

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 admin@buryblindsociety.org

I am delighted to let you know that a bid we submitted to the National Lottery was successful. Information you provided back in 2023 formulated the ideas and we entitled the project 'Future Vision'. The project will encompass development of support for employment, engagement, raising awareness and mental well-being. This funding will provide stability and development opportunities for the Society, enabling us to expand our current provision to address these additional needs. We expect the project to start in the new Financial Year i.e. April 2025 and we look forward to updating you on what it will mean for you. – Jill Logan, CEO.

Music Night at The Met, Saturday 8th February! It's getting closer folks! Our Drama Group and Ananché, Will and Danni – all clients (& two are staff!) are performing and your support would be amazing. As you can imagine, this has taken a lot of courage for our guys to agree to do this so let's give them a warm welcome on the night. As well as our own BBS Troupe we have the wonderful Geoff Kenyon, Michael and friends and the brilliant UkyBobs on the night so it's promising to be a great night. Tickets are available direct from The Met or we can order them for you in the office. Price £12 including the Met's booking fee.

It's the First Monday of the month and it's the CAB's Drop in Sessions, 9.00am – 12.00pm. Do come along and take advantage of this great service. You can book an appointment or see if Alan's free on the day.

Introduction to Visual Awareness: 10.30am-12.00pm: Do you need a refresher with your sight guiding or haven't had the opportunity to join a session. Why not book on this friendly introduction, providing hints and tips on sight awareness and practical sight guiding techniques. Book via the office.

Gadget Share, Explore, & More – A note for your diary.

Are you scared of your device? Or maybe would like it to do something, but you don't know how to set it up to do it? You might have been given a new

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'thingy' for Christmas, and would like to find out a bit about how it works and what it can do?

Please join us for our fun gadget exploration session in BBS Lounge.

The proposed dates are:

- Wednesday 12th February 2:00pm until 3:00pm
- Wednesday 19th February 10:00am until 11:00pm

Please sign up at reception

Quiz Night – Friday 14th March. 7.00pm for 7.30pm start. We welcome back Gary, Michael and Tommy for their unique quiz using audio and visual clues to test your grey matter! Suitable for all. Tickets £10.00 includes supper of pie & peas (vegetarian option available). Masonic Hall, Bury. Tickets available from 10 February via website or the Centre.

This week in the Centre & surround:

Monday 3rd: CAB General advice clinic. 9.00am – 12.00pm ring the office to book an appointment or drop in.

10am-12pm: Drop In for a cuppa with Margaret. MEGs group in the Lounge.

1.15pm-2.30pm – Fun Music Group.

Tuesday 4th: Centre open for appointments only. Phoenix Foot Clinic appointments available from 9.30am-3.00pm.

10 Pin Bowling. Meet at the Centre at 10.30am or at the Hollywood Bowling at 11.00am. Please 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 to book.

Wednesday 5th LVA Clinic in Chatterton Room.

10.30am-12.00pm, Drop In (small lounge) & VIAT session in Main Lounge.

1:30pm - 3:00pm: Macular Support Group 1.

Thursday 6th: 10.30am: Fun with Drama with Tracey and Mags.

1.00pm-2.30pm – Craft Workshop – do come along and have some fun

1.30pm, BBS Cricket: meet at Centre at 1pm or at PA Cricket Club for

1.30pm. Book via the office.

Friday 7th: 10.00am Henshaw's/BBS Digital Clinic referral via BBS

11.30am-2.00pm Lunch/ Brunch Carole and Mags provide either a cooked meal or light snack each week. Call BBS to book a place.