lovely new piece of all your messages about who had a big impact on you at DELTA and the usual updates and upcomings. We've also rebranded it as the YDAG MAG, seen as its so bloody long!

Hope you're all well and I look forward to seeing those of you coming up to Newcastle at the end of March!

Much love from the North xxxxx

Big Love for Wendy

First things first in the YDAG news, we'd like to show some big love for Wendy Adderley who sadly took redundancy from her position in the company due to the intense financial strains.

Wendy has always been a big part of DELTA and has made a fantastic effort to know all us volunteers (and hear all the gossip!). So we'd like to say a big thanks to Wendy, and to all the DELTA team for their efforts and we hope to still see lots of you.

YDAG South Weekend October 2008 By Hiten

On the weekend of 17th October 2008, the Southern YDAGgers organised a DELTA South Weekend in Tanners Hatch: A middle of nowhere, is the right description of the location.

I went with Andy Stubbs and John Paul Durance from Leicester. Stubbsy was the driver and his Sat Nav could not find the place at all. We were lost for over an hour when we are 5 minutes from where we supposed to go! It was so dark and spooky and almost similar surrounding of Blair Witch Project film. With John kept shouting Dorking repeatedly at the Sat Nav and Stubbsy reversing his car in a pitch black walking path, it was a night of adventure for me.

When we found the others, we were told to leave the car at a car park. The Tanners Hatch, a building where we going to sleep, was almost 20 minutes walk down in a forest (30 minutes for Fraz). The more we go down, it was a complete darkness and misty. It was scary for sure too.

As we entered Tanners Hatch, we came in with lovely heat blasting from a fireplace. Some of us had a go with sawing wood the next day. It was fun but hard work. At one time, John almost cut Edward Stuart's thumb off as the saw bounced off. Phew!



We went to Thorpe Park on Saturday. The rides we went were amazing. I was particular shocked at Stubbsy who went on big rides with us and decided against going on the boring TeaCup ride.

The funniest moment for me was Pope at one of the water rides. His reputation as a hard man went right out the window. Before we went on a water ride, he stripped off his top leaving his tight vest on as I think he was showing off his pecs. During the ride we all got wet and then when we looked at John, he was shivering a lot as the wet and coldness got to him. Not hard man as you thought he was then.

Chris Marian also wasn't a happy man as his mobile phone was soaked in his pocket. He left on the top of the fireplace for its to dry when we got back to Tanners Hatch

On Saturday evening, at the Tanners Hatch, we sat at in front of fireplace, having a few drinks, singing, dancing, and playing a few musical instruments and a few banter. If I can remember, we were talking which parts of UK are mainly chavs, why Paul Daniels got a sexy wife Wendy? Who's the sexiest male (Johnny Depp apparently) and sexiest female (a long list so we couldn't decided then).

We had Spaghetti Bolognese prepared and cooked by Caroline Barnes and Tara Sethi. They were gorgeous and I meant the food!

Oh yeah, one more thing to mention, I actually wrestled Steve Matthews, the big giant, to the floor. Not many people can do that.

Chris Marian, the one of the bravest to join us has this to say about his experience of the weekend.

Early in Autumn, the DELTA South crew arranged a bit of a get together. On hearing the main activity was a visit to Thorpe Park, I was a little hesitant given my occasional feelings of motion sickness, particularly when hungover. However, since its always fun spending time with the crew I put these feelings aside.



On meeting up, we split the group into two – a “slow rides” group, and a “fast rides” group. I bravely plumped for the “fast rides” group. Amongst others, we sampled the Colossus, Detonator, Inferno and Nemesis. Each ride was great fun, and very fast – though the downside was they were surprisingly short. We did however have the benefit of a queue jump voucher so our waits were reasonably limited. One of the highlights would have been the constant soakings we got from the Tidal Wave, twice being drenched outside of the ride, and once on it – thankfully no permanent damage was done to our hearing aids, although my phone has never recovered

We stayed at the park till closing, and then (still drenched) clambered into the cars of Steve, Rob, Tara and Emma to make our way to the country house for the night.



We pulled up into a car park in the middle of nowhere, and on asking Becci where the place was, I was somewhat surprised at her response that it was about 30mins walk... But it turned out to be a nice walk, although it was pitch black and getting chilly! On arrival, we built ourselves a nice big fire to dry out ourselves as we sunk a few beers. It was very basic accommodation, but almost like your own little comfortable country retreat which was a great setting.

Steve, Caroline and Tara kindly cooked a comforting meal, and we spent the evening getting to know each other a little better. I met Emma and Emily for the first time, and had a good catch up with the rest of the crew till the early hours. All in all, I had a great weekend meeting the crew and its always good to catch up on Delta news and thoughts. I eagerly await the next adventure!

