

“For deaf people, with deaf people, by deaf people.”



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### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

**12<sup>th</sup> May Tinnitus Support Group**  
Bradwell Lodge 10am – 12 noon

**13<sup>th</sup> May See Me Hear Me**  
Britannia Stadium 10am – 4pm

**14<sup>th</sup> May DEAFvibe Café**  
Bradwell Lodge 9.30am – 1pm.  
**Topic:** Hart Awards

**20<sup>th</sup> May DEAFvibe HUB**  
Bradwell Lodge 10am-3pm  
NDCS – Angie Edwards

**3<sup>rd</sup> June DEAFvibe HUB**  
Bradwell Lodge 10am-3pm  
Benefits/Welfare – Anita Thorley

**11<sup>th</sup> June DEAFvibe Café**  
Bradwell Lodge 9.30am – 1pm.  
**Topic:** AGM

**17<sup>th</sup> June DEAFvibe HUB**  
Bradwell Lodge 10am-3pm  
NDCS – Angie Edwards

**Weekly Groups / Classes**  
**Tues:** Art Group 10am – 3pm  
**Weds:** BSL 4 Leisure 6pm-8pm

### DEAF AWARENESS WEEK 2016

Deaf Awareness Week runs from 2<sup>nd</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> May in 2016.

People may ask, what is deaf awareness? In broad terms, it is encompasses a range of things; a practical knowledge of how to communicate with people across the whole spectrum of hearing loss; a knowledge of sign language or the manual deaf-blind alphabet and even an understanding of the Deaf community and culture.

Hopefully we all have the confidence to communicate our needs to other people. Many forget to face the person they are speaking to or stand with the light source behind them so that they become a silhouette that we cannot lip-read.

However all of us have moments when we don't feel comfortable to speak up, or maybe there are techniques or technology we are not yet aware of.

DEAFvibe can help in many ways. The bi-monthly HUB will show you a range of technology and offer support in communicating your needs. There is a DEAFvibe list of communication tips that you can give to people who need a nudge to remind them to look at your or not to shout.

DEAFvibe can also arrange bespoke Deaf Awareness Training for groups and organisations. So please don't struggle, DEAFvibe and its volunteers are here to help.

## A WEBSITE FOR YOUNG DEAF PEOPLE

While younger deaf people are web-savvy and use a wide range of social media sites, it's always good to have a site run by a respected organisation to go to for opportunities to get involved in activities with other young deaf people or even find out up-to-date information of interest.

The NDCS (National Deaf Childrens' Society) which has branches in Staffordshire, also have a website called The Buzz, where there are competitions, opportunities to get involved, information on topics from arts and culture to free time and general topics to news. To find out more, the address of the website is [www.youngpeople.ndcsbuzz.org.uk](http://www.youngpeople.ndcsbuzz.org.uk).

## THE MONEY ADVICE SERVICE

The Money Advice Service is a website which offers impartial advice relating to money matters. They have a page specifically for disabled people and money saving tips for home and leisure.

They offer advice on benefits within the home such as not paying VAT on technology needed for disabilities, caps on water bills if you need to use more water because of a disability and money saving travel tips for disability. There is also advice on the types of places that may offer concessions such as free admission for a support worker / carer or discounted tickets.

They say that proof of disability is usually by way of a copy of your award letter from the Department of Work and Pensions showing you are eligible for benefits or by showing a disabled bus pass or blue badge. They confirm that there is no register of disabled persons in the UK.

Interestingly they say that the concessions are not always advertised in places such as theme parks, zoos, theatres etc, so don't be afraid to ask if there are disabled persons' discounts when booking.

The website for further information is: [www.moneyadvice.service.org.uk/en/articles/money-saving-tips-and-discounts-for-disabled-people](http://www.moneyadvice.service.org.uk/en/articles/money-saving-tips-and-discounts-for-disabled-people)

## DEAFVIBE AGM

A quick reminder that the DEAFvibe AGM will take place at the June DEAFvibe Café. See you there.

## 200 CLUB WINNERS

The 200 Club was drawn at the April cafe. The winning numbers are:

1<sup>st</sup> Prize – **Number 78**

2<sup>nd</sup> Prize – **Number 32**

3<sup>rd</sup> Prize – **Number 14**

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