

Cued Speech Association UK Newsletter



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New videos describing different ways to use Cued Speech

We all know that Cued Speech gives access to spoken language but how do different people use it? One of the most effective ways is for parents of deaf children to use it in the home from an early age but there are many other ways in which Cued Speech can be used successfully. Users of Cued Speech who attended our Summer School generously gave their time to chat to camera about different ways in which they used it.

Go to our website for extremely interesting and heart-warming footage covering:

- giving access to phonics teaching in a mainstream classroom
- access to home language and literacy for a deaf child with additional problems
- deaf children learning maths vocabulary – and so much more – through Cued Speech
- family members' use of Cued Speech
- teaching English as a second language to French deaf teenagers.

and finally don't miss the two charming Dutch friends, one deaf and one hearing, describing how they learnt to cue from our e-learning website www.learntocue.co.uk and how they plan to use Cued Speech in The Netherlands. Thanks to Luke Flegg for his professional film-making.

Cued Speech in Devon

Cued Speech use at the Exeter Royal Academy for Deaf Education (ERADE), is developing after more extremely good literacy and phonic awareness results. Cate Calder, the Cued Speech Association Educational Development Officer, works part-time at ERADE. Cate is planning to create a series of videoed cued stories to develop the students' knowledge and understanding of the English language.

Meanwhile Cate has started a new part-time, temporary, Devon-wide post for the local peripatetic service supporting Cued Speech-using families at home and professionals and children in schools. She will be both teaching Cued Speech and demonstrating ways in which it can be used.

Cued Speech training in the Aylesbury area

The Cued Speech Association UK (CSAUK) provides information about and training in Cued Speech nationwide to give deaf children and adults easy access to the English language. We raise money to ensure that no-one is denied the opportunity to learn because they cannot afford the cost.



Thanks to a donation from The Rotary Club of Aylesbury Hundreds we will be able to provide Cued Speech information, training and support for families with a deaf child in the Aylesbury area. Ken Orpin (pictured far right with his wife Sarah), and family members raised money through the Rotary Club for the CSAUK. He was presented with a cheque for £1,000 in September by the President Mike Simpson, on behalf of members of the Rotary Club.

Join us for lunch at a Michelin starred restaurant

Celebrity chef John Burton Race and his team at the New Angel restaurant in Dartmouth will be staging a Charity Lunch on Sunday 25th October. The lunch consists of 3 courses, wine and coffee for £35 per head, all of which will go to the Cued Speech Association UK. Many thanks to all the staff who will be giving their time for free and local suppliers who will be donating the food. To book please phone the New Angel direct on 01803 839425.

Facebook

Parent Hilary Flynn, who attended our recent Summer School has set up a Cued Speech UK Facebook group. Join the group 'Users of Cued Speech UK' to keep in touch and share your experiences with other cueders.

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Making available information about and training in Cued Speech



Summer School 2009

Our 9th Summer School

The Summer School at the Exeter Royal Academy for Deaf Education (ERADE) was well attended with students from the UK and overseas, the furthest travelling from Poland and others coming from The Netherlands, France and Switzerland.

Classes for adults

There were 3 levels of classes on offer - Foundation for beginners, Improvers for those with some knowledge of Cued Speech and the Advanced group.

In addition a French Cuers' class ran for those who already cue in French but who want to improve their English cueing.

At the end of the week some of the students took exams in Cued Speech Proficiency; four people passed level one and five people passed level two. Well done to all!

Presentations

In addition to the classes this year there was also a day of presentations:

- on groundbreaking Cued Speech work at ERADE with older signing deaf pupils
- on using Cued Speech in speech and language therapy sessions
- on how Cued Speech use fits with language acquisition, literacy and speech
- on how Cued Speech is used to give access to both English and French
- by parents who use Cued Speech within the family
- from a profoundly deaf adult who grew up with Cued Speech.

Running in parallel with the presentations were cueing workshops for students who preferred to continue to work on their practical skills.

