

Eye Chat Weekly.

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Welcome to this week's quick update giving you news, views and information. Contact Alex or Jill in the office, to offer us your articles, or e-mail admin@buryblindsociety.org

A good time was had by all at the Prestwich Clough Day last weekend. Thank you to everyone who came along and supported the event, plus a big thanks to the organisers and our volunteers for making it such a great day. We raised £229.80 which was a fantastic result as well as raising awareness of visual impairment within the community. Our next big event is our 100 Voices Musical Evening at The Met. We really need your support with this – so many people, both clients and volunteers, have put such a huge effort into this Celebration, it would be wonderful to see plenty of people in the audience. Please do encourage friends, family colleagues and yourselves to come along. Tickets are available direct from The Met or via their website. If you would like any flyers or posters to promote this on our behalf, please let Alex in the office know. Many thanks.

Jubilee Bank Holiday.

We hope you are all looking forward to the Queen's Platinum Jubilee Celebration. Don't forget we have 'Ducks' in the Radcliffe Rotary Ramsbottom Duck Race on 4th June. The Race takes place at Bridge Street Gardens. Our Centre will be closed on Thursday 2nd and Friday 3rd June, re-opening on Monday 6th.

Monday Singers, United Reform Church, Bury. We are delighted that the Monday Singers are once again giving a concert in aid of Bury Blind Society on Thursday 9th June at the URC. We have been privileged to have benefitted from the Choir's support for a number of years and this support as greatly helped us to continue our services. Tickets are £6.00, payable on the door. Starts at 7.30pm.

Access Group: Wednesday 1 June 10am. One of the issues the Access Group will be tackling, submitted by a client, is online banking. Having recently received a letter announcing the shutting of their local Barclays, the only alternative given was online banking. Have you had the same experience? Let the Access Group know.

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Monday 13th June. 'Legal Talk Monday! 10am-12pm. We welcome back Holly Gethin from Woodcocks Solicitors who is available for an informal chat on any dispute/legal issues you may wish to discuss. All welcome.

Wednesday 8th June, 10am-12pm: Jubilee Brunch and Volunteers Coffee Morning. So much to celebrate! During Volunteers Week we will still be celebrating the Jubilee with our Jubilee Brunch. Do let us know if you are coming along for catering purposes. Barry Grigg, Trustee, is looking forward to having a brew and catch up with volunteers.

This Week:

Drop Ins: Monday, Wednesday and Thursday (closed due to Bank Holiday) mornings 10am-12pm.

Monday 30th May 'Music for Fun' 1.30pm-2.30pm. All welcome.

Tuesday 31 May. 1.30pm-3pm. First Session of Eye Talk Course. Booked places only.

Wednesday 1st June, 10am-12pm: Sensory Morning Drop In. The first Wednesday of the month and it's our 'World of Senses' session. This month we welcome Jill Roberts who will be showing us the wonderful tactile and fragrance world of plants. All welcome to drop in.

100 Club:

Congratulations to Anna O'Hanlon who won first prize in our May draw, Yvonne Wright won second prize and the third was Bury Blind Society! Prizes were: First £115.80, Second, £57.90, Third, £19.30.

If you would like to join our Monthly Prize Draw, it's simple. Just £1.00 for each number and you can 'purchase' as many as you like! 50% of the money raised is distributed in prizes and the other half contributes directly to BBS. Application packs available from the office.

Welcome to new volunteers!

We have a number of new volunteers who have joined us over the past few months. New drivers, Mike Edwards, Les Monger. New Centre support, Eric, Chris, Diane, Jillian and a new Hospital Support, Ruth. Welcome to our Society and thank you for joining us.