



# ***HUNTINGDONSHIRE SOCIETY FOR THE BLIND***

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## ***NEWSLETTER - SUMMER 2015***

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Coffee mornings -	Wednesday 12 August
	Wednesday 9 September
Society AGM -	Tuesday 29 September
Fundraising lunch -	Saturday 14 November

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**MONDAY TO FRIDAY**

**Here to help:**

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**Outreach worker (north)**

**Vicki Jones**

**Outreach worker (south)**

**Jenny McInnes**

Hello!

Welcome to the Summer 2015 newsletter which we hope you find of interest.

Included is our usual round up of what we've been up to these last few months as well as news of planned social activities. It's certainly been a busy time with members making the most of the monthly club meetings, the Sports and Social Club, Theatre Group, Walking Group and the Arts and Crafts Club. If don't already take part in any of these activities and would be interested in doing so please give us a call.

Also included is a brief review of this year's Society holiday which was to Weston-Super-Mare. We were so fortunate to have fantastic weather for the week. Planning for next year's holiday has begun – watch this space for more information!

And talking of next year - please note Helen's request for your 2016 calendar and diary needs. Information on the latest visual aids available to purchase and well as two exhibitions demonstrating equipment for visually impaired people – one in Peterborough and one in Kensington – are included on page 15.

I'm very pleased to announce the appointment of Vicky French, our new Eye Clinic Liaison Officer (ECLO) at Hinchingsbrooke Hospital. The post, which is funded jointly by the Society and the hospital, is vital in providing support and information to patients. Vicky joined the team in July and is settling into her new role very well. I'm sure over the course of time many of you will come across Vicky at the hospital and will benefit from the services she will be able to provide. Vicky gives a little more information on her new role as well as her background later on in the newsletter.

I hope to see you at our Annual General Meeting on Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> September when you can learn more about what we achieved during the last financial year and get a snippet of what's to come in the Society's future.

With best wishes for the remainder of the summer.

Erika

## **BANK HOLIDAY**

Please note that the shop and office will be closed  
Bank Holiday Monday 31 August 2015.

## **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

The Society's Annual General Meeting will be held on  
Tuesday 29 September at 2pm in the  
Civic Suite, Huntingdonshire District Council offices  
St Mary's Street, Huntingdon.

An invitation for the AGM is enclosed with this newsletter.

### **Birthdays**

We would like to send our best wishes to all members celebrating a birthday in August, September, October and November. Members celebrating a **special birthday** in the coming months are: Alan Dawber, Dorothy Rowland, Stewart Simmonds, Joan Stableford, Mary Coles, Leonie Moser-Wager, Terry Turner, Alan Bartrop (100), Jennifer Brundell, Barry Garner, James McGuigan, Audrey Rycroft, Richard Waller, Dorothy Cornell, Paul Silver and Joan Whyte. We wish them all a very special happy birthday.

### **Deaths**

We are very sorry to report the deaths of the following members: Walter Millard, Ivy Hickling, Kathleen Adams, Vivian Byers, Beryl Carpenter, Patrick Dronfield, David Judge, Kenneth Walker, Christopher Rutland, Vera Bellamy, Betty Twaites, Violet Stagg, Thomas Blackhurst, Selma Perry and Glen Cochrane.

## **PATRICK DRONFIELD – OBITUARY**

Patrick's association with Hunts Society for the Blind began in about 1990 when he volunteered to help a visually impaired lady living in Hemingford Grey. He also helped with transporting members to various meetings. We have looked back in the records and found the following quote from June 1993 minutes "because Mr Patrick Dronfield had proved such an asset to the Sense Workshop and shown an interest in the Society, a proposal for his inclusion on the Executive Committee is suggested. A vote to co-opt was put to the Executive Committee present and this was carried by everyone". Patrick became a valuable member of the

committee, helping with many fundraising events including the World Conker Championships, Great Gransden show, street collections and he, along with his wife Sue, held Midsummer luncheons for 13 years in their home. Due to ill health Patrick resigned from committee in 2008. In 2013 Patrick suffered from a stroke and lost some of his sight so became a service user of Hunts Society for the Blind until his untimely death this year.

We are all very grateful to the Dronfield family for their help over the years and extend our sincere condolences. Patrick will be sorely missed by all who knew him.

