

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

News:

As many of you are already aware, we have a large board attached to the scaffolding from next door's building work – it's a canvas crying out to be covered! At our Summer User Forum, it was agreed to approach as many clients, volunteers and groups attending the Centre during this week to draw individual pictures based on what BBS and Bury means to them. At the end of the week, all the pictures are being displayed on the board and ready for a photo shoot! We're looking forward to seeing the results and brightening the hoarding too!

Full notes from the Summer User Forum will be circulated but key items are as follows:

- Refurbishment of Lounge area in keeping with Future Vision – relaxed furnishings outside the kitchen area to provide a 'Brew & Chat' area. Replacement of current chairs. Redecorating with brighter colours. Discussion regarding producing a mural depicting the journey of sight loss along one of the walls. Utilise some of the ideas produced from the 'Paint a Picture'. Suggestion of a TV screen to display activities. Do you have any thoughts? Contact us via email, in person or telephone to ensure they are included.

Outings:

- Monday 24th August. 2.45pm. Margaret Haes Riding School. Subsidised cost for VI's £5.00 pp.
- Wednesday 9th September. 12pm-4pm. Elton Sailing Club, sailing opportunity. Lunch included. Subsidised cost for VI's £10.00pp
- Tuesday 22nd September. Visit to Oswaldtwistle Mills. Transport provided, subsidised £5.00 per person. 10am-2.30pm.

Events Coming Up:

Bloco Ashe – FREE Summer Percussion Workshops at St Francis House, All Saints Church, Hebburn Drive, Bury BL8 1ED. Join this summer for fun, energetic workshops and discover the joy of playing infectious Brazilian rhythms. Saturdays 10.30am – 1.30pm 8th, 15th, 22nd and 29th of August. To book your space email blocashe@gmail.com – all instruments and refreshments are provided.

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Monday 10th August 10.30am – 12pm our Creative Workshop with Nick making wooden window planters. Please let us know if you would like to attend as we have limited spaces and would hate you to miss out.

Saturday 12th September: Once again Radcliffe Rotary are offering free places, including transport to their September Sports Event for Disabled Adults over in St Helens. Pick up 8am. Lunch is provided. If you wish to attend, please register your interest by Monday 17th August.

Coming to The Met Sunday 20th September 7.30pm: Celebrate the 50th anniversary of this classic comedy as *The Phantom Raspberry Blower of Old London Town* comes to the stage. Originally made famous by The Two Ronnies, this hilarious spoof of the Jack the Ripper story is packed with Spike Milligan and Ronnie Barker's trademark wordplay, surreal humour and laugh-out-loud moments.

Activities in the Centre this week 10th-14th August.

Monday: Centre Open 10am-4pm

10am – 11.30am: Monday Morning Drop in

10.30am – 12pm: Creative Workshop with Nick

1.30pm – 3pm: Music Buddies with Mags

6pm – 8.30pm: Showdown training session.

Tuesday: Centre closed, appointments only.

9am – 4pm: Foot Clinic, book via the office.

11am: 10 Pin Bowling: Summer Break: Back Tuesday 8th September.

Wednesday: Centre Open 10am-4pm

9am-3pm: Low Vision Aid Clinic: appointment only.

10.00 am – 12.00pm: Drop in/Breakfast Club.

2pm – 3.30pm: Sight Loss Support Group. At CLC, Prestwich.

Thursday: Centre Open 10am-4pm

10.30am – 12.00pm: Crossword Club

1.30pm – 3.00pm: Age UK Bury Cluster Group with Jane. Quiz next week.

6.00pm-8.30pm – Showdown – Open Play.

Friday: Centre Open 10am-4pm

Lunch Club 11.30am-2.00pm: Meat & Potato Pie, Mash & Veg.

Please contact the Centre to book for any of the BBS activities and for further information.