Thanks to Tara and Steve's relentless enthusiasm for organizing, Pope for hassling people to pay, and the rest of the crew for their company!



DELTA are planning the next DELTA weekend in Tenby! Details on page 18!!!

Becci Sharpe,
representative of The
North would like to
add...

'Having ventured all the way down to 'Surrey' I have found the South to actually be a pleasant place that does in fact have trees! And that 'south of the river' does not mean France. However I was relieved after my 11 hour journey to be back up North where everything is better. And you can thank me when you all start drinking cider and black'

GUESS WHO?

(Becci- Ok, I had no part in publishing this and my apologies go out to the lovely lady it is supposed to be. All complaints can be made to the artist 'Robert Wignall'.)

Hiten gives the clues

- She is sometimes referred as Mrs Bucket...oops Bouquet.
- She claims that anyone who is not from Surrey is a Chav



YDAG CHRISTMAS MEAL 2008

By Becci

(Prologue Due to the eccentricity evoked upon me by my relentless examinations and then the flu, I have decided to write up my report on the DELTA Xmas meal in the form of a short story. Bare with me, I hope it amuses you. I would like to declare no copyright responsibility as all characters are purely fictitious.)



The beautiful, intelligent young woman from the North bounded up the motorway in her amazingly cool car with a smile on her face. Soon she would be greeted by her wonderful friends and enjoy a night of fun with them in the magical land of Leicester.

On arrival in this enchanted city she entered the playboy of Leicester mansion where she would spend the night. Creeping around the doorway and the first person she met with was the valiant Edwardo. Edwardo had lately travelled to far away lands of Asia, somewhere near Tatoonie in the Galactic Empire. Our heroine was also greeted by lord of the manner known as 'The Pope' for his remarkable pious and religious qualities, and his mistress 'Marslen'. The beautiful girl from the North was also faced with The Pope's sidekick, the evil looking 'Ojani' who openly hated the beautiful girl from the North, only to conceal his life consuming love for her.

The group now gathered and set out into the heart of the land to an underground cavern called 'Terracotta'. Here they met with their other friends and embarked on an adventure of fine dining and happy times. They drank a potion that seemed to provoke peculiar feelings, and so they drank it some more. Our heroine found herself seated at the dining table with her old friends Roof and Mr Ricardo Alfredo Wilfred Dexterous, and the infamous seducer Mr Roberto. Mr Roberto behaved well in her presence for he had known her a long time and fell into weakness at her side. He was also amused and distracted by the invention bestowed upon him, a hat from which beer could be drunk!

The merry fellows were entertained by a jester who went by the name Ricardo 'I cut my face in the hope of shaving it just a little' Breebie and his much calmer and more composed companion Froz. Froz however seems to be undergoing an identity crisis, the beautiful woman from the North suspected that his evil twin was emerging in the alternative realm BookFace.



After dinner the group were treated to a reading of a classic tale by Pandy Stoops. It was a most epic tale of lust and told particularly well with the animated voices of Pandy and of the lovely Emmer.

The beautiful girl from the North was overjoyed to be united with her comrade Tihan and the great poet Alex Trappie amongst many others. At the heart of the evenings festivities was Eoghan Rex Quigg, a great genius with hair as big as his brain and a suit as shiny as his eyes. It was he who led the merry fellows onwards to several inns.

It was drawing late into the night and the fellows were getting all the merrier. Mr Roberto the seducer was seducing, Ricardo 'I cut my face in the hope of shaving it just a little' Breebie was becoming ridiculous and trying to steal the beautiful woman from the North's beauty and the evil Ojani was growing restless.

And so the organiser and other heroine of our tale Miss Hennah, led the fellows to a new lair of merriment. It was called simply 'The Fun Club'. And fun it was. The music seeped through the walls and into every fibre of one's being, the darkness warmed their souls, the smiles and the laughter created an abundance of joy. There was much of the potion that stirred all the characters of our tale, and so they drank more of it.

Suddenly things were happening quickly. More potion was drunk, more dancing rituals fulfilled. The beautiful girl from the North found herself on a raised platform before her companions with Roof and Miss Hennah at her side— moved by music and lyrics of men known only as The Smithes. And then..... So much potion was consumed that no one know what happened to any of the fellows on this remarkable adventure! All except one, the all seeing, all knowing potion less Froz. Or was it Froz's evil BookFace twin???

The End

We've been really excited about sharing this with you guys! Here are the best answers to our question,

Who was the first YDAG you met who had a really big impression on you??'

