

Burntwood In-Sight Group Newsletter

APRIL 2022

A self-help group for the visually impaired, their family and friends.

**Meeting at Chasetown Methodist Church, Queens Drive,
off Lawnswood Avenue, Chase town
Usually first Saturdays 2.30 – 4.30 p.m.**

LAST MEETING 2nd APRIL

We had a good turnout for our April meeting, despite a few apologies, and we were joined by Rhona Pownall with her humorous poetry. From their response, members were clearly entertained.

Members were also appreciative of the input from Libby Shore from Guide Dogs who talked about how people should assist the visually impaired. The Guide Dogs Association does offer courses to sighted people to help them be Sighted Guides. The introductory half day course is aimed at friends and family of the visually impaired. A few years ago we arranged one of these – and it was over-subscribed! We are giving thought to asking someone to lead such a

course again, probably on a Saturday morning.

NEXT MEETING 7th MAY

When we had to cease meeting due to the pandemic, we had to cancel an upcoming visit from Kath Reynolds, a regular speaker to our group, when she was to talk about ‘Sweet Memories’, recalling the confectionary of our youth. We have now arranged this for our May meeting. Kath’s previous visits, when she has reminded us of schooldays, old tv programmes and old folk health remedies, have been well received.

We have opened up the meetings when Kath has come previously to anyone who is interested and we do so again. The flyer enclosed with this newsletter or attached to your e-mail can be shared. Note that we will have a raffle for group funds so please, if you can, bring a small prize.

Those requiring transport for this meeting, please let me know by 3rd May. A donation,

minimum £2.00, is requested for those having transport.

PROGRAMME 2022

JUNE 4th Platinum Jubilee

Given the ongoing situation with COVID, we will not have a 'bring and share' tea but invite all to bring their own food for a 'picnic tea'. Drinks will be provided. There will be a quiz covering the seventy years of the Queen's reign. If the weather is really sunny and warm, we will meet outside. Please invite friends to join us.

JULY 2nd AGM and Barbecue

It has become a tradition that we have a short AGM and a Barbecue at our July meeting.

Future dates/activities are to be arranged. We will be arranging a Bingo session one month, which we have not done for a while.

THEATRE TRIPS TO THE
BIRMINGHAM HIPPODROME

Saturday 11th June 2.30 p.m.

Singing in the Rain

We have booked 15 tickets for this performance, with audio description for those who need it and hopefully a Touch Tour before the performance. At our April meeting, the following confirmed interest in this : Hazel and Joe, Linda and John, Cordelia and Andrew, Bea, Janet, Dennis and Brenda, Carol and Terry. Anyone else interested, please us know.

Saturday 15th October 2.30 p.m.

Sister Act

Again, this performance is with audio description and a touch tour is to be confirmed. We have tickets provisionally booked, to be confirmed by 20th May. Could you confirm interest on 7th May or before that, if not coming to that meeting

CASSETTE LIBRARY AND EQUIPMENT SWOP

In the last newsletter, we explained about the cassette library and equipment swop but unfortunately were not able to have these available at the April Meeting. These will be available at the May meeting.

DATA PROTECTION CONSENT FORMS

Most members have completed and returned the data protection forms. If you have not, please do this so that we can continue using your address / other details for communication. If you need another form, please ask.

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