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Introduction

Introducing EyeRis: Our new Mascot promoting sight loss awareness

We are thrilled to introduce our newest team member, EyeRis! EyeRis is not just any mascot; she is a symbol of hope, awareness, and support for those affected by sight loss. Standing tall, round and proud, EyeRis embodies the spirit of resilience and advocacy for the blind and visually impaired community.

EyeRis aims to shine a light on the challenges faced by individuals with sight loss and the importance of supporting us. She serves as a beacon of inspiration, reminding us all to embrace inclusivity and understanding.

As we welcome EyeRis into our community, we invite you to join us in raising awareness for sight loss and supporting the vital work of Sight Matters. Together, we can make a difference and create a more inclusive and compassionate world for everyone.

Let's rally behind EyeRis and her mission to promote sight loss awareness and advocate for those in need.

Look out for EyeRis on social media or alternatively if you would like a visit from EyeRis, please let us know and we'll check her schedule!

Coast 2 Coast

A big thank you to each and every one of you who participated in our recent Coast 2 Coast walk sponsored by Conister Bank. Your dedication, enthusiasm, and unwavering support made this event a resounding success.

Together, we conquered approx 12 miles, united by a common goal to make a positive impact through our fundraising efforts to support the local blind and visually impaired community. Your commitment to this cause is truly inspiring, and we are immensely grateful for your contributions.

We would also like to express our heartfelt appreciation to our generous sponsors, Conister Bank, for their invaluable support throughout this journey. Their partnership and belief in our

mission played a crucial role in the success this event.

It is through the collective efforts of our participants, sponsors, and supporters that we are able to make a meaningful difference in the lives of those in need. Your generosity and compassion are truly commendable, and we are honoured to have you as part of our community.

Thank you once again for your incredible dedication and support. Together, we have shown that by walking side by side, we can create positive change and make a difference

Celebrating the Young Heroes: Kids Go Coast 2 Coast

After the resounding success of our recent Coast 2 Coast walk, we are thrilled to share the heart-warming story of our youngest participants who took on a special challenge for a great cause. The children from Hopes & Dreams nurseries embarked on a journey of their own, walking around Freedom Field, completing five laps in support of charity.

With smiles on their faces and determination in their hearts, these young heroes embraced the spirit of giving back and making a difference. Their energy and enthusiasm were truly infectious, inspiring everyone around them to join in and support their noble endeavour.

As they crossed the finish line, each child not only completed the laps but also symbolised the power of unity, compassion, and generosity. Their dedication to helping others serves as a shining example of the impact that even the youngest members of our community can have when they come together for a common goal.

We are immensely proud of these kids for their incredible feat and unwavering commitment to supporting those in need. Their actions remind us all that kindness knows no age limit and that together, we can create positive change in the world.

Let's applaud these young champions for their remarkable achievement and thank them for embodying the true spirit of giving back and making a difference.

A Big Thank you

A very generous gentleman, Ivan Soulsbury has donated £490,000 to Sight Matters to support the Island's blind and visually impaired community. This donation is significant as it aligns with the number of participants, 490, who took part in the coast-to-coast walk. It's heart-warming to see such a direct correlation between the number of participants and the amount donated. This act of kindness will undoubtedly make a meaningful impact on the lives of those who are visually impaired. It's wonderful to witness such generosity and support for important causes like this.

Empowering Young Hearts: A Summer of Adventure with Our Bright Stars!

We are thrilled to share the exciting adventures our young members embarked on recently, thanks to our supporters unwavering support the activities are filled with laughter, courage, and unforgettable experiences that truly showcase the boundless potential within each of our bright stars.

They attended an activity at Hot Rocks, kindly sponsored by Conister Bank, where the thrill of conquering the climbing wall, helped our young

climbers fearlessly reached new heights, proving that determination knows no boundaries. The cheers and encouragement echoed through the air, uniting everyone in a shared sense of achievement.

