

Cued Speech Association UK Newsletter



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BBC Lifeline Appeal, presented by Jonathan Dimpleby

We had two aims for the BBC TV Lifeline Appeal which was broadcast in August: to raise awareness of Cued Speech and how it could help deaf children and to raise funds for our work. We are delighted that both aims were met with over £3,500 raised and a large increase in requests for training.

We know from feedback that this was in no short measure due to the warm and expert presentation by Jonathan Dimpleby and we are extremely grateful to him for giving his time so generously from his very busy schedule.

Thanks also to all those who agreed to give their time to be filmed.

Right: some of the Manchester Cue Club practicing



Left: Will and Sarah Collinson

Right: learning Cued Speech in Devon



Left: Jonathan Dimpleby learning the basics from tutor Cate Calder

If you missed the broadcast and have access to broadband you can still watch it on:

http://www.bbc.co.uk/charityappeals/programmes/lifeline/lifeline_archive.shtml

Cued Speech in action

Teacher of the Deaf, Tina Kirwin was involved in the BBC filming. She wrote:

'Last week the film crew from the BBC came into school to film the cue club and the year 6 pupils, who are South African and Somalia, doing their weekly spelling test. The results achieved were those expected: 60% correct when the word was signed to them and 100% when it was spoken and Cued Speech was used - no surprises there. But what happened next thrilled me - I cued to the girls the names of the crew, Jamie and Amie, and one of them cued it back to herself, noticed they rhymed and spelt them correctly on the white board.

Simple but awesome! We love Cued Speech in Manchester!

New, re-vamped website

Go to www.cuedspeech.co.uk to see our new, expanded website. The site is fully accessible and can be up-dated in house with the result that changes can be made more quickly and easily.

An additional area is planned for Cued Speech tutors.

New Cued Speech workbook

Based on the learntocue website designed by Andy Houghton (www.learntocue.co.uk) Anne Worsfold has written an accompanying work book. This has now been trialled at several courses and has been received with enthusiasm.

The workbook is still in draft form but we can make available black and white copies at a minimal charge or can email a free colour version for you to print out on your home computer. Please get in touch if you would like a copy.

Exeter Summer School

The 8th Summer School was held at the Exeter Royal Academy for Deaf Education in August with, again, record numbers attending. See page 3 for pictures.

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Volunteers - help offered and help needed

Volunteer singer

Could you organise a charity event in the Cheshire area using a volunteer singer?

We have a new volunteer who is a singer, principally of Sinatra type songs, who has sung professionally and has offered his services to us totally free of charge for a sole cabaret performance in the Cheshire area. Ian Conway performs a cabaret/floorshow rather than a concert, with audiences ranging from the mid-30's, 40's and 50's plus. His latest charity performance is a Supper Cabaret for about 220 guests, Black Tie, marquee setting, champagne reception, 3 course meal, raffle, dancing. Ian performs in white tuxedo with backing track accompaniment, own kit with lighting and micro stage. With tickets around £25, raffle income and the use of minimal food costs, a free/low cost venue (e.g. marquee the night after a wedding), the organisers hope to raise around £4,000. Ian has a website www.ianconway.biz with details of his experience. We would be delighted if one, or a group, of our supporters could organise an event in the Cheshire area to raise funds for our charity. Can you help?

Mobile Phone and Ink Cartridge Recycling

The Cued Speech Association gets a donation for every mobile phone and ink cartridge recycled so please help us to raise funds by recycling yours. Freepost envelopes are available from the CSA UK office or from www.recycle4charity.co.uk. Please note that Epson cartridges cannot be recycled, nor ink tanks (they don't have the tiny printed circuit board on the side which inkjet cartridges have). We very much appreciate your support.

Cued Speech Mugs and Backpacks

Mugs

Finally - a way to remember your cues as you have a cup of tea or coffee. The whole Cued Speech system on a mug. Buy a fine china (not pottery) Cued Speech mug for only £7.00 including post and package.

