

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



Clarence Park Family Fun Day Sunday 30th June: Come along and support our stall. The fun starts at 12pm until 4pm. No charge!

Monday Music Group 1 July, 1.30pm: This week we welcome Danni Brace from Prestwich Community Choir who will be providing an interactive workshop about the fun of singing!

Question Time with the Mayor of Greater Manchester: Thanks to our Macular Group we are delighted that Andy Burnham is visiting us on **Tuesday 2nd July 1.30pm-2.30pm** to address questions on the Bee Network but also to listen to your concerns regarding the challenges facing people with sight loss. **We have limited space for this event so booking is essential by Monday 1pm, 1 July.** If you are unable to attend, or there are no places left, you are very welcome to submit your question for us to raise on your behalf.

General Election on Thursday 4th July. In case somehow it has escaped your notice, we are all off to polls on Thursday. Don't lose your vote because of your sight loss. All Polling Stations offer support, including large print and tactile voting devices and copies of the polling cards in braille (courtesy of Bury Blind Society!)

Pamper Yourself: After the stress of voting why not treat yourself? We have Dougie to prepare your 'beach ready' feet and Emma for your 'Summer Body'! Emma's clinic is fully booked for Thursday 4 July but space is available on Monday 15th July. Dougie's next session is Thursday 11th July from 10am.

Wax & Bean, Bury – Saturday 6th July: Jixie, our very own author, is holding a 'Launching Party' for her recently published children's book 'The Welsh Witch' between 3pm-5pm at Wax & Bean. All welcome! Copies of Jixie's book will be on sale and, of course, Jixie herself will be there to sign and chat.

Sunday 7th July – Tottington Big Day Out: Our next summer event will be at Crompton Meadows, Beryl Avenue, Tottington. Can you help, either by setting up or being on the stall? If so, please contact Ananché or Jill at the office.

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The Vue Cinema, Bury are asking for your opinion! This is a great opportunity for you to have a meaningful impact for others in the future. We need 4 or 5 people, regardless of the degree of sight loss, to join us and review the audio description facility whilst watching a film. Please leave your contact details with the office.

Michael Garratt: It was with great sadness Michael informed us that his wife, Vera passed away last Friday. Vera and Michael were regularly seen in the Centre, bringing back their collection tins for counting. Our thoughts are with Michael and his family at this time.

Update on Jim Currie: We have received the following from Jim & Gill and they have requested we include in this week's Eye Chat.

'After all the tests and CT scans, I have been diagnosed with cancer which is inoperable. We are now waiting for an appointment with the Oncologist at Christies to see if there is some suitable treatment. Gill and I would like to thank everyone for their kind wishes and support.'

Sending love and hugs to you Jim & Gill from us all.

Coming Up this week in the Centre:

Monday 1 July: 10.30am-12.00pm - Drop In at the Centre (Small Lounge area).

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

1.30pm Fun music group – Danni Brace Workshop – all welcome.

Tuesday 2 July: Morning: Centre closed for Drop In. Open for Appointments only. Ten Pin Bowling as normal at The Vue.

1.30pm-2.30pm: Visit by Greater Manchester Mayor, Mr Andy Burnham. Booked place only via office by Monday if you wish to join.

Wednesday 3 July: 10.30am-12.00pm – Drop In at the Centre (small Lounge area)

10.30am-12.00pm: Sight Guide training. Book place by Tuesday 2 July.

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

Thursday 4 July: 'Healthy Thursdays'. Join Student Teacher, Deborah for this week's session, Session 1: 10.30am-12.00pm. Session 2: 1.00pm-2.30pm:

Friday 5 July: 11.30am-2.30pm: As Mags is not available this week, we are having a sandwich platter available for a light lunch this week. Please let us know by 11am on Thursday for catering purposes.