Next, our young adventurers embarked on a pony trekking journey, forming special bonds with their gentle four-legged companions. The joy on their faces as they rode through nature's beauty was a testament to the magic of connection and trust that transcends words.

But the excitement didn't stop there! Our group then set out on a Beach Buddies clean-up mission, where they not only cleaned the beach but also cleaned our hearts with their dedication to preserving our environment. Their passion for making a positive impact shone brightly, inspiring us all to do our part in caring for our planet something Sight Matters is passionate about.

During their visit to the wildlife park, our young explorers had a fascinating bug encounter! This up-close experience with nature's tiny wonders left a lasting impression on our young adventurers, igniting a newfound curiosity and appreciation for the delicate balance of the natural world

And the thrill continued as our young stars raced against the wind in an exhilarating go-karting adventure! The sound of engines roaring and the rush of speed added a new dimension of excitement to their day, creating memories that will last a lifetime.

As we reflect on these activities of adventure and camaraderie, we are reminded that true vision lies not in sight but in the courage to explore, the kindness to connect, and the strength to make a difference. Our young members have shown us that with determination and support, anything is possible.

Thank you to all who made this day of empowerment and joy possible. Together, we continue to create a world where every individual, regardless of sight, can shine brightly and thrive.

If you would like to sponsor an activity for the Younger Members group, just let us know! Your support would greatly benefit the club and help provide more enriching experiences for the children. Your sponsorship could contribute to future exciting adventures and educational activities, ensuring that the club continues to offer

valuable opportunities for young minds to explore, learn, and create lasting memories. Your generosity would make a significant difference in fostering a positive and engaging environment for these young explorers. Let us know if you're interested in becoming a sponsor and being a part of this wonderful journey!

Striking for a Cause!

ManninSight, one of our fundraising teams and Ballaugh Bowling Club held the inaugural Reo Carey Bowling Competition on Saturday 3rd August. Reo is one of our younger members and his family kindly sponsored the Cup and event, with Reo turning up to present it. The weather was glorious, probably the one sunny day of August and 9 teams took part, from the corporate and totally inexperienced, to the Ballaugh Bowling Club totally experienced and a team of our own fabulous members and volunteers, the 4 B's – Better Bowlieve it, Blind Bowlers. The 4 B's consisted of Kath King, Julia Barnes, Terry Bates and volunteer Libby Andrade and whilst they didn't win, they played a good game and demonstrated what our members can achieve. The day raised a fantastic £2,593 all of which will go to providing member services and was down to

the hard work of the ManninSight Committee, Elaine Fenton from Callin Wild and the Ballaugh Bowling Club members who cooked throughout the day, planned and ran the competition and their winning team kindly donated all their winnings back to us.

Safeguarding Matters

A copy of our Safeguarding policy is available in your preferred format on request.

Our Safeguarding Officer is Cathryn Bradley
Our Deputy Safeguarding Officer is Michelle Ferrer

Domiciliary services

Home visits – can you help?

Manx Care are in the process of seeking a solution to the current lack of home visits by Optometrists (Opticians). It will be helpful if we are able to provide supporting evidence of the need, demand and what the service may need to consist of. Manx Care are looking to establish the following:-

How many patients require a home visit because they are unable to leave the house due to infirmity?

How many patients would prefer a home visit because leaving the home is difficult due to mobility issues and the difficulty in getting to a local Optometrist?

How many patients would prefer a home visit because they find getting to an Optometrist difficult? This may be due to factors such as a lack of public transport or an Optometry practice not being accessible.

Should you wish to respond, please contact Cathryn Bradley on 674727 or via email cbradley@sightmatters.im

New ECLO

We have a new E.C.L.O. at Nobles - **Lesley Hankinson**. The E.C.L.O. is the Eye Clinic Liaison Officer and is based at Nobles Hospital, in the Ophthalmology Department.

