

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

# DEAFvibe

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### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

**7<sup>th</sup> November DEAFvibe HUB**  
Bradwell Lodge 10am-3pm

**8<sup>th</sup> November DEAFvibe Café**  
Bradwell Lodge 11am-3pm  
**Topic:** Sign Health presentation

**13<sup>th</sup> November Tinnitus Support Group**  
Bradwell Lodge 10am

**20<sup>th</sup> November BSL for Leisure**  
Bradwell Lodge 1pm – 3pm

**20<sup>th</sup> November Queen's Award for Voluntary Service Reception**  
Council Chambers, Newcastle  
6.30pm.

**21<sup>st</sup> November DEAFvibe HUB**  
Bradwell Lodge 10am-3pm

**5<sup>th</sup> December DEAFvibe HUB**  
Bradwell Lodge 10am-3pm

**13<sup>th</sup> December DEAFvibe Café**  
Bradwell Lodge 11am-3pm  
**Topic:** Christmas Party

### OCTOBER – A MONTH OF 'NEW'S

October has been something of a new start for DEAFvibe; new premises, a whole host of new classes being started and a number of new faces at the 1<sup>st</sup> café in Bradwell Lodge.

DEAFvibe is interested to know how you feel about the new location and classes over the coming weeks as we settle in at Bradwell Lodge. The services provided are for you and ultimately we want to provide services for you in the most comfortable and useful way we can.

The room layout for the café will be experimented with over the next few months to try and get the best fit for the space, so do tell us what you do and don't like to help us get the optimal use of the space.

The Tinnitus Support Group starts in November and fills a gap in DEAFvibe's services, so please do make the most of it if you or your family, friends or clients are tinnitus sufferers. The advisor is fully trained in providing this service.

If you find there is a gap in DEAFvibe's services, let us know and we will see what we can do to fill it. Or if you have a skill that you feel you would like to pass on to others, be it crafts, sports or technology, let us know and where possible we will support you in setting up a group if there is interest.

## BSL FOR LEISURE

DEAFvibe are introducing a new BSL for Leisure session at Bradwell Lodge. The sessions that will be coordinated by Colin Ayres are perfect for people who want to learn or brush up BSL skills in an informal environment. No experience is necessary and there are no exams or assessments.

The sessions are in 4 week blocks at a cost of £14 for the 4 weeks. The first session starts on 20<sup>th</sup> November and runs from 1pm to 3pm. Please email [awarenesscourses@deafvibe.co.uk](mailto:awarenesscourses@deafvibe.co.uk) or contact 07516 422560 for more information and to register your place. People under 18 must be accompanied by an adult please.

## CHRISTMAS SIGN SINGING

With Christmas just round the corner, it's time to start planning our annual Sign Singing for Christmas again. Sainsburys have asked us to go back again this year to entertain their customers and raise funds for DEAFvibe at the same time. We're hoping lots of our supporters are up for a fun day or evening signing Christmas songs. The songs are available to view on You Tube and if needed we can hold a practice session at Bradwell Lodge before the real thing!!!! If you want to be involved but don't fancy sign-singing, we're always looking for people to man the collection tins.

There is a full day and 2 evening sessions this year, all at Sainsburys Newcastle:

- **Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> December** 10am – 3pm
- **Thursdays 11<sup>th</sup> December** 4.30pm – 8pm
- **Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> December** 4.30pm – 8pm

We do hope you'll come along regardless of your signing ability. Please let us know by text or email or at the next café so we can co-ordinate how many people are coming and make sure we have enough. It's always a fun day and it'd be brilliant to see lots of DEAFvibe's friends joining in.

## REMINDER OF COURSE DATES

Just a quick reminder of the dates that DEAFvibe are holding at Bradwell Lodge:

**Lipreading:** Mondays 6.30-8.30pm

**BSL:** Introduction to BSL Tuesdays 6.30-8.30pm or Wednesday 12.30-2.30pm  
 ABC Level 1 – Starts January 13<sup>th</sup> (evening) and January 14<sup>th</sup> (daytime)  
 BSL for Leisure – Starts 20<sup>th</sup> November 1pm – 3pm.

**Tinnitus Support Group:** Starts 13<sup>th</sup> November 10am.

## INDIAN HEAD MASSAGE AND HAND MASSAGE BY CHARLOTTE WHITTAKER

Long term DEAFvibe volunteer Charlotte is now offering Indian Head Massages (£25) and Arm and Hand Massages (£10) at 17, Stanley St, Leek ST13 5HG. Charlotte is a qualified masseuse and can also sign to BSL Level 3. She works Wednesdays 9am – 5pm. To book phone / text 07807 026 239 or email [holistictherapist30@gmail.com](mailto:holistictherapist30@gmail.com).

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