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**A big thank you to Mags and Boyd!**

***FROM YOUR EDITOR***

**Hello everyone! —**

**Well, we have had some lovely weather lately. Let's hope summer will be warm and sunny.**

**This month I have included part one of a review I have done of some new mobile phone software for Windows Smartphones from Dolphin – part two to follow! Also, a few new products from RNIB, a bit about Talking Lamp posts and much more.**

**So, get the kettle on, or get the lemonade chilled, find a comfy chair and read on ...**

*Sue*

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***WELCOME!!*****GCAB HAS A NEW MANAGER**

**Modern-Eyes and Modern-Eyes Training Services Ltd would like to welcome Steve Martin as the new manager of the Gloucestershire County Association for the Blind.**

**We would like to wish Steve well and offer him any help and support we can in his new position.**

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***OUT AND ABOUT*****CROSSING OPENS AT LAST!**

**If you live in the Cainscross, Dudbridge and Paganhill area of Stroud, you will be pleased to hear that the new Puffin crossing at the bottom of Paganhill Lane is now open!!**

**Three months later than expected, the crossing was officially opened at 2:30pm on Thursday 26 April 2007.**

**Howard Powell and his guide dog, Witney, Pam Hughes, a wheelchair user, and myself, accompanied by Lewis, my guide dog, all crossed at the same time, officially opening the crossing to the public.**

**A photographer from the Citizen was there and we crossed backwards and forwards several times until he was happy with the photos! This resulted in a full front-page photo and an article inside the paper.**

**Pam, Howard and I were there as representatives of the Stroud and district Access Group and Guide Dogs, who have been involved in the campaign for a crossing from the start.**

**Guide Dogs, Gloucester Highways and the Stroud and District Access Group have been working together for several years to get a crossing at this point.**

**Now we have our crossing, we can all go safely across a very dangerous road junction. Not only will this help disabled people but it will also make crossing the road much safer for mums taking children to the local primary schools, youngsters going to Archway, Marling and the High School as well as older people using the Post Office and other facilities in Cainscross.**

**This has been a long process but now, thanks to all the agencies working together, we have our crossing.**

**And for those of you who aren't too sure what a Puffin crossing is, well, it is just the same as a Pelicon crossing as far as pedestrians are concerned but, to comply with European standards, there is no flashing amber light for drivers.**

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### **TALKING LAMP POSTS!**

**You may remember that, some time ago, we featured an article on Talking Lamp posts. Well, they are on the way!**

**A public outdoor navigation aid has gone live in Portsmouth city centre that "speaks" locations to vision impaired pedestrians.**

**The 'talking lampposts' from REACT, provide an audible confirmation of their location when activated by an electronic fob carried by the pedestrian. This "audible signposting" is emitted from a small box attached to nine lampposts located in the city's retail centre using radio frequencies.**

**Users hear audible messages such as "you are now at the junction of Arundel Street and Swindon Street, access to Post Office." Users purchase the activating fob for £30 or pay a five pound returnable deposit for daily use, available from council mobility charity Shopmobility and from the Portsmouth Association for the Blind. "It gives reassurance. It allows more independence," said Portsmouth City Council City Centre Manager Barry Walker. The fobs will also activate REACT boxes located in Leeds where a similar initiative has been rolled out.**

**The Portsmouth scheme was funded with 35,000 pounds from Portsmouth City Council, the Single Regeneration Budget and private companies. The REACT system was developed in conjunction with the RNIB.**

**(E-Access Bulletin  
April 2007)**

***READING AND WRITING*****TALKING BOOKS E-PETITION**

**Add your voice to those calling on the Prime Minister to actively encourage publishing houses to produce audio versions of their books, by signing an e-Petition**

**Website: <http://petitions.pm.gov.uk/Talking-Books/>**

**When you sign the e-petition, you'll receive an email, which contains a link. Follow the link to confirm your inclusion on the petition.**

**The deadline to sign is 26 February 2008.**

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***GET MOBILE!!*****SMART HAL FROM DOLPHIN FOR SMARTPHONES**

**Here is an article I wrote recently for Access IT. It is my review of Dolphin's new software for Windows Mobile Five Smartphones.**

**Smart Hal - Part 1: My first impressions.**

A bit about me.

