

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



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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

12th March DEAFvibe Café

Bradwell Lodge 9.30am – 1pm.

Topic: Deaf Charter and Accessible Standards

18th March DEAFvibe HUB

Bradwell Lodge 10am-3pm

NDCS – Angie Edwards

1st April DEAFvibe HUB

Bradwell Lodge 10am-3pm

Benefits/Welfare – Anita Thorley

14th April Tinnitus Support Group

Bradwell Lodge 10am – 12 noon.

9th April DEAFvibe Café

Bradwell Lodge 9.30am – 1pm.

Topic: AGM

15th April DEAFvibe HUB

Bradwell Lodge 10am-3pm

NDCS – Angie Edwards

Weekly Groups / Classes

Tues: Art Group 10am – 3pm

Weds: BSL 4 Leisure 6pm-8pm

OPEN DAY AT MARKS AND SPENCER

DEAFvibe is holding an informal open day on **Friday 18th March** between **12 noon and 4.30pm** at Marks and Spencer on Wolstanton Retail Park, Newcastle, ST5 0AP. The event will be held within the **community room**, which is upstairs in the corner near to the toilets and the bank area.

Please come and join us to find the latest information about DEAFvibe and have a chat with one of the trustees who will be available throughout the day.

You can find out about more about hearing loss, tinnitus and learning BSL, which is the UK's 4th official language. If you are creative, speak to us about the weekly Art and Craft group that is accessible and open to all.

For hearing people who work or associate with deaf people, you can learn more about deaf awareness and find out about our courses if you are keen to broaden your knowledge.

Due to regulations at M&S, the Community Room door will be closed, but give it a knock and you will be warmly welcomed. Entry is free but for safety regulations you will need to sign in.

We look forward to welcoming you.

BSL CHARTER – FIND OUT HOW IT CAN HELP YOU

DEAFvibe's café in March will be about the BSL Charter and what it means for Deaf, deaf-blind and hard hearing people.

In February Staffordshire Stoke on Trent Partnership NHS Trust signed up to the BSL Charter in a pledge to improve its services to people with hearing loss in Staffordshire.

The BSL Charter sets out 5 pledges that companies who sign the Charter commit to following:

1. Ensure access for deaf people to information and services.
2. Promote learning and high quality teaching of British Sign Language and lip-speaking skills.
3. Support deaf children and families.
4. Ensure that staff have competence to communicate effectively with the Deaf community.
5. Consult with the Trust's deaf community on a regular basis.

The signing of the Charter was witnessed by Dr Terry Riley OBE and DEAFvibe chair Julie Hart.

This is a historical moment that will ensure the biggest local provider of integrated health and adult social care will provide an accessible service to those with all levels of hearing loss. Hopefully it will set a precedent for other local service providers to follow. Do come along to the DEAFvibe Café in March, where representatives of the Stoke on Trent Partnership NHS Trust will be present to tell us more about it.

ACCESSIBLE SCREENING FOR FILM AND DEAF HISTORY LOVERS

The British Deaf Association's film 'Power In Our Hands' will be screened at Stoke Film Theatre, which is on the Staffordshire University Campus at the bottom of College Road, Shelton at 7.45pm on Wednesday 30th March.

This is a groundbreaking documentary about the Deaf community's fight for civil rights. The film combines social history and archive footage with recent interviews to celebrate 125 years of the British Deaf Association. The film is fully signed throughout.

COULD YOU BECOME A SWIMMING COACH?

If you love swimming and would like to teach your passion to others, the National Deaf Children's Society are offering a residential course for 16 young deaf people (16-25yrs) to achieve an ASA Level 1 Swimming Assistant (Teaching Qualification) at Laches Wood in the West Midlands.

The course is Monday 30th May to Friday 3rd June 2016 and is fully accessible. It costs £150. To find out more or book a place contact Ashleigh Scott on 0121 234 6225 or email swimming@ndcs.org.uk.

200 CLUB WINNERS

There was no draw in February due to waiting for a number of renewals of 200 Club membership. There will be 2 draws at the March café to compensate for this.

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