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## **EYE CLINIC LIAISON OFFICER APPOINTED** **AT HINCHINGBROOKE HOSPITAL**

Hi, my name is Vicky French and I am the new Eye Clinic Liaison Officer (ECLO) based at Hinchingsbrooke Hospital. I started at the beginning of July and am therefore busy learning lots and finding my feet at the moment!

My role is to offer support to patients newly diagnosed with sight loss, as well as those who return to the hospital for further or ongoing treatment. I will be available to meet with and / or speak over the telephone with patients to try to help them understand the impact of their diagnosis and provide some emotional and practical support for their next steps forward, including recommending other societies / agencies who could be of assistance.

I am very much looking forward to working with Huntingdonshire Society for the Blind and ensuring that all patients at the Eye Clinic who would like some additional support are able to obtain such. I will also be linking in with the Sensory Services Teams based within the County Council to ensure that we can offer a joined up and informed service.

This is an exciting new venture for me and my aspiration is to make a difference to help people in the local community who are living with sight loss.

Finally a little about me, my previous career has been with Northamptonshire Police whereby I supported victims and witnesses through the police and court process. Just over a year ago I moved into Holme village with my husband David and soon after we had unpacked our little boy Thomas arrived. Thomas has just turned 1 year old and as you can imagine is into everything and therefore keeps me on my toes! When I am not working I enjoy socialising with family and friends, and have a passion for the outdoors, especially walking and biking.

### **SOCIETY HOLIDAY, LAURISTON HOTEL, WESTON-SUPER-MARE, JUNE 2015 by Helen**

We returned to the Lauriston Hotel at Weston-super-Mare this year as this is a favourite destination with plenty to do in the area. Arrangements were once again made by the travel company Creative Travel. The holiday party consisted of 29 members, 16 carers and Erika for a couple of nights as unfortunately my husband and I were unable to go due to family illness. The travel company provided the escort, Gilly, who we knew from last year and the coach driver, Ian. We were very lucky to have a brand new comfortable coach to transport the party.

The coach stayed the week at the hotel which enabled four out of town trips to be organised including Cheddar, Wells, Bath and The Cotswolds.

The majority of comments have been positive and it seems everyone had a lovely holiday blessed with very good weather.

Preparations are now in hand for the 2016 holiday and a letter will be sent out in the near future. If you wish to express an interest in participating then please contact Helen at the office for more details.

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### **VISIT OUR RESOURCE ROOM**

The Society has a well-equipped resource room from which a wide range of talking and visual aids can be demonstrated and purchased.

#### **Demonstration magnifiers**

The Society has a selection of magnifiers for you to try at our shop or in your own home. Discounted price applies. Please contact the office for further information.

## **2016 Diaries and Calendars**

Please contact Helen in the office with your 2016 diary and calendar requirements as soon as possible. Thank you.

**Telorion Vox mobile phone** is quick, easy and instinctive to use as it tells you what key you have pressed. It is Smart phone technology taken to a new accessible level using a completely vocalised interface and a uniquely designed overlay. The specially designed cover transforms the touch screen into a more familiar keypad layout as well as protecting the mobile. It has all the advantages of Google android and the apps available online, it has built-in apps as standard including; pedestrian GPS, MP3 and DAISY player, as well as access to text messages and emails. All Telorion updates are free and can be downloaded directly to the phone. It is supplied with an introductory CD and integrated audio user guide. RNIB also offers an exclusive free one-to-one telephone training session with one of their Technology Officers with any purchase. If needed, book training by calling RNIB helpline. Telephone: 0303 123 9999. This phone comes with a two year warranty.

## **RNIB accessible computers**

With RNIB computers you can confidently access information, order your weekly shop for home delivery, chat or catch up with the latest world news. With the latest JAWS speech or MAGic magnification software pre-installed as well as Microsoft Office student and home edition, it means you are ready to go straight out of the box. All you need to ensure is that you have internet at home.

Please ask our Society, 01480 453438, for a price before you order from RNIB.

## **Online Today – helping people with sensory loss to get online**

RNIB can help people with sensory loss gain and develop skills that allow them to use technology and the internet with confidence. So whether you need help with using your smartphone, setting up social media accounts, or simply browsing the internet – they can make sure you're getting the most out of it!

