



Southampton Sight

supporting people living with sight loss

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We are here to help

Ubuntu – ‘I am because we are’

An anthropologist showed a game to the children of an African tribe. He placed a basket of delicious fruits near a tree trunk and told them: “The first child to reach the tree will get the basket.” When he gave them the start signal, he was surprised that they were walking together, holding hands until they reached the tree and shared the fruit! When he asked them ‘Why did you do that when you could get the basket for yourself?’ They answered with astonishment: “Ubuntu”. When the anthropologist asked what does Ubuntu mean? They answered: “How can one of us be happy while the rest are miserable?”

What a wonderful philosophy and so apt for our successful vaccine rollout as we begin to return to normal.

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Supported by Co-op Members

We are so looking forward to opening our centre as soon as it is safe to do so and seeing you all again. Government advice indicates that activities can return to normal after June 21st and we are now looking at what our menu of activities will look like going forward. As soon as we can, we will inform you all about the new activity calendar and our start dates.

Maria Bowler, who is our social activities co-ordinator, has resigned from her role as she has the opportunity to look after her granddaughter. Many of you will know Maria from the Wednesday social group, lunch club and the children's group. We will miss Maria, but she is not leaving the Society completely and will still be able to work with us on an ad hoc basis.

In this quarter up to the end of June we will continue to offer meals on a weekly basis as well as our telephone support service. **WE ARE HERE TO HELP** so please contact us on **023 8076 9882** or e-mail support@southamptonstight.org.uk if there is anything we can do to help.

Memorial Garden

COVID-19 has brought many challenges to us all, one being that we have not been able to remember people who have passed in this time in the traditional ways. At Southampton Sight we have a neglected memorial garden and we feel that this would be an opportune time to restore the garden and dedicate it in memory of our members passed. If you would like to contribute to this project with ideas, manpower or donations we would welcome this. It would be lovely if we could then have a celebration for all members who have passed sometime later in the summer in our 'new' memorial garden.

RNIB South East Telephone Groups

The RNIB have set up a number of telephone groups to share interests, hobbies and experiences. They include an Art Group, Book Group, Food & Drink Group, Gaming Group, History Group, Muslim Women's Group, Nature/Wildlife Group, Sports Group, Virtual Pub Group and Travel Group. For further information contact Hazel Cross on 07525 923 093 or e-mail: hazel.cross@rnib.org.uk

Fundraising

Thank you to everyone who has supported us over the last year. We rely on member contributions for activities, donations, legacies and fundraising. We receive no statutory funding for our services. In the last year, our normal income streams were depleted as we did not run any activities and our fundraising stalled as we could not run any events. Though we are in relatively good shape financially, this year we need to be mindful that there will be storms ahead as our country rallies and gets back to normal.

Ways you can help us now

There are a number of ways you can help Southampton Sight continue to deliver services for people in Southampton.

- **Fundraise for us** – If you need any help or ideas please contact me.
- **Join the 100 Club** for a chance of a monthly cash prize – Further information at the end of this news bulletin.
- **Become a Friend of Southampton Sight** with a monthly donation – By becoming one of our Friends you will help more people to receive the support they need to live happy and healthy lives and be part of their local community. To set up a monthly donation please give us a call.
- **One off Donation by Cheque** - You may prefer to send us a donation by cheque.
- **Leaving a Lasting Legacy** – Legacies have been crucial to ensuring the financial stability of Southampton Sight over the last few years and this last year has ensured that we have had the flexibility and finances to support our membership in these unprecedented times.

Jackie Powers

Chief Executive

What is the 100 Club?

Southampton Sight has set up a monthly lottery known as the **100 Club**. If you have never heard of this before, the idea is a simple but brilliant way of fundraising. Here is how it works:

Membership of the 100 Club costs £12.00 per number per year:

50% will go to Southampton Sight and 50% will go to the 'Prize Fund'.

As a member of the 100 Club, you could win one of three cash prizes each month. The more members that join the club, the larger the 'Monthly Prize Fund'.

- **1st prize will be 50% of the 'Monthly Prize Fund'**
- **2nd prize will be 35% of the 'Monthly Prize Fund'**
- **3rd prize will be 15% of the 'Monthly Prize Fund'**

How do I join the 100 Club?

Just give us a call on 023 8076 9882 and we can take your payment over the telephone. Alternatively, you can send us a cheque. Once we have received your payment you will be allocated a number that will be entered in the monthly draw. If that number is drawn, you win the prize.

When will the 100 Club start?

The 100 Club runs from 1st June to 31st May each year. The first draw for 2021-2022 will take place on Monday 7th June 2021 and on the first Monday of each month thereafter.

Can I pay for more than one number?

Yes. You can purchase more than one number but would need to increase your donation accordingly. The more numbers sold, the larger the 'Monthly Prize Fund'.

If I win a prize, how will I be paid?

We prefer to pay the prize money directly into your bank account. Alternatively, we can send you a cheque.