

Cued Speech Association UK Newsletter



Complete spoken language
through vision

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It's all in the name - 'hard of hearing' or 'deaf'

Editorial by Anne Worsfold

Profoundly deaf cuers with good English skills often encounter problems when meeting those who do not understand that they have acquired English visually. It is assumed that they can hear the English-language sounds that they are obviously aware of and use. This confusion may increase with the widening use of the term 'hard of hearing'.

In the past 'hard of hearing' has often been used to describe people with a less than severe hearing loss. However in international research this definition is being increasingly applied to people with all levels of hearing loss, including profound, whose communication mode is primarily oral-aural. Essentially it encompasses those who use spoken language to communicate. The implication is that this understanding and use of spoken language has been acquired through hearing alone. This, of course, will not be the case with deaf people brought up with Cued Speech many of whom have an understanding and use of English which closely mirrors that of hearing people but which they have acquired primarily through vision.

I feel that the use of the term 'hard of hearing' to describe deaf people who use spoken language is extremely unhelpful to deafened people and to those who have acquired their understanding of spoken language through Cued Speech. Surely its use should be limited to those who have a moderate loss?

Cued Speech Summer School 2006

This will take place from Monday 31st July – Friday 4th August 2006 in Exeter. On-site accommodation is available (mainly single rooms). We shall offer a 5-day Foundation, Intermediate and Children's course and a 3-day Skills Development course and there will be a

day-time crèche. Evening social activities will be arranged. Why not come along - it is a wonderful chance to meet up with friends and to meet some new cuers. Early booking is advisable.

Subscriptions!

A growing and active membership is important and we hope that all present members will renew.

Subscriptions remain £5 but please give more if you are able. For those not presently paying by standing order please return your renewal form (enclosed) by 1st January. **Thank you.**

Cued Speech Transliteration

A Cued Speech Transliterator (CST) is an experienced user of Cued Speech who cues the speech of a third person (using clear lip-patterns silently) at the rate of normal speech. It enables a deaf user to see a full visual representation of spoken language sound-for-sound in any situation including classrooms, conferences, medical examinations, courtroom settings etc. At present CSTs mostly operate in education, mainly because Cued Speech is relatively young. An eight-page supplement is being produced for the Spring Newsletter with personal reports and information from other countries. If you can contribute please get in touch immediately and if you would like an early copy it is expected to be available in January.

New office

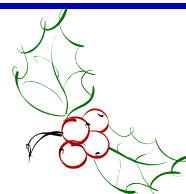
Please remember to change your records.

Our address is now:
9 Jawbone Hill, Dartmouth, Devon TQ6 9RW.

The telephone, fax and email remain the same.



Seasons greetings to you all



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Making available information about and training in Cued Speech

Cued Speech - easy fundraising ideas

Please help - more funds are needed for training and information

An increasing number of people are requesting training and information and we need your help to raise enough money to meet the needs of these people and their families. You can help us with raising this money in a number of easy ways, two of which we explain here.

Any cash that you raise will help us to ensure that our National Awareness Campaign can continue and that we can meet the resulting demand for Cued Speech training. It will also help us to develop training courses for Cued Speech Transliterators who can provide access to spoken language for deaf children and adults on an individual or group basis.

With no government funding and limited resources for fundraising, we rely entirely on donations from the public, charitable foundations and companies. Any help that you can give us would be tremendously appreciated.

Mobile phone recycling

Getting a new mobile for Christmas? Or buying one? DON'T chuck that old mobile in the back of a drawer! It's worth something to someone else – the Cued Speech Association! AND it could go a long way to preserving our planet! We get a donation for every mobile recycled and this money will help us to improve the literacy and communication skills of deaf children and adults through Cued Speech.



How to do it! We're enclosing a **poster** and a recycling **envelope** in this newsletter – please help us by using them to raise funds for us. If you have a phone to recycle, just pop it in the envelope (which can also be recycled!) and drop it in the nearest postbox - it's FREEPOST so no stamp is needed. Remember to take out the SIM card before sending it off.

