

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 article, or email admin@buryblindsociety.org

Monday saw the first Musical Afternoon Social of 2024 with our thanks to entertainer Alan Pritchard. Despite the howling winds and rain, we had a great time and are looking forward to next month's when we are hoping to be joined by Bob Goodwin playing his guitar and singing such classics as Bridge Over Troubled Water. If you are interested in coming along on Monday 26th February, please ring the office for more information and to book.

What an Achievement!

One of our clients, Jixie Shakespeare has written a wonderful children's book called 'The Welsh Witch'. Here's a little taster of the story from Jixie herself: 'James Arthur Trent lives in an ordinary Lancashire town. But one day, while he's waiting for the milkman, he sees something quite extraordinary! Two little people are flying up the road on feather dusters! When he follows them, he finds a magical lighthouse, and a witch called Tesni. Together they go on lots of adventures which will change Jamie's life forever!'

Jixie has been supporting our Healthy Living Group but now is focussing on the book launch, so whilst the group are sad to see her step down, we are all delighted her book is being printed. Jixie isn't leaving us, she will still pop into the group and others. In fact, Jixie is taking on the role of 'Roving reporter' for BBS. So, watch out, your group may be next for interviewing! We're hoping to post the interviews on our website. Jixie has also very kindly agreed to come and talk about her book in the near future. Date to follow.

Bon Voyage

One of our star 10-Pin Bowlers has moved onto pastures new! Paul Kay and his partner Chrys were part of the winning team that represented BBS at the Walthew House Bowling Tournament last year. Paul and Chrys have now made the bold move to set up home in North Wales. Whilst we will miss them (& their bowling skills!) we wish them both all the very best in their new adventure.

Moorside Councillors

A group of us are meeting local councillors covering the Moorside area at Clarence Park on Saturday 27th January to highlight the issues facing blind

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and partially sighted people, including parked cars, overhanging branches, fly tipping, uneven pathways and blocked drains, to name just a few! We are looking forward to discussing solutions to address these problems and will feedback accordingly. In addition, we will also be asking questions regarding Bury East being highlighted as one of the 'Alert Areas' with the following stats being published recently. 'The area bounded by Manchester Road, Wellington Road, Pimhole estate, Wash Lane and Angouleme Way has experienced 2 personal robberies, 3 vehicle crimes and 4 residential burglaries in the past month' and finding out what action is being taken.

Coming Up this week in the Centre:

Monday 29 January:

- 10.30am-12.00pm - Drop In at the Centre (Small Lounge area).
- 10.00am-11.30am – MEGs Group. (Large Lounge)
- 1.00pm-2.30pm – Music Buddies Fun Afternoon.

Tuesday 30 January:

- Centre closed for Drop In. Open for Appointments only.
- 11.00am-1.00pm – Ten Pin Bowling Group, meet at Hollywood Bowling. Book via office by Monday if you wish to join.

Wednesday 31 January:

- Low Vision Aid Clinic: Appointment only. Please ask if wish to be referred.
- Emma's Nail & Beauty Clinic – appointments available, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday up to 8pm. Ring Emma on 07850 276 649 to book.
- 10.30am-12.00pm – Drop In: you are welcome to pop in, meet up with friends and have a brew in our Lounge area. All welcome, both clients and friends.

Thursday 1 February:

- 10.30am-12.00pm – Healthy Living Group: The group are demonstrating (and tasting!) healthy vegetable soup this week!
- 1.00pm-2.30pm – Thursday Afternoon Group: Tea and Chat week. All welcome.

Friday 2 February:

- 11.30am-2.30pm. Meet friends and enjoy a warming bowl of home-made soup and sandwich. Please book before Thursday to secure a place.