THE BIG QUESTION

Jennifer Louise Ryan

I have to say that Ian McDonald was the first person I really got to know at Delta Summer School.

Wendy introduced us beforehand via email as Ian is a Town Planner and I am doing a Town Planning degree. We corresponded via email for quite some time so when I met him at the summer school it was really nice to put a face to a name. Ian is a very amusing person and he kept calling me Jessica which really irritated me!

Hope that is useful!

Jen xxx



Kate Allott



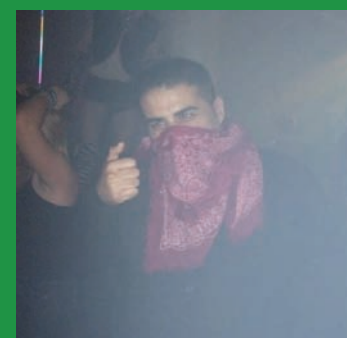
Hannah Wilson, we went to the same college and had the same teacher of the deaf, we used to wave to each other in the school corridors for about a year till we got to know each other lol, then she told me about delta!

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Fraz Zaber

How many words and have you discussed with my fees through my agent? :P

1st person i got to know really well? I'd have to cheat here as say the two people i got to really know were dan rule and laura mcauley. They welcomed me into delta all them years ago when i didnt know anyone, well dan welcomed me in, laura kind of shouted a hello to me. Im still scared of her now!



Edd Stuart



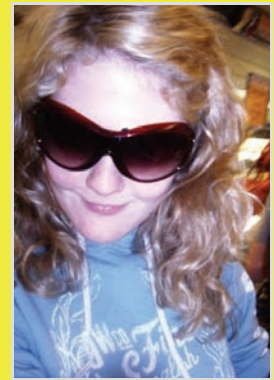
The first person I got to know at Delta was Hiten, foolishly he challenged me to a game of table tennis during our lunchhours and suffice to say I made him pay for his mistake. To this day he won't play me at any sports but he introduced me to the crazy world of Delta and YDAG and I'm grateful for that

Roz White

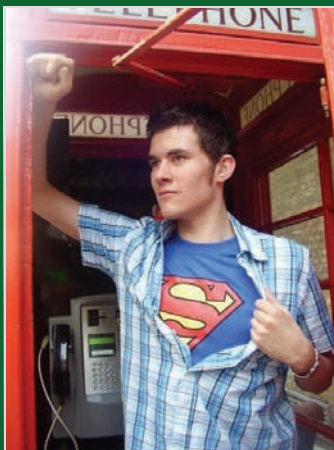
hello! cool idea!

my first person was probably liz durance - who took me under her wing a bit when i was a wee 15 (or was it 16?) year old. as matters progressed i probably got to know ed rex best - as the many "posh" photos of us testify! haha.

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Ed Rex



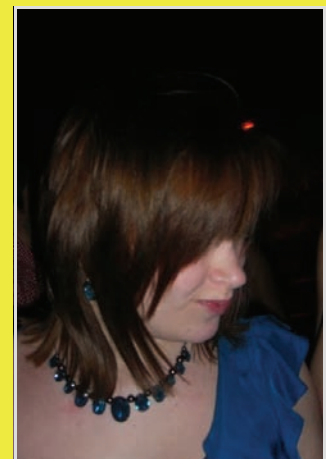
I would have to say it's Rosie White. People would think it would be Catherine Wells but I grew up with her and her constant reciting of Postman Pat at school (poor me).

Anyway, it was January 4th 2003 and I have just woken up to meet Catherine and 1 person from DELTA which was Rosie White! But as I reached the train station of Hull, Catherine texted me that she would be late and that she wouldn't be there on time to meet Rosie as she came in from Bridlington on the train. But I thought to be a gentleman and wait for Rosie. Her train pulled in but having no clue what Rosie looked like, I expected someone totally different. But this imagined person didn't appear and few people got off, a man with a ponytail, a business woman, a blonde teen who glared at me as she went past, and a skateboarder boy. After a while, I thought maybe she didn't come and texted Catherine who told me Rosie was waiting at the train station. I went back through and saw the glaring blonde teen really glaring at me. I glared at her back and once there was no-one else in the station except for me and her, it came as an awkward realisation that this blonde glaring teen was in fact Rosie! I went over to her, who was about to run and introduced myself. And the rest is history....so we thought. It wasn't until 2007 when it transpired that we actually met earlier! We were both in different secondary schools meeting together for a deaf sports day and through a mutual friend we met up!

