



YDAG MAG

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**Summer
School 2009**

**YDAG
trustee!**

**Fundraising
success**

**The usual
parties!**

**Big
Question
answers
inside.**

I am delighted to report that summer 2009 saw the return of Summer Schools! Our DELTA organizers Sue, Alison, Steve and co brought great success by down sizing, cost cutting a relocating. These changes not only made July's Northern Summer school possible, it brought us hope for the future of DELTA.

The move was to Pontins 'resort' in Southport which was the provider of not disappointment, but great comedy for the YDAGers, and a suitable location for all our families and helpers. Although it was a week of great change for those who have helped out at Lancaster in recent years, we rose to the challenge and pulled it off. A big thanks to those who could make it- it was a delight to see some old faces, the regulars and even some new ones as DELTA continued to demonstrate the friendly environment in which deaf and hearing can work together.

As for the gossip- well lets just say there was some dodgem car road rage, not to mention Steve behind the wheel of the mini bus! And Camelot has neither closed down nor changed!

The tittle of choice was Rose wine, the colour of the week was white (from swimming in the beautiful lagoon that is the Irish Sea and Merseyside coast!) and the favorite drinking game was 'Never have I ever' (feel free to ask Ian what his revelation was!)

A brilliant time had by all and a big thanks to everyone who took part.



Hello YDAGleys!



Although I'm very much enjoying my role as YDAG newsletter co-editor, for the last few issues I've been concerned that all I have to write about are the YDAG parties and no progress for our struggling charity. Don't get me wrong, the reunions and parties are very important, however it makes me very happy to report on successful summer schools, our new trustee and some brilliant fundraising!

I had so much fun in Southport, we worked with some brilliant kids and had lots of laughs. I've been doing summer schools for a long time and have seen a lot of change in recent months but it gives me hope for the future.

Hitz and I are going to try our best to get these editions out more often so whilst I've taken the lead this edition look out for Hiten's fundraising special in October! Please, please do get in touch and let us now what you think about the newsletter, or if you have anything to contribute.

Big love

Becci xxx

Editor's note

So what
does
everyone
think about
Hiten's ever
growing long
hair???

DELTA is BACK!!!.....so is the YDAG newsletter. With two summer school events happened over the last month, it has been a success.....but it is aint over. We still need to keep up the hard work and I think extra effort is needed. Myself is already thinking of doing something new challenges in 2009 to raise money for DELTA and will mention it in our next edition Get your thinking cap on and announce your possible ideas on the YDAG fundraising special



The YDAG trustee

Edd Stuart is co-opted onto the board of DELTA

For those of you that haven't heard, I have been co-opted on the board of trustees of DELTA. Which, amusingly enough means I am in effect Steve Matthews (Operations Manager) boss! However, he has nothing to fear (for now!) as he is doing a sterling job keeping DELTA going and long may that continue!

Now, you may be wondering what that means for you. Well, I have been given the responsibility of leading various 'youth' streams for DELTA as well as contributing to the overall strategy and aims for DELTA. This in turn means that the YDAGs have a voice on the board and if you have any ideas or suggestions for DELTA then please do let me know and I can ensure that it is considered by the board.

The latest initiative I am working on is an assessment of the Summer Schools, so I am asking all attendees to both Summer Schools if they could write a brief summary of their experience; what was good, what wasn't so good and how things could be improved for future Summer Schools. Please could these and any questions or queries you may have be sent to Edd@ydag.co.uk

Thanks and hope to hear from you soon,

Edd



A note for our lady Roz!

I just wanted to show some big love for brave Roz who's finally on the road to recovery after a tough couple of months. To find out more about her story check out her brilliant blog.

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hodge.blogspot.com](http://rozandthe-hodge.blogspot.com)



Jog on– let's do some fundraising!!

Big congratulations go to our leader Steve Matthews and brave soldier Alex Pratt for their impressive performance at the London 10k in early July. A first time run for both, they stepped up when we couldn't fill places and raised money for DELTA alongside regular runner Edd Stuart and friends.



We're losing out on valuable money by failing to find the runners for the places we get, so if you haven't already please consider taking on the challenge and raising money to keep us going!