**I am a sessional tutor working within the Gloucestershire Neighbourhood Project, teaching I T skills to visually impaired students. I also train visually impaired people using Dolphin Access software. We use Supernova and Windows XP with our groups of students and any combination of Dolphin software when training individuals.**

**Registered as blind for many years, I have Retinitis Pigmentosa and not enough vision to see a computer screen or a mobile phone screen. I first began computing in the days of DOS and started off using a combination of Lunar and Hal. I then upgraded to Microsoft Windows and Supernova and have found the combination to be very successful.**

**My access technology experiences to date.**

**I have a desktop P C running Windows XP and Supernova V7.01. When out and about training I use a laptop with Windows XP and a Supernova Pen drive. I own a PDA which I access via Pocket Hal and use a Nokia 6630 mobile running the Symbian operating system with the Talks software on it.**

**What is a Smartphone?**

**For those of you, like me, who were unfamiliar with Smartphones, I thought I would start with a beginner's guide to what a Smartphone is.**

**Most Smartphones have the familiar look and feel of many other mobile phones and feature the standard 3 by 4 candy bar-style telephone keypad which will be instantly recognisable to most people. Available on several different platforms, Smartphones ultimately combine mobile phone capability with some of the applications used by pocket PCs (PDAs).**

**A Windows Mobile Smartphone is based on hardware specifications, operating system and applications developed by Microsoft. Current Microsoft Mobile Smartphones are based on either the Windows Mobile 2003 Second Edition platform or the Windows Mobile 5.0 platform. With the Smartphone and the Pocket P C based on the same operating system, there is often a misnomer of what is a Smartphone and what is a Pocket P C. A Smartphone is first and foremost a phone. It has the look and feel of a mobile phone. Compared to the Pocket P C, the Smartphone comes with a smaller set of applications. It does not include Mobile Word, Mobile Excel or Mobile PowerPoint but does include e-mail, calendar, contact, and web browsing capabilities.**

**Physically a Smartphone is smaller than a Pocket P C and does not come with touch-screen support. Also a Smartphone will typically have a dial keypad that is used for data entry.**

**As time progresses, the style and feel of these devices is increasingly merging. Some of the very latest Smartphones include a built-in keyboard instead of a dial keypad. While, on the other hand, the latest Pocket P C hardware is shrinking in size and so moving closer to the look and feel of a Smartphone. Be careful though, as there is a difference between a "Smartphone" and a "smart phone". "Smartphone" (one word, capital S) is the brand name for the Microsoft Windows Mobile Smartphone handsets. "smart phone" (two words) is the generic term for a phone that can do clever things, and run third party applications. Not all smart phones (two words) run the Windows Mobile Smartphone operating system and might well have Linux, Simbian or even a Palm operating system. I knew it wouldn't be simple!**

**What is Smart Hal?**

**Smart Hal is a screen reader for handsets running the Windows Mobile Smartphone (one word) operating system. There are lots of Smartphones available both under contract, and pay as you go that are compatible with Smart Hal. (Full details are listed on the Dolphin website.).**

**During my Smart Hal evaluation I will be using the H T C Meteor and version 7.03 of Smart Hal.**

**The Meteor is a popular Smartphone and is also rebadged and sold as the i-mate S P J as. For those interested I have included the**

**specification details of the Meteor:**

- **Dimensions: 112.4 mm (L) times 49 mm (W) times 14.8 mm (D)**
- **Memory: 64 MB, mini S D slot**
- **Network band: G S M Tri-band (900/1800/1900 MHz)**
- **Processor: Samsung 300 MHz**
- **Connectivity: Infrared, Bluetooth, U S B, E D G E, U M T S**
- **Screen: 2.2 inch, 240 times 320 pixels**
- **Other: World's first 3G Smartphone. 1.3 mega-pixel camera**
- **Single-hand controlled jog-wheel for user friendly navigation**