Lesley will provide a person-centred service to people of all ages affected by sight loss and provide eye health information on a range of topics to patients and their family members,

friends and carers and be the link between social services and secondary care to ensure patients are supported across the Island.

She can also offer practical advice, emotional support and act as a key information and advisory link in the certification and registration process for blind and partially sighted people and eye clinic staff.

She is available to accompany patients during their ophthalmology clinic appointments or support patients after their visit to help with their understanding, with the intention of supporting and providing information regarding eye conditions and diagnosis.

She can be contacted via the Eye Clinic at Nobles Hospital or via Sight Matters.

Go Gold Plus Travel Pass

Go Gold Plus cards are issued to eligible residents who are **registered** blind or partially sighted and a member of Sight Matters.

Go Gold Plus entitles the holder to:

- Free travel on scheduled bus Vannin services at any time.
- Free travel for guide dogs
- Concessionary fares on Isle of Man Railways* scheduled services

*Isle of Man Railways includes the Steam Railway, Manx Electric Railway and Snaefell Mountain Railways. Douglas Bay Horse Tramway not included.

Please speak to us for more information

Adult Activities

Our over 18's activity club have enjoyed exciting activities such as curling, boat excursions, crafts sessions, bowling, meals out and pottery classes. These activities provide a wonderful opportunity for members to socialise, have fun and feel less isolated.

Would you like to join in with the Adult Activities?

All of the events below are free of charge and transport can be provided if required. Please contact Julie on **674727** or **jcannon@sightmatters.im** to express your

interest in attending as soon as possible, spaces are limited.

Saturday 2nd November – Ceramics – Christmas Decorations at Corrin Court

You may be more creative than you think and there's no right or wrong way in pottery. Why not come and join us in making a Christmas decoration from scratch, it is a fun session led by Anna Clucas Art Teacher, who gives you step by step instruction and support.

10-12am -Members living in the South & East of the island

2-4pm – Members living in the West & North of the island

Sunday November 3rd – The Phantom of the Opera at Broadway Cinema 2pm.

To celebrate its 25th Anniversary year, Cameron Mackintosh presented The Phantom Of The Opera in a fully-staged, lavish production set in the sumptuous Victorian splendour of the Royal Albert Hall. Phantom Of The Opera At The Albert Hall stars Ramin Karimloo as 'The Phantom' and Sierra Boggess as 'Christine'. They are joined by a

supporting cast and orchestra of over 200, plus some very special guest appearances.

Friday 8th November – Manx Museum 10.30am

All at Sea – Join me to visit a new exhibition exploring the Isle of Man's remarkable maritime heritage and honouring the 200th anniversary of the RNLI which is now open at the House of Manannan. 'All at Sea' uncovers some of the tragic events in Manx waters which motivated Manx resident, Sir William Hillary to establish a national maritime lifesaving institution.

Monday 25th November – Have a go Acoustic Shooting at Corrin Court

Would anyone like to come and have a go at Acoustic Shooting? This is a sport for any degree of sight loss and you do not need to have any previous experience and the session is safely supervised.

Acoustic shooting uses specially adapted rifles fitted with special sights, which measure the level of light reflected from a target. Participants wear special headphones to hear a sound, which

becomes more frequent and a higher tone the closer they are to the target.

Saturday 30th November – The Makings of a Murderer 2 at the Gaiety Theatre 7.30pm

Join us for a chilling, thrilling night at the theatre as Colin, who was head of a Metropolitan Police murder squad tells us the stories of how he caught some of the UK's most evil murderers.

In this all-new show, Colin; who the ITV drama series 'Manhunt,' played by Martin Clunes, is based on, will talk you through his remarkable career and what it is like to chase and catch a serial killer in a unique and one-off night at the theatre - for true crime fans and theatre goers alike.

