

DEAFvibe

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

6th September DEAFvibe HUB

Newcastle Civic Centre 10:00am – 3pm

14th September DEAFvibe Café

Newcastle Library

Morning 9.30am: Derek Tilstone (HMRC) Tax Office Closures. Jennifer Brown – How your behaviour can affect someone's mental health.

Afternoon 1pm: Derek Tilstone (HMRC) Tax Office Closures.

20th September DEAFvibe HUB

Newcastle Civic Centre 10:00am – 3pm

12th October DEAFvibe Cafe

Newcastle Library

Morning 9.30am BDA Charter and BSL Act – Robin Ash (BDA)

Afternoon 1pm Deaf Awareness – Colin Ayres.

THE SKY'S THE LIMIT FOR CHARLOTTE

Brave DEAFvibe volunteer Charlotte Whittaker took to the skies to raise funds for DEAFvibe.

Charlotte, who is passionate about volunteering for DEAFvibe, did the 10,000 feet tandem skydive on 28th August in Nottingham.

Charlotte overcame her nerves on the morning of the jump to have the experience of a lifetime as she felt the thrill of freefalling through the clouds, only managing to catch her breath when the instructor pulled the cord to open the parachute.

Charlotte says, 'It was fab. Everyone should try it. The landing was the most difficult part but I managed it with no broken bones!'

Charlotte and DEAFvibe want to thank everyone who sponsored her. She will be collecting sponsorship over the next few weeks and announce how much she has raised for DEAFvibe.

CHANGES TO THE NHS 111 NON-EMERGENCY NUMBER

Changes are being made to the 111 number in Staffordshire and Stoke-on-Trent after concerns about patient safety. A recently issued bulletin advises that patients needing support outside of GP opening hours should continue to call their regular GP number to receive support. There are plans to re-establish the 111 service once a new service provider has been nominated.

For deaf and hard-of-hearing people, it is important to register your mobile phones with the 999 Emergency Text Messaging service, particularly while changes are ongoing with the 111 non-emergency number.

To register your phone for the 999 Emergency Services, text the word REGISTER to 999. You will then receive 3 text messages about the service. When you have read these, text 'yes' in an SMS message to 999. You will then receive a message confirming your phone is registered.

Full information on the 999 SMS text service can be found at www.emergencysms.org.uk

SMOKE ALARMS SAVE LIVES

ITV news recently reported the case of an overnight explosion at a bungalow in Leicestershire where a deaf couple lived. The couple had recently installed a specialist smoke alarm for deaf people, which alerted to them to the fire and saved their lives.

If you need specialist alerting equipment, whether for smoke alarms, burglar alarms or telephone and doorbell alerting devices, you can get guidance from your local Rehabilitation Officer, through the DEAFvibe HUB and (for smoke alarms only) from your local fire service.

TECHNICAL OFFICERS ASSOCIATION – EXHIBITION AT BRITANNIA STADIUM

An exhibition of equipment is taking place at Stoke City FC Britannia Stadium on 3rd October 10am – 4pm. This is the 8th annual exhibition of equipment and manufacturers of assistive technology for deaf and hard-of-hearing people are expected to be part of the exhibition.

DEAFVIBE GRAND RAFFLE – DON'T FORGET TO BUY YOUR TICKETS

A quick reminder that tickets for the DEAFvibe Grand Raffle are still on sale. 50p per ticket or £5 for a book of 10 tickets. Prizes include cash prizes, quality pottery pieces from local potteries and many more quality prizes. The raffle will be drawn at the November DEAFvibe café.

DISCO FOR PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES

From Thursday 26th September, Thursday nights will be a disco night for people with all types of disabilities at Chicago Rock Café, Foundry St, Hanley. The disco runs from 7pm til late with drinks and food available at the bar. The admission price is £2 and carers' entry is free. Carers must bring ID with them for free admission.

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