**Smart Hal**

**Cost: £175 excluding VAT**

**It is available VAT exempt for registered visually impaired individuals.**

**Within this price Smart Hal includes two lives (installations) - the Dolphin website tells me this is designed to get round the normal frustrations of upgrading or loosing your handset, where other access technology companies will charge you a cross grade fee to move your access software onto a new handset. It is worth noting that Smart Hal will never actually arrive through your front door as a boxed product, as through the use of an "unlock code", you can convert your 30-day trial CD or download into a full working copy.**

**My mobile phone experiences to date.**

**I have been using my mobile with Talks software for about a year now and I have to admit that I have not found it very easy to use. The Nokia 6630 handset is O K, but not my choice - the service provider supplied it to me. I am sure it has lots of really useful functions but I have never been able to get to grips with it all.**

**Talks is a good piece of software but I have never really found it to be as intuitive as I would like. This may, of course, be partly due to**

**the handset and the operator. I have found it difficult to differentiate sometimes between software controls and phone controls. Also, as the software controls are completely different from anything I am used to, it has meant learning a whole new set of commands etc. I am a busy person and have found it difficult to find time to really learn how to use the phone and its software to its best! Perhaps this should be put down to operator error!**

**My first experiences with Smart Hal.**

**This is the first time I have ever used a Smartphone, although I have had the H T C Meteor handset and Smart Hal for about a week and I have to say that I have found it extremely good.**

**The handset is not one I would choose but I did get used to it quite quickly. Overall I think I preferred it to the Nokia 6630 which features keys in a semicircular shape. I prefer the keypad layout of the Meteor, where they are in a straight line and not in a curve which I found easier and more precise. Once I was accustomed to the basics of the handset, which were the soft keys and the back and forward keys, I was off.**

**Smart Hal seems very straight forward, I didn't need to go through two CDs of instructions. The operating system felt familiar and slotted in for me once I had worked out which bits were which on the handset. I had felt quite apprehensive when taking on this Smart Hal review, because my other accessible phones have taken me much longer than a week to get to grips with. The Smartphone is so much easier to use because you are straight in and you understand what you are dealing with. I was up and running very quickly.**

**I have found Smart Hal to be a really easy piece of software to use. I am sure that this is because it is so similar to the other Dolphin software that I am using every day. It immediately becomes familiar, as there is the usual Hal control panel system to customise the software to my personal preferences. This is easily done and the terminology used is very familiar to me.**

**I have found it a bit difficult to differentiate between access software commands and phone commands but this is not the same as the situation with Talks. Hal seems to work so seamlessly with the phone software that it is often hard to separate. Of course, this may be because I am definitely in my "comfort zone" with the software,**

**as it is so similar to the software I use on my PC and laptop all the time. I really have not had to think about what the software is doing - it just gets on with it! With Talks, I am always struggling to concentrate on the software.**

### **Support and documentation**

**I haven't needed to call Tech Support yet in this, the first part of my evaluation, but my support experiences from Dolphin have always been very positive, and hopefully will be as good as ever. Smart Hal does include a Help Key, but I haven't needed this feature so far. Maybe this will be useful as I progress with the second part of my evaluation and I try the more advanced Smartphone features.**

**I did refer to the Smart Hal documentation, which my husband Paul read to me as the accessible documentation wasn't available yet (I guess it is still a beta), but I understand now the Daisy, Word, html and PDF versions of the manual are available for download from the website, which will make life much easier for everyone.**

### **Texting**

**During my evaluation I have sent quite a few texts and found it really very easy. I did particularly like that Smart Hal beeped when you have successfully entered your character. I am not used to this confirmation and found that of definite benefit, I wasn't left wondering whether it was ready for me to enter the next character. It appears that Smart Hal has been designed by someone that knows what visually impaired people want, rather than by someone sighted. It is like my training ethos, work with V I people, rather than just for them.**