Thursday 12th December– Manannan's Winterfest at the Gaiety Theatre 7.30pm

Manannan's Winterfest returns to the Gaiety Theatre in a unique concert celebrating Manx Christmas traditions through a collaboration of the Island's finest exponents of classical, folk, brass and choral music, with a sprinkle of local humour and drama added to the mix!

Sunday 30th March - Billy Elliot The Musical Live at Broadway Cinema 2pm.

Billy Elliot the Musical has won the hearts of millions since it opened in London's West End in 2005. Set in a northern mining town, against the background of the 1984/85 miners' strike, Billy's journey takes him out of the boxing ring and into a ballet class where he discovers a passion for dance that inspires his family and whole community and changes his life forever.

If this is something you wish to have, please contact us on 674727. We will need an up-to-date photo of you for the pass.

Bright for Sight

Our Bright for Sight day is being held on **Friday 25th October**. The idea is for participants to wear their brightest item of clothing, make the brightest cakes or whatever you can think of and donate to the important cause of sight loss. This event not only adds a splash of fun and colour to the day but also raises awareness about the significance of supporting sight-related causes. It's a wonderful chance to engage staff in a

meaningful act of giving back and make a positive difference to a local charity.

Join Us for a Festive Wreath-Making Session

Are you ready to get crafty and embrace the Christmas spirit? Look no further! We are hosting a special wreath-making session on Sunday, 1st of December, from 10:30 am to 12:00 pm at Sight Matters, Corrin Court.

This creative and heart-warming event is open to all who wish to participate. For a price of £50, you can join us for a delightful morning of wreath-making. The session fee includes all the materials you'll need to craft your own beautiful wreath, as well as some lovely refreshments to keep you energised and inspired.

Whether you're a seasoned crafter or just looking to try something new, this event is perfect for everyone. Not only will you get to create a unique wreath to adorn your home, but you'll also be supporting a great cause - making a difference in the lives of visually impaired individuals, and your participation helps fund their important work.

Don't miss this opportunity to unleash your creativity, connect with others, and contribute to a meaningful cause. Mark your calendars for Sunday, the 1st of December, and join us for a memorable wreath-making experience!

For more information and to reserve your spot, please contact events@sightmatters.im or 674727.

Will Writing Month with Callin Wild

We have joined forces to encourage residents of the Isle of Man, regardless of their age, to plan for their future. Sight Matters and island law firm Callin Wild have partnered for 'Will Writing Month,' a collaborative effort aimed at motivating people on the Isle of Man to create a will.

Throughout November, individuals who mention Sight Matters when using Callin Wild's legal services for Will creation will benefit from a special discount. The cost will be reduced to £200 for individuals and £300 for couples, with 50% of the fees for each will being donated to the charity.

Callin Wild is a highly regarded full-service legal firm with expertise in various areas of general practice.

This initiative is designed to emphasise the significance of having a Will and to inspire more local residents to take steps towards creating one in 2024. Simultaneously, it will generate funds for Sight Matters, an organisation that supports the interests of over 700 blind and visually impaired individuals on the Isle of Man.

Marc Furness, Partner at Callin Wild, explains that, "a Will not only empowers you to determine how your finances, property, and personal possessions are dealt with after your passing, but also enables parents to decide who will look after and care for their children if they are minors when their parents pass away".

He goes on to emphasise the importance of having a Will, highlighting that without one, numerous difficulties can arise, especially for unmarried or non-civil partnership couples.

The 'Will Writing Month' has been established through the partnership of Callin Wild and Sight Matters, with the goal of encouraging more local residents to carefully consider their future and the implications of their passing. Marc emphasises that although it may be uncomfortable to contemplate, having a Will in place is essential, as it gives

individuals control over their assets and their distribution.

Peter Marshall, Fundraising and Marketing Lead at Sight Matters, adds his perspective, noting that writing a Will is something we have encouraged members to do, as we have witnessed how situations can turn difficult without one. He says, "We are pleased to be continuing this important initiative for another year alongside Callin Wild, and the donations received will help us greatly in continuing to provide the vital services we offer to the Isle's blind and visually impaired community. We know that Callin Wild have procedures in place to help blind and visually impaired people requiring their services; as such, they are a natural choice to partner with on this scheme."