Backpack with the Cued Speech Logo

These lovely backpacks were donated by tutor Paul-Micheal Coldham and are perfect as day-packs or for older children. The backpacks cost only £7.00 and all the income from the sale will help us with our work.

Write, phone or email your order to the office.

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Can you man an Exhibition stand?

DEAF EXPO – Mote Park Leisure Centre, Maidstone, Sunday 8th March 2009

We are looking for volunteers to help man a display stand at the above venue. We would provide all necessary display materials and information. We can also pay reasonable expenses for anyone able to attend to spread the word about Cued Speech.

The event is organised jointly by the Children's Hearing Services Working Group (CHSWG), which aims to bring professional providers and families of Deaf young people together, and the Kent Deaf Children's Society. The day is aimed at promoting the services available to families with a deaf child.

Support our work

Our small charity is funded mainly by grants from charitable trusts and companies, along with fees for providing our services and donations from individuals. We need more money so that we can continue to provide Cued Speech information, training and support for parents and families with deaf children, for deaf adults and for the professionals who work with them.

If you can support our work by making a donation – either a one-off gift or a regular donation by standing order – please complete the form enclosed (or attached if you receive this electronically) and return it to us. Don't forget to fill in the Gift Aid section if you are a UK taxpayer. You can also make a donation online by credit card or CAF Charity Card through our website, www.cuedspeech.co.uk.



Summer School



Classes at the 2008 Cued Speech Summer School in Exeter were: Foundation, Intermediate, Advanced, English for French users, Welsh-English and Children's. Thanks to all who participated and especially to Kim (left) for her wonderful organisation of the event.

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Forthcoming courses 2008/09

Course Dates	Location	Level
20 & 21 October 9.30 a.m. - 3.30 p.m.	Exeter	Improvers
22 October	Exeter	Level 1 Exams
28 & 29 Oct & 17 Feb '09 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.	Whittlesey, Nr Peterborough	Foundation (with extra e-learning)
28 Nov , 5 & 12 Dec 10 a.m. - 3.30 p.m.	London (West Hampstead)	Foundation (with extra e-learning)
dates tbc	Swindon	Foundation
16 & 17 February & 2 & 3 March 2009 9.30 a.m. - 4 p.m.	London (Central)	Foundation
6 - 9 April 2009 (4 days) 9.30 a.m. - 4 p.m.	Easter at Exeter (non-residential)	Foundation
6 - 8 April 2009 (3 days) 9.30 a.m. - 4 p.m.	Exeter	Improvers and Advanced <i>(It will be possible to book on a daily basis).</i>
9 April 2009 9.30 a.m. - 4 p.m.	Exeter	Level 1 & Level 2 Exams
3 - 7 August 2009 9.30 a.m. - 4 p.m.	Exeter (residential) Day Crèche available	Summer School - all levels: Foundation, Improvers, Advanced, English for French cuers and Children's course.

Non-residential courses are continually being arranged to meet demand, sometimes at short notice. If you are interested in learning contact Kim - details opposite. *Every effort will be made to run all courses as advertised, but please note that the Association cannot guarantee that no changes will be made.*

Learn to cue or practise online

Some of our courses are designed to incorporate home study using our e-learning website: www.learntocue.co.uk. Others are stand alone courses requiring no additional work from home. The website can also be used independently but some face-to-face tuition is strongly recommended. If you do use the website please keep in touch with the office so that we can continue to help you.

To book on to any of the above scheduled courses please contact our office as early as possible to request an enrolment form. Enrolment forms should be completed and returned, with a £20 deposit, at least 2 weeks prior to any training. Our current course costs are as follows: 2 day course: £80, 3 day course: £95, 4 day course: £110, 5 day course: £125. Additional Summer School costs apply for on-site accommodation and lunches. Please contact our office for further details. A discount, or occasionally free tuition, may be available for those with financial constraints.

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