### **The Smartphone menu system**

**Finding "Messages" when choosing to send a text message was dead easy, as the menu systems are so straightforward. I generally found all of the Smartphone functionality easy to find. The Symbian operating system is much more split up and there are so many options to troll through. I sometimes find myself spending lots of time trying to find the messaging menu on a Symbian, which is even**

more time consuming when you are relying on what you are hearing. It is frustrating having to plod through every menu item when there are lots. I have found the Smartphone menu systems a familiar environment, and my ear is tuned into Windows. It is like when you are using your screen reader and you aren't listening to what is actually being said, but you notice when it says something it shouldn't say. Your ears prick up at that point and with the Smartphone I knew instinctively what I was listening for and what to expect.

Synthesiser.

US Eloquence is included with Smart Hal, but I opted for Orpheus as I am used to it. It sounded like my P C, and I find changing the voices a distraction. It is important to not be listening to the voice and just concentrate on listening to what it is telling me - I find that works best with Orpheus. People that like Eloquence can choose the voice they are familiar with and do the same. Both are good options.

My conclusions so far.

I have only had the phone and software for about a week so these are only my initial observations. Part two of my evaluation will hopefully give me a chance to start putting Smart Hal through its paces. The Meteor handset took a bit of getting used to at first but I am now feeling quite confident with it. The Windows operating system is easy to use and feels very familiar, enabling me to soon find my way around the phone's functions. Smart Hal initially seems intuitive and works well with the Windows software. It was familiar and comfortable to use with very little effort.

What's next? Part two.

It is obvious that there is so much more to a Smartphone. In the next Smart Hal review instalment, I hope to cover in a bit more detail some of these exciting Smartphone features and review how Smart Hal handles them. I am really looking forward to putting Smart Hal through its paces as I synchronise my contacts with my PC, check out M S N Messenger on my Smartphone, test Windows Media Player and much more.

**For more information about Smart Hal**

**Website: [www.yourdolphin.com](http://www.yourdolphin.com)**

*LOCAL GROUPS*

**CHELTENHAM MACULAR DISEASE SOCIETY**

**Venue:**

**The Friends Meeting House  
Warwick Place**

**When:**

**Last Friday of each month**

**Time:**

**1:45 pm to 4:00 pm**

**Note:**

**February and July start time is 1:00 pm**

**June meeting:**

**Wednesday 20 June**

**There is an annual subscription of £10 per person or £15 per couple due in January each year.**

**Contact: Genevieve Matley**

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## GLOUCESTER CITY BLIND CLUB

**Coffee mornings will be held on the following dates:**

- **28 June**
- **19 July**
- **27 September**
- **18 October**
- **29 November**

**For more details:**

**Telephone: 01242 22 11 70**

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## RP GROUP

**There is a group for people with Retinitis Pigmentosa in the Gloucester and Cheltenham area.**

**Contact: Tom Shepley**

**Telephone: 01242 580 625**

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## MICKLETON VIP GROUP

**Venue:**

**Joseph Webb Hall**

**Chapel Lane**

**Mickleton**

**(opposite Three Ways Hotel car park)**

**When:**

**Usually the second Tuesday each month**

**Time:**

**11:00 am to 12:30 pm**

**Next meetings:**

- **12 June**  
**More about Mickleton**
- **10 July**  
**Cream Tea**

**Telephone: 01386 43 8867**

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***NEW PRODUCTS FROM RNIB***

To order any of the products shown here, contact Customer Services at RNIB

Telephone: 08457 023 153

Email: [cservices@rnib.org.uk](mailto:cservices@rnib.org.uk)

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**ELECTRONIC LOCATOR**

**You'll never misplace anything again, thanks to this handy electronic locator. Similar in size to a T V remote control, the device features four buttons, each in a different colour to represent different receivers. These four receivers can then be attached to items around your home/workplace. The transmitter can detect receivers up to 25 meters away, and works through walls and floors.**

