

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

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

10th January DEAFvibe Café

Bradwell Lodge 11am-3pm

Topic: Looking ahead to 2015

12th January Lipreading (New)

Bradwell Lodge 10am – 1pm

Bradwell Lodge 6.30 – 8.30pm

13th January BSL Level 1 starts

Bradwell Lodge 6.30 – 8.30pm

16th January DEAFvibe HUB

Bradwell Lodge 10am-3pm

3rd February Introduction to BSL

Bradwell Lodge 9.30-12.00am

5th February Introduction to BSL

Bradwell Lodge 6.30 – 9pm

6th February DEAFvibe HUB

Bradwell Lodge 10am-3pm

14th February DEAFvibe Café

Bradwell Lodge 11am-3pm

Topic: TBC

FESTIVE FUNDRASING FUN

Our annual Christmas Sign Singing sessions put the 'fun' into Fundraising, and this year was no different.

Sainsburys Newcastle asked us to return to the store and entertain customers with some festive sign singing. We had help from Father Christmas himself and a singing snowman, not to mention our fabulous volunteers, led by Mel and Charlotte, who all joined in and signed for hours on end.

This year saw the old favourites being sung alongside new additions such as 'O Holy Night', 'Oh Come All Ye Faithful' and everyone's new favourite, 'Let it Go' from the film Frozen.

We would like to give our thanks to Sainsbury's customers who helped us raise enough money to continue to run the DEAFvibe Café and Hub for the immediate future, allowing us to support deaf, deafblind and hard of hearing people in Staffordshire in 2015.

A big thank you also goes to everyone who gave up their time to make this a success.

DEAFvibe wishes all our friends and supporters a very happy new year.



MARATHON MAN SET TO RUN LONDON MARATHON FOR DEAFVIBE

Peter Forward is running the London Marathon on behalf of DEAFvibe.

Peter, aged 21 and from Staffordshire is a keen sportsman with a BTEC Distinction in Sports Studies and a history of sporting success, being one of the first people in a team including adults to reach the top of Snowdon, aged 6. One of his future ambitions is to teach and encourage young children and teenagers to participate in football academies and camps.

Peter is the son of Julie Price; the much loved electronic notetaker regularly used by DEAFvibe. Following in her footsteps, he has recently started a degree in BSL / English Interpreting at Wolverhampton University. With a commitment to supporting deaf people, Peter has volunteered to take on this enormous challenge to raise essential funds for DEAFvibe, who he is proud to be involved with.

We know that we're in good hands with Peter running the marathon; he still holds the record for the fastest 1,500 metres race at his school from when he was 11 years old.

Of the daunting 26.2 mile challenge ahead of him, Peter says, "I am very happy to represent DEAFvibe at the London Marathon. I admire the work of volunteers supporting Deaf, hard of hearing and deafblind people in the community and the support that the group brings to each other. Funding is greatly needed to build on this small, but growing charity, to allow them to continue to give personal and technical advice, communication support, share skills and expertise as well as raising much needed awareness. Despite a daunting challenge, I'm training hard and encourage people to sponsor me on behalf of DEAFvibe who will use every penny to offer long term support for individuals. Please follow my training and pledge what you can offer to support DEAFvibe. Thank you so much."



Donations can be made via DEAFvibe's page on Virgin Money Giving or via the DEAFvibe website.

DEAFVIBE 200 CLUB – A CHANCE TO WIN!

DEAFvibe have set up a 200 Club, which is an initiative to raise funds for DEAFvibe and at the same time offer 200 Club members a chance to win a cash prize in one of the 12 monthly prize draws, with greater odds of winning than the Lotto!

The commitment is a £12 annual payment (equivalent to £1 a month) and you will be allocated your own personal number to be entered in the monthly draw. Rules, application forms and further information can be obtained from the Café and on the website.

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