How to help us even more! - it's amazing how many other people you know who have a phone stashed away in the back of a drawer! Put the poster up in your local library, workplace, leisure centre, village hall - make copies of it if you wish. Just put your name and phone number in the box at the bottom so that people can contact you. Then contact us to arrange free collection for 20 or more mobile phones, or for more free envelopes for smaller numbers.

Why recycle? Mobile phones are typically used for only 18 months before being replaced, and about 100 million of these devices, weighing approximately 250,000 tons, are being retired annually in the EU alone. Most of them will initially be stored away in cupboards and drawers, creating a stockpile of used phones that could end up in the rubbish. Waste from mobile phone products is a subject of rising concern around the world because it is growing so fast. Also, it contains many toxic substances, including arsenic,

antimony, beryllium, cadmium, copper, lead, mercury, nickel, zinc, and brominated flame retardants, which can be released into the air and groundwater when burned in incinerators or disposed of in landfills, creating threats to human health and the environment.

What happens to my old mobile? Some mobiles can be re-used. These provide an affordable first-time communications device to families and individuals in the developing world, improving local economies, quality of life and their personal safety. Phones that cannot be put into re-use are recycled for their components, saving energy, which in turn reduces the production of Green House Gases (GHG), which is ultimately warming the planet.

How much does it cost the Cued Speech Association to run this recycling scheme?

Absolutely nothing! The envelopes and courier collections are free of charge to us as well as to you, AND we get a donation for every phone recycled. Therefore every penny raised gives us much-needed cash to help us in our work of informing people about Cued Speech and teaching them to use it. We would very much appreciate any help you can give us.

Give while you shop!

Please remember, if you're shopping online this Christmas, start your shopping at either www.UshopUgive.com or www.buy.at/CuedSpeech websites and access your usual favourite online retailers from there. This will generate commission to our funds of up to 10% of everything that you spend and it won't cost you a penny more than going to the retailer direct. In fact it's often cheaper online as they don't have to pay 'middlemen' in the stores. We also get money if you sign up for services such as Broadband and there's even some when you don't need to spend a penny!

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A poem from a young cuer

Will Collinson was born totally deaf and was initially brought up bilingually with English (through Cued Speech) and BSL. He has moved increasingly to English and now has a cochlear implant. He attends local mainstream school where he is supported by a Cued Speech Transliterator, Bev Harman. Will is in the top group for literacy and his poem, below, was given pride of place on the school website.

Autumn

Leaves fall down to the ground
The trees fall down in the woods
Crash crash
Woods
The grass is dizzy on the ground
The wind is very cold
And the clouds blow very hard
The wind stops blowing and
The sun warms up the trees
By Will (aged 5)

The youngest ever cuer?

Rhianne, the (hearing) daughter of our tutor Paul-Micheal Coldham and his partner Sarah Seccombe has seen her parents cueing since her birth. They recently snapped her cueing back. Of course, we do not know if she understands what she is saying.... but she IS cueing a word which is very important to babies - and with a good lip-pattern.

What is she cueing? If you can't work it out look at the answer below.



Lisbon Conference, October 2005

The driving force behind the 2-day conference, aimed at increasing awareness and use of Cued Speech, was David Lucio, a Portuguese teacher of the deaf. It was expertly chaired by Professor Arlette Verhaeghe, one of the organisers.

Presenters at the conference included David Lucio, who is currently working in France; Jesus Alegria, Catherine Hage and Jacqueline Leybeart from Belgium; France Branchi and Dominique Albinhac from France; Ignacia Moreno-Torress from Spain; Shellie Burrow, Tom Shull and Kelly Crain from America; Justyna Leszka and Mavcin Biatas from Poland and Anne Worsfold from the UK. Maxime Louineau and Ophèlia Loric, two young deaf people who had been brought up with Cued Speech, also gave inspiring testimonials.

