

Eye Chat Weekly.

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Welcome to this week's quick update giving you news, views and information. Contact Alex or Ananché in the office, to offer us your article, or email isupport@buryblindsociety.org

New Faces: We welcomed both a new member of staff to our team, Will Routledge as our Sight Loss Support Intern, and new tenants, Taste Hospitality, on our top floor this week. We look forward to introducing Will to you over the next few weeks.

Walk 4 Sight walk, organised by Bury Lions: Saturday 5th October, 11am. meet at The Band Stand, Clarence Park, one hour walk. £20 entrance fee. The entrance fees are split between Bury Lions and BBS so you'll be keeping healthy and raising some funds! Just turn up for 11am to join in.

Volunteer Coffee Morning, Wednesday 9 October, 10.30am-12pm: A big welcome to all volunteers to come along and join Ananché for this month's Volunteer Forum. An opportunity to catch up. Ananché will be joined by Will and she will be presenting some interesting update and feedback from her time at BBS so far. Do come along.

Talking of Volunteers.... Would you like to join us on our World Sight Day Stand at the Millgate on Thursday 10th October? We will be having a collection but also raising awareness. Please contact Ananché if you wish to be on the stand or sign up on the sheet, Volunteers Notice Board.

Thursday 10th October: 8am-9am Breakfast AGM at the Centre. All welcome but let us know, so we can make sure we've got enough bacon butties!

Monday 14th October: 1.30pm-3.00pm: Celebrating 23/24: We're holding a musical event at The Masonic Hall. With entertainment from the amazing Ukybobs followed by tea and cake and a chance to chat and look around the displays by all our groups. Tickets on sale in the Centre, £5.00.

Quiz Night Friday 18th October: Tickets on sale for our Autumn Quiz. We welcome Carl and Yvonne back for the Quiz Night at Elton Liberal Club, 7 for 7.30pm, Porters Lounge (former Sinatra Room). Tickets, including light supper, £7 available via our website or from the office.

Walking Group: For the next two weeks we are trialling joining the Community Health Walk on a Tuesday at The Burrs Country Park, 1.30pm,

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rather than the Wednesday. Anyone interested, please let us know as we can provide transport from the Centre.

Take A Seat Campaign: Have you noticed a 'Take A Seat' Logo on display in shops and businesses? The campaign aims to raise awareness how older people may struggle to get out and about because there is not enough seating available for them in shops, and other public places. If there is a logo on display you will be given a warm welcome and offered a chair if needed. What a good initiative – we can all need a seat sometimes! We better get a logo for BBS as everyone's welcome to take a seat here!

Friday 18th October: Please note, as the lovely Catering Team i.e. Carole and Mags are both out and about, there will be no Friday lunch on this particular day. You are, of course, very welcome to drop in to the Centre and bring your own lunch if you want!

This week in the Centre:

Monday 7th

10.30am-12.00pm - Drop in & MEGs group.

1.30pm-2.30pm. Fun Music Group

Tuesday 8th: Centre open for Eye Talk programme & appointments only.

Weekly Foot Clinic, appointments from 9.30am-3.00pm

10 Pin Bowling. Meet at the Centre at 10.30am or at the Hollywood Bowling at 11.00am. Please note if you are a VI, you must confirm your attendance, either by the WhatsApp Group or ring the Centre by Monday to ensure a Volunteer Buddy. Thanks.

1.30pm at The Burrs – Community Health Walk. Ring office for details.

Wednesday 9th:

10:30am-12:00pm – Volunteers Coffee Morning.

12.00pm-3.00pm: Christmas Themed Crafts session to raise funds for BBS.

Thursday 10th: First session 10.30am-11.45pm: Drama & Props!

Second session: 1.00pm-2.30pm: Gary's Quiz – prepare yourself for next week's Quiz at Elton LC! All welcome.

Friday 11th: 11.30am: Meat & Potato Pie with Carole. Please book by 11.30am Thursday.