Christmas Coffee Morning

Kick off the Christmas season with our festive Christmas Coffee Morning and join with the festive cheer.

Indulge in a steaming cup of tea or coffee, browse the Christmas stalls, satisfy your sweet tooth at the cake stall, and try your luck at the raffle to win

some fabulous prizes. It's the perfect way to start the festive season with friends and family!

When: **Thursday 28 November - Doors 10.30am**

Where: **Sight Matters, Corrin Court**

Cost: **£2.00**

The Giving Tree

From tiny acorns, mighty oaks grow

Stuck for that Christmas gift or want to remember that special person? Why not purchase a lasting memory with an engraved leaf or acorn, to be placed on our Giving Tree?

The giving tree is a handmade, 3D, wooden display of a large oak tree, attached to a wooden board, with branches running of it. It is situated on the wall in our headquarters Corrin Court.

Prices start at £25 for a silver leaf (5cm x 3cm) and go up to £500 for a gold acorn (9cm x 7cm).

Your message can be up to 35 characters on smaller items and 45 on larger. For more details contact us on 674727 or

enquiries@sightmatters.im or download a form at www.sightmatters.im/support-us/the-giving-tree

Food Matters

Another lovely Christmas gift is a copy of our cookbook "Food Matters". Food Matters is a heart-warming charity cookbook that offers a delectable journey into the kitchens of Isle of Man residents.

Curated by one of our devoted volunteers, Pauline Jones, the cookbook boasts over 70 recipes contributed by a diverse range of local personalities. Notable contributors include Lady Lorimer, The Right Reverend Peter Eagles, several MHKs and MLCs, as well as the dedicated volunteers and staff of Sight Matters.

The book is more than just a cookbook; it's a local community project that brings people together through the love of food. The recipes inside aren't just about ingredients and cooking techniques; they're a reflection of the diverse tastes and stories that make the Isle of Man special. This cookbook is a simple, heartfelt celebration of our community, where everyday residents, public figures, and volunteers come together to share their favourite dishes. From timeless comfort foods to contemporary culinary delights, "Food Matters" is a testament to the rich and varied flavours that

define the Isle of Man's culinary landscape. The cookbook serves as a celebration of community and the unique tastes that bring people together. "Food Matters" is now available for purchase at Sight Matters in Onchan, the VIP Store in Strand Street & the Bridge Bookshop in Port Erin & Ramsey Books are priced at £15.

Volunteering

Why volunteer?

Volunteering can be a truly rewarding experience for both the volunteers and the individuals being helped. When you volunteer at Sight Matters, you get the chance to make a meaningful impact on the lives of visually impaired individuals. By offering your time and support, you can help enhance their quality of life, provide companionship, and assist them in various activities.

As a volunteer, you can gain a deeper understanding of the challenges faced by visually impaired individuals and develop empathy and compassion. It can also be a great opportunity to learn new skills, such as guiding techniques,

communication methods, and assistive technologies.

We benefit greatly from the dedication and support of all of our volunteers. Volunteers help in lots of different ways, some examples are organising events, aiding with our luncheon clubs & activity groups, driving our members to & from luncheon club & activities, offering emotional support, raising awareness about visual impairment issues & working in our charity shop. Their commitment and enthusiasm play a crucial role in creating a more inclusive and supportive environment for visually impaired individuals.

At present we are looking to fill various roles at Sight Matters. These include:

- Driving (car and/or minibus) This could be on a regular basis or one-off activities
- Working in our charity shop – The VIP Store, Strand Street, Douglas
- Helping out in our luncheon clubs (held on Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursdays). This could be chatting to our members, serving food and drinks

- Entertainment for our luncheon clubs - This could be on a regular basis or one-off and is for approx. 45 mins/1 hour.

