

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

DEAFvibe

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

2nd November – DEAFvibe HUB

10:00am until 3pm. Newcastle Civic Offices

10th November – DEAFvibe Café

Morning: Sarah Hughes – Heart Failure Team talking about Common heart problems.

Afternoon: MP Question Time with Stoke South MP Rob Ffello

16th November – DEAFvibe HUB

10am until 3pm Newcastle Civic Offices

7th December - DEAFvibe HUB

10am until 3pm Newcastle Civic Offices

8th December – DEAFvibe Café

Christmas Party and Entertainment. Morning and afternoon sessions combined.

DEAFvibe HUB

Are you struggling to hear the phone as well as you used to? Having difficulty finding the right equipment to help you use the phone, hear the television or carry out your daily activities? Struggling to fill in a form or in need of a chat with someone who understands hearing loss?

Don't be alone or suffer in silence. DEAFvibe HUB provides all of these things under one roof at Newcastle Civic Offices twice a month. '*...A fantastic job, so valuable*' is how one member seeking advice on fire safety described this service.

Come along and try a range of equipment before you buy it, from loop systems to telephones. Get advice from volunteers with an understanding of hearing loss.

We're at Newcastle Civic offices between 10am and 3pm on the 1st and 3rd Friday of every month. Come along for a friendly and professional service.



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HELP FOR BSL USERS FACING THE DRIVING THEORY TEST

Many BSL users who are learning to drive find the grammar and language of the driving theory test difficult to follow. There are a number of websites that offer advice and guides in accessible formats:

- www.talkwithsign.com/driving-theory-test-extra-p-300.html
- <http://youngpeople.ndcsbuzz.org.uk/infoadvice/ref:N4ACC7D2F29D9/title:driving+and+Roads>
- <http://www.amazon.co.uk/Learning-Highway-Code-British-Sign-Language/dp/0115529845>
- <http://www.drivingschoolsuccess.com/public/504.cfm>
- <https://www.gov.uk/driving-theory-test/if-you-have-special-needs>

CONGRATULATIONS TO DEAFVIBE'S NEW FIRST AIDERS

DEAFvibe is pleased to announce that Charlotte Whittaker and Gareth Webber have completed the Emergency First Aid course at VAST on behalf of DEAFvibe. We have now purchased 2 first aid kits for their use at the DEAFVibe Café. Well done both of you.

FUNDRAISING ACTIVITIES FOR DEAFVIBE

Following the success of last year's DEAFVibe Christmas Sign Singing, two dates have been set up for this Christmas. Join us for an afternoon of festive Christmas songs and fundraising. Videos of the songs are available on DVD at the Café or You Tube to practice before the day:

- Saturday 15th December 10am – 4pm. Asda, Wolstanton Retail Park.
- Thursday 20th December 3pm – 8pm. Sainsbury's, Liverpool Rd, Newcastle

DEAFvibe car window stickers are fun and funky and available at the Café for £1.25 each.

POLICE AND CRIME COMMISSIONER ELECTIONS 15TH NOVEMBER

The first ever Police and Crime Commissioner elections will be held in November. The commissioner will be responsible for looking at how crime is dealt with in the area and to make sure that the police are providing a good service. The commissioner will regularly meet with the public and listen to their views on policing. The commissioner will also look at what the local crime priorities are and decide how the police budget will be spent to tackle crime. They will also be responsible for employing Chief Constables and dismissing them from their job if they are not providing a satisfactory service.

The candidates for Staffordshire are Matthew Ellis (Conservative) and Joy Garner (Labour). For more information go to www.Choosemypcc.org.uk or www.aboutmyvote.co.uk/pcc

CHEAPER ROYAL MAIL STAMPS FOR PEOPLE ON BENEFITS – CHRISTMAS 2012

People who have Pension Credit, ESA or Incapacity benefits can buy Christmas stamps at 2011 prices (46p for 1st Class and 36p for 2nd Class). This scheme will start on 6 November and allows people on these benefits to buy 36 first or second class stamps at the reduced price.

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