**To locate a lost receiver, simply press and hold the button on the transmitter and a loud beeping sound will be emitted to help you find the item.**

**Product code: DL 64**

**Cost: £24.99**

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**TALKING BLOOD GLUCOSE METER**

**This is a must for customers who suffer from diabetes - a device that speaks out your blood sugar levels.**

**The Talking Blood Glucose Meter is easy to use. Simply insert a test strip into the device, obtain a drop of blood from your finger using the lancing pen, and then place the blood on the strip and your result will be announced in a female voice within five seconds. The**

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device also features a LCD display, showing the result with digits measuring 15mm (0.6 inches) high.

The meter comes with a case, lancing pen, lancets and 25 test strips (further strips are available through prescription). It's small enough to be held in your hand, stores up to 500 readings, calculates seven, 14 and 28 day average readings and has a language option of either English or German.

Product code: DH 236

Cost: £49.99

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*A DATE FOR YOUR DIARY*

SIGHT VILLAGE 2007

**RNIB at Sight Village:**

Described as "the premier exhibition for blind and partially sighted people in the UK", this is an event you won't want to miss.

Thousands of visitors attend every year as exhibitors from around the globe showcase the latest in accessible products and services.

RNIB will be highlighting a range of products and publications, and there will also be the opportunity to find out more about our services including broadcasting, information and advocacy, and our Talk and Support telephone groups.

Sight Village is free to enter.

**Venue:**

**The Clarendon Suites  
2 Stirling Road  
Edgbaston  
Birmingham**

You can check what's being planned by logging on to

Website: [www.gac.ac.uk/sightvillage](http://www.gac.ac.uk/sightvillage)

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## *HOLIDAYS*

### KIRKWOOD GUEST HOUSE

The magazine has been sponsored this month by:

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Ideally positioned for exploring the Lakeland area, we are situated on a quiet corner, halfway between the busy holiday towns of Windermere and Bowness.

We look forward to giving you a hospitable welcome to our friendly guesthouse. We offer bed and breakfast accommodation. We are able to advise on all aspects of your holiday, whatever your interests, to help you make the most of your stay in this beautiful part of England.

The house is a traditional Victorian slate and stone building, tastefully decorated. All rooms have en suite showers. We have a family room, twin rooms and four poster rooms. All have colour TV, tea and coffee making facilities, hair dryers, radio alarms and toiletries. There is one ground floor room. Our comfortable lounge is available for you to use at any time. Kirkwood is non-smoking.

Windermere and Bowness are bustling towns with interesting street shopping, well within walking distance and Lake Windermere is only

**a short walk away. There are museums, cafés and sporting facilities as well as the breath-taking, ever changing vista of lake and mountains. On the lake itself there are boats for hire and steamer trips and a visit to Hawkshead via the Windermere – Sawrey ferry. Makes an interesting day out, while the energetic will enjoy walking, swimming, golf and tennis. Water sports can be arranged.**

**At breakfast we offer a full choice of menu. We are also happy to cater for light diets, vegetarians or other special requirements. There is an enormous variety of eating places in Windermere and Bowness for evening meals. Many local country pubs serve superb, reasonably priced bar meals and some have a range of local and international beers for you to try!**

**So, for a holiday or break in splendid surroundings, both indoors and out, choose Kirkwood Guest House and your hosts, Mags and Boyd, will make sure you are not disappointed.**

**Kirkwood Guest House is open all year round except Christmas Day. We offer off-season and three-night breaks.**

**We provide an ideal base for all season Lake District holidays. Autumn, winter and spring holidays can be particularly enjoyable with bright clear days and little traffic.**

**Our proximity to the station at Windermere means that your car is not an obligatory item for your holiday in Lakeland, intercity trains on the main Glasgow – Euston line stop at Kendall (Oxenholme) with a good connection to Windermere, where there is also a regular coach stop. Once you are here, we can help you arrange excellent escorted coach tours to all parts of the area. We also provide details for touring in your car and for some beautiful walks. There is an excellent bus service for getting around the Lakes including the central and northern parts of the National Park.**