If you are interested in any of the above, please contact us for job descriptions and a chat! Full training will be given for all roles.

Sight Matters New Minibus Hits the Road

We're thrilled to announce the newest addition to the Sight Matters fleet – our new fully liveried minibus that's now on the roads and ready to support the Sight Matters' community!

The new bus will serve alongside our existing fleet, providing essential transportation for our members to a variety of events and activities. Whether it's getting to social outings, the lunch club, and special occasions, our minibus will ensure that no one is left behind.

A special thanks goes out to the Isle of Man Steam Packet Company for their generosity in transporting our minibus to the island free of charge.

So, when you're out and about on the roads, keep your eyes: it's bright blue with a big Sight Matters' eye on the side! If you spot it, make sure give us a wave. As usual, a huge thank you to our incredible volunteer drivers, who are all MIDAS trained, for their dedication and support in helping our members get where they need to go safely and comfortably. We hope you enjoy driving the new vehicle.

Long Live "The Queen's Pier" - by member Joan Corkill

Mr. Pier has got his coat on in apple green and grey
And on his head, he sports a cap reflecting sunny rays.

Once it was a cafe, with pop and cups of tea
Catering for visitors and the likes of you and me.

His standards still, are iron fast, stark sentinels in white;

Globes no longer glowing, hosting carnivals at night;

His entourage has deserted him who groomed him every day

'Cept when supping cups of tea and waiting for
their pay!

A storm-tossed barge battered him and tried to
bring him down;
Those who cared, watched in fear from all around
the town;
He lost a limb and part of one, a transplant had to
be;
Now with a smile for half a mile, he strides the
Irish Sea.

No longer is he groomed alas, yet erect he stands
with pride,
Known to all as "The Queen's Pier" he greets the
coming tide
Emblazoned in the sunshine, his knees are shining
bright
With barnacles they're gartered and make a
handsome sight.

His cheery little train has gone that hooted along
it's track
Taking dads and youngsters out to catch a tasty
snack;
Now Mack'rel, Codlings, Flatties in darken'd depths
swim by

No longer lured by feathered treats, and hoisted
up on high.

He's been dismembered, cruelly blasted and even
set on fire

Who amongst you would be traitor and relight his
funeral pyre?

Today, ships carrying passengers serenely pass us
by

Long Gone the happy holiday crowds, long gone
the porter's cry.

And you, who remember happy days spent upon
his deck

Would you expel those memories or hold them
with respect?

Invincible like "The Iron Duke", He's an example
to us all

For Queen and Mann and Ramsey Town he's out
there, "Walking Tall".

Manx Macular Support Group

Loss of centre vision

Registered Charity 1258

Its great news Lesley Hankinson has been
appointed as our new ECLO and we wish to send
her our very best as she took up the role on
Monday September 2nd. We are also pleased to

hear she will be attending Sight Matters for an ECLC drop in on Monday 7th October between 2pm and 5 pm. Many of the Macular society will be there to meet with her.

We also wish to extend a warm welcome to Lisa Perrie who has recently joined the Department of Health and Social Care as Engagement Manager. Lisa's role is to foster partnerships, facilitate communication, and help the Department to engage stakeholders in initiatives that enhance health and social care services for individuals and families across the Island. Lisa is keen to understand and engage with stakeholders in order that she can help the Department to involve patients, service users and the public more effectively in the Department's work.

Lisa sent a message saying 'If I can assist further, please let me know'. Her contact details are as follows:

First Floor, Belgravia House, Circular Road,
Douglas, IM1 1AE
Lisa.Perrie@gov.im
Tel: 642248

You have probably heard the rumours about our Patient Transfer lounge closing in Liverpool Airport. This lounge had been organised by the Islands Breast cancer charity for everyone's use and is a real boon for many when returning to the Island after treatment. I've been in touch with Manx Care who tell me the area is to be converted into more retail outlets but the Patient Transfer lounge will be relocated. At present this location hasn't been decided but will be welcome news to all those that use it.

