

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

Last Saturday, 17th August, we hosted our monthly Bees Book Club meeting, which was a resounding success. Attendees wrapped up the mystery genre and will be exploring thriller and horror novels in the coming months, perfectly aligning with the spooky season. The next session is scheduled for 21st September.

On the subject of books, the Macular Group and friends thoroughly enjoyed the visit of client, Jixie, to their session discussing her book 'The Welsh Witch' which has recently been published.

This Wednesday it is the Glaucoma Group and Healthwatch are joining them to discuss experiences of waiting for secondary eye care. This includes, but isn't limited to, people waiting for a specialist referral, eye surgery or treatment for conditions such as glaucoma. We are expecting a lively discussion in these areas!

Thank you to Andrew Heath for stepping in and helping with our recent collection at Tesco in Bury. Andrew is not a regular 'Collections Volunteer' but we think he certainly should be from now on as he was a natural! Do remember to take a look at the Volunteers Notice Board for upcoming activities and sign up if you are able. For more details, refer to the Volunteers' Voice newsletter distributed last week, or contact the office directly.

Looking for something to do over the long weekend? Join us at the Community Day at Gigg Lane on Sunday, 25th August, from 10:30am to 4:00pm. We'll have a stall featuring a tombola and hoopla—come by and say hello!

Please note that the Centre will be closed on Monday, 26th August, in observance of the Bank Holiday.

Incredible Edible are holding their 'Art of the Mind Event' between 11am and 3pm in Purbeck Park, Brandlesholme. The event includes scarecrow making, games, crafts, a treasure hunt, refreshments, and much more! To participate, please reserve your spot at the Centre.

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September is all about staying active and sporty with our 'Sport September' campaign. We're kicking off the month with a fundraising event at Tesco, Bury on 4th September to promote the upcoming Bury 10K. Come support Peter Halligan in raising funds for us.

On 1st September Mags and Carole are back on their 'Slim September'. You can join in their efforts or motivate by sponsoring via the sheet on display in the Lounge from 1st September.

Note for Your Diaries!

Age UK Bury, Jubilee Centre are holding a Rage to Riches Elvis Tribute Show on Friday 20th September. Tickets, £12 available from the Jubilee Centre or Duncan on 07939 099869.

QUIZ NIGHT: Many of you will recall that Carl had some health issues earlier this year so we are delighted he is now able to provide his own brand of humour for a fundraising quiz on our behalf on Friday 18th October at Elton Liberal Club. Tickets, £7 including light supper, on sale direct from our Centre or via our website www.buryblindsociety.org

This week in the Centre:

Monday 26th CLOSED

Tuesday 27th August: Centre **closed** for Drop In. Open for Appointments only.

1.00pm-3.00pm: Eye Talk Course – booked places only.

Wednesday 28th August: Morning 10.30am-12pm – Drop In.

Afternoon 1:30pm-3.00pm Glaucoma Group, this month with Healthwatch.

12.45pm at the Centre, Walk and Talk group meet to set off for Manchester Road Community Park.

Thursday 29th August: Healthy Thursday: Michelle Chadwick will be leading a workshop making Gift Bags. Session one is 10:30am-12:00pm: Session two: 1.00pm-2.30pm:

Friday 30th August: 11.30am-2.30pm: - End of Olympics Meal: Come and enjoy a multi-cultural meal to celebrate the end of the Olympics and the start of the Paralympics! Bratwurst (Germany), Chicken with Green Beans (Greece), Stir fry veg (China), Patatas Bravas (Spain) followed by Pancakes with fruit and maple syrup (USA/Canada). Please book by 11.30am Thursday.