## How they help

They provide support in a number of ways, from home visits to one to one and group sessions, as well as nationwide workshops and events. After talking through your needs, the team of staff and volunteers will be on hand to give you the best support and advice, which could include the following:

- Sharing tips, training and demos as part of nationwide events and workshops
- Setting up your email and social media accounts, like Gmail, Twitter and Facebook
- Helping you to chat online using Skype
- Showing you how to use your Tablet or eReader such as an iPad and Kindle
- Support with setting up and using your iPhone or other smartphone
- Showing you how to pay your bills and shop online
- Helping you to use a GPS navigation system
- Providing one to one training in the home (up to six sessions of one hour)

For further details please contact RNIB on **0303 123 9999**

## **Second-hand visual aids**

The following used visual aids are available from our Society for a small donation:- Bierley mouse, portable electronic magnifiers and CCTV desk top magnifier. We also have large button telephones, large print keyboards, canes, watches and many other useful items. Please contact the office for further information.

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## **FUNDRAISING NEWS from ERIKA**

### **Coffee Mornings**

Thank you to all who have supported our summer fundraising coffee mornings. Particular thanks to the team of employees from Lloyds Bank

in Huntingdon who helped prepare the garden at the beginning of the season and then who came along to help with the coffee mornings.

It's not too late to join in with the fun with two more dates remaining – **Wednesday 12 August and Wednesday 9 September.** The coffee mornings are held from 10-12 in the Society's garden. Please come along for a coffee, chat and a slice of delicious homemade cake.

### **Saints Crafters supporting Hunts Blind**

We are so pleased that, once again, the Society has been selected as charity for the year by Saints Crafters 2015/2016. We will be running a tombola stall at their craft fairs held at the Free Church in St Ives on the first Saturday of each month. Please come along and browse the wonderful selection of handmade crafts.

### **Urgent request for bric-a-brac!**

Sales in our small charity shop continue to go well – so much so that we are in need of new stock to replenish the shelves. We welcome donations of all bric-a-brac items which can either be dropped off at our St Mary's Street premises or can be collected from your home

### **Annual Summer Draw**

A big thank you to everyone who took part in our Annual Draw held in June and which raised the fantastic sum of £1710. All prize winners have been notified. If you would like a list of winners please contact the office.

### **Godmanchester Mayor's charity**

We were delighted to be one of David Underwood's chosen charities during his Godmanchester mayoral year 2014-2015. In May the Society received a cheque donation for £600. Our sincere thanks to David and all who supported him with fundraising activities.

### **Conker Championships celebrations 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary**

This year's World Conker Championships will be held on Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> October at the Shuckburgh Arms in Southwick near Oundle. The Championships, which are organised by Ashton Conker Club, will be celebrating their 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary with a fantastic line up of special attractions and entertainment. All funds raised at the Championships are used to support organisations which work with visually impaired people. The Society has a long association with this event and was very fortunate

to receive a donation of £1500 from last year's event. Please let me know if you would like further information about this event.

### **Thank you Waitrose Huntingdon customers**

We were fortunate to be one of the charities in Waitrose Huntingdon Community Matters Scheme for the month of March. Customers who dropped their green tokens into the Society's box helped to raise a grand total of £408. Thank you to all who supported us in this way.

### **Spring/summer plant order**

We sourced a new supplier for our fundraising plant order scheme which re-started in the spring. We were delighted with the quality of the plants and received some super feedback from customers. The scheme raised over £200 and we look forward to doing an autumn/winter order in a few months time.

### **FUNDRAISING LUNCH**

**This year's fundraising lunch will be held on  
Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> November  
Brampton Park Golf Club near Huntingdon.  
For ticket information please contact Erika in the office.**

### **HSB 200+ Club Results**

#### **April**

1st prize - £25, J Hurrell  
2nd prize - £15, J Bennett  
3rd prize - £10, D Lewis

#### **May**

1st prize - £25, C Davis  
2nd prize - £15, J Ambler  
3rd prize - £10, M Smith

#### **June**

1st prize – £125, C Best  
2nd prize – £60, J Vincent  
3rd prize – £30, D Lewis  
4th prize - £20, E Budworth  
5th prize - £15, B Fillingham

#### **July**

1<sup>st</sup> prize - £25, M Ewan  
2<sup>nd</sup> prize - £15, L Farrow  
3<sup>rd</sup> prize - £10, C Abell

Congratulations to all prize winners and our thanks to members of the 200+ club for your continued support. If you or a friend or neighbour is interested in joining the Society's 200+ club please complete and return the form provided on the back of this newsletter.

