

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

Update on Bury Interchange: On Wednesday 9th April Helen Webster from TfGM visited us to give an update on the developments at Bury Interchange. The visit was extremely useful and gave us a better time frame for the upcoming works at the Tram Station. The changes are still at the drawing board stage and will not commence until 2027. Consequently, Helen found our feedback very useful and is coming back to the Centre in January to update.

On Monday we held our Events Meeting and there was plenty to discuss. In the forthcoming months we are planning a number of visits to local areas of interest. Further details in our quarterly newsletter due out at the end of April.

Fundraising: Do come along and support us. This Sunday we are Prestwich Market, outside Macca's Café and Bar and at St Johns, Tottington with our stalls. On Wednesday 16th we will be in the Millgate, outside New Look with our Easter Tombola.

It's that time of the year... the start of the shows! First one off the blocks is our stall at Kimberley's Law Fair – Unsworth Cricket Club, 1pm-7pm. In May we will be at Prestwich Clough Day, Sunday 18th May and then it's everyone's favourite... The Ramsbottom Rotary's Duck Race on Sunday 25th May. Tickets to purchase a duck for the race will be available from Monday 14th April at the Centre and the great thing is, Bury Blind Society directly benefit from any tickets we sell! As always, we are looking for willing volunteers to help out on the stalls or for setting up/closing down. If you are able to help, please let Ananché or Jill know directly or sign up on the sheets displayed on the Volunteers Notice Board in the Centre. Thank you.

Update on Friends: We were delighted to welcome Isaak back after his recent stay in hospital.

Our thoughts go out to Les and John who, unfortunately are still in hospital but Christine, John's wife has been visited in respite care and is doing well. We also wish Christine a very happy birthday.

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We are also sending best wishes to Will who will be off for a number of weeks following his glaucoma tube surgery. We are sure it will all go well and hope to see him back in the office soon.

Easter Break: Eye Chat will be coming out on Thursday 17th as we are closed for Good Friday and Easter Monday and will re-open Tuesday 22nd April.

This week in the Centre and surrounding area

Saturday 12th April: 11.00am to 12.30pm Book Club - April's club is a week earlier this month due to Easter and will be embarking on the first of the Hunger Games Trilogy. All welcome.

Monday 14th April: 10.00am-12.00pm: Weekly Drop In with Margaret and crew. MEGs meeting in the Main Lounge.

Tuesday 15th April: Centre open for appointments only. Phoenix Foot Clinic with Dougie Warrington available. Contact the office to arrange a booking.

AM: 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 is allocated.

PM: 1.30pm at The Burrs – Community Health Walk. Ring the office to book sighted Volunteer Buddy.

Wednesday 16th April: 11.00am-12.00pm: Gadget Group in the Lounge – recap on Windows 11 and exciting news on collaboration with Bury Council's Tech Team

1.30pm-3.00pm Macular Group - this month, following the trip to Bury Grammar for the Grenadiers Guards performance, time to reflect and plan the next few months activities whilst Diane is on holiday.

Thursday 17th April: 10am-12.00pm: Eye Talk Course in Lounge: Drop In in smaller lounge area.

1.00pm-2.30pm: This week's it's Bridie's Bingo – with Easter themed prizes! All welcome.

Friday 18th April: Good Friday – CLOSED

Monday 21st April: Easter Monday – CLOSED