

Eye Chat Weekly.

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

We hope that you all enjoy the Easter Break. The Centre is closed tomorrow, Good Friday and Easter Monday and will re-open Tuesday 10th April.

Please note our Benefit Support Hub provided by CAB & Calico will be on Monday 13th as a result of the Easter Holidays.

BrowsAble, a software company, is carrying out research on a new product designed to help vision impaired people navigate websites more easily. They are scheduling a small number of online interviews throughout April, each lasting up to one hour via Google Meet. Participants can book a convenient slot here: <https://calendar.app.google/WwtsDtp4Jn9tZDr36> Before the session, participants are ideally asked to install the BrowsAble Chrome extension. Support is available if needed. Those unable to use Chrome (e.g. due to assistive technology like screen readers) are still welcome to take part via screen sharing, although interaction with the product may be more limited.

Participants will receive £150 compensation.

If the timing or requirements aren't suitable right now, further research sessions are planned later in the year.

For more information, contact Bury Blind Society on 0161 763 7014.

There will be no Foot Clinic on Tuesday 14th April as Dougie is giving his toe clippers a well-earned rest.

Bury Hospice are holding a fundraising event on Saturday 18th April. Afternoon Tea (12pm) tickets for **Strictly Best Foot Forward** are still available for priced at £30 adults £15 children. For further information contact Deborah Lisle on 07795 552 692 email strictlybestfootforward@gmail.com

Events Coming Up:

User Forum: Wednesday 8th April, 10.30am: Come along for updates on activities and feedback on any issues or ideas you have for the Society.

Craft Workshop Monday 13th April: Get those screwdrivers at the ready as this month it's woodwork session this month! Nick will be guiding us to

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produce a classy keyholder. Spaces are limited, so be sure to sign up soon to secure your place. Please note, all materials are provided, so there is a small charge of £5 in total for this session, includes refreshments.

Get your teams registered for our annual **10 Pin Bowling Tournament** taking place at Hollywood Bowling in **Bury on Tuesday 21st April** 6pm for 6.30pm start. VI or Sighted welcome as we will be using Sim Specs. This event is almost fully booked so don't delay – book today!!

Don't forget **Book Club will be meeting Saturday 18th April**, it would be great to see some new faces. USB's are provided so you can listen to this month's choice.

GM Walking Festival 2026 We're excited to be part of the GM Walking Festival! Join us on **Wednesday 13th May at 1:30pm** for our "**Steps Beyond Sight**" walk, starting from the centre. Choose between a **1-mile or 2-mile route**. Please register in advance so we can arrange enough sighted guides—sign up at reception.

Come along and be part of this great community event!

This week in the Centre – If you are interested in any of the sessions below, please contact the office for more details:

Monday 6th April: The Centre will be closed, opening again Tuesday 7th April.

Tuesday 7th April:

9.30am onwards Phoenix Footcare: Book via the office.

11.00am at Hollywood Bowling for our 10 Pin Bowling.

Wednesday 8th April:

Low Vision Aid Clinic: appointment only.

10.30am – 12.00pm: User Forum and breakfast refreshments available.

Thursday 9th April:

10.30am – 12.00pm: Drop-In & Thursday Crossword Club

1.30pm – 3.00pm: Age UK Bury Tea and Chatter Cluster session with Jane Lees.

6.00pm – 8.30pm: Showdown – Open Play

Friday 10th April:

Lunch Club 11.30am-2.00pm: Soup & Sandwich Book by 11am on Thursday please.