

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:

We were all very saddened to hear the news of Sid Pritchard passing away last Saturday. Sid was a great supporter of the Society, having previously been on the Board, helped with many workshops and assisted with visual awareness training. Perhaps his biggest legacy for many will be his musical talents. His patience and enthusiasm working with the Music Group, his performances at the Socials and our Met event with his good friend Geoff Kenyon and his impromptu ukulele skills at the theme lunches. He will be greatly missed.

Our thoughts are with Kath and all the members of Sid's family. The funeral is to be held on Tuesday 1st September 1.30pm at Radcliffe Crematorium.

Hot Weather: Although it's forecast to go a little cooler, remember to stay safe in the hot weather. Keep out of the sun, keep hydrated, keep you and your home cool. For tips to beat the heat, search 'hot weather advice' on GOV.UK.

Outings:

As mentioned in last week's Eye Chat, we have several outings planned by BBS. Please let us know asap if you are attending as places are filling fast.

Monday 24th August. 2.45pm. Margaret Haes Riding School. A wonderful opportunity to experience the joy of riding a horse whilst experiencing the wonderful countryside of Holcombe Hill. Subsidised cost for VI's £5.00 pp.

Wednesday 9th September. 12pm-4pm. Elton Sailing Club. This promises to be a fun and memorable outing learning a few sailing basics in a motor launch or sailboat. Lunch included. Subsidised cost for VI's £10.00pp

Tuesday 22nd September. Visit to Oswaldtwistle Mills. Free to explore all areas of the Mill, retail, garden centre, café and museum areas. Transport provided, subsidised £5.00 per person. 10am-2.30pm.

Other Events Coming Up:

Monday 24th August: Monthly Musical Social, 1.30pm-2.45pm- this month we are being entertained by 'Steve' playing 50,60's & 70's – get your dancing shoes ready!

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Saturday 29th August 1pm onwards. Join Brandlesholme Incredible Edibles in celebrating their 10th Anniversary at Purbeck Park. Family games and races, crafts, refreshments and Bury Ukulele – sounds like an amazing day!

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 via the office by Monday 17th August.

Sunday 20th September: Bury 10K – Once again we are delighted Peter and Michael are running to raise funds for Bury Blind Society. You can show your support by sponsoring via our website or pop into the Centre.

Activities in the Centre - 15th– 21st August.

- **Saturday 15th August 11am-12.30pm** – BBS Book Club.
- **Monday: Centre Open 10am-4pm**
10am – 11.30am: Monday Morning Drop in.
1.30pm – 3pm: Weekly Music Buddies session.
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.
1.30pm – 3.00pm: Macular Support Group at BBS.
- **Thursday: Centre Open 10am-4pm**
10.30am – 12.00pm: Crossword Club
1.30pm – 3.00pm: Age UK Bury Cluster Group with Jane. Gary's Quiz.
6.00pm-8.30pm – Showdown – Open Play.
- **Friday: Centre Open 10am-4pm**
Lunch Club 11.30am-2.00pm: Soup & Sandwich week.

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