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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

7th July DEAFvibe HUB

Bradwell Lodge 10am-3pm

8th July DEAFvibe Café

Bradwell Lodge 9.30am – 1pm.

Topic: Topic: Hearing Dogs for the Deaf, Tom Kane

21st July DEAFvibe HUB

Bradwell Lodge 10am-3pm and
Tinnitus Support 1 - 3pm.

12th August DEAFvibe Café

Bradwell Lodge 9.30am-1pm.

Topic: AGM 9.45 - 10.45am.
Informal cafe 11:00 - 13:00hrs.

4th August DEAFvibe HUB

Bradwell Lodge 10am-3pm
Benefits/Welfare – Anita Wall

Weekly Groups at Bradwell:

The V.I.B.E: Wednesday 6 - 8pm

Art Group: Thursdays 6pm-9pm

LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT FOR DEAFVIBE CHAIR

DEAFvibe Chair Julie Hart (Tizley) was recognised for a lifetime of dedicated service to the Deaf community of Staffordshire in an award ceremony in May.

Julie was presented with the Lifetime Achievement Award at the Disability and Autism Awards which took place at the Kings Hall in Stoke and which were organised by Staffordshire Adults Autistic Society.

Julie's dedicated service spans over 45 years where she has worked in Audiology and at the Ellis Memorial Centre for the Deaf. Despite being retired, she still continues to volunteer for DEAFvibe and has tirelessly campaigned against the NHS cuts to hearing aid provision in Stoke-on-Trent and Staffordshire.

Julie says she was totally shocked to be a finalist and felt very honoured to win the Lifetime Achievement Award. She felt extremely proud that DEAFvibe was mentioned on a few occasions throughout the evening too.

So well done Julie. Everyone at DEAFvibe is extremely proud of you and grateful for all of the hard work that you do and always have done for the deaf community of Stoke-on-Trent and Staffordshire.

DEAFVIBE AGM

The DEAFvibe AGM will be held before the August DEAFvibe Cafe on Saturday 12th August, 9.45 to 10.45 prompt at Bradwell Lodge. An informal cafe will follow the AGM to give everyone a chance to catch up and have input into what they want to see in the future of DEAFvibe.

TINNITUS SUPPORT AT DEAFVIBE HUB

If you have Tinnitus and would like advice and support in managing it, take advantage of DEAFvibe's new pilot project. A tinnitus advisor will be present at the DEAFvibe HUB on the 3rd Friday of every month.

Jane Clarke, Hearing Therapist from UHNM (University Hospital of North Midlands) will be present between 1 - 3pm on a drop in basis, no appointment needed.

DEAFVIBE FAMILY DEAF DAY EVENT

This year's Deaf Day event is on a much smaller scale, but still with lots of information and advice from a range of companies. There will be both national and local exhibitors offering guidance on assistive technology, health and mental health services and other areas of interest to deaf, deaf blind and hard of hearing people and their families, friends and carers.

This will be held on Saturday 9th September between 10am and 3pm instead of the regular DEAFvibe cafe. There will be refreshments available so do come along and take the opportunity to talk to exhibitors and bring your family and friends along too.

SYMPHONY FOR HIDDEN VOICES

North Staffs Combined Healthcare Trust hosted their first Inclusion conference at Port Vale FC on 30th June, called Symphony for Hidden Voices.

DEAFvibe was represented at the event by volunteers and Richard France from Deafnoise was also there to talk about his experiences of mental health services as a deaf person who has been affected by mental ill health over a long period of time.

Various sectors of society who have traditionally been marginalised by mental health services due to various reasons including a lack of cultural understanding such as the LGBT community, asylum seekers, young people, survivors of suicide and others groups were given a voice in what was an enlightening and informative day.

200 CLUB DRAW

The winning numbers for the June were drawn at the June Cafe. Winners have been notified.

1st Prize - 35

2nd Prize - 200

3rd Prize - 78

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