Children's class

Whilst our main aim is to teach adults, (who then go on to use Cued Speech with children) at the Summer School we also offer children and young people (both deaf and hearing) the opportunity to learn the basics of Cued Speech in a fun, activity-based environment.

One of the week's activities was working together to create and cue a short cabaret sketch which the students performed on the final night. This year their show was a magnificent horror drama!

The children all had a great time, and some are already talking about coming back next year.



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Crèche

Once again the crèche staff, who include both native BSL-users and users of Cued Speech, excelled themselves in providing activities which the children loved and which encouraged their communication.

The children were especially fond of the tepee outside and luckily the weather was kind enough to allow lots of outside play whilst the parents learnt or taught nearby. The end of the week saw a most tearful goodbye for one little boy who had enjoyed himself so much he didn't want to go home and clung to the car door refusing to get in!



Social activities

The social programme began with a Sunday evening buffet followed by the ever popular rounders and boat trip nights. At the final night's Buckerell Lodge dinner and Cued Speech cabaret each class produced a sketch that they had put together over the course of the week.



A new cueing/social offering this year was the highly successful early evening Cued Speech Theatre Workshop (see the photos opposite). This was a very enjoyable event where children and adults alike practised using Cued Speech expressively in a fun way.

All classes, staff and the crèche children met daily at lunch time.

This enabled people to meet up with family members and other groups which was invaluable in enabling everyone to share their experiences and to help build a cueing community. Social announcements were made available to all by Cued Speech transliteration in French and English, and translation in BSL and Dutch sign language (see photo opposite).



Special guest

On Monday we were delighted to welcome Vicky Hemming, the Executive Director of People & Development at the RNID. Vicky took the opportunity to meet parents and professionals who use Cued Speech as well as talking with CSAUK staff. She also joined the Foundation class as a student and was cueing whole words (slowly) by the end of the day. She emailed afterwards: "It was a fascinating and inspiring day".

Filming

Carly Simpson, a cuer who is studying an HND in TV and Film Production, is making a documentary about the benefits of Cued Speech and filmed at the Summer School over two days. Luke Flegg, who filmed at our Summer School a couple of years ago rejoined us this summer to film several short interviews with cuers for our website.

**Special thanks
to all the staff and volunteers
for their wonderful work at the Summer School.**

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The dates for our 10th Summer School are Monday 2nd to Friday 6th August 2010.




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Courses, contacts and people



Course Dates	Location	Level
10 & 17 October 2009 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.	Lincoln	Foundation
12 - 15 April 2010 9.30 a.m. - 4 p.m.	Exeter	Foundation
12 - 14 April 9.30 am. - 4 p.m.	Exeter	Improvers
15 April	Exeter	Exams
2 - 6 August 9.30 a.m. - 4 p.m.	Exeter (residential)	All levels Day-time crèche Exams

Additional courses are being planned and will be available to view on our main website: www.cuedspeech.co.uk.

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 (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 and statutory bodies.

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Learn to cue 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. There is an accompanying e-learning booklet available to order free from our office. Contact Kim to book or for information about all courses at: kim@cuedspeech.co.uk.

Current course costs are: 2 day course: £100, 3 day course: £115, 4 day course: £130, 5 day course: £145. A discount, or occasionally free tuition, may be available for those with financial constraints. Non-residential courses are continually being arranged to meet demand, including bespoke courses for individual groups, sometimes at short notice. *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.*

Free or reduced price tuition may be available for those in the **Aylesbury** or **Northumberland/Tyneside** areas thanks to the generosity of the Aylesbury Rotary Club and The W A Handley Charity Trust. Get in touch if you know of anyone in these area who may benefit.

Contacts and people

Calling all cuers in South East Essex. Are there any experienced or beginner cuers in the South East Essex area wishing to set up an informal support network? Please contact Helen on 07981 233 824 or helenthornton2@yahoo.co.uk

Can you host a cuer from Geneva? After finishing his studies in horticulture Felicien Prevost, a deaf 20-year old Swiss man, would like to improve his English by staying with a cueing family. If you can help Felicien contact him at felicien_prevost@hotmail.com.

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

