

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

Notice

Monday 25th May will be a bank holiday so the centre will be closed.

Wednesday 13th May Sight Loss Support Group

(Prestwich), 2pm to 4pm. 1a Rectory Ln, Prestwich, Manchester M25 1BP

Brews & Views is coming soon, Friday 29th May 2pm – 3.30pm. Come and chat with people who are using the Meta Glasses, check out the features and discuss what benefits they may have for you and your vision loss. Add your name to the list in reception or give us a call 0161 763 7014

Showdown National League – The Bury Blind Society Aces will be taking part in the National Competition in Birmingham on 16th and 17th May. We're sure you'll join us in wishing Kara and Gill the very best of luck, along with Louise, who will be refereeing at the tournament.

Come on, you Aces!

Kick Boxing Competition – Tony, one of our clients, is fighting in a competition this **Sunday 10th May 1pm** onwards. Come and cheer Tony on to a victory. Britannia Mill, Cobden St, Bury BL9 6AW

Events Coming Up:

Sunday 10th May 10am – 2pm – Totty Trash & Treasure at St John's Church, Tottington. No trash just treasure on the BBS stall, come and have a look.

Wednesday 13th May – GM Walking & Wheeling

Join us for *Steps Beyond Sight* as part of the GM Walking Festival 2026. Starting from the Centre at 1:30pm, we'll enjoy a gentle walk of approximately 1.5 miles to our rest stop (turns out it's a bit further than Google promised us last week... we've double-checked with real feet now!) then the return which will be another 1.5 miles.

There'll be a well-earned biscuit—and maybe a brew at The Lamppost Café if we can make it. Then we'll head back together, with support available throughout.

Please register in advance so we can arrange enough sighted guides. Come along and celebrate walking together as a community!

An Audience with Gill Currie Wednesday 20th May 12:30 – 3:00pm

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Join us to celebrate Gill as she retires from Bury Blind Society after more than a decade of dedicated service—from volunteer to valued staff member. Enjoy a light lunch, followed by a conversation about her life before BBS, her vision impaired sporting achievements, and her role as an ambassador for sight loss, plus a Q&A as we wish her all the best for the future.

At Bury Masonic Hall, 25 Parson's Ln, Bury BL9 0LY.

Tickets: £10 available from the office or online via our website.

Fundraising events coming up: Saturday 30th May 12.30pm-4.30pm - 44th Bury Scouts Craft Fair. Blackburne Hall, The Wylde (back of Bury Parish Church). BL9 OLA .

We are looking for a volunteer to help out on the stall on the day, if you're available contact Jill or Jo.

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

Monday 11th May: CAB & CALICO will be at the centre 9am-12.30pm

10am – 11.30am: Monday Morning Drop in

10.30am – 12pm : Creative Workshop. Crafty creations for our upcoming events over the summer.

1.30pm-3pm: Music Group

6pm – 8.30pm Showdown training session.

Tuesday 12th May 9am – 4pm Dougie's Foot Clinic, book via the office

10am – 12pm: Group Co-ordinators meeting

No Bowling this week, back to normal from Tuesday 19th May.

1.30-3pm: Information and Support Clinic. Referrals by the team to attend these sessions.

Wednesday 13th May:

Low Vision Aid Clinic: appointment only.

10.00 am – 12.00pm: Drop in including breakfast refreshments.

Thursday 14th May:

10.30am – 12.00pm: Crossword Club

1.30pm – 3.00pm: Jane Lee's Tea and Chatter featuring Gary's Quiz

6.00pm – 8.30pm: Showdown – Open Play

Friday 15th May:

Henshaws Tech Clinic: Appointments only, speak to a member of the team if you require a referral.

Lunch Club 11.30am-2.00pm: Soup & a Sandwich with Mags