

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

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

11th June Tinnitus Group
Bradwell Lodge 10am – 12pm.

11th June How to Cope With Your Hearing Loss
Bradwell Lodge 1.30pm-4pm

13th June DEAFvibe Café
Bradwell Lodge 11am-3pm
Topic:

19th June DEAFvibe HUB
Bradwell Lodge 10am-3pm

27th June Summer Dinner Dance
Trentham Park Golf Club 7pm-11.30pm

3rd July DEAFvibe HUB
Bradwell Lodge 10am-3pm

9th July Tinnitus Group
Bradwell Lodge 10am – 12pm.

11th July DEAFvibe Café
Bradwell Lodge 11am-3pm
Topic: TBC

A 'HARTY' THANKS

May's DEAFvibe café was a celebration of DEAFvibe's wonderful volunteers.

Following on nicely from the 4th successful Deaf Day on the previous day, the Hart Awards recognised not only the commitment and dedication of those who give up their time from within the organisation, but those who help from the outside, behind the scenes.

This year's winners were:

- ♥ **Chair's Special Recognition Award:** Jennifer Brown in recognition of her contribution to BSL teaching, becoming a qualified counsellor for deaf people and her own personal journey as a deaf person which inspires us all.
- ♥ **Volunteer of the Year:** Andrew Dawson for his tireless work and passionate dedication to ensure that DEAFvibe provides a quality service to those who use its services.
- ♥ **Outstanding Contribution to DEAFvibe:** Colin Williamson, VAST for his support in business matters and training for DEAFvibe.
- ♥ **Special Recognition Award:** Rob Pass from Stoke City FC / Britannia Stadium for his annual contribution to making the Deaf Day the success it is.

SEE ME HEAR ME 'DEAF-DAY' EXHIBITION

Many thanks to everyone who attended the 2015 See Me Hear Me exhibition at Britannia Stadium as a volunteer, visitor or exhibitor. We were so pleased to welcome old and new friends alike to browse the array of exhibitors who attended the day.

60 stands were staffed by exhibitors ranging from deaf assistive equipment suppliers, local emergency services, hearing aid and cochlear implant companies and local council departments and charities.

As always we had the tour of Stoke City's Britannia Stadium and a raffle of Stoke City memorabilia, which we give grateful thanks to the football club for.

We look forward to welcoming you all again next year.

TINNITUS CLINICAL TRIALS – VOLUNTEERS NEEDED BY LOCAL AUDIOLOGY DEPT

The Audiology department at Royal Stoke University Hospital is seeking volunteers for clinical trials of a drug being developed for the treatment of tinnitus.

Participants must have had tinnitus for 6 to 18 months, be physically healthy and be prepared to take part in the 10-week trial. If you are interested please contact Sarah Dawson on 01782 675396. You will be reimbursed for giving up your time and for travel expenses.

**** This is a clinical trial run by the NHS and partners. This is not endorsed by DEAFvibe****

SIGNS AND SONGS OF SUMMER

Following DEAFvibe's Christmas sign singing sessions at Sainsburys, Newcastle, the store have asked us to return in the summer and entertain customers again. Dates are yet to be confirmed and a schedule of songs and practices are being arranged. Let us know if you're interested so we can keep you up to date with practice days and times. Anyone is welcome, regardless of signing ability.

LEARNING HOW TO COPE WITH YOUR HEARING LOSS

A new course has been set up at Bradwell Lodge starting on 11th June helping you with tactics to cope with your hearing loss, covering lipreading, deaf awareness and practical solutions to help you manage in daily life. The course costs £10 for 8 weekly sessions and is lead by a qualified lipreading tutor. It runs from 1.30 – 4pm.

200 CLUB WINNERS

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

1st Prize – **Number 83** - £18.00

2nd Prize – **Number 7** - £9.00

3rd Prize – **Number 100** - £4.95

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