

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

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### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

**6<sup>th</sup> February DEAFvibe HUB**  
Bradwell Lodge 10am-3pm

**14<sup>th</sup> February DEAFvibe Café**  
Bradwell Lodge 11am-3pm  
**Topic:** Social café & Bingo

**12<sup>th</sup> February Tinnitus Group**  
Bradwell Lodge 10am – 12pm.

**20<sup>th</sup> February DEAFvibe HUB**  
Bradwell Lodge 10am-3pm

**6<sup>th</sup> March DEAFvibe HUB**  
Bradwell Lodge 10am-3pm

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**Thought for the month:** "It's not the hearing one misses, it's the overhearing!"  
(Supplied by Café regular Eileen.)

### LOOKING AHEAD INTO 2015

Now 2015 is underway and we're getting back into the swing of everyday life, we're taking a look forward at what's in store for the first 6 months of 2015.

#### Deaf Day 2015

Put Friday 8<sup>th</sup> May in your diaries for the 4<sup>th</sup> DEAFvibe Deaf Day, which will again take place at Stoke City FC's Britannia Stadium. Planning is underway and there has already been a good uptake of stalls.

If you'd like to market a service to Deaf, hard-of-hearing and deafblind people, or if you're a deaf person wanting to showcase your crafts, please contact us. We are also looking for volunteers for the day, which will be fully accessible with communication support and wheelchair access.

#### DEAFvibe 5<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Party

Celebrating 5 years of providing a service, DEAFvibe has booked a function room at Trentham Park Golf Club on the evening Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> June. There will be a 3 course meal, entertainment and a disco. Further details will be issued about how to book, the menu and the cost as they become available. It is going to be a wonderful evening.

Keep an eye on the website for updates on both events.

## FUNDRAISING FOR DEAFVIBE

While keeping to the theme of all things new for 2015, we're reaching out to those of you who may be seeking new challenges in 2015...and asking that you consider it as an opportunity to raise funds for DEAFvibe at the same time.

Maybe you've always wanted to climb Mount Snowdon, complete the 3 Peaks Challenge, cycle the Manchester to Blackpool route or even shed that niggling Christmas weight gain. The possibilities are endless and knowing you have sponsorship can spur you on to achieve a challenge while raising funds for a good cause at the same time. Whatever your challenge is, speak to one of the DEAFvibe team and we will see how we can support you in your challenge while raising funds at the same time.

If you're feeling challenged enough by life, but still fancy giving fundraising a go, maybe you could think about having a 'guess how many sweets in the jar' sweepstake, a small raffle in the office or even an office or family cake sale. We appreciate all opportunities to raise funds to allow us to continue to provide a service to the Deaf, hard of hearing and deafblind community of Staffordshire.

## YOUR VIEWS COUNT

At the last Café, we discussed what we'd like to see in future Cafés in 2015 in order to help members have a balance of information and social activities. If you missed your opportunity or were too shy to give input in front of the group, we still want your valuable opinion. Feel free to speak to one of the DEAFvibe team or contact them via the contact details at the top of the newsletter. We want our supporters to enjoy the Cafés and it's important we know what you want from them.

## EXTENDING THE HAND OF FRIENDSHIP

If you have been attending our Cafés, HUBs and classes, you'll know that DEAFvibe is a place of friendships and support. To boost this notion further, DEAFvibe have established a Friends of DEAFvibe scheme, so that those close to use are always in the know about what's happening.

We extend the invitation to all friends of DEAFvibe to join the '**Friends of DEAFvibe**' scheme. This is currently a free membership which allows you to continue receiving the benefits of support and advice gained from the Café, hubs and classes. It also allows you to be updated on any public meetings, the AGM or new projects that we're getting involved in. Also by logging your interest in DEAFvibe, there will be a clear indication of the numbers of people that the service is attracting. This will assist in future funding bids and allow the service to grow across Staffordshire and reach more people in need.

All data will be kept in line with the Data Protection Act and only statistics will be used to gauge levels of interest and help DEAFvibe tailor the service to the needs of its service users.

Friendship forms can be found on the DEAFvibe website or at any of our events and classes.

DEAFvibe hopes that anyone who visits as a stranger will leave feeling they have gained a friend.

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