

"For deaf people, with deaf people, by deaf people."

# DEAFvibe

Deafness = Equality & Access = Fairness STAFFORDSHIRE

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### Dates for your Diary

**Every Monday**– Football Training at Port Vale 7.30pm – 9pm.

**14<sup>th</sup> April** – DEAFvibe Café

**21<sup>st</sup> April** – Audley Medieval Society Table Top Sale and Community Event (11am – 5pm)

**24<sup>th</sup> April** – "Where Have I Been All My Life" Captioned play at New Victoria Theatre, Basford. 7.30pm.

**28<sup>th</sup> April** –Social Research on Deafness (SORDE) workshop, Manchester University. (10.30am – 4pm).

**28 April** – CODA Conference, Deaflinks, Stoke-on-Trent 9am-5pm

**26<sup>th</sup> May** – Vision MC Sign Singing Show, Attleborough Liberal Club, Bull St, Nuneaton (Starts at 7.30pm).

## See Me, Hear Me 2012

We are pleased to announce that DEAFvibe's first ever 'See Me, Hear Me' event will take place at Stoke City FC, Britannia Stadium between 10am to 4pm on Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> May.

Entry is free to the event, which will include exhibitors offering a range of information, advice and support on all types of hearing loss.

There will be activities, demonstrations and also opportunities to speak to experts and find out more. Free car parking will also be available at Britannia Stadium. Interpreters, note takers, lip speakers and deaf blind communicator guides will be present.

The event is open to all members of the public wishing to find out more about services and organizations for people with hearing loss.

Come along and enjoy a sociable and informative day out. We look forward to seeing you there.



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## OFFICIAL CHARITY STATUS GRANTED TO DEAFVIBE

It's official!! DEAFvibe is now a charity. The charity number is 1146280. This means we can apply for further funding and also do more fundraising ourselves. Time to dust off your bikes, dig out your running shoes or start that diet and raise funds to ensure the future of your DEAFvibe.

## DEAFVIBE AGM

Following the AGM on 28<sup>th</sup> March, we have appointed a new trustee, Rosemary Le Marrec who attends our afternoon café. Our thanks go to Warren Richards who stepped down as trustee after being with us for the past year and we extend a warm welcome to Rosemary who is delighted to join us in working towards improved services for deaf and hard of hearing people in Staffordshire.

## £99 COMPUTERS FOR DISABLED PEOPLE

Microsoft are offering computer packages at a reduced cost to people in receipt of certain benefits including Disability Living Allowance (DLA). Full details are available on the Get online at home website. A basic desktop computer can be bought for £99. The website address is [www.getonlineathome.org](http://www.getonlineathome.org)

## USEFUL WEBSITE FOR HEARING AID USERS

Resources and information for hearing aid users can be found on the website of Hearing Direct. A range of hearing aids and equipment for people with a hearing loss can be purchased from the website, with free delivery on orders over £20. The website address is: [www.hearingdirect.com](http://www.hearingdirect.com)

## DEAF WORLD TRAVEL UK

Deaf World Travel UK is a company run by Ian Funnell who has 18 years experience in organising worldwide escorted tours for deaf and hard of hearing people. So far for 2012, four holidays have been booked for 270 people and there are still places available. Sign language interpreters are booked for all escorted trips and an annual membership is available at a low cost for quarterly updates and newsletters.

If you're still planning your 2012 summer holiday and like the sound of this, the website address is [www.deafworldtravel.co.uk](http://www.deafworldtravel.co.uk) and the email contact is [iani40@hotmail.com](mailto:iani40@hotmail.com).

## DEAF CRUISE CLUB

A cruise holiday business that deals with all major cruise lines and has a personal experience of deafness is looking to arrange group cruise bookings for deaf people along with an interpreter.

New trips are being planned at present. If you fancy a holiday at sea with the comfort of knowing there is an interpreter on board, check out the website or contact the organisation as below:

Website: [www.bdml.cruiseholidaysuk.co.uk/deaf-cruise-club](http://www.bdml.cruiseholidaysuk.co.uk/deaf-cruise-club)

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