There's no escaping from me for Rosie as shortly I will be living close to her soon in Sept. Bwahahahaha

Becci Sharpe

The people I would like to big up are never going to read this unless I tell them to, as they are abandoners of Delta days! However I would like to big them up as my best early memories of summer schools, causing havoc as naughty 12 year olds, united as children of the teachers of the deaf!! I would like to thank Rachel Kean for her laughter and Nick Holmans for 'Hullo Der' ha ha ha!





Hannah Wilson

Hey the first person i got to know at delta was ed rex... he weirded me out to start with!! but hey thats ed!! but then i decided he is a really nice guy and made me feel welcome :)

Hannah x

Ruth Broughton

Helloo

One of my first memories is of meeting Eve when i was about 11 and she was about 14 i think. I was sort of helping out in the creche (I think because Aimee was a baby and was in there) and she was too. I thought she was really cool because she had a fake tattoo and let me have one, which was an elephant I think! xx



Hiten Laad

This is a long time ago!!....not sure who I met first but ermm there was this DELTA conference at Wolverhampton in 1997 or earlier.

We had this teacher of a deaf called Diane Hall and she picked me up and then picked Helen Hately and Ian McDonald. Ian is obviously made a big impression on me so there you go. At the DELTA conference there, I met a very shy Laura McAuley. She was much different person than now and that is a good thing.

Really the first person I met from DETLA crew was Daniel Rule, who I met as little kids at Play-school. We got separated for nearly 16 years and we met again at college when we were doing A-levels. That was in 1999. Got a picture of us of us being a kid but I lost this photo at this moment.



The Trials and Tribulations of Breenie in the Lake Windemere Open Water Event.

I had entered for this event when I was shown the website link by our very own Steve Matthews while I was unemployed and looking for something to do with my rather extreme amount of free time available to myself! There is only so much one can do before one gets bored with nothing to look forward to apart from filling out application forms! (Note: I am actually employed now. And yes, it is so very nice having the cash. But not taxes).

For those who do not know me, I have been swimming since I was roughly 10 years old or thereabouts. I'm at a grand old age of 23 now! By swimming I mean swimming in a competitive swimming club for competitive training. This does mean that I had covered crazy amount of meterage in my heydays, doing around 60 kilometres a week. Now I do around 20 kilometres a week, if I'm lucky. Therefore, the thought of a mile of Open Water swimming? In Lake Windemere?

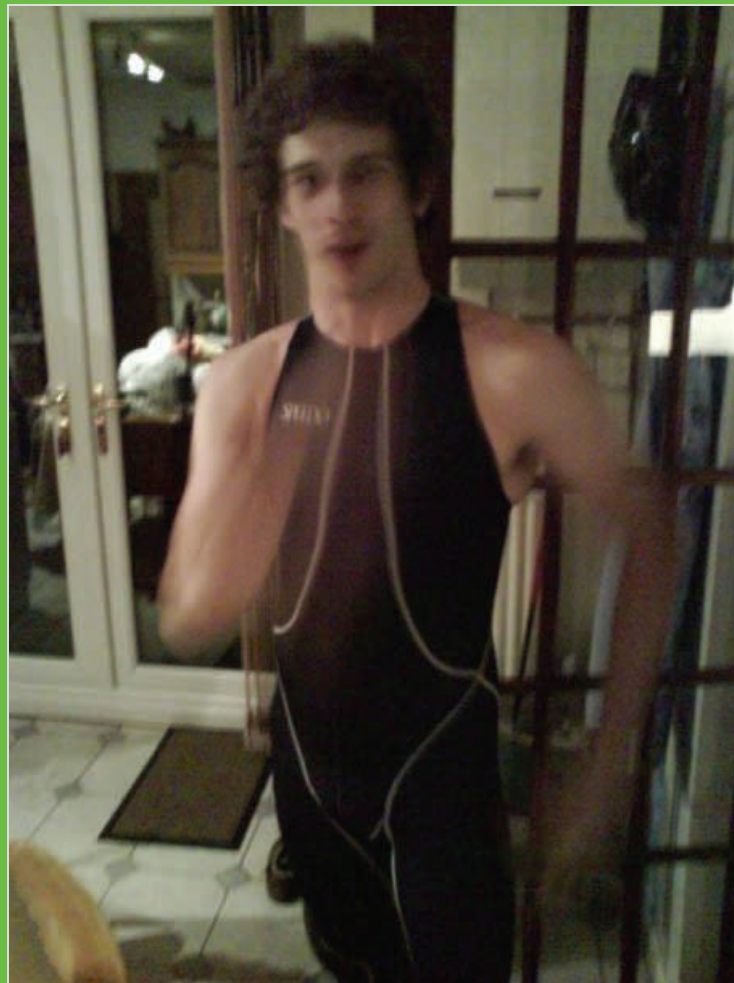
Jog on me lad, that'll be a push over! J. A mile? 1,600 metres? At once? To a guy who does basically 18,400 more metres in a week without breaking a sweat?