## **SOCIAL ACTIVITIES REPORT from Tracey and Andrea**

### **Club Lunches**

In April, each group was taken out to lunch. The Ramsey group dined at the Jolly Sailor in Ramsey, St Ives at the Windmill in Somersham, Huntingdon at the Barley Mo, Hartford and St Neots at the Anchor in Little Paxton. We are definitely accumulating a list of our favourite places to eat!

### **Botanical Gardens**



In May, club members visited the Botanical Gardens in Cambridge. Tuesday proved to be the sunniest day. The gardens, green houses and lawns all

looked beautifully tended. Lunch in the cafe was delicious and the staff were more than helpful. Many of you made use of the shop, buying plants to take home.

### **Strawberry Teas**

In June, the strawberry teas proved as popular as ever. The Ramsey group was a great success with lovely comments on their strawberry teas. It was the week of the annual holiday so the group was smaller in number than usual however we all joined in with a fun game of "Play your cards right." Andrea was doing her best to emulate the great Brucie, with the winning teams receiving a "Brucie Bonus!"

Wow!! What a turn out for Huntingdon Social Group. It was lovely to see all the regulars along with some new faces. The volunteers did an amazing job catering for around 60 members. Some products were brought from the charity shop to sell and the group raised a terrific £15 for the shop.

At St Ives and St Neots, several members enjoyed having second and third helpings. At that rate none of us will be getting into our bikinis for the summer!

A big thank you to the volunteers who helped prepare everything beforehand. Please note for next year that if you don't like strawberries, an alternative can be provided (as long as it's not too weird and wacky!). We wouldn't want anyone to miss out on a fabulous afternoon.

### **Alpaca Presentation and Folk Tales**

In July we had a mixed bag of entertainment. St Neots had a talk by Nicky Sly from Bramble Lodge about rearing Alpacas. Who knew the females would automatically know if they were pregnant and scare the males away! The samples of their wool were wonderfully soft. The other clubs had guest speaker Bill Thompson from the Ramsey Story Tellers. He narrated folk law tales from the fens which were both interesting and gruesome!

### **Sports and Social Group**

In April, we held our first sports and social gathering of the year at the Samuel Pepys pub. It was lovely to see the regular members return to the group. Several suggestions for outings and activities were made such as horse riding (which is in the pipeline) and having an afternoon of make up lessons (perhaps not one for the boys!). Our next meeting will be on Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> August, 11-1pm with a guest speaker from the Huntingdon Library service, Rosie Veitch.

### **Health Walk**



A small group of members, led by Ian Lowe walked along some of the Thicket Path to Houghton ending at the cafe at the St Ives One Leisure

Centre. The walkers finished with a well deserved coffee and cake. A big thank you to Ian and our other trusty volunteers Nick Ruston and Graham Bevan for helping on the day. Another health walk has been organised for Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> September around Hinchingbrooke Park, starting at 10am. Please contact the office if you are interested in joining in.

### **Ladybird Boat Trip**



In July a small group of members set off from the Hartford Marina on the Ladybird boat. We leisurely sailed down the river passing two locks as the sun shone

down on us eventually docking at The Waits in St Ives. We had an hour for lunch before our return journey during which refreshments were served. A massive thank you to the Ladybird volunteers who made the whole trip come together so well.

### **Arts and Crafts Social Group Update**

In April the craft group played around with all shapes, colours and sizes of buttons! Pictures were cleverly made out of them such as butterflies, angels, cats and windmills to name but a few. Some pictures were framed and some were used to make birthday cards for special friends and family.



In June we all struggled with cutting CDs to make mosaic flower pots. The end results were stunning and will brighten up any garden but the volunteers hands were so sore from cutting that Andrea has had to promise not to use CDs again!

Our next Arts and Crafts event is on Friday 4th September at Huntingdon Library, 10am till noon. We are attempting to make jigsaw photo frames.



So if you fancy joining a friendly group, having a laugh, chat and a cuppa, contact Andrea on 01480 453438 for more details. (Transport can be arranged for a nominal £1.00).