There were three main elements to the conference:

- 1 An over-view of relevant research, including:
 - evidence of the ability of deaf children brought up with Cued Speech to read at levels equal to hearing children
 - the way in which children use phonology, both visual and aural, including the fact that babies lipread from a few months of age.
- 2 A look at how Cued Speech is adapted to make the various phonetic elements of different languages accessible – for example the extra element of bent fingers to clarify the many consonants of Polish.
- 3 Cued Speech in practice. The many different ways in which Cued Speech is used including its use with sign language and its use pre- and post- cochlear implant.

Forthcoming Activities:

We plan to attend the following exhibitions & give these presentations in 2006:

- [Presentation](#), Leigh-on-Sea, Essex, 11 January
- [Presentation](#), CS Seminar, Helsinki, Finland, 13 January
- [Presentation](#), Egguckland Community College, Plymouth, 25 January
- [Presentation](#), Ferndown, Dorset, 18 February
- [Presentation](#), Plymouth, February (date tbc)
- [Presentation](#), RSD Cheadle Hulme, 5 March
- [BATOD AGM](#), London, 11 March
- [Sound Site Exhibition](#), Glasgow, March
- [RCSLT Conference](#), Ulster, 10-12 May
- [NDCS Annual Conference](#), Birmingham, 16 June

Travel costs to Portugal and Finland were paid by the organisers, not by the Cued Speech Association UK

***** Rhianne is cueing the word 'poo' *****

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Forthcoming courses 2006

Residential courses with crèche:

Date	Location	Level
3 - 7 April 2006 (four and a half days)	Exeter	<i>Foundation and Intermediate</i>
31 July - 4 August 2006 <i>Foundation, Intermediate, Children's and French Cuers</i> - all five-day <i>Skills Development</i> - three-day	Exeter	<i>Foundation, Intermediate, Children's, French Cuers* and Skills Development</i>

Non-residential courses

Date	Location	Level
10/11 & 17/18 January 2006	S E London	<i>Foundation</i>
13 - 16 February 2006	Central London	<i>Foundation</i>
4/5 Feb & 4/5 March 2006 (limited on-site accommodation)	Nottingham	<i>Foundation</i>
27 - 31 March 2006	Canterbury	<i>Foundation</i>
27 May - 2 June 2006	Canterbury	<i>Advanced</i>
To be confirmed	Eastbourne	<i>Foundation</i>

It is our policy to try to run a course wherever and whenever people need to learn to cue.

Courses are sometimes put on at short notice to cater for demand. If you are interested – GET IN TOUCH – we might be able to put on a course in your area

A crèche is planned for the Exeter courses.

Although every effort will be made to run these courses as advertised, the Association cannot guarantee that no changes will be made.

For information about any of these courses please contact Kim, details opposite.

* The French Cuers course is for French-speaking people, primarily deaf young people, who are fluent in LPC (the French version of Cued Speech) but who wish to learn or improve their understanding and use of English through Cued Speech. Formal lessons will be offered in the morning with additional optional sessions in the afternoon.

Cued Speech - complete spoken language through vision

Cued Speech is a simple sound-based system comprising eight handshapes, used in four positions near the mouth, in conjunction with the lip patterns of normal speech so as to make all the sounds of spoken language fully comprehensible to deaf and hearing-impaired people.

Cued Speech Association UK

is a charity which was established in 1980 to provide information about and training in Cued Speech.

This is achieved by:

- providing tuition
- creating and making available teaching materials
- maintaining standards by examining
- collecting & disseminating information about international research and good practice
- creating and disseminating information
- working with other organisations and statutory bodies.

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This Newsletter is produced quarterly. We welcome comments, articles and news of your events. Please send copy to arrive by the beginning of the month of publication. Copy for the next edition should arrive by 1 March 2006.

Cued Speech was devised by the late Professor R Orin Cornett in 1966 and has been adapted into over 65 different languages and dialects.

