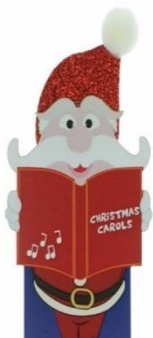
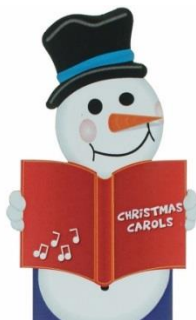


CHRISTMAS BOOKMARKS

50 Pence each



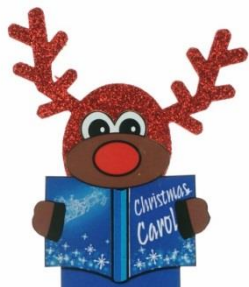
Santa



Snowman-card hat



Snowman-glitter hat
silver, red, green, gold



Reindeer

Bookmarks available (at the moment) from
shelagh.james@hotmail.co.uk
Text: 07902 948867

RESERVE yours now – while stocks last!

50p each



Stuck for Christmas present ideas, Christmas cards or wrapping paper? Check out what the NDCS and Hearing Dogs for Deaf People have to offer.

We still have some tickets available for the **CHRISTMAS PARTY** with

The Animal Man from Wolverhampton
(www.theanimalman.co.uk)

SUNDAY 4TH DECEMBER. 2pm – 4pm

The Oakfield Centre, Brettel Lane, Brierley Hill.



Father Christmas (presents for 12 years old and under), face painting, craft activities, light refreshments.

TICKETS only available from Shelagh James. For booking forms please contact:

shelagh.james@hotmail.co.uk or Text: 07902 948867

We still have some tickets available for the BSL performance of **ALADDIN**



SATURDAY 14th JANUARY 2017 2.30pm

Wolverhampton Grand Theatre

- Deaf child/young person = **FREE**
- One accompanying parent/carer = **FREE**
- **ALL** additional hearing brothers and sisters = **£15 EACH**
- **ONE ONLY** additional adult/carer = **£15 EACH**

TICKETS only available from Shelagh James. For booking forms please contact:

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ONLY AVAILABLE UNTIL 11th NOVEMBER

Chair: Mrs Tracey Willetts. 43 Chichester Avenue, Netherton, Dudley. DY2 9JL
E.mail: atwilletts@blueyonder.co.uk

DDCS Helpline: Contact: 07852673812

Secretary: Mrs Karen Forbes-Chapman.

Email: karenforbeschapman@yahoo.co.uk

Membership secretary/Newsletter: Mrs Shelagh James. 39 Alderdale Avenue, Sedgley, West Midlands. DY3 3TY **E.mail:** shelagh.james@hotmail.co.uk

Treasurer: Mr Nick James.

Dates for committee meetings

Anyone is welcome to come to our informal committee meetings – the dates are on the Newsletters and the DDCS website/calendar, so please try to come and see what we do to help you, your children, and your family. Light refreshments are served.

The Meeting Room, Stourbridge Community Fire Station, Parkfield Road, Stourbridge. DY8 1HA
7.30 till 9.30

NEW STARTING TIME: Room open at 7.15 to start the meeting at 7.30 prompt!

Wednesday November 9th
Wednesday 1 st February 2017
Wednesday 5 th April
Wednesday 7 th June
Wednesday 12 th July
Wednesday 13 th September



Next year **DUDLEY DEAF CHILDREN'S SOCIETY** will be **40** years old. **(Ruby Anniversary).**



How should we celebrate?
Party? Disco? Farm? Sea-side? Theme Park?
Swimming Party? Ten Pin Bowling? Fish & Chip
Supper? Quiz evening?



We would like to celebrate the achievements of our deaf students – past and present.

Do you have any photographs from 'the early years' of Dudley Deaf Children's Society?

Do you know of any of the early families/young people we could contact?

What memories could you share?

Did you attend any of the early NDCS/DDCS outings to farms and theme parks?

Hearing/Visual Impairment Services

**Parents/Carers
& Toddlers Group**

The Stourbridge Children and Families Centre
Forge Rd, Stourbridge, DY8 1XF



Fortnightly Friday Sessions

9:45 'til 11:30

See back for dates



Our group is open to all
Parents/Carers,
and their hearing impaired and visually
impaired babies,
toddlers and pre-school brothers
and sisters

For more information, please contact:
Cathryn Skidmore QTVI or Louise
Westwood TOD

The Mere Education Centre
Stourbridge, DY8 5PQ
Tel: 01384 818003 Text: 07827873498

Session dates 2016-2017

November

11th - Hearing Impairment
25th - Hearing Impairment & Visual
impairment

January 2017

6th - Hearing Impairment
20th - Hearing Impairment & Visual
impairment

February

3rd - Hearing Impairment
17th - Hearing Impairment & Visual
Impairment

March

3rd - Hearing Impairment
17th - Hearing Impairment & Visual
Impairment

May

5th - Hearing Impairment
19th - Hearing Impairment & Visual
Impairment

June

9th - Hearing Impairment
23rd - Hearing Impairment & Visual
Impairment



July

7th - Hearing Impairment & Visual
Impairment



Christmas Party. Sunday 4th December. Oakfield Centre.



Aladdin. Wolverhampton Grand Theatre. **Saturday 14th January 2017**

CLOSING DATE for both events

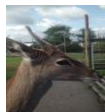
Friday 11th November

★HAPPY★ BIRTHDAY!

