

DEAFvibe

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

7th June DEAFvibe HUB

Newcastle Civic Centre 10:00 – 15:00

8th June DEAFvibe Café

Morning:

PLOD Scheme – Police Link Officers for Deaf. Staffordshire Police.

Afternoon:

Subtitling on TV and DVD – workshop & discussion

21st June DEAFvibe HUB

Newcastle Civic Centre 10:00 – 15:00

Speakers for the July Café will be:

Morning: Breast, Bowel and Lung Cancer – Cancer Team.

Afternoon: Workshop – making the best use of technology to help hearing loss.

DEAFvibe Keeps the Ball Rolling

Stoke City FC's Britannia Stadium was hit by a wave of lime green and purple as DEAFvibe took over the Tony Waddington Suite for the second See Me Hear Me Exhibition.

And what a success it was! Exhibitors came from far and wide to mark Deaf Awareness week with a range of stalls, presentations and demonstrations.

369 people attended the event and DEAFvibe's 'purple army' of volunteers ensured the event ran smoothly.

Our thanks go to exhibitors, volunteers and visitors, but a big thank you also goes to Britannia Stadium staff who were wonderful hosts for the day.



DEAFVIBE GRAND RAFFLE

Tickets are now on sale for a Grand Raffle for DEAFvibe for 50p each. The top prize is £100 followed by a second prize of £50 and lots of other wonderful prizes such as a Portmerion Fruit Bowl, Royal Doulton Figure, Wedgewood Teapot and many more lovely items. The raffle will be drawn at the café on 9th November.

Don't miss out...buy your tickets at the HUB, Café or from our Trustees. Alternatively you can contact us by email, text or phone.

USING A LIPSPEAKER

Our afternoon café members have benefitted from a lipspeaker at recent cafés. Lipspeakers are ideal for people who don't use BSL or who would rather receive information by spoken language but struggle to lipread in certain situations. Lipspeakers can be used in educational, medical and legal situations, as well as many other scenarios such as job interviews. They differ from BSL interpreters in that they will speak the words the same as the speaker says them, using clear lip patterns and either using voice or without voice. They may occasionally fingerspell a letter or sign a number that is difficult to lipread.

You can request your doctor to book a lipspeaker to support you in your appointment if you struggle to lipread them. Make the receptionist aware of your requirements when you book the appointment.

More can be found about lipspeakers on the Association of Lipspeakers website, lipspeaking.co.uk where you will also be able to find a directory of lipspeakers who are available for bookings around the country. There is also information on training to be a lipspeaker on this website.

SKYDIVING FOR DEAFVIBE

Regular DEAFvibe volunteer and NCVS Student Volunteer of the Year, Charlotte Whittaker has bravely volunteered to do a 10,000ft free fall tandem skydive to raise funds for DEAFvibe. The jump will take place in Nottingham on 27th/28th August. If you'd like to sponsor Charlotte you can sponsor her on her Virgin Money Giving page

<http://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/CharlotteWhittaker>

Just for fun....

After years of not being able to hear a man was given a new hearing aid that allowed him to hear perfectly. "I'm sure your family are so happy you can hear again," his doctor told him. The man replied "I haven't told them yet, I just sit around and listen to their conversations...I've changed my will 5 times in the last 2 months!!."

A man was telling his neighbour he had just bought a new state of the art hearing aid. "It cost me £3000 but it's perfect," he said. "Really," answered the neighbour, "What kind is it?" "12.30," the man replied looking at his watch.

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