### **Summer Outing**

This year's Society summer outing is to Hunstanton on Tuesday 11th August. Let's hope for a fun day at the sea side. If you have any questions about the trip please contact Tracey or Andrea in the office.

**ST NEOTS SOCIAL GROUP** - usually meets at the Methodist Church Hall, Eynesbury unless otherwise noted.

<b>Date</b>	<b>Venue, Activity &amp; Time</b>
Mon 7 Sept.	Coffee afternoon with Mike Bush
Mon 5 Oct	Ten Pin Bowling, St Neots Eat & Bowl
Mon 2 Nov	Goods for sale from The Shop
Wed 9 Dec	Christmas party, Woodgreen Animal Shelter

**HUNTINGDON SOCIAL GROUP** – venue changing so please check first.

<b>Date</b>	<b>Venue, Activity &amp; Time</b>
Mon 29 Sept	Talk on Alpacas
Mon 26 Oct	Ten Pin Bowling, Lakeside Lodge, Pidley
Mon 23 Nov	Goods for sale from The Shop
Wed 9 Dec	Christmas party, Woodgreen Animal Shelter

**ST IVES SOCIAL GROUP** - usually meets at the St Ives Methodist Church Hall, The Waits, St Ives unless otherwise noted.

<b>Date</b>	<b>Venue, Activity &amp; Time</b>
Wed 16 Sept	Talk on Alpacas
Wed 21 Oct	Ten Pin Bowling, Lakeside Lodge, Pidley
Wed 18 Nov	Goods for sale from The Shop
Wed 9 Dec	Christmas party, Woodgreen Animal Shelter

**RAMSEY SOCIAL GROUP** – usually meets at Bury Village Hall, Bury (Ramsey) unless otherwise noted.

<b>Date</b>	<b>Venue, Activity &amp; Time</b>
Mon 14 Sept	Coffee afternoon with Mike Bush
Mon 12 Oct	Ten Pin Bowling at Lakeside Lodge, Pidley
Mon 9 Nov	Goods for sale from The Shop
Wed 9 Dec	Christmas party, Woodgreen Animal Shelter

Please come and meet fellow members and enjoy musical entertainment, days and meals out and so much more. If you do not already attend and wish to do so, please phone Tracey Acourt on **01480 453438**. Transport can be arranged if required.

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## **PETERBOROUGH LOW VISION DAY – SEPTEMBER 2015**

The Peterborough Low Vision Day 2015 will take place on **Thursday 24th September** from 10.30am to 3.30pm at the PAB office site, Centre 68, Westgate. This is to the rear of the Westgate church. It is a free, one-day event and there is no need to register, just turn up on the day and take in all that's on offer. This is a popular event, so to avoid overcrowding we recommend that you come later in the day so that you have more time to talk to the exhibitors and to get the information you might want.

The event is aimed at people with low vision but also no vision, so please come and see what's out there to help you keep independent. It is organised by the PLVF – a group of local service providers working for blind and partially sighted people in Peterborough, including Action for Blind People, Deaf Blind UK, Disability Peterborough, Eye Clinic, Peterborough and Stamford Hospitals, Guide Dogs, Macular Society, Peterborough Association for the Blind, Peterborough City Council Adult Social Care, VI team and Children's Services, and RNIB.

The Low Vision Day helps anyone connected to sight loss (individuals, friends, family and professionals) to find out just what clubs, activities and support are available in Peterborough and the surrounding areas. A wide range of items to help with daily life will be on display and a chance to talk to organisers of activities and services available in Peterborough.

### **Getting There:**

There will be trained volunteer sighted guides in high-viz jackets outside the Westgate church and at the north end of the bus station which is opposite the church.

No parking is available at the venue so we strongly recommend parking in one of the many city car parks and walking to the office.

For more information on this event please call the office or email Mandy Thompson at [info@mypab.org.uk](mailto:info@mypab.org.uk) (putting LV Day in the subject line).