"Easy" I say to Steve with the naivety and the bravado of youth

I should point out at this point that my training is focused on lasting 200 metres as my maximum distance, all out sprinting, not doing distance pace-work for a mile.

The plan was that Steve was going to use the event to give him the heebie-jeebies to get fit while I would also be there to give support and advice to doing the distance. Also for me to actually experience Open Water swimming as it would have been my first time doing it. However as it transpires, the end result was me just doing the event while Steve was elsewhere as he realised he was not in the shape he desired to be to do the event with confidence to do a mile on breast stroke. I still went ahead with the event as I wanted to experience Open Water swimming and evaluate the potential it may have for the future of fundraising.

Problem was, I am a highly unorganised person, so this required me to set off for the event, on a Saturday morning, at 6.15am from my house in a car and then drive solid till 9am when I actually arrived at Lake Windemere, doing 200 miles and 2 hours and 45 mins. Not bad...till I attempted to park the car in a muddy field. It got stuck as it was rather heavy for the surface so had to wait for a farmer to pull it out and re-park it elsewhere! Note to self. Don't use a heavy but comfortable car next time.



Race was due to start at 10.30am. I first had to get my lovely orange hat with my number on it (295 for those who were interested) with my equipment (goggles, two towels, wetsuit, swimming trunks and a wrist-strap for timing equipment). Then ask the very kind lady for the organiser about health and safety talk that they do just before we actually get into the water. Once the right person was located and I listened and absorbed what I was supposed to do and what I was NOT to do (lots of NOT's actually) the time was fast approaching 10.15am! Cue a rather panicked Breenie having to very quickly dash to the changing room that was erected in a makeshift marquee, literally jump in the wetsuit and trunks, jam the clothes in the bag and run out to the starting line to supposedly "warm up" in the water. Well, I decided I would conserve my heat and just do stretches and a quick chat with my fellow swimmers/victims.

The organiser did their safety briefing. I thanked my lucky stars I had the intelligence to actually find out about that before this point. Then without warning, the gun went, in which the incredibly stupid/brave swimmers literally RAN in, the quite brave/stupid just cantered while the terminally scared (me) dawdled to the water.

Being informed that the water was 16.5 degrees, I assumed it might be warm but the water was literally FREEZING COLD. Soul destroying cold. I immediately thought:

"COOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOLD!"

then:

"JESUS CHRIST, that is COLD!"

I carried on. I like pain so it seems. Once fully in the water swimming and the wetsuit (sort of) working to maintain my core body heat it actually was quite fun just keeping it going and doing something you thought (initially) that you wouldn't do! However I did take the first half of the event rather slow due to not training for 3 weeks which didn't really present any problems whatsoever. Until I tried to get out of the water at the half way point. Now, extreme cold does really weird things to balance and co-ordination. I kept falling over like a rather drunk old man chasing a young fit woman. Get around the marker on a *pebble* section (why pebble?!) and back into the water to resume another (icy) 800 metres to the end.

Get to the finish section, climb out to this jetty, fall over like a drunk old man again and actually got lifted up by a volunteer and walked to the line while being clapped at by well-wishers and competitors friends/families. I should point out that due to the rather extreme cold and the fact that I actually forgot it was a charity event, it did make me extremely happy that so many people were so pleased to see me that I spontaneously waved and yelled: "Hello EVERYONE!". They actually were impressed and waved back with the look of "He's not from the local lunatic asylum right?".

Get to the finish line, undress in the makeshift marquee again while shivering like there's no tomorrow, changed as fast as Superman himself with teeth chattering away and waddled outside. Waddled as Breenie was covered with clothes to withstand the Artic never mind a warm, 12 degree day in Britain!

Let me say, a (very large) hot chocolate and a big, fat, greasy, **HOT** four bacon sarnie is a real Godsend after that event!

Prattie's poem 'Rex'

Prepare to bow down on your knees in subservience,
For here comes the mighty King Edward Rex.

From you, his most loyal subjects,
He demands hands-free, devoted oral s*x.

If you attempt to deny him,
He'll place on such an evil hex.

How could you refuse such a man,
Look at his muscles in fear as they flex.

With these muscles, it's rumoured,
He strangled to death his last ex.

How ever can we attempt to remove,
From the soul of humanity, such a stained vex?

Every week on the dot,
He poisons us with foul bowls of spicy mex.

