

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

DEAFvibe

Deafness = Equality & Access = Fairness STAFFORDSHIRE

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Dates for your Diary

Every Monday – Football Training at Port Vale 7.30pm – 9pm.

9th June – DEAFvibe Café

9th June – 6 Summits Challenge

20th June – NHS Consultation on Mental Health Services, Hanley Fire Station 7-8pm

25th June – 1st July – Deafblind Awareness Week

27th June – Shropshire Deaf and Hard of Hearing Forum 2pm – 6pm Trinity Centre, Meole Brace, Shrewsbury.

GOOD LUCK TO THE DEAFVIBE 6 SUMMITS TEAM. THANKS FOR YOUR HARD WORK FUNDRAISING.

See Me, Hear Me Update

Our warmest thanks go to all our volunteers, members, exhibitors, speakers and kind donors of raffle prizes who made DEAFvibe's first See Me Hear Me event a huge success.

Visitors were impressed by the range of exhibitors; from deafness organizations and emergency services to educational and technological displays.

Changes showed clips of an impressive DVD looking at deaf people's experiences of mental distress; we eagerly await the launch of the DVD. Stoke City FC kindly provided a fantastic signed football for the raffle and local businesses from pottery companies to hairdressers and retailers provided wonderful prizes for the raffle.

Visitors tried out complementary therapies such as hand massage and Reiki; then completed their relaxation with tasty homemade cakes and a browse among crafts made by DEAFvibe volunteers.

We look forward to seeing you all at next year's event.



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BSL Accessible Information on Diabetes

If you're suffering with Diabetes or if you want more information on the condition, there are some BSL video guides available on line at: <http://www.diabetes.org.uk/Guide-to-diabetes/Introduction-to-diabetes/Information-in-British-Sign-Language/>

NHS Mental Health Services Consultation

The NHS has launched a public consultation on plans for the future of mental health services across the north of Staffordshire. The event is open to everyone who wants to offer input on how the NHS provides services to people in North Staffordshire. There are three public meetings at Hanley Community Fire Station, Lower Bethesda St, Hanley ST1 3RP. The building is accessible and a BSL interpreter will be made available if you inform the North Staffordshire Combined Healthcare Trust in advance. **The meeting dates are:** 20th June at 7-8pm, 11th July at 1-2pm and 17 July at 4-5pm.

For further information: Telephone – 0800 0328728 **Email** - communications@combined.nhs.uk

NHS SURVEY OF PATIENT EXPERIENCES

The NHS has launched an online survey to allow patients to give feedback on the services that they have received. If you would like to give feedback, you can complete the survey online at:

www.zoomerang.com/Survey/WEB22FNNCWBVHL

NEWCASTLE LIONS CLUB – MESSAGE IN A BOTTLE

Would your family or the emergency services know where to find your details in an emergency?

Newcastle Lions Club have launched the message in a bottle scheme, where they will provide households with a small bottle that allows you to:

- Keep medical and personal details of all household members in one safe location.
 - Store the bottle in a fridge, which is the safest place if there is a house fire.
 - Give a list of emergency contact numbers for family / next of kin.
 - Give details of pets and their care needs.

The bottle can be obtained from Newcastle Lions Club and once details are entered into it with a small photo of people living in the house, it should be kept in the fridge, as that is where emergency services will look in an emergency.

The Message in a Bottle can be obtained from Newcastle Lions Club:

Tel: 0845 833 9573 or **Email:** secretary@lions105bs.org.uk **Website:** www.newcastlelions.co.uk

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

A big Happy Birthday goes to **Gareth Webber** who celebrates his 30th Birthday this month. DEAFvibe wishes you a lovely day.