

October 2020

We are here to help

Dear All

Thank you to everyone who supported our Summer Raffle – we raised over £2,000 which will go towards funding our current services.

The winners were:

First Prize	£250.00	Ticket No 7469	Marjorie Mainstone
Second Prize	£100.00	Ticket No 7136	Michael King
Third Prize	£50.00	Ticket No 2445	Violet Savage

Everyone's having to do things a bit differently at the moment, and that includes Southampton Sight. Our Annual General Meeting will be held on Monday 7th December at 6.00pm. We are currently investigating virtual platforms and will let you know the exact details as soon as possible.

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Coronavirus Story for Children, Families & Teachers

Southampton Sight volunteer Simon Lashbrooke-Small who has partial sight took early retirement on medical grounds from his job as an early year specialist teacher. Here he tells us about what he has been doing to keep busy.

Well ... what a strange time we are living in! I hope everyone is coping with the "new normal" that we are all trying to get our heads around. I would normally have been in schools over the past months with our Sight Awareness Workshop team, promoting sight awareness with 6-7 year olds. Sadly, that's not been possible. As we will still be unable to get into schools this Autumn, and potentially for some time to come, I have been putting my brain to an alternative, creative use.

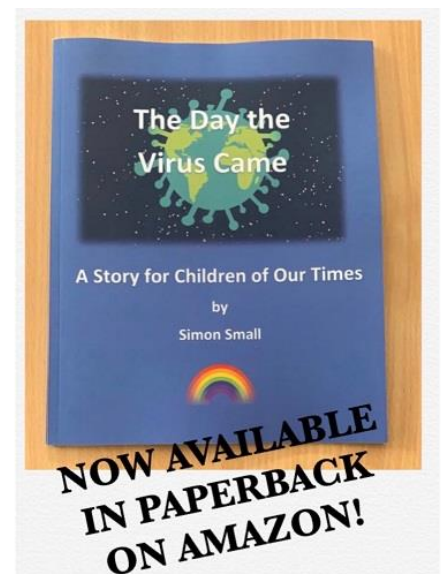
I have written a story for children called **The Day the Virus Came**.

It is set 60 years into the future.

Grandad recounts the tale of when he was 10 years old. He tells of what happened "the day the virus came." His rhyming storytelling explores what that meant for him, his family, and the world, in a simple but evocative way. The story encourages children, parents, and teachers, to draw comparisons with aspects of their own lives during the Coronavirus pandemic of 2020. What might they remember about this time when they are older?

It is ideal to read aloud to children because of its rhythmic and rhyming pattern, and repeated phrase. Simple photographs and graphics are used to support the ideas within the story, almost like snapshot images of fleeting memories past.

The story has been self-published and is available on Amazon as an eBook and paperback. Try searching **The Day the Virus Came** (downloadable on Kindle Fires, Fire Phones and Kindle Reading apps on



tablets etc.) £2.99 or free on Kindle Unlimited. The paperback costs £5.99. 50% of any profits will go to Southampton Sight.

I hope many of you will be able to share the story with your children or grandchildren and recommend to families you know. I am a great believer in the power of stories in helping us to deal with our emotions and worries. Enjoy sharing the story.

Much love!

Simon Lashbrooke-Small

Christmas Cards

Why not support Southampton Sight this year by purchasing our **Christmas Cards?**

We have two new designs for 2021: **Robin on a Holly Bush** (5½" x 5½") and **Wrapped up Reindeer** (6¼" x 4½").

These **full colour cards** cost **£4.50** for a pack of **ten cards**.



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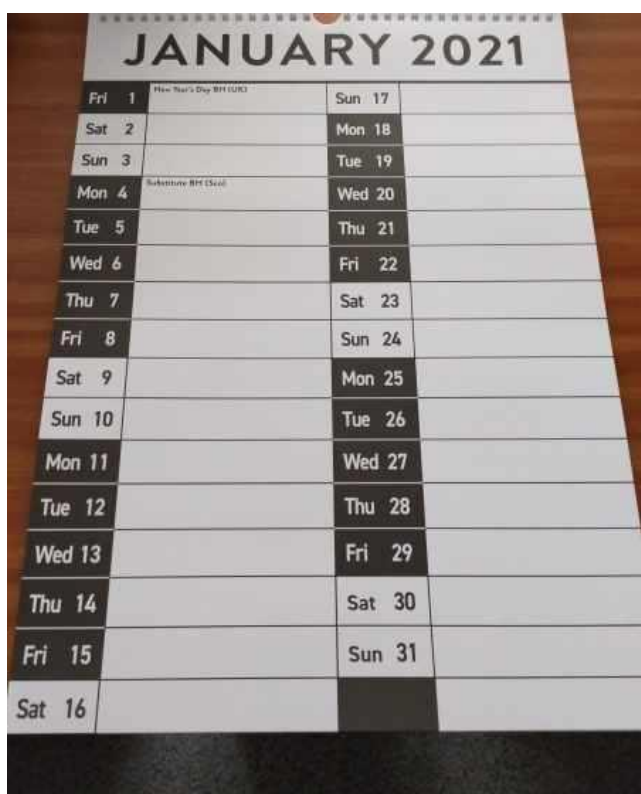
2021 VIP Diaries and Calendars

This year we will be selling large print diaries and calendars from VIP Diaries. VIP Diaries is a social enterprise run by Sight Advice South Lakes, an independent local charity in Cumbria. All their products are designed by visually impaired people for visually impaired people.

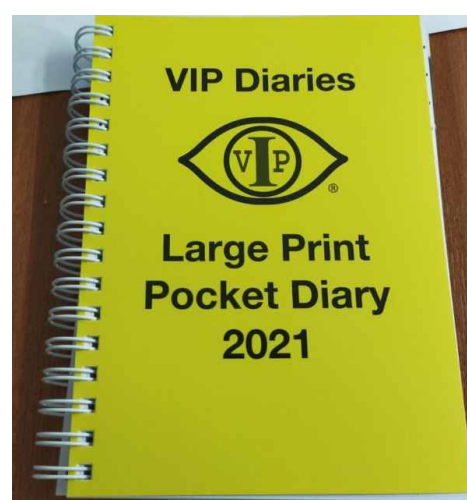
We will be stocking the following products:

- **A6 Pocket Diary** costing **£7.00**
- **A5 Midi Diary** costing **£9.00**
- **A4 Desk Diary** costing **£11.00**
- **A3 Portrait Wall Calendar** costing **£8.00**
- **A3 Landscape Wall Calendar** costing **£9.00**

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Name:
Address:
Postcode:
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Description	Each	Quantity	Price
Robin on a Holly Bush	£4.50		
Wrapped up Reindeer	£4.50		
A6 Pocket 2021 Diary	£7.00		
A5 Midi 2021 Diary	£9.00		
A4 Desk 2021 Diary	£11.00		
A3 Portrait Wall 2021 Calendar	£8.00		
A3 Landscape Wall 2021 Calendar	£9.00		

Please add £1.00 Packaging Charge (if being posted)

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