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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

3rd August DEAFvibe HUB

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

11th August DEAFvibe Cafe

Bradwell Lodge 9.30am-1pm
Topic: AGM. Diabetes Education Project. Deafness and Mental Health Support Group.

17th August DEAFvibe HUB

Bradwell Lodge 10am-3pm

7th September DEAFvibe HUB

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

8th September DEAFvibe Café

Bradwell Lodge 9.30am - 1pm
Topic: Grants & Energy Efficiency. Potteries Moneywise Project. Keele University Medical Student Questionnaire.

21st September DEAFvibe

HUB Bradwell Lodge
10am-3pm

Weekly Groups at Bradwell:

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

ANOTHER PEAK PERFORMANCE FOR DEAFVIBE

Holly and Mason POOLE who won a Special Recognition Award at the 2018 DEAFvibe Hart Awards have taken on another challenge.

The determined siblings wanted to raise funds for DEAFvibe as their grandad Reg loves coming to the cafe every month and they want to make sure DEAFvibe's service continues to provide a service to their grandad and his friends.

Holly, Mason and Ryan decided to walk up Scafell Pike, the highest mountain in England, which stands at 978 meters above sea level in the Lake District National Park. In doing this they will be raising funds for DEAFvibe.

This is not the only time that Holly and Mason completed such a challenge. In July 2017 they raised £346 for DEAFvibe walking up the Snowdon Ranger Path in 5 hours. Snowdon is the highest mountain in England, Wales and Ireland at 1085 meters above sea level, so it was no easy task. It was for this that they received the Hart Award.

It is inspiring to see three wonderful young people giving up their time for their grandad and his friends. DEAFvibe wishes them all the best for their challenge.

THE VIBE CLOSED FOR THE SUMMER

The last session of The VIBE will be on Wednesday 8th August 2018. There will then be a summer break of 3 weeks. The VIBE will start again on Wednesday 5th September at the usual time of 6-8pm.

NEW CONTACT DETAILS FOR ASSIST

Assist now have a new address as of 10th July 2018. They are now based at Staffordshire Place, Stafford and the address is:

ASSIST, Specialist Support Service, 2 Staffordshire Place, Tipping St, Stafford ST16 2DH

HOT OFF THE PRESS - YOUNG EXPLORERS COMPLETE CHALLENGE FOR DEAFVIBE

News just in - intrepid explorers Holly, Mason and Ryan completed their walk to the summit of Scafell Pike in 2 hours and 30 minutes, despite the very hot weather. They were very proud of themselves when they got to the top. DEAFvibe congratulate them on this achievement and are grateful for the funds they will raise through doing this. Well done!



YOUR EXPERIENCES OF NHS HEARING AID SERVICES NEEDED

DEAFvibe want to hear from hearing aid users about their experiences of accessing NHS hearing aid services and obtaining free batteries in North Staffordshire. This is in line with the NICE (National Institute for Clinical Excellence) report "Hearing loss in adults: assessment and management" as published in June 2018. Check out their website for more information:

<https://www.nice.org.uk/guidance/ng98>

DEAFvibe would like to know of any issues you have had trying to get hearing aid batteries so that they can report back to the NHS any findings of poor service. Please tell us if you have been refused free batteries by the NHS, if you have had poor service (including aftercare) when being referred to hearing aid services by the NHS and if you have any other experiences you want to share. Any findings we can share with the NHS can help them improve their services and see what is concerning their hearing aid service customers.



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