

Eye Chat Weekly.

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Welcome to this week's quick update giving you news, views and information. Contact Alex or Ananché in the office, to offer us your article, or email admin@buryblindsociety.org

This week we welcomed a new member of staff to the Team, Ananché Jeffrey, and her lovely guide dog Lola. Ananché has joined us in the role of Development Worker. Ananché will be spending her first couple of weeks familiarising herself with the service, clients, volunteers and activities.

10th June-14th June – Carers Week. This coming week marks the annual campaign to raise awareness of caring and recognise the contribution made to families and communities throughout the UK. Many of you will not recognise yourselves as carers but, if you have caring responsibilities then why not join some of the activities during this week and meet others. A full list is available on our Website and in the Centre but a selection includes, on Monday 10th June, the Sir Robert Peel, Sunnybank Road, Whitefield, 12.30pm-2.30pm. Light lunch. Say hello to other carers and staff. Ben Tyler Solicitor GLP will be offering 1-2-1 free legal sessions and information regarding future planning, just drop-in. Wednesday 12th June, Bury Masonic Hall, Parsons Lane, Bury 10.30am-1.00pm: Join the team for a morning of laughter, music, sweet treats and celebration. Other partner agencies will be there to offer information and guidance.

Wednesday 12th June: Bury Older People's Network Event. For people aged 50 plus, carers and community groups. Meeting at The Green Community Café, Clarence Park, Walmersley Road, Come and chat with Bury Older People representatives with free brews & cake, share what matters to you.

This is the second week of Bury Libraries Vis Fortnight. This is a time for public libraries to celebrate and promote library services for those with a visual impairment from large print books, audiobooks, electronic resources and much more. Why not visit your local library and find out more?

Talking about books... mark your calendars for the BBS Book Club meeting on Saturday 15th June at 11am-12.30pm. Led by Ananché and Jixie, join us for engaging discussions and bring along a favourite mystery of yours. It's a chance to discuss some intriguing reads and connect with fellow book lovers.

Would you like to be part of an exciting project assessing the audio description facility at The Vue cinema? Ananché is co-ordinating this project,

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to meet on 21st June with a choice of two films to consider. Places are restricted to just five clients, so if you are interested please contact the office to reserve your place and record your film preference.

19th June is the closing date for the Bury Council's survey seeking your views on sensory support. Don't forget to complete the form. Copies available from the Centre or on line via this link <https://forms.office.com/e/BHEgTGj7E5>.

Pamper Yourself: Emma is increasing her accessible clinics and will be in the Centre both on the first Thursday of the month and the third Monday, between 10am and 3pm. Simply book your appointment in the office. Her next session will be Monday 17th June.

Coming Up this week in the Centre:

Monday 10th June:

10.30am-12.00pm - Drop In at the Centre (Small Lounge area).

10.00am-11.30am – MEG Group. (Large Lounge)

1.30pm – join us for 'Music for Fun' session with Deborah providing insights into popular music and plenty of opportunities to join in.

Tuesday 11th June:

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 12th June: Our Father's Day Tombola stall in the Millgate Shopping Centre, by T J Hughes. Come along and visit us.

10.30am-12.00pm – Breakfast Drop In. All welcome. Come for a brew and a chat.

1.30pm-2.30pm – Walk & Talk (or Run!) Group, Bury Athletics Ground.

Thursday 13th June: 'Healthy Thursdays' – Dougie's Foot Clinic, 10am-2.30pm.

10.30am-12.00pm: Student Teacher, Deborah, is carrying on with the theme of senses and using touch for her Craft session today. Come along and see how you can transform a glass jar! All welcome.

1.00pm-2.30pm: It's the second Thursday so it's Gary's Quiz!! Come & join the fun.

Friday 14th June: 11.30am-2.30pm: Join Carole and Mags for Chilli and crumble this week. Book before 11am on Thursday to secure a place.

Our very best wishes to both Diane and Jim, who are currently still in hospital.