

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

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

6th January BSL 4 Leisure
Bradwell Lodge 6pm – 8pm

9th January DEAFvibe Café
Bradwell Lodge 9.30am – 1pm.
Topic: CAB and the Shaw Trust.

12th January Art and Craft Group
Bradwell Lodge 10am – 3pm

14th January Tinnitus Group
Bradwell Lodge 10am – 12 noon

15th January DEAFvibe HUB
Bradwell Lodge 10am-3pm
NDCS – Angie Edwards
Benefits/Welfare – Anita Thorley

5th February DEAFvibe HUB
Bradwell Lodge 10am-3pm
Benefits/Welfare – Anita Thorley

13th February DEAFvibe Café
Bradwell Lodge 9.30am – 1pm
Topic: To be confirmed

19th February DEAFvibe HUB
Bradwell Lodge 10am-3pm
Angie Edwards - NDCS

NEW YEAR, NEW VIBE

Happy New Year to all of DEAFvibe's friends and supporters.

Following on from feedback from friends and supporters of DEAFvibe, a number of changes are afoot at the café.

From January 2016 the café will remain on the second Saturday of the month at Bradwell Lodge, but there will be some changes:

The new start time is 9.30am and the café will run until 1pm. This will benefit people coming to the café as their afternoons will now be free, rather than the café straddling the middle of the day.

The cost of admission has been reduced to £2 per person to take into account the cost to families who attend. Also all volunteers and trustees will be expected to pay the £2 entry fee.

The café will be a mixture of presentations, workshops and social cafes in response to feedback from people attending. If there are any topics you are particularly interested in, please speak to a trustee or send an email to DEAFvibe.

We look forward to seeing everyone again this year.

DEAFVIBE TRUSTEE VACANCY

There is a vacancy on the DEAFvibe Board of Trustees. If you are looking for a challenge and want to make a contribution to a local deaf-led charity, this could be the opportunity you have been looking for! We are looking for someone who is deaf, hard of hearing, deafblind or a hearing person who has experience in working in the field of deafness / deafblindness. Details of the role and an application form can be found on the DEAFvibe website or by asking a trustee or emailing DEAFvibe.

COFFEE AND CAKE MORNING MARKS NEW COMMITMENT TO DEAF COMMUNITY

The North Staffordshire Combined Healthcare Trust (NSCHT) held a coffee and cake morning in November to mark their commitment to improving services to the deaf community. This is the first of a regular series of events that will enable the NSCHT to meet with the deaf community and enable staff to keep using their newly acquired sign language and deaf awareness skills up to date, while building links with the deaf community and raising money for Hearing Dogs for the Deaf.

The trust is committed to improving access for deaf, deafblind and hard of hearing service users and has already taken measures to make a difference. These include: training some staff in basic sign language and fingerspelling, providing smartphones to some reception areas to enable access to emergency online interpreter services, introducing e-learning deaf awareness courses for members of staff and creating a register of people working within the NSCHT who have enhanced communication skills and deaf awareness.

OPEN DAY AT THE SHAW TRUST HANLEY – 28TH JANUARY 2016

A reminder that the Shaw Trust is holding an open day to showcase its services aimed at helping deaf people back into work. Communication support will be provided on the day. The Shaw Trust can help with building CVs, confidence issues related to work, job searching and much more.

To find out more, go along to the open day on 28th January 2016 11am – 3pm. The address is:
The Shaw Trust office, 1st Floor, Churchill House, Regent Road, Stoke on Trent ST1 3JJ

DEAFVIBE'S NEW POSTAL ADDRESS - REMINDER

Contact DEAFvibe by **post** at: DEAFvibe, Suite 21, 2-4 Beaumont Rd, Tunstall, Stoke on Trent, Staffordshire, ST6 6BE.

200 CLUB WINNERS

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

- 1st Prize – **Number 35**
- 2nd Prize – **Number 180**
- 3rd Prize – **Number 41**

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