On Friday the 18th of October at Sight Matters the Manx Macular Support Group is to hold its next meeting. The guest of Honour and speaker is Dave Wilson from Sight Matters. He is to give his annual presentation on the latest and best aids for people suffering visual impairment. This meeting is open to anyone and not just for our members so look forward to welcoming anyone reading this article and would like to attend, and join us for coffee or tea and biscuits afterwards.

Finally, the ongoing news for my Iluvien implant is good. As you will recall Professor Harding decided that eye lea wasn't making any improvement month on month so they would switch to what is an American product called Iluvien. He told me it

wasn't for everyone but thought with my Diabetic Macular Oedema it would be beneficial. The cost of the implant administered only by a qualified surgeon who has been trained to do so is a staggering £7000 at time. I had the implant in May 2023 since which it's been monitored every six months and on each occasion further improvement has been achieved with no further treatment required. I go again in early November for the latest check-up which means it's now eighteen months since I had an injection. The manufacturers claim its effectiveness for 36 months but NICE have licenced it in the UK for 24 months. Against the £7,000 initial cost I will have not needed 18 eye lea injections and 18 flights plus saving the Surgeons time to be looking after other patients. This means that if I had continued to have my monthly eylea injection it would have cost since May 2023 £25,200 so a tremendous saving to the DHSS of £18,200.

Nigel Malpass – Chairman

MBWS audio library

If you need an up to date catalogue, please let us know and we will forward one onto you.

Item No	Title	Author Surname	Author Forenames
FI9255	A Country Scandal	Francis	Lynne
FI9257	A Sister's Fight	Hornby	Emma
MM2182	A Witch Hunt in Whitby	Cox	Helen
FI9262	All the Colours of the Dark	Whitaker	Chris
FI9253	Beyond Summerland	Lecoat	Jenny
MM2174	Blood Roses	Jackson	Douglas
MM2179	Coffin Island	Ellis	Kate
FI9251	Evacuees at the Watime Bookshop	Eames	Lesley
MM2177	Final Traitor	McDermott	Andy
FI9263	Frank & Red	Coyne	Matt
FI9252	Hot Mother	Peach	Nancy
MM2175	Middle of the Night	Sagar	Riley
MM2176	Mr Bazalgette's Agent	Merrick	Leonard
MM2180	Murder at Lord's Station	Eldridge	Jim
MM2183	Serpentine	Kellerman	Jonathan
FI9256	The Ballroom Girls Hit the Big Time	Holmes	Jenny
MM2184	The Chamber	Dean	Will
FI9254	The Map of William	Thomas	Michael
MM2178	The Mercy Chair	Craven	M.W
FI9259	The Other Side of Paradise	Beaumont	Vanessa

FI9258	The Paris Affair	Schneider	Fiona
FI9261	The Spark	Miller	Holly
MM2181	The Truth about the Devlins	Scottoline	Lisa

Special dates for your diary

Bright for Sight Day – Friday 25 October

Wreath Making - Sunday, 1st of December,
from 10:30 am to 12:00 pm at Sight Matters

Christmas Coffee Morning – Thursday 28 Nov
@ Corrin Court -10.30am

Donations

Thanks to everyone who gives us donations because as you are all aware the society is entirely reliant upon fundraising, donations and legacies.

Complaints Procedure

Whilst we appreciate the positive feedback that we receive on a regular basis, there may be times when we have not provided an acceptable standard of service. If you do have a problem or concern and you are able to make a member of staff aware of it at the time, they will endeavour to resolve the matter quickly. If this is not possible then we have a complaints procedure available on request in your preferred format.

A standard digital version of Optic Topics can be obtained from the Manx Blind Welfare Society on request