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## **SIGHT VILLAGE 2015**

An exhibition of technology, equipment and services for people with visual impairment and for people experiencing age related sight problems. QAC Sight Village exhibitions are organised by Queen Alexandra College Birmingham and The National College for People with Disabilities. Admission is Free but pre-registration is recommended at [www.qacsightvillage.org.uk](http://www.qacsightvillage.org.uk)

Tuesday 29th September, 10am - 3.00pm.  
Manchester, Renaissance Hotel, Blackfriars Street, M3 2EQ

Tuesday 3rd & Wednesday 4th November, 10am – 3pm  
Kensington Town Hall, London W8 7NX

For further information, **Telephone 0121 428 5041.**

## **TECHNOLOGY FOR THE VISUALLY IMPAIRED** **AN INCLUSIVE APPROACH**

A talk on the numerous developments in assistive technology for visually impaired people will be held at The Bell Inn at Stilton on the evening of Tuesday, 22nd September. Steve Tyler, Head of Solutions, Strategy and Accessibility at RNIB will describe some of the sea-changes in technology and engineering which have led to major opportunities in the life-chances of blind and partially sighted people. Prior registration is not required – though it would help me to have an idea of how many are likely to attend. The talk is FREE.

### **Programme**

19:00 Tea and coffee; networking opportunity

19:30 Lecture

20:40 Discussion

21:00 Close

Contact Bernard Gaydon, [bggaydon@theiet.org](mailto:bggaydon@theiet.org) for more information.

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## **ASSIST-MI LAUNCHES KICKSTARTER CAMPAIGN FOR** **"REVOLUTIONARY DISABILITY ACCESS APP"**

Assist-Mi is a **FREE app** that offers the ability to request assistance before turning up at any service provider or retailer. The app improves daily life for disabled users, assisting them in getting to work, shopping and travelling so they can purchase goods and services, and fully engage with society. To find out more visit Assist-Mi's website [www.assist-mi.com](http://www.assist-mi.com).

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## **ROYAL SHAKESPEARE COMPANY**

The Royal Shakespeare Company in Stratford-upon-Avon, include Audio Described performances on each of their productions, preceded by free Touch Tours, to enhance your experience at the theatre.

Audio Description is a live commentary giving details of all the visual aspects of a production. The commentary is interspersed with the actors' dialogue and is delivered via radio headsets, which are loaned free of charge.

Touch Tours allow you to get close to the set, costumes and props used in the play. During a tour, the Audio Describer will guide you through important props and character costumes used in the production. For more information contact visit RSC's website: [www.rsc.org.uk](http://www.rsc.org.uk)

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## **SCIENCE MUSEUM, LONDON**

London Science Museum has an audio described tour of their new Information Age gallery on the second floor which they hope to deliver on the second Saturday of each month. The tour is completely free and will last approximately 1 hour. Spaces are limited to 6 per tour and booking is available through the Call Centre on 0207 942 4000.

For more information please visit the website page here:

[http://www.sciencemuseum.org.uk/visitmuseum/Plan\\_your\\_visit/events/museum\\_tours/information-age-audio-tour](http://www.sciencemuseum.org.uk/visitmuseum/Plan_your_visit/events/museum_tours/information-age-audio-tour)

For further accessibility information regarding the gallery, please visit their website:

[http://www.sciencemuseum.org.uk/visitmuseum/Plan\\_your\\_visit/exhibitions/information\\_age/accessibility.aspx](http://www.sciencemuseum.org.uk/visitmuseum/Plan_your_visit/exhibitions/information_age/accessibility.aspx)

For any further information contact Nicola Deeprise, Volunteer Coordinator, Science Museum, Exhibition Road, London, SW7 2DD 07581071180, [nicola.deeprise@sciencemuseum.org.uk](mailto:nicola.deeprise@sciencemuseum.org.uk)

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## **FITZWILLIAM MUSEUM, CAMBRIDGE**

Touch and Audio Descriptive tours will take place within the University of Cambridge's Museums, which will run from September-December 2015.

### **Handling sessions and touch tours:**

Bare Bones: Find out about the transformation of the Museum of Zoology Wednesday 30th September, 3-3.45 pm.

Curious coins and magnificent medals: Explore money and medals in their many different forms, Wednesday 25th November, 3-3.45 pm.

### **Audio Descriptive talks and tours:**

Mollusc musings: Land snails and the installation at the new Museum of Zoology Tuesday 29th September, 3-3.45 pm.

The art of miniature: Learn all about these tudor tokens of affection Tuesday 27th October, 3-3.45 pm.

A slice of Kettle's Yard: Modern art, natural objects and furniture in a different place, Tuesday 24th November 3-3.45 pm.