Take it from me, who literally cannot run, I am just terrible, its an incredibly worth while achievement!

I'll be taking on that annual jog to the beach that is the Great North Run again this year, alongside the same faces. We really need to bring in new people and therefore new money (my Grandma can only give so much!). We really need everyone's help to save DELTA from extinction. And the whole 'getting fit' thing is a pretty good idea too!

So watch out for Hiten's fundraising special next issue and in the mean time show your support for the Great North and South Runs in October/ November.

Ask your friends, family and flat mates– do what ever you can to raise any amount. We YDAGs exist to support DELTA, so we've got work to do.



DELTA BIKE RIDE 2009 Reigate to Brighton

Another year, another DELTA's Reigate to Brighton Bike Ride, don't we get bored of it? Not a chance! Thank to Steve Matthews and volunteers, who they managed to keep the event going.

Not the smallest crew ever, but we managed to find seven riders from YDAG in a space of less than 2 months to do the bike ride. Some of us did not even train for it. This is my third bike ride for DELTA or maybe my fourth.

I can't remember really as I lost track counting. Daniel Rule, Richard Breen and Ed Stuart were

doing this bike for the second time after a frustrating bike ride last year as they got lost on the way to the finish. Now I will be their guidance so they won't be getting lost or maybe they will. Rob Wignall and his mate Chris Swirles, James Sharpe and his mates were the first-timers to this bike ride.

We spent the eve of the bike ride at a local pub. We were enjoying ourselves and didn't even look like we were preparing for the bike ride the next day. One person in particular, Richard Breen, had a night not to remember! I am under strict order to not to write about the toilet incident.....oops!

On the chilling bright morning we headed off to the start, where there were new faces at the registration table, Tara Sethi and her friend. They seem to be a dodgy when they were collecting our entry fee. Is the money going to DELTA Tara!? Also there was Robert Hoare, who is the legend, as he agreed to open the gate to store our bikes at the start overnight. In the kitchen, there was a lovely warm croissant and tea provided by the people of Connevans. Our preparation of the bike ride couldn't be better without them. The excitement was there from the start.

The weather was almost perfect and we rode to check point 1 quicker than I thought. In fact, I was behind them most of the time. Speaking to Margaret, I found out that she had this bike ride at least 10 times! One of the funniest things from the conversation was she said that she would be 1st person to leave the start and will be the last person to arrive at the finish!

There were some dramas on route of losing each other, before we arrive to Beacon Hill, we took a wrong turn and it is my entire fault. Thanks to Ed Stuart's Satellite Navigation brain, we managed to arrive to the bottom of the hill.



Richard Breen did say at the start that he does not want to ride up the hill and he changed his mind after some encouragement from us. Steve Matthews was in a van waiting for riders who need a lift up to the hill but every one of us want to ride the hill. What the brave crew we have! Toward the last turn to the finish, I waited for all the guys and went to finish line together apart from Richard who has a mind of its own.

It was a very good moment and we had beers and hot food ready for us. I was very proud of the guys and it was a journey to remember!

By Hiten



TENBY WEEKEND May

TENBY DELTA WEEKEND ALBUM!!

A great example on how the YDAGs (Young DELTA Adult Group) have good fun when we get together in a social event. Any possible new recruits interested in joining us, take a look at this photo album of the weekend. We will have more similar social events coming up so contact us.



And now down to business— the PARTIES!

March saw another brilliant get together in Newcastle, possibly for the last time as both Rex and I prepare to leave the lovely North East!! There was the lazy afternoons spent in the pub or at the beach, a casual game of crazy golf...

And a particularly crazy night out in which



a certain Chris Marian,

the provider of shots made sure everyone had a good time! Lets just say Mr Rex was on fire that night, as were the usual suspects from Leicester.



Fancy dress of YDAG ARMY went down particularly well too!!

Its been a summer of birthdays as YDAGs have travelled North, South, East and West to make it to the 21st of Sarah Marsden & Hannah Wilson,

and some brave souls even lasted out on the toon for Rex's birthday immediately after summer school!

Keep your eyes peeled on facebook for the upcoming events.





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