



Society for the Blind

DEWSBURY, BATLEY & DISTRICT

The Whitfield News

VIP Edition

Hello and welcome to our first VIP Edition of our newsletter which is aimed at those who are visually impaired and of working age.

We hope that this newsletter will contain Information that is relevant to you, as the majority that will receive this newsletter do not currently attend our Centre.

Many people assume we are here for just the older generation, but we want this to change. All are welcome to attend the Centre and we are trying to ensure that there are age appropriate activities for everyone.

We have recently started a weekly VIP Group where you can come and meet others and discuss how you can shape our service to suit your needs. We have gone into more detail on this later on the newsletter.

We have our AGM coming up shortly too which we have also written about later on. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Christmas Closure

The Centre will close on Thursday 20th December and we will reopen on Tuesday 8th January 2019.

Society for the Blind's 100th Birthday Party

A massive thank you to everyone who came to help us celebrate the Societies 100th birthday back in July.

We held a lovely party at the Centre, and the Deputy Mayor, Councillor Mumtaz Hussain and Nick Whitfield planted two commemorative Rose bushes within our grounds to mark the occasion.



Staffing Update

We thought we would update you all on our staffing as there have been a variety of changes over the last few months.

Sadly, our bus drivers Gary and Tom have decided to retire. We would like to wish them all the best for the future. We would like to welcome to the team Bob and Chris who have been with us a while now. They are both working with Robert as drivers for the Centre.

We also have Garry who is our new Activities Coordinator. He will be supporting Maria in the Social Centre but will also be running activities for those attending from the community.

Lastly we would like to welcome back Louisa who has returned from maternity leave.

Social Media

At the Centre we have many activities going on throughout the week, some which may be new. As it is impossible to send updated newsletters on a weekly basis, we are trying to grasp the world of modern technology and use this as a media outlet.

We are always happy to share information from other organisations

We currently use Facebook, admittedly not as often as we would have liked, and we also do have a twitter account too. Again this has been something that has been neglected while staffing numbers have been low. Now we are fully staffed, we will now begin to try and build up our social media accounts. Please allow us a little time to get them back up and running again.

Facebook: WhitfieldWellbeingCentre

Twitter: @whitfieldcentre

Instagram: whitfield_centre



Annual General Meeting

Our AGM (annual general meeting) will be held on Thursday 18th October at 14:00pm.

If you have any questions that you would like to ask the board of Trustees then please do not hesitate to send them in to the Centre. These will be passed on and addressed on the day.

It is important that we have a range of members attending the AGM's as this is where important information and decisions are made which could affect everyone. It is also important that we have enough members to ensure a quorum in met.

Knit and Natter

Tuesdays 1.30pm - 3.00pm £2.00

Bring your Knitting along for a Chat and Cuppa with like minded crafters. A friendly group with beginners and more accomplished, share your skills with others and learn new ones too.

Lunch Club

Thursdays 12:30pm

Come and join us every Thursday for a delicious home cooked lunch. Booking is essential and to be made by 10am on the day and it is served promptly at 12.30pm.

VIP Support Group

Wednesdays 2018 1.30pm - 3pm £2.00

The Aim of the group is to get together and discuss matters that are affecting you. It is also an opportunity to shape services that would benefit yourself.

Painting Friends

Wednesday 11.00am - 12.30pm £ 2.00

A group of Amateur artists (adults of all ages) who enjoy working on there own projects in the company of like minded people. There is always a good atmosphere and new members are made very welcome.



Volunteering Opportunities

We are always looking for people who are enthusiastic, motivated and interested in working with people, to join us at the Centre to help out with our Social Centre.

Our social centre offers an environment for people to chat, socialise, and partake in various activities.

The role involves socialising with members, serving refreshments and lunch, and also helping out with various activities.

We don't have set hours and we can work around each individual. You can gain some great work experience for your CV while volunteering.

If you are interested in giving us a few hours of your time, then please contact us for an informal chat.