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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

4th November DEAFvibe HUB

Bradwell Lodge 10am-3pm
Benefits/Welfare – Anita Wall

10th Nov Tinnitus Support Group

Postponed until further notice

12th November DEAFvibe Café

Bradwell Lodge 9.30am – 1pm.
Topic: Tabletop Sale and Local Organisations' Information Stands

18th November DEAFvibe HUB

Bradwell Lodge 10am-3pm
NDCS – Angie Edwards

2nd December DEAFvibe HUB

Bradwell Lodge 10am-3pm
Benefits/Welfare – Anita Wall

10th December DEAFvibe Café

Bradwell Lodge 9.30am – 1pm.
Topic: Christmas Party. Update on NHS Accessible Standards from Baz Kaur and Isabelle Reid.

Craft Group: every Tuesday 10am – 3pm

Art Group: every Thursday 6pm-9pm

CHRISTMAS IS COMING TO DEAFVIBE

Due to popular demand, Sainsbury's in Newcastle have invited DEAFvibe back to perform signed Christmas songs this December.

We are hoping our regular sign-singers will be joining us and that we will also see some new faces this year.

The dates for the Christmas sign singing at Sainsbury's, London Rd, Newcastle are:

Wednesday 2nd December 4pm – 8pm

Sunday 11th December 10pm – 3pm

Practice sessions start on Friday 18th November in the DEAFvibe room at Bradwell Lodge from 7pm – 8.30pm and will run every Friday until the performances in Sainsbury's. Do come along and join us.

The December DEAFvibe café will also have a Christmas theme to it. Dig out your Christmas jumpers, dust off your sparkly antlers or go the whole hog and come dressed as your favourite elf or Christmas character. Whatever takes your fancy, be sure to come along and celebrate another year of DEAFvibe and the new friendships that have been formed along the way.

HATE CRIME – DON'T PUT UP WITH IT

Hate crime occurs when someone, or a group of people, target you and are either violent or aggressive to you because of your disability, gender, race, religion or sexual orientation.

There are many different ways in which hate crime can take place, but none of them are acceptable and if you are a victim of hate crime, or if you witness hate crime, it is important that you report it so that yourself or the victim can be safeguarded by police and other services such as social services.

Examples of hate crime can be:

- Someone mocking you because you are using sign language or you cannot hear them.
- Someone damaging your property because you are a different race or religion to them.
 - People posting abusive messages about you on Facebook because you are gay.
- Physical assault on you because you are disabled and are seen as an easy target.

There is no justification for carrying out hate crime. It is everyone's right to feel safe in their homes and their daily life.

You can report hate crime in a number of different ways, through the CAB, through your housing association, through community centres and through the police. There is an online form where you can directly report hate crime to True Vision. This is www.report-it.org.uk.

The Citizens' Advice Bureau (CAB) has a BSL video and written text to explain more about hate crime. This can be viewed on www.citizensadvice.org.uk/resources-and-tools/Languages/advice-in-BSL/hate-incidents-and-hate-crimes-advice-in-bsl/

You can also search for hate crime on the Staffordshire Police website (www.staffordshire.police.uk) which will give you information on how to identify if you or others are a victim of this crime.

A SPECIAL HAPPY BIRTHDAY

A very happy birthday goes to DEAFvibe Chair Julie Tizley (Hart) who celebrates her 70th birthday in November. You are wished a very happy day from DEAFvibe.

200 CLUB DRAW

The last draw took place at the October Café. The Winning numbers are as below:

1st Prize - 16

2nd Prize - 70

3rd Prize - 82

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