

"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.

7th – 13th May – Deaf Awareness Week.

9th May – See Me, Hear Me, Stoke City FC Britannia Stadium 10am-4pm.

12th May – DEAFvibe Café

20th – 28th May – Mental Health Awareness Week

26th May – Vision MC Sign Singing Show, Attleborough Liberal Club, Bull St, Nuneaton (Starts at 7.30pm).

2nd June – Wales Festival of Sign

9th June – DEAFvibe Café

See Me, Hear Me Update

Our 2012 See Me, Here Me event is almost upon us. Just to remind you, it's on Wednesday 9th May between 10am and 4pm at Stoke City FC, Britannia Stadium. We look forward to seeing you all there.

A large number of exhibitors have been confirmed, from deafness related organizations and hearing aid suppliers to local public services. There will also be crafts available to buy from deaf artists and a chance to relax and enjoy Hand Massage and Reiki taster sessions.

There will also be an excellent raffle of prizes that have been generously donated by local businesses and an array of home baked cakes on sale.

Also don't miss out on a chance to tour the Stoke City stadium or see the launch of the Changes DVD on mental health.

The venue is accessible with entry and car parking free. Communication needs catered for.



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WIN A CRUISE WITH CRUISE HOLIDAYS UK

Fancy a chance at winning your 2013 Summer Holiday? Visit www.bdml.cruiseholidaysuk.co.uk and enter their online competition for a chance to win a mini-cruise for 2 people worth £600 to be taken in Summer 2013. Two mini-cruises with entertainment from deaf comedian John Smith are also advertised on the website.

CHANGES DVD

DEAFvibe members volunteered their stories on the experience of deafness and mental distress to help Changes create a DVD that will help doctors and hospitals in their approach to working with deaf people suffering from depression, anxiety and other forms of mental distress. There will be a preview of the DVD at the See Me, Hear Me event on 9th May. Don't miss it!!!

RATE YOUR AUDIOLOGY SERVICES

Fed up of the service you get from your Audiology department, or couldn't ask for a better service? You now have the chance to have your say in Action on Hearing Loss's online survey. Go to www.actiononhearingloss.org.uk/your-hearing/hearing-service-locator.aspx. You will also be able to search for local audiology services in your area and see how other people have rated them

USEFUL BROADBAND AND MOBILE PHONE PACKAGE INFORMATION

Want to use the Internet, but don't need a landline? Many deaf and hard of hearing people rely on email and mobile phones and may be paying for a landline when they don't need one. The website www.broadband-finder.co.uk can show you what is on offer for broadband only packages.

GiffGaff are also running cheap unlimited text only packages £5 per month to any UK mobile network. To see what's on offer, check out <http://giffgaff.com/goodybags/5poundunlimited-texts>.

When you have got all these unlimited texts, you might like to brush up on your texting knowledge by checking out <http://text.it/>

WALES FESTIVAL OF SIGN 2nd – 4th JUNE

Not yet made plans for the Queen's Jubilee Bank Holiday Weekend? How about a weekend camping at the Wales Festival of Sign?

Running from 2nd – 4th June at Dol Llys Farm Camping Site, Llanidloes, Powys, the weekend marks the first Deaf Access Cymru British Sign Language Camping Festival in North Wales.

Early booking is advised to avoid disappointment. For more information or to book a place, you can contact the festival organizers:

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