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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

13th February DEAFvibe Café

Bradwell Lodge 9.30am – 1pm.

Topic: Social

19th February DEAFvibe HUB

Bradwell Lodge 10am-3pm

NDCS – Angie Edwards

4th March DEAFvibe HUB

Bradwell Lodge 10am-3pm

Benefits/Welfare – Anita Thorley

12th March DEAFvibe Café

Bradwell Lodge 9.30am – 1pm

Topic: Deaf Charter and
Accessible Standards

18th March DEAFvibe HUB

Bradwell Lodge 10am-3pm

NDCS – Angie Edwards

*The AGM will take place at the April
Café. Speakers to be confirmed.*

Weekly Groups / Classes

Tues: Art Group 10am – 3pm

Weds: BSL 4 Leisure 6pm-8pm

LOOKING AHEAD TO MAY

2016 has got off to a fast start and we're already in February. So there's no better time than to look ahead to plan two of the biggest events in the DEAFvibe calendar year.

13th May sees the Annual Deaf Day / See Me Hear Me exhibition being held at Britannia Stadium (Stoke City FC). Following on from previous successes, the day looks to be filled with a variety of exhibitors showing all things related to deafness, deafblindness and visual needs. Of course we are looking for volunteers to ensure the day is once again a success. If you would like to get involved on the day, whether for part or all of the day, please see a DEAFvibe trustee or volunteer coordinator Andrew Dawson to be included.

Also as in previous years, the Hart Awards take place at the May DEAFvibe Café on 14th May. If you can think of anyone who has worked hard as a volunteer over the last 12 months, please forward your nominations for DEAFvibe Volunteer of the Year award or DEAFvibe Outstanding Contribution of the Year to Alison or Julie by the April Café (9th April). This café will be an opportunity to celebrate our wonderful volunteers and recognise the effort that people make to strengthen the DEAFvibe family.

DEAFVIBE INVITED TO MAYOR'S SPRING BALL

DEAFvibe has been invited to the Mayor's Spring Ball on 8th April at Keele Hall. The evening starts at 7pm and guests will need to be seated for dinner by 7.50pm, with dinner being served at 8pm. The dress code for men is dinner jacket or lounge suit and for ladies it is smart eveningwear.

If you would like to attend the tickets are £37 each. Please let Julie Hart know by text on 07941 578541 or email deafvibe.julie@yahoo.co.uk. Once we receive your payment we will book all of the tickets to ensure we are sitting together.

The main course is gammon and there is a vegetarian option. A BSL interpreter will be there. It promises to be a lovely, glamorous evening.

CITIZENS' ADVICE BUREAU (CAB) – BENEFITS INFORMATION NOW ONLINE

Following the presentation by the Citizens' Advice Bureau at the January DEAFvibe café, the CAB have informed us that a number of their leaflets relating to benefits are now available on line. At present these relate to Universal Credit (including for job seekers and housing costs); how to appeal if you are found fit for work; a guide to claiming PIP; a guide to claiming benefits when living with a partner; and information on JSA sanctions, how to avoid them and how to fight them.

There are also monthly newsletters available on their website offering up-to-date benefits advice to help you keep informed about all of the recent and upcoming changes to benefits. Their website address is: <http://www.snsCab.org.uk/about-us/potteries-gold/>

200 CLUB – IMPORTANT UPDATE ABOUT MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

During 2015 – 2016 the 200 Club has successfully raised £450 towards the running costs of DEAFvibe and also paid out £450 in prizes to members of the 200 Club. We hope to do the same (or even better) in 2016 / 2017.

As the 200 Club has now been running for 12 months, some memberships will be due for renewal and we hope that all of you continue to support DEAFvibe. Renewal forms will be sent out shortly.

Joining the 200 Club or renewing your membership is easy, just fill out an application form and pay the annual £12 fee to a DEAFvibe Trustee by cheque or cash. Forms can be posted to DEAFvibe with a cheque at: DEAFvibe, Suite 21, 2-4 Beaumont Rd, Tunstall, Stoke-on-Trent ST6 6BE

200 CLUB WINNERS

Congratulations to the latest 200 club winners whose numbers were drawn at random in the January café. The winning numbers are:

- 1st Prize – **Number 11**
- 2nd Prize – **Number 168**
- 3rd Prize – **Number 105**

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