OCTOBER	NOVEMBER
Azain A	Saira B
Haris B	Lorna D
Sophie D	Maisy E
Joshua D	Megan G
Eesa R	Thomas H
Ahmed Ali S	Aleem I
Grace S	Brooke M
Jessica S	Hamza S
Caitlyn T	Luke T
Joshua L	Idrees R
Kelis J	
Riley R	



**Super Safari
Adventure**



On 8 October, my family and I went on a trip to West Midlands Safari Park. The Variety Club Charity had bought hundreds of tickets to hand out to people with special needs. We got our tickets through DDCCS. Having hearing aids has its ups and downs but this was definitely an up. After breezing through a surprisingly queue-less ticket office, we drove into the huge open expanse of safari wasteland. We saw elks, rhinos, tigers, lions, deer, cheetahs, wild dogs and zebras. My sister and I made a den in the back of Dad's car which made the trip way more comfortable! I definitely recommend it as a day trip.

Thank you Variety Club and DDCCS

Ella M

British Sign Language Courses

New courses in BSL are now being advertised in the local free papers and the Express & Star. Classes are usually held in schools, colleges, or Neighbourhood Centres.

Dudley Deaf Children's Society offer a one-off payment of up to £200 per course to each parent who enrolls and studies a British Sign Language Course.

We appreciate course fees vary in cost, length of course, and degree of content and so on, but £200 seemed to be the average amount with exam fees included.

Parents must apply in writing to our Chairperson, Mrs Tracey Willetts, giving registration details of the BSL course and enclosing receipts for fees paid.



**BLACK COUNTRY
LIVING
MUSEUM**



HALLOWEEN NIGHT. 29th October .

British Sign Language Interpreters will be available.

This is a pre-book telephone only event

0121 520 8054

Adult: £16 Child: (3yrs – 16yrs) £9 Open: 6.30pm - 10.00pm

For full details, BSL Interpreter, please visit the Black Country Living Museum website. www.bclm.org.uk

SANTA HUNT. Sunday 3rd December and Sunday 17th December.

British Sign Language Interpreter available.

This is a pre-book telephone only event

0121 520 8054

Santa Hunt prices: Adult - £16.00 Children (3yrs -16yrs) - £10.00
Children (0-2) - £8.0

For full details, BSL Interpreter, please visit the Black Country Living Museum website. www.bclm.org.uk

DUDLEY DEAF YOUTH CLUB

Please contact SAJID or send a text message to the DDYC TEAM PHONE to see when the next session will be.

WHAT? Dudley Deaf Youth Club, in partnership with Dudley MBC.

WHO? For all children, aged 11-19 years, with a hearing loss, living in the Dudley Borough or surrounding areas.

WHERE? Russells Hall Youth Centre, Overfield Drive, Dudley. DY1 2NX.

WHEN? Thursdays, 6-15pm – 8.15pm.

WHY? To meet new friends, enjoy new experiences, and have FUN.

INTERESTED? Contact SAJID REHMAN,
01384 813900 07799070630

sajidrehman@dudley.gov.uk

or

One of the team (only available on Thursdays) 07745034531

TEXT MESSAGES ONLY



Chris Price, Disability Sports Coach, The Albion Foundation, Ford Street,
Smethwick. B67 7QY. 07874043848

I've recently become a disability coach at the Albion Foundation. Basically through my new role I am looking at increasing opportunities for deaf players in Birmingham and the West Midlands. They currently have a PAN Disability League and have sessions as well as matches on a weekly basis. I am looking at getting as many deaf players into the centre as possible - which will then hopefully enable us to gain more funding which will then allow us to put on more sessions and give us more opportunities.

Sessions are held every Wednesday evenings 6:30 - 8 at Sandwell Academy, Halfords Ln, West Bromwich B71 4LG. There will be opportunities for players to be trained by WBA coaches and to play competitive games. This way they will still be training and playing football, and we can work with them in preparation for teams next year.

If there are 7 players that can make a team then they can form your own team to enter into the leagues but if not then don't worry as there are plenty of teams who may need extra players. Obviously when training you will all be together.

This is a huge opportunity for Deaf Football to make an impact in the West Midlands and for people to progress and develop as players.

If you are interested, let me know. I will be there on Wednesday nights so if there are any problems I can be reached on 07874043848 or via this email.



HOT OFF THE PRESS from the NDCS



Don't miss out on our fantastic free events.

We have lots coming up over the next few months, including our programme for deaf children and young people aged 8–18, and support and information events for families with deaf children. Our events take place all over the UK, so there's bound to be something near you.

A young person who came to one of our events said: "I got everything I wanted. The event was amazing! [The] Staff were amazing. I'm safe, I'm happy, I'm supported." A parent that attended an information event said that they'd had: "A fantastic and enjoyable weekend. It was great to meet and talk with families in the same position as ourselves." If you have any feedback, please share it on [Facebook](#).

Take a look at our [September 2016–March 2017 events calendar](#) to see our full range of events. From there you can click straight through to the event of your choice for more information.

The events are free if you are a member to attend and your child can attend one weekend and one adventure break each year. There is no limit to the number of day events.

If you have any questions, our friendly team is here to help.

We look forward to seeing you soon.
Best wishes,

Events team
National Deaf Children's Society
events@ndcs.org.uk 0121 234 9832

Events for Families

5–6 November. Weekend for Families with Deaf Children aged 0–2 years
Nottingham.

Events for deaf children and young people aged 8–18

25 March 2017. Get Creative Day (8–16 years) Stratford-upon-Avon.