Masks and mummies: Ancient Egyptian artefacts of the afterlife, Tuesday 15th December, 3-3.45 pm.

If you would like to book a place on any of these tours please call 01223 332904 or email [education@fitzwilliam.cam.ac.uk](mailto:education@fitzwilliam.cam.ac.uk)

### **BOTANIC GARDEN, CAMBRIDGE**

**Audio descriptive and sensory tour**: Systematic beds: Come and explore what's flowering, Friday 4th September, 2-3 pm. To book a place on the Botanic Garden tour please call 01223 331875 or email [education@botanic.cam.ac.uk](mailto:education@botanic.cam.ac.uk). All tours are free of charge but booking is essential.

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### **NYSTAGMUS NETWORK**

Blackpool Tower will be lit up in blue on Wednesday 4 November in celebration of Wobbly Wednesday - the day when Nystagmus Network is leading a campaign to raise awareness of the eye condition nystagmus.

This will be the second year that Blackpool Tower has been part of Wobbly Wednesday. Children with nystagmus will be talking to school friends about what it's like to have the condition where your eyes are moving all the time. At hospitals and eye clinic staff will be educating patients about nystagmus which affects 1 in 1,000 people.

Richard Wilson, Chairman of Nystagmus Network said: "We're really excited about having Blackpool Tower turning blue for Wobbly Wednesday again this year. Having such an iconic landmark on board will give great encouragement to our supporters. We are asking everybody to organise fun events on Wobbly Wednesday and to do whatever they can to raise awareness of nystagmus."

To help with planning Wobbly Wednesday events, NN has produced an A-Z list of ideas; organisers can also download an activity sheet and poster from the NN website

<http://www.nystagmusnet.org/cms/index.php/about-us/wobbly-wednesday>. For a full supporter pack email [info@nystagmusnet.org](mailto:info@nystagmusnet.org).

Connect with Wobbly Wednesday through Facebook

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/WobblyWednesday/>

Follow this link to find out more about Blackpool Tower

<http://theblackpooltower.com/>

NN is the UK's leading charity for nystagmus it provides support and information as well as encouraging and funding research and raising awareness of the condition. For more information about Nystagmus Network, contact John Sanders, Information and development manager, email: [john.sanders@nystagmusnet.org](mailto:john.sanders@nystagmusnet.org) Tel: 029 2045 4242. Helpline: 0845 634 2630, [info@nystagmusnet.org](mailto:info@nystagmusnet.org) website: <http://www.nystagmusnet.org>

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### **CAMBRIDGE UNITED**

Cambridge United is pleased to announce that for a fifth consecutive year they will be providing a dedicated audio descriptive commentary service for blind and partially-sighted supporters at ALL home League and Cup matches throughout the forthcoming 2015/16 season.

Organised and operated entirely by trained volunteers, this service utilises small individual hand-held receivers which enable supporters to listen to a specially-tailored commentary of the game wherever they happen to be within the R Costings Abbey Stadium. The service is completely FREE to all supporters, home or away, and in addition each user can be accompanied by one sighted guide who is entitled to FREE admission. Receivers are, however, limited in number so we strongly recommend that potential users reserve them in advance to avoid disappointment.

For more information on the service or to reserve a receiver please contact our co-ordinator Nick Parker on 07929 589925 or via e-mail [nick.parker56@googlemail.com](mailto:nick.parker56@googlemail.com)

We look forward to meeting you at the Abbey and enhancing your matchday experience

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### **BT'S FREE 195 DIRECTORY ENQUIRIES**

BT's 195 directory enquiries service is free for anyone who isn't able to read or hold a telephone directory, due to illness or disability. You can apply for this free service by calling **0800 587 0195** between 9am and 4:30pm Monday to Friday, to request an application form. The form will need to be countersigned by a medical professional who knows the applicant - such as a doctor, nurse or other medical practitioner.

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### **HUNTINGDONSHIRE TALKING NEWSPAPER**

The Huntingdonshire Talking Newspaper was founded in August 1978 by many local organisations and charities, with the aim of making the Hunts Post available to blind and partially sighted people living locally. Today they send out over 80 discs a week.

