

Cued Speech Association UK Newsletter



Complete spoken language
through vision

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Summer School 2011

Learn Cued Speech or improve your skills at our residential Summer School: **Saturday 30 July - Wednesday 3 August 2011.**

Deaf babies and children can understand English completely - even if they can't hear it - through Cued Speech. It is a unique way of making English fully accessible to a deaf person through vision alone and can be learnt in only about 20 hours.



Compete beginners can leave our Summer School with the ability to cue any word in the English language - although slowly! Speed will come with use.



We have an exciting new venue:

Bicton College (pictured opposite), a stunning south Devon Georgian manor house, with a beautiful lake and 200 hectares of parkland, near to the coastal towns of Exmouth and Sidmouth. The new venue will enable us to offer outdoor activities which will include canoeing on the lake, games around the ground, and the opportunity to use the indoor swimming pool.



Visiting Tutor from the USA - Tom Shull, Cued Speech Transliterater trainer and Cued Speech tutor will be taking classes throughout the 4 ½ day Summer School. Tom is an inspiring and very knowledgeable trainer - not to be missed.

Also new will be sessions on **family communication** delivered by the cochlear implant charity, **The Ear Foundation**.

Crèche - our acclaimed day-time crèche will include Cued Speech-using and BSL-using staff.

The event is an opportunity to have fun and make new friends as well as learning to cue. Costs are kept low, and families who are financially stretched can request reduced-price or free tuition..... *Continued overleaf.*

Presentation to mark the retirement of June Dixon-Millar and Chris Millar

June Dixon-Millar, the founder of The National Centre for Cued Speech (which was later re-named the Cued Speech Association UK), retired from the Management Committee in 2009 and wrote an account of her work in a previous newsletter. Her work is internationally recognised and she has received several awards.

Her husband, **Chris Millar**, a retired senior physics teacher, also worked tirelessly for Cued Speech. Amongst other things he created the first database of users, wrote electronic versions of June's teaching materials and was for many years the Chairman of the Association's Management Committee.

At the AGM in October, Association Chairman Andrew Garratt, presented June and Chris with engraved glass crystal paper weights as a mark of members' appreciation of their work.



Left to right: June Dixon-Millar, Chris Millar and Andrew Garratt

Win Burton presented June with an album of appreciative comments, greetings, cards and photographs provided by members who had worked with her over the years.

June and Chris thanked members for their gifts and for the support they had received from members of the Management Committee, staff and other members.

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Making available information about and training in Cued Speech



Summer School 2011..... continued

Saturday 30 July - Wednesday 3 August

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We will be offering courses for:

- ◆ **Beginners** - no knowledge is needed beforehand
- ◆ **Improvers** - to improve fluency and accuracy; you can also prepare for the level one exam in Cued Speech Proficiency.
- ◆ **Advanced** - to reach higher levels of fluency and the opportunity to prepare for the level two exam.
- ◆ **English Cued Speech** for those who already cue in French.
- ◆ **Post-advanced** - some sessions during the week to keep up your skills PLUS a two-day special for experienced cuers beforehand.
- ◆ **Children's classes** - this year we plan to offer

two classes: one delivered through the medium of English and the other through British Sign Language (BSL). The children's 'lessons' will include outdoor activities.

Students who attended the last Summer School commented:

"All the staff and activities were excellent; our older hearing son is hearing and benefited enormously from the opportunity to mix with deaf children and adults."

"It was made fun and you didn't feel silly if you got it wrong."

"Got a very good grounding in the whole system, now feel confident to go off and do it on my own."

For information and to book see the back page.



The Cued Speech Interview

Nicholas Orpin, our new Development and Fundraising Officer, plans to interview an influential and inspiring individual for each newsletter.

First up is **Andy Houghton, (pictured opposite)**. Andy's day job is as Training Consultant for 'Learning Pool

Ltd' and he has been a volunteer for the Cued Speech Association for over five years. He built our e-learning website, created wonderful videos (three new ones listed opposite) and much more. Cuers have many reasons to thank Andy!

-So, how the devil are you?
Tickety Boo

-Have the last 12 months been good for you?
Not the best nor the worst of times.

-What's coming up on the horizon?
Hoping to get together with Wayne [a cueing dad who features in a few of our videos] and do a longer 'interview' video where he talks about being a dad and getting involved with Cued Speech. I don't want to give too much away but I've got loads of ideas.

We're also talking about getting lots of practice materials both for learning and also for exams so that these can be made available.

-3 reasons to be cheerful?
There're so many ways to use video and technology to help the growth of Cued Speech; I think we've got the gear we need and now it's just a question of time.

It's all about getting good quality materials and a quick turnaround. I think there's a huge demand for information and training – and video can help fill some of the gap. I'd love to get some materials together which would help new teachers understand Cued Speech.

-Any reason to be miserable?

The only thing is time – not just mine, but other people's. Perhaps we should all take a month off and get it all done!

-When you explain Cued Speech to someone, what do you say?

It makes the spoken word visible to deaf people.

-And the one person who really needs to hear that is?

Someone in education who can make a difference. Someone in authority who can say – this makes sense – let's do it!

-What are you reading at the moment?

Body Double. Trashy novel – not really sure what's going on – a woman's found dead in a car and she's very similar to someone who's just come back from Paris – gathering a bit of dust at the moment...

-Twitter or Facebook?

Twitter. It's more my demographic – I like the fact that I can rant about something while watching Question Time and if you follow Alexandra Orlov he follows you back. I sent him a message once in Russian (in Roman alphabet) and he replied – what more could you ask for.

