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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

4th May DEAFvibe HUB

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

12th May DEAFvibe Café Bradwell

Lodge 9.30am - 1pm

Topic: TBC

18th May DEAFvibe HUB Bradwell

Lodge 10am-3pm

1st June DEAFvibe HUB

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

9th June DEAFvibe Café Bradwell

Lodge 9.30am - 1pm

Topic: Hart Awards and 'The Silent Child' Screening.

10th June Potters 'Arf (half

marathon) - starts Hanley
Town Centre at 10.30am.

15th June DEAFvibe HUB

Bradwell Lodge 10am-3pm

Weekly Groups at Bradwell:

The V.I.B.E: Wednesday 6 - 8pm

SEE ME, HEAR ME EXHIBITION 2018

DEAFvibe's annual 'See Me, Hear Me' exhibition took place last month. Exhibitors and visitors came from all over to find out more about accessible services, what kind of assistive technology is on offer and to meet and network with other deaf people and exhibitors.

Highlights included a talk from Damien Barry, Executive Director of the British Deaf Association about the importance of formally recognising BSL as a language and the need to be proactive in preventing language deprivation of young deaf people. There was also a talk from Isabel Reid about sensory services provided in Staffordshire by the Staffordshire and Stoke on Trent Partnership NHS Trust (SSOTP) and a talk from Sgt Ruth Templeton about the Staffordshire Police Link Officer for the Deaf (PLOD) service.

Over 44 exhibitors came to promote their services and products to visitors old and new. There were also fundraising activities such as a Stoke City FC Tour, raffles and cake sales to raise vital funds for DEAFvibe to continue its service.

DEAFvibe would like to say a huge thank you to volunteers, exhibitors, to Stoke City FC and Bet 365 Stadium Staff for making it an amazing day. Thank you also to everyone who came to visit the exhibition. We hope you enjoyed it too.

STOKE CITY FC RAFFLE PRIZE WINNERS

DEAFvibe is immensely grateful to Stoke City Football Club for donating spectacular raffle prizes for the See Me, Hear Me exhibition. The winners of the prizes were as follows:

1. **Signed Football** - ticket 118 belonging to Lisa Whitehurst
2. **Stadium Tour** - ticket 56 belonging to Lee Owen
3. **Tickets for a Stoke City Match** - ticket 113 belonging to Nicki Large.

We would also like to thank Nick Sargeant for donating £20 to the winner of the evaluation form that was pulled out of the box. The winner for this was Henry Skinner from Action on Hearing Loss. Thank you to all exhibitors who donated wonderful prizes, too numerous to list in the newsletter but displayed on the DEAFvibe Facebook Page. These were given to the recipients on the day of the exhibition.

HART AWARDS 2018

This year's DEAFvibe Hart Awards, sponsored by DEAFvibe chair Julie Hart have been postponed until the June Cafe. DEAFvibe would like to receive nominations for people who you think would be deserving winners in the following categories:

- ★ Volunteer of the Year.
- ★ Outstanding Contribution to DEAFvibe.
- ★ Special Recognition award.

The awards recognise individuals who have made a difference to the Deaf community, whether it is locally or nationally.

There will be the standard £2 entry fee, a celebration buffet and fundraising including a raffle and a hamper. Look forward to seeing you all there.

DEAFVIBE TEAMS TO RUN / WALK POTTERS 'ARF MARATHON

On 10th June at 10.30am, 3 teams of friends of DEAFvibe will be involved in the Potters 'Arf (half marathon) to raise funds for DEAFvibe. There will be 3 teams of 4 people doing the Potters 'Arf as part of a relay team, each person covering a section of the route. Two of the teams will walk the route and one of the teams will run the route, which goes through Stoke-on-Trent from Hanley Town Centre, through Fenton, then Longton and up through Milton and Sneyd Green to finish in Central Forest Park.

If you'd like to come along and cheer the teams along the route, you're more than welcome to. The teams are starting training this weekend, so if you'd like to sponsor them to motivate them along, any sponsorship will be put to good use by DEAFvibe. Good luck to the teams and many thanks to Sami Munden-Griffiths for co-ordinating and training team DEAFvibe for the event.

DEAFVIBE ART GROUP NEWS

The decision has been taken to stop the DEAFvibe Art Group on Tuesday evenings. The reason for this is that due to work and family commitments, attendance at the art group varies and it is not viable to open the centre for very small numbers.

There are currently discussions about holding the group once a month on Friday. This will be confirmed as soon as possible, so keep an eye on Facebook, the DEAFvibe Website and the newsletter for updates.

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