We are very grateful to The Talking Newspaper who put our Society newsletter onto CD so if you would like to receive it in this format or you would like the weekly Hunts Post then please contact us at the **Hunts Society for the Blind on 01480 453438**

## SPRING QUIZ

Thank you to all who submitted answers to the spring quiz of which several were correct so a draw was made and won by Mary Hutchinson.

1	Who wrote the lyrics to 'West Side Story'?	<b>Stephen Sondheim</b>
2	For which musical comedy was the song 'Who wants to be a Millionaire' written?	<b>High Society</b>
3	What is Bill Sykes dog called in 'Oliver'?	<b>Bullseye</b>
4	In which 2007 film does John Travolta appear in drag?	<b>Hairspray</b>
5	Which 1951 film starred Gene Kelly & Leslie Caron?	<b>An American in Paris</b>
6	From which musical was the song 'Luck be a Lady'?	<b>Guys and Dolls</b>
7	In which 2001 musical did Ewan McGregor sing?	<b>Moulin Rouge</b>
8	Who directed the Columbia Pictures film 'Annie'?	<b>John Huston*</b> (see note below)
9	From which musical is the character Fannie Brice?	<b>Funny Girl</b>
10	What was the first film musical written by the team of Rogers & Hammerstein?	<b>Oklahoma</b>
11	Which Victor Hugo novel was made into a film musical in 2012?	<b>Les Miserables</b>
12	In which 1971 musical do 'Tevye' & 'Golde' appear?	<b>Fiddler on the Roof</b>
13	Who played the title role in the 1996 film 'Evita'?	<b>Madonna</b>
14	Who wrote the music for 'My Fair Lady'?	<b>Frederick Loewe</b>
15	Which Cole Porter musical was based on Shakespeare's 'The Taming of the Shrew'?	<b>Kiss me, Kate</b>
16	Name Howard Keel's first MGM musical in 1950.	<b>Annie get your Gun</b>
17	Which 1965 musical directed by Robert Wise is credited as the film that saved 20 <sup>th</sup> Century Fox?	<b>The Sound of Music</b>
18	Who wrote the songs for the film 'Mary Poppins'?	<b>Robert &amp; Richard Sherman</b>
19	In which 1980 film did Irene Cara appear as Coco?	<b>Fame</b>
20	Which 1980 comedy features the duo Jake & Elwood?	<b>Blues Brothers</b>

## 200+CLUB

This is a scheme to raise funds for Huntingdonshire Society for the Blind and for us to give all our supporters the chance to win cash prizes every month.

For the annual subscription of £12 per share you will be entered in 12 monthly draws and grand draws twice a year. Last year we raised over £1500 for the society and gave equal amounts in prize money.

If you would like to join please complete the form below and enclose payment or come and visit us at the shop/office.

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Please complete and return to Huntingdonshire Society for the Blind at: 8, St Mary's Street, Huntingdon, Cambs PE29 3PE.

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Email address .....

In the event we are unable to contact you please give the name of a beneficiary .....Tel No.....

I wish to apply for.....shares, at £12 per year, in the 200+club.  
I enclose £.....cheque/cash, payable to Huntingdonshire Society for the Blind.

Signed.....Date.....

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## SUMMER QUIZ

Test your knowledge with these questions on the Wimbledon Championships. There is a prize for the winning entry. Entries need to be returned to the office by **1<sup>ST</sup> November 2015**

1	In what year were the Wimbledon Lawn Tennis Championships introduced?	
2	Who won the mens' singles at this first event?	
3	How many days is Wimbledon scheduled for?	
4	On what date was it first televised in colour?	
5	In what year was the retractable roof installed over centre court?	
6	Wimbledon is one of 4 major tennis tournaments known as what?	
7	In what year was the first ladies' championship?	
8	The courts are sewn with 70% ryegrass and 30% of what other grass?	
9	Centre court has a capacity of how many?	
10	The ladies' singles trophy is known as what?	
11	Which fashion designer created the current navy/cream uniform for the ball boys and girls?	
12	Who won the mens' singles in 1934, 1935, 1936?	
13	Singles' winners got what prize money in 2015?	
14	Who is president of the All England Club?	
15	Whose match took 11 hrs, 5 mins in 2010?	
16	In 1996 the youngest to win a title at age 15 was?	
17	In what year were yellow balls first used?	
18	First person disqualified from Wimbledon was?	
19	Who was the first unseeded men's champion?	

Name.....

Contact Number.....