

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

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### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

**8<sup>th</sup> October Tinnitus Group**  
Bradwell Lodge 10am – 12pm.

**10<sup>th</sup> October DEAFvibe Café**  
\*\* Blackpool Trip

**16<sup>th</sup> October DEAFvibe HUB**  
Bradwell Lodge 10am-3pm

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

**12<sup>th</sup> November Tinnitus Group**  
Bradwell Lodge 10am – 12pm.

**14<sup>th</sup> November DEAFvibe Café**  
Bradwell Lodge 11am – 3pm

**Topic:** Tabletop sale. Massage, Reiki and other fundraising.

#### \*New Classes at Bradwell Lodge\*

**4<sup>th</sup> November BSL Level 1**

1pm – 3pm 25wk course £180

**20<sup>th</sup> Oct Introduction to BSL**

6pm – 8.30pm 10wk course £77

**21<sup>st</sup> Oct Introduction to BSL**

9.30am – 12noon 10wk course £77

### HEARING AIDS CUTS CONTINUE

Friends of DEAFvibe will be only too well aware of the announcement by North Staffordshire CCG that hearing aid provision to those with mild to moderate hearing losses will be cut. This is in spite of strong national opposition from health and audiology bodies as well as charities such as DEAFvibe and Action on Hearing Loss. All CCGs throughout the county of Staffordshire are now considering following this decision.

Not only will this lack of provision leave many newly diagnosed people without hearing aids, it will also mean that those with a mild to moderate hearing loss who already have hearing aids will be expected to pay for future replacements.

This will leave many people feeling socially isolated, particularly if they cannot foot the cost of new hearing aids that are powerful enough for their needs.

Action on Hearing Loss continues to drive a campaign to reverse this decision and DEAFvibe are doing everything they can to support this campaign, including collecting signatures for a petition.

To get updates go to: <http://e-activist.com/ea-action/action?ea.client.id=1783&ea.campaign.id=36917>

## NEW BSL AND AWARENESS COURSES AT BRADWELL LODGE

The dates for the new BSL Classes starting at Bradwell Lodge are as follows:

**ABC Introduction to BSL** (8 week course costing £77 and £20 exam fee)

Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> October - 6pm to 8.30pm.

Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> October 9.30am – 12 noon.

**BSL Level 1** (25 week course costing £180 and £25 exam fee)

Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> November - 1pm – 3pm.

### BSL 4 Leisure

Wednesdays 6pm – 8pm. Fun and practice sessions for those who do not want a formal BSL qualification and refresher sessions for those who want to get back into using BSL. You can either pay a £5 registration fee and £2 per session thereafter or pay £3 for each individual session.

## OCTOBER TINNITUS SUPPORT GROUP

This month's Tinnitus Support Group will take place at Bradwell Lodge on 8<sup>th</sup> October between 10am and 12 noon. We will be welcoming any new members, updating you with news from the British Tinnitus Association and DEAFvibe and of course discussing topics that will help you manage Tinnitus. Feel free to come along to our friendly support group led by a qualified Tinnitus Counsellor.

## MACMILLAN CANCER SUPPORT – BSL VIDEOS

Macmillan want their cancer support to be available to everyone, and they have now put videos in BSL on their website.

The website address is: [www.macmillan.org.uk/BSL](http://www.macmillan.org.uk/BSL)

They also want feedback on if these videos are helpful to you or if you have any comments or suggestions. Their email address is: [cancerinformationteam@macmillan.org.uk](mailto:cancerinformationteam@macmillan.org.uk)

If you are a BSL user and want to know more about cancer, do have a look at these videos as they will be able to provide you with more information.

## 200 CLUB WINNERS

Congratulations to the latest 200 club winners whose numbers were drawn at random in the September café. The winning numbers are:

- 1<sup>st</sup> Prize – **Number 82 - £19**
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Prize – **Number 101 - £9.50**
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Prize – **Number 5 - £5.70**

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