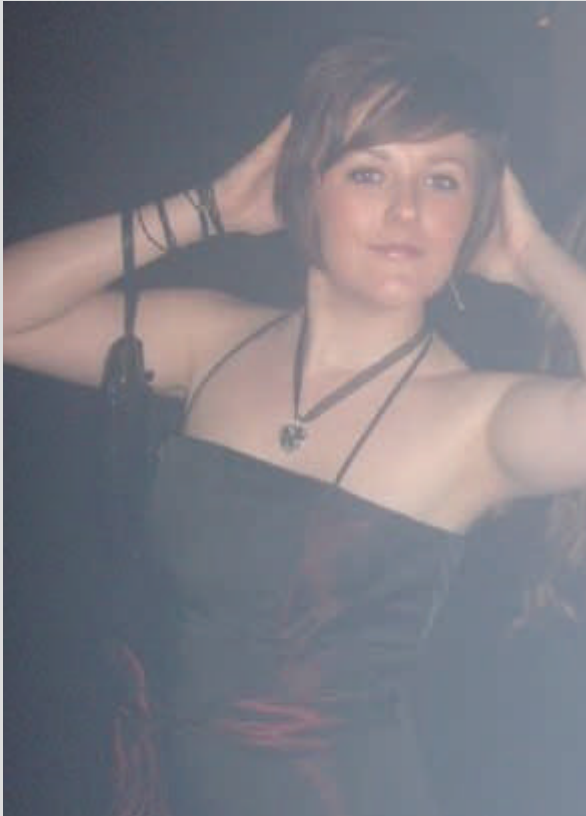
However, it cannot be denied,
That he does make good, tasty cajun tex!

Perhaps we could shave all his hair off,
And rename him Lex?

We could then trade him in for cash,
At our local CEX?

No-one claims to be as sexy,
As does our own King REXY!





THE INTERVIEW Hannah Wilson!!

Pointy Bex says:
So Hi Hannah! How are you?

hannah says:
Ok! Im gd, hungover!

Pointy Bex says:
Nice. Your a proper student arent you?

hannah says:
im hardcore

Pointy Bex says:
What are you studying and where?

hannah says:
b.ed primary education in s*** bedford**

Pointy Bex says:
Any plans for after you graduate?

hannah says:

well i wanna do another course to be a teacher of the deaf but gotta do my NQT year first which means i gotta get a job. was thinkin of doin a masters but found out im too stupid

Pointy Bex says:

That's a bit harsh! (I wrote off the Masters idea too- I think its reserved for genius like Rex's!) So you want to be a teacher of the deaf! Wow. Tell us why

hannah says:

cos its wat i always wanted to do mine was amazing an i still meet up with her.. an teaching a class of 30 children scares the hell out of me rather do it one to one

Pointy Bex says:

So maybe you could be a teacher of the deaf at a DELTA summer school years from now!

hannah says:

yea could be

Pointy Bex says:

So, tell us how you got involved with DELTA?

hannah says:

well my teacher of the deaf told me about it and i wanted to meet ppl

Pointy Bex says:

So what was your first DELTA experience like?

hannah says:

i d it i didnt really get to know many ppl till second time round but it really boosted my confidence

Pointy Bex says:

I remember your first summer school when you were with Emma- you were so quiet! Not like now eh?

hannah says:

i no thats what i mean-delta changed me so much but in a gd way cos i was so shy and had no

Pointy Bex says
So who did you get to know well?

hannah says:
erm andy stubbs, ed re, lee, dunno cant remember an u an marsden only recently. And obviously rob but didnt meet him till second year

Pointy Bex says:
Everyone says Stubbsy! The gentle giant must launch on the newbies

hannah says:
i think we all go to andy cos hes seems harmless far from the truth tho

Pointy Bex says:
Ha ha. And this year you organised the YDAG xmas meal in Leicester! How did you find putting that together

hannah says:
stressful! only cos its a nightmare getting money of people

Pointy Bex says:
It was a great success though

hannah says:
yea. i hope so

Pointy Bex says:
What did u think of all the secret santa presents?

hannah says:
why are they always rude? mine wasnt they must think im innocent. i wanted the dirty book!!