**For more information and how to find us, please telephone or email.**

**Kirkwood Guest House welcomes assistance dogs and is very VI-friendly. The breakfast menu is available in large print, Braille and audio and a liquid level indicator will help you make that nice cup of**

**tea in your room. Please ask if you require these items when booking. You will also find a selection of audio books in our lounge.**

**Note: Kirkwood has featured in the RNIB hotel and guest houses guide. The breakfast menu and fire regulations are available in large print, on tape, in Braille and on DAISY and audio CD. Liquid level indicators and talking alarm clocks are available – just ask! Paul and I have stayed with Mags and Boyd a few times now and we always receive a friendly welcome and Lewis is now a ‘family favourite’!**

***DEREK IS NEARLY THERE!***

**CAKE SALE AND RAFFLE RAISE OVER £70!**

**A raffle held by our Coney Hill groups has raised over £70 towards the funding Derek needs to get him to Sydney to bowl for Britain in the Blind ten pin bowling championships in November.**

**Everyone brought in prizes for the raffle and cakes for the sale and we had great fun drawing the raffle. There were lots of prizes, ranging from a fluffy teddy bear to bottles of wine and lots of chocs!**

**There were some lovely cakes, especially a fruit cake donated by Phil’s mum – they were almost fighting for a slice!**

**So, well done everyone, especially Sally and Mary, for all the hard work and support. Derek is getting close to his total so, hopefully, he will be off to Australia in the autumn.**

**COMPUTING****EDWORD: FREE TALKING WORD PROCESSOR**

**EdWord is a basic word processor and, although it doesn't have the full range of features and options found in other programs, it does come with all the essential features you would expect.**

**Menus and toolbars are accessible. For individuals with low vision, the interface is clear, uncluttered and adjustable in terms of colour, contrast, size, etc. All menus, menu options, and toolbar icons speak their names as the cursor moves over them. Once EdWord is open, the talking tooltip feature extends to everything on the desktop.**

**EdWord can speak each character as it is typed or each word when the space bar is pressed. Once a word is typed, EdWord will speak it when clicked with the mouse. Unfortunately, EdWord does not read sentences or selected text.**

**User manuals, in Word format, are available for EdWord and all associated programs. EdWord is available for Windows 98 and later.**

**EdWord is part of a suite of programmes from UMIST and Sense. Other programmes include EdWeb, a talking web browser that can display web pages as a combination of text and symbols. You can read more**

**Website: [www.deafblindonline.co.uk/software.html](http://www.deafblindonline.co.uk/software.html)**

*USEFUL WEBSITES*

### FINDING YOUR WAY!

**A new text service for finding directions is available from Google. You can use the link below on your PC, mobile or PDA to get step by step directions in text only format.**

**Website: <http://maps.google.com/?output=html>**

**In the edit box, type the starting point to the destination of your trip (such as 1234 Main Street, Smallville 12345 to 5678 Elm Street, Smallville 12345).**

**The text directions will be delivered in seconds - without the tedium of finding your way around graphical clutter.**

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### VISION 20:20

**British charity Vision 2020 has won an award for its user friendly website which provides vision impaired people with an online library, bulletin board and online discussion forum as well as alerts for relevant events and activities. The National ICT Hub Awards are hosted by the UK charity the National Council for Voluntary Organisations:**

**Website: <http://fastlink.headstar.com/vision2020>**

**COMPUTER CLASSES****IT WORKSHOPS**

**Don't forget our workshops at Coney Hill and Stonehouse, and now also in Podsmead.**

**At present the Stonehouse class is full but we still have spaces at Coney Hill on Tuesday or Wednesday mornings and Podsmead on Friday afternoons.**

**If you would like to come to a class, let us know and we will do our best to find you a place.**

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