

# 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](mailto:admin@buryblindsociety.org)



**It's Finally Here!** Our 100 Voices Musical Evening will take place this week on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> at The Met, starting at 7.30pm. Tickets are available beforehand, £12 plus a booking fee, direct from The Met, or pay on the night. So many people have worked really hard on this evening, we do hope you and your friends will be able to join us and enjoy their efforts

Last Thursday we had the great pleasure of attending the concert held in aid of the Society by the Monday Singers. Together with special guest Justine Thomas, the choir performed a collection of songs enjoyed by all. At the end of the concert, Roy Smithies, who is both a member of the choir and a trustee of the Society, accepted a donation of £500 on our behalf. A lovely evening and a very generous donation which is greatly appreciated.

**What A Good Do!!** Once again Carole and Mags produced an amazing meal for the 1940's themed lunch. The afternoon was further enhanced by the fascinating talk given by Steve Fitt from The Fusilier. Our grateful thanks to Steve, and the ladies for all their efforts. The next Themed meal, for the 1950's, will be on Friday 24 June. The menu for the day is minestrone soup, beef stew and dumplings followed by apple and blackberry crumble with custard, all for just £8! To book your place just ring the office.

**A Great Opportunity:** We have been approached by The Salle Angelo Fencing Group's tutor, David Varey regarding places on a forthcoming 10-week course at their centre in Heywood. They are looking to offer four lucky clients the opportunity to attend a course for VI fencing free of charge. All necessary equipment will be provided. If you wish to attend (course due to start in 3 weeks), please let the office know as soon as possible. You don't need to be an Olympic athlete but you do need to have a fair level of fitness.

**Jubilee Brunch:** Not only did we celebrate the Queen's Jubilee, and enjoy hearing feedback from members and Group Leaders at the User Forum, but there was a presentation too! In acknowledgement of

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Volunteers' Week, a Certificate of Appreciation was presented to Bury Blind Society from Bury VCFA to thank all our wonderful volunteers. We often say it, but it is so true – we really couldn't do what we do without our fantastic volunteers. No matter what role you play – Thank you.

A couple of quick reminders for volunteers. The Volunteers Notice Board in the Corridor by the stairs is up and running again. A list of events coming up is now on display so do put your name down if you can help out. The list of holidays is also up on the Board. If at all possible, please do put your name down if you are going to be unable to volunteer for your usual slot. This gives us a chance to find cover for your session. Remember, you are missed when you don't turn up! Thanks.

**Tesco and Bury Market:** Talking of volunteers, we have stall in Tesco on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> June and at Bury Market on Friday 17<sup>th</sup>. Can you help out either in the morning or afternoon? Please contact the office if you can help.

## Coming Up this week:

**Monday 13<sup>th</sup> 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.

**'Music for Fun' 1.30pm-2.30pm.** All welcome.

**Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> June: 1.30pm-3pm.** Final session of Eye Talk Course. **Booked places only.**

**Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> June: Morning Drop in 10am-12pm. All welcome.**  
**Macular Support Group: 1.30pm-2.30pm.**

**Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> June: Healthy Living Group.** 10.30am-11.30am – Rachel from Incredible Edible will be demonstrating the benefits of Mindfulness. We would encourage all to come along to this insightful session. Bernard Dunphy of the Glaucoma Group has already had the pleasure of hearing Rachel and said he would thoroughly recommend attending. So why not treat yourself and come along for an hour? All welcome.

**Friday 17<sup>th</sup> June:** Friday Lunch – home-made burgers this week. Book by Thursday. If you have booked and then find you cannot attend, please do let us know asap to avoid food wastage. Thank you.