-Anything else to declare?

Nothing your honour.

Cued Speech

Giving access to spoken language for deaf babies, children and adults



Cued Speech presentation at the Houses of Parliament

The Cued Speech Association UK were honoured to be the only beneficiary of funding from Lloyds TBS Foundation for England and Wales to be invited to speak at a Parliamentary Reception held by the Foundation at the Houses of Parliament on Wednesday 24th November.

The CSAUK group was made up of Executive Director Anne Worsfold, parent Donna Rooke with her two young sons Matthew and Ashley (pictured opposite) and Jonathan Worsfold who was brought up with Cued Speech. Also attending and making Cued Speech very visible were Cate Calder and Emma Sadeghi, as Cued Speech Transliterators and British Sign Language interpreters. It was a golden opportunity to explain what the CSAUK is all about to MPs and others present, and also to thank the Foundation for their generous grant of £30,000 over two years which comes to an end in Spring 2011.



From left to right: Cate Calder, Emma Sadeghi, Donna Rooke, Jonathan Worsfold, Anne Worsfold, Matthew and Ashley



As well as thanking the Foundation for their help, Anne Worsfold (CSAUK) told the audience that Cued Speech is "an amazing, life changing lip reading supplement which makes it possible for deaf people - and particularly deaf babies and children - to lipread every word as clearly as hearing people hear them". Parent Donna only learnt Cued Speech recently, and is thrilled by how much it has improved

communication with her deaf son Matthew, aged 7, who is, for the first time, now saying a few words. It was an exciting day for the boys because not only did they visit the Houses of Parliament - as guests - but it was their first ever visit to London.



Peter Bottomley, MP and Vice-chair of the All Party Parliamentary Group on Deafness shakes hands with Matthew and Ashley

Jonathan Worsfold (pictured opposite), who is profoundly deaf, raised a laugh from MPs when he said: "I have no doubt that if my family had not learnt about Cued Speech by chance 25 years ago I would not be standing here today, literate, moderately successful anda taxpayer."



Special course for experienced cuers - and other news

Two-day special course for experienced cuers will take place on 28 and 29 July (prior to the Summer School). The programme will include Cued Speech Transliteration tips and sessions for current and potential Cued Speech tutors. Contact us to register your interest and we will send details.

Three new short videos taken by Andy Houghton at the Summer School are 'up' on our website. Huge thanks to Andy again for his expert filming and editing.

- ◆ Pascal and Patrica talk about their use of LPC, the French equivalent of Cued Speech, and why they came from France to learn the English version.
- ◆ Nicholas talks about his use of Cued Speech and how it has helped him in his role as a parent.
- ◆ Donna talks about her use of Cued Speech with her profoundly deaf son.

To see the videos go to www.cuedspeech.co.uk and choose 'What people say' from the main menu.

SEN Magazine (which includes information about statements, IEPs, inclusion, SEN law etc, as well as more specific articles) have offered our readers a **FREE trial copy of the magazine**, with no obligation, simply by visiting: <http://www.senmagazine.co.uk/freetrial>

Membership - As the year draws to an end, and subscriptions are due for renewal, we would like to thank everyone who has continued to support the Cued Speech Association through their subscriptions. Having an active membership is vital to us; we can keep in touch and it demonstrates to potential funders that we are a well supported charity. Membership is only £10 but a larger donation will help us with our work.

New members are very welcome; to apply for membership please request a membership application form - contact detail are overleaf.

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Courses and Workshops

Dates	Location	Level
22 June 2011	Nottingham	One-day Workshop (Royal College of Speech & Language Therapists (RCSLT) Quality Assured)
28 & 29 July 2011	Bicton College Devon	2 day Experienced Cuers Course (residential option)
30 July - 3 August 2011	Residential Summer School Bicton College Devon	Foundation Improvers Advanced English for French cuers Children's course Day-time crèche
23 November 2011	Nottingham	One-day Workshop (RCSLT Quality Assured)

Training on demand

Increasingly we are running courses or workshops for a specific family or professional group. Consequently, less courses are available which are open to all. Don't wait until there is a course in your area; contact us to talk about organising a workshop or course for your family or group.

Summer School

Travel daily or stay on-site; a variety of accommodation is available. Low cost meals are also available for day students. On-site accommodation costs for 5 nights full board are approximately (depending on accommodation type) £150 per adult, half price for children. Summer School fees are £145 per person (for the full 4½ day course). The Children's Course is free to deaf children and their siblings.

Contact us if the cost of accommodation and/or fees are a problem. We are committed to ensuring access for all.

One-day Workshops

Workshops include:

- ◆ the basics of the Cued Speech system
- ◆ research which proves its success
- ◆ information about how to use Cued Speech.

They are suitable for:

- ◆ parents and professionals who wish to learn Cued Speech primarily through our e-learning website: www.learntocue.co.uk
- ◆ parents and professionals who just want a 'taster'
- ◆ professionals who need to pass on accurate information to parents.

One-day workshop fees: £80 per person **OR** costed for the whole group.

For all training a discount, or sometimes free tuition, may be available for those with financial constraints.

Contact: For general enquiries or to book training contact Kim:
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To discuss training options contact Anne Worsfold:
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Cued Speech - complete spoken language through vision

Cued Speech is a simple system which uses eight handshapes in four positions near the mouth together with the lip patterns of normal speech to make spoken language fully accessible to deaf and hearing-impaired babies, children and adults.

Cued Speech Association UK (CSAUK)

is a charity which was established in 1975 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.

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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.

