

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

# DEAFvibe

Deafness = Equality & Access = Fairness S T A F F O R D S H I R E

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### Dates for your Diary

**Every Monday** – Basic Football Training at Port Vale Football Ground, 7.30pm – 9pm. Deaf friendly team.

**10<sup>th</sup> March** – DEAFvibe Cafe

**23<sup>rd</sup> March** – Elite and Approach. Biddulph Town Hall. "Social Integration". (10am – 2pm)

## Stepping into Spring

DEAFvibe is now one year old and it's great to see everyone at our monthly cafe. We are always glad to see our regular members and welcome new ones.

Over the last twelve months, we have had many interesting speakers and opportunities.

Local MPs provided a listening ear at an MP's Question Time held by DEAFvibe.

Changes provided a fabulous course on dealing with Mental Distress with BSL access, which our members enjoyed.

Our hard of hearing members are creating a booklet to help other people who have been diagnosed with hearing loss.

Our cafés are a relaxing place to meet new people and get easily accessible information.

Let us know if there's anything you want to see at your café.



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## STOKE AND NORTH STAFFS NATIONAL DEAF CHILDREN'S SOCIETY

Stoke and North Staffs branch of the National Deaf Children's Society is a local group that is run by parents and carers of deaf or hard of hearing children. They work with local health and education professionals to campaign and fundraise for local deaf children's needs. They provide a great support network for parents of deaf children, especially those who have no knowledge of deafness or the deaf community.

The website address is <http://snsdcs.org>.

## BASIC FOOTBALL TRAINING AT PORT VALE FC - PLAYERS NEEDED

Basic Football Training is on every Monday at Port Vale FC. The team is 'deaf-friendly' and new players are needed. Come along and join in to meet new people, get fit and improve your confidence. Shin Pads and Futsal trainers must be worn for health and safety. Bring a bottle of water too.

**Venue:** Port Vale FC, Community Building, Gate C, Hamil Road, Burslem, Stoke on Trent, ST6 1AW.

## PROTECT YOUR VALUABLES FROM THIEVES

Many of us have expensive electrical equipment such as mobile phones, laptops and iPads.

All of these things have a serial number on them which you can register on a national website so that if they are stolen or lost, the police can check to see if anyone has tried to sell them to a second hand shop or to someone else and get your items back for you.

It is easy to register online and you just need to put a description of your items along with the serial number or a product number from your item. You can also register bikes and cameras too.

The website is: [www.immobilise.com](http://www.immobilise.com)

## SAVE MONEY ON PREMIUM RATE PHONE NUMBERS

Premium rate phone numbers such as 0870, 0500, 0800, 0808, 0842, 0843, 0844, 0845, 0870, 0871, 0872, 0873 are not usually free in your inclusive minutes phone package. Many mobile phone deals will not let you use free numbers like 0500, 0800 and 0808.

To avoid this charge, go to [www.saynoto0870.com](http://www.saynoto0870.com) and search for the company you want to call and the phone number to find an alternative landline number and save £££££'s.

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO.....

We would like to wish a very happy birthday from all at DeafVibe to our members who have birthdays this month:

**Rowan Robinson, Ernest Seager and Becky Forster**