

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

DEAFvibe

Deafness = Equality & Access = Fairness STAFFORDSHIRE

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

7th February DEAFvibe HUB
Newcastle Civic Offices 10am-3pm

8th February DEAFvibe Café
Newcastle Library 11am – 3pm
Topic: Breaking through
communication Barriers

21st February DEAFvibe HUB
Newcastle Civic Offices 10am-3pm

8th March DEAFvibe Cafe

Future dates for the diary:

Friday 9th May – Deaf Day
Britannia Stadium

Saturday 10th May – Hart Award
Deafvibe Cafe

A special **Happy Birthday** to our very
own Steven Leece who turns **40** on
14th March.

RECOGNISING OUR VOLUNTEERS

DEAFvibe is infinitely grateful for the support from its volunteers, no matter how many hours you're able to give, the gift of your time is invaluable and it is what keeps DEAFvibe going in its quest to be there for deaf, deaf blind and hard of hearing people in Stoke and Staffordshire.

To recognise the valuable contribution of DEAFvibe's volunteers, an award called the **Hart award** (in recognition of Julie Hart, Deafvibe's chair and long-term champion of equality for people with hearing loss) has been established.

You may have filled in a nomination form at the last café to name a volunteer that you wanted to put forward for the award.

Once we have a list of finalists, we will publish this in the newsletter. The winner will be announced at the May café to coincide with National Volunteer Week.

A big thank you to all of our volunteers, we couldn't do it without you!



TINNITUS AWARENESS WEEK

Tinnitus Awareness Week runs between 3rd and 9th February this year. There is a phone helpline run by the British Tinnitus Awareness Association that you can contact on **0800 018 0527** to get further information on Tinnitus. Alternatively you can visit their website: www.tinnitus.org.uk .

ACCESSIBLE THEATRE AT THE NEW VIC THEATRE, BASFORD

Don't let deafness stop you enjoying theatre. The New Vic Theatre is making more and more of its performances accessible to deaf people using captions and BSL interpreters so you can continue to enjoy a night at the theatre. Many DEAFvibe members have thoroughly enjoyed previous shows there such as 101 Dalmatians.

Future accessible performances at the New Vic which will have captions are:

August Bank Holiday Lark – Tuesday 25th February

Memory of Water – Wednesday 19th March

Hobson's Choice – Tuesday 8th April

As the theatre is in a circular shape with the stage in the centre, make sure you let the box office know you need to be seated where you can see the captions when you book your ticket. If you are a blue badge holder, you will also need to let the box office know so that you can arrange for a free parking space to be reserved. Parking is usually £1.00 for the evening.

If you are on benefits, take a copy of your benefits letter with you when booking tickets as in some cases you can get concessions.

Box Office: 01782 717962

Website: www.newvictheatre.org.uk

DEAF DAY 2014

DEAFvibe's annual DEAFday Exhibition will be held at the Stoke City FC Britannia Stadium on Friday 9th May. This year promises to be a bigger and better event as we welcome exhibitors of all things deaf related and more back to Stoke-on-Trent. Entry to the public is free and we will be looking for volunteers to help us out on the day. Further details will be released as they become available.

Exhibitors wanting a stand on the day should email deafday@deafvibe.co.uk for details.

RECYCLING FOR DEAFVIBE

Thank you for your help in raising money by recycling old ink cartridges. £26.35 was raised between September and December 2013 which will be used to continue running the café.

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