Pointy Bex says:
Ha ha I think it depends who is buying them

hannah says:
yea there all dirty minds

Pointy Bex says:
So random question- have u have had any particularly awesome kids at summer school? Or any particularly hellish ones!

hannah says:
no i dont remember any apart from last time i had to look after a baby who was so cute

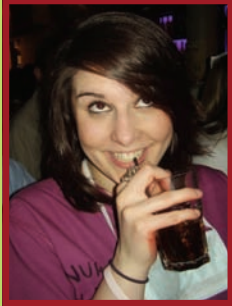
Pointy Bex says:
So are you excited about the next event in Newcastle in March?

hannah says:
i am! i wanna go to the beach dont care if the weather is crap

Pointy Bex says:
Im sure we will its a gorgeous beach! Thanks Hannah for the interview!

hannah says:
Thanks! chat soon then sexy

HITEN'S XMAS YDAG QUIZ



IT IS.....
SARAH MARSDEN
VS
SERA ADDERLEY



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wat that a film or sommat??... blitzen, donner, comet, dasher

How many Pipers are piping in "The 12 Days of Christmas"?
 (correct answer: 11)

dasher dancer prancer vixon

Name 4 of the reindeers from "Twas the night before Christmas ?
 (answers: Rudolp, Dancer, Comet, Blitzen, Prancer, Vixen, Donner, Cupid & Dasher.

Card

Card
(She thought about Cracker in first place)

*Not sure either germany, wales sweden or norway
 Hitz says:
 Lol.... one answer pls*
 Germany lol

John Callcott Horsley designed which commercial Christmas Item in 1843?

Germany

**Tinsel was invented in the 1600s - in which country?
 Germany, Wales, Norway or Sweden?**

Boxing day

Boxin day

St Steven's Day is commonly known as...?

Charlie Chaplain

**Which well-known actor died on Christmas Day 1977?
 Michael Bates, Charlie Chaplain, James Stewart or Elvis Presley?**

Chaplin

Pigs in Blankets

What is the popular name for small sausages wrapped in streaky bacon usually served at Christmas time?

Pigs in Blankets

White maths aint ma strong point lol. . . 78 . . dunno tbh lol wait no thats wrong . . confused at how to wk it

When Singing "The 12 Days of Christmas" in its entirety, how many gifts are given in total? 78, 364, 12 or 256?

78

(after my inquiry on how she got the answer)

Put them in pairs, eg 1 n 12 n then times by 6.
simple algebra u muppet

Norway...no idea

The Christmas tree on display in Trafalgar Square is an annual gift to the UK from...? Norway, Holland, Sweden or Poland

Norway

Barbara Streisand

Which famous female singer was born on Christmas Day 1954? Annie Lennox, Madonna, Kylie Minogue or Barbara Streisand?

Annie lennox

(after another inquiry on how she got the answer)

Guess , age wise she used 2 sing with my dad's band

SERA HAS SCORED 9 POINTS WHEREAS SARAH HAS SCORED 8 POINTS.

SERA HAS WON!

HIDDEN TRANSCRIPT AFTER ANNOUNCING THE RESULT

Hiten:

Any comments about your defeat?

Sarah:

bah humbug dont like xmas lol so not that bothered lol

Hitz:

You have beaten Sarah by one point...

Sera:

oh yes....lestaaaar uni all the way

Hitz:

shushhhh....i am neutral

Sera:

Ahaha....sure

ANOTHER FLASH BACK! By Hitz

While digging through our DELTA archives, I was amazed to see what deaf youngsters has achieved in the past. There are so many persons to mention and in this newsletter I want to mention this person who have been continuously help DELTA since 1998.

There were two articles from April and August, both in 2008, where Doreen Ross was the longest serving editor of DELTA Chattering Mail.

And another email, this time from Tara, you remember Tara, she helps at Summer School and was one of our runners at last year's Flora Light Ladies London Marathon.



I was aiming to email you today and I received the Chattering issue today! Sorry that I have not been in touch for a while, just been so busy working and doing all the extracurricular stuff! I have to say touch wood, that it has been a great year so far for me, I went to India at Xmas, it was brilliant and now I am aiming to do a summer placement in 2003 (next summer) and one of the options will be to work at a school for the deaf, so it should be interesting to see how different it is there (in India).

Also I have some great news that I would like to share - I was nominated for the Jubilee Young Persons' Achievement Award and I am now one of the 16 winners nationally and I have been selected to go to the Queen's Garden Party in July at Buckingham Palace! I can't believe it, I really am amazed, I didn't think I had achieved that much to even be nominated!

This is so exciting, congratulations Tara, we look forward to hearing about your visit the Buckingham Palace and to seeing a photo. We do have some contacts with an Indian school for the deaf so perhaps we can help with your placement.

You might note that she looks a little different in the photo below. This photo below was taken at one of the Queen's Jubilee Garden Parties where Tara was invited because she won a Young Achievers Award, this is what she had to say about the day:-

"I was nominated and won the Young Achievers Award in Surrey, for my exceptional standards that I have reached, being profoundly deaf. I was nominated by a teacher, Mrs Creagh and was only informed when I was selected to attend the Queen's Garden Party at Buckingham Palace on the 16th July 2002.

I received a very posh invitation, allowing myself and a guest- my mum- to come to the party. We went shopping eagerly to look our best, and soon the day came. We dressed up, took photos and my dad and brother came to drop us off.

There were about 3000 people, and to our amazement, we later realised that some people had bought their tickets! The gardens and the buildings were beautiful, and we were glad to have such good weather too! I met Prince Phillip, Princess Anne, Prince Edward, Sophie Wessex, who all said hello and asked where I was from. They were all very nice and friendly. I also happened to meet Gareth Gates, who was also invited to the party! He was also very nice and for those pop idol fans, he is better looking and kinda short in real life! Overall it was a great day, and I will treasure it as a once in a lifetime experience."



Thanks Tara so much for sharing this wonderful event with us, we are all very proud of you.

2009 EVENT CALENDAR

25 th Apr	AGM - Weybridge, Surrey - <i>Visit website for details.</i>
26 th Apr	London Marathon (<i>full as places already taken</i>)
4 th -10 th May	Deaf Awareness week
10 th May	DELTA Reigate to Brighton Bike Ride - <i>See website!</i>
17 th May	Great Manchester Run (<i>15 places</i>) - <i>Closed!</i>
12 th Jul	London British 10K Run (<i>12 places</i>) - <i>See Website!</i>
25 th -28 th July	Winchester Summer School
27 th -31 st July	North West Summer School <i>Contact Ruth Broughton on ruthbroughton505@hotmail.com</i>
20 th Sept	Great North Run (<i>15 places</i>) - <i>See Website!</i>
25 th Oct	Great South Run (<i>15 places</i>) - <i>See Website!</i>

There is due to be a celebration weekend hopefully during October this year, details will be forwarded once confirmed.

Events information and others:

It is more likely that we are holding three Summer Schools in 2009. DELTA will contact you if you will be available to volunteer in due time.

If you interested in doing the runs listed above and the bike ride, please contact DELTA or us so you can get your sponsorship pack and get thing rolling as soon as possible. If you know someone who would be interested, please pass us their contact information.

Steve Matthews and Caroline Barnes will soon be re-arranging the Centre Parks Weekend and will inform us soon.

NEWCASTLE WEEKEND!! 27th-29th March



Rex, Roz and myself (Becci!) are looking forward to seeing some faces up in Newcastle. Keep posted for the gossip in the next edition!!

Steve says sorry guys that this was not on the website in time for this event, whilst changing the website around we lost your page!!

There's also the Tenby in Wales weekend– see Facebook or contact Tara Sethi for details!!

Ed Rex is trying to put together a mighty V Festival outing, let him know ASAP if you want to go with a group of crazy YDAGs!!!

And look out via Facebook for other get togethers, its important to get involved and stay in touch with all these lovely people!

Dear Ydaggers

Well once again Becci and Hiten have surpassed themselves with the newsletter, it's taken me ages to read it all, far better than "Heat" magazine!!!

So great to keep in touch with all you guys and hear your news. I have to say since leaving DELTA at Christmas it has been a very strange feeling, especially as it has consumed my life and the whole of our family's for the last 11 years, which is how long I've been working for the Charity.

It has taken a while to adjust but I'm now looking at doing something in education. I'm currently volunteering my time in two local Primary schools and really enjoying it and working with some special needs children. The rest of my time I'm being a lady of leisure and have joined the "Ladies who lunch" brigade very enjoyable but not something that's going to pay the bills!!

I am still keeping in touch with what's happening at DELTA and am very much looking forward to having a meal with some of you guys next time we're bringing Sarah (Sera) back to Leicester.

My "Old Ydagger" husband has got a single ticket to V Festival this year, a late 50th Birthday pressie. Having survived V for the last 2 years I decided that queuing for stinky, overflowing loos for 2 hours, standing in mud up to my knees, crawling into a leaky tent (that's when we could find it!!) and dealing in jelly bears, I had had enough so he's now on his own!!. So all you guys going to V this year please look after him or at least point him in the right direction of his tent!!! To those of you who are looking after Sarah in Leicester (you know who you are!!) a huge thank you she's having a brill time!

My email address is now wendy.adderley@hotmail.co.uk Mobile: 07791 647718 Please keep in touch and if you happen to be passing by Neston (it's very close to Liverpool you know!!) drop in and say "Hello" we're very good at Bed and Breakfast as some of you can testify!!

To all of you amazing guys keep up the good work and the DELTA spirit, long may it reign!

Much love

Wendy xxxxxxx