



**Hello again from all of us here at Vision Support. As the nights are starting to draw in earlier, we hope you're enjoying the season of cosy evenings and cups of tea as much as we are! As always, we hope you are well and if you would like to get in touch with Vision Support, you can call us on 01244 381515 or email [information@visionsupport.org.uk](mailto:information@visionsupport.org.uk)**

**We are sorry that we must say goodbye to a long serving and popular member of our Board, Marie Dean. Marie has served on the Board for 11 years and has decided that it is time to give up her trusteeship. We are very pleased to say that she is going to continue as a volunteer telephone befriender, another role she has had for many years. The Board will miss her presence and valuable contributions to their work. Many, many thanks and best wishes, Marie, from all of us.**

**Another important change took place in September when Sandra Massey was voted in as our new Chair of the Board. I am sure you will join me in welcoming Sandra and I know she is excited about taking on the role and looks forward to meeting many service users and volunteers in the coming months. Sandra and the Board are always happy to have feedback on our services. If you want to contact the Board, just call our main phone number or email contact above; all messages will be passed on.**

**We are pleased to announce that, thanks to partnership work with East Cheshire Eye Society, our Community Information Service vehicle will be out and about even more in the coming months, visiting areas in Cheshire East from November onwards. We are happy to say that our ongoing partnership with East Cheshire Eye Society has enabled us to reach more people than ever before!**

## Virtual and Telephone Support Groups

It's still not easy for people to travel to meetings in Wales so Vision Support have launched new virtual and telephone support groups for people with a vision impairment in Conwy, Denbighshire, Flintshire and Wrexham.

Meetings will be held monthly, and it is simple to join - either by dialling in by telephone or by simply clicking a web link. The virtual groups will be local to you so you can meet people in your own local community. There is no set agenda, just an opportunity to chat.

Don't forget that Vision Support are here to help. We can give advice about accessing the group online and provide free training if needed.

Once you've registered your interest, all of the details will be sent to you in advance of the meeting in either print or email. To register your interest or for further information please get in touch by calling Nia on **07548 829635** or Email Nia at **[ngreer@visionsupport.org.uk](mailto:ngreer@visionsupport.org.uk)**

## Hobbies at Home - Pick up that paintbrush!

Melvin started painting after seeing a local artist paint in the style of Bob Ross. He was inspired by how the artist used paint to create lifelike scenes, and this encouraged him to create paintings of his own in a similar style.

Melvin uses water colours, acrylics and oils to achieve the desired effect, and paints mostly from memory. After moving to the outskirts of Wrexham, Melvin was inspired by Sonia who oversees the building where he now lives. Taking advantage of the stunning scenery to resume painting, Melvin quotes "it is a painter's paradise."

The painting featured is a lighthouse in Devon painted from memory with a colourful sunrise.



# Community Information Service

Below are the visits we have planned this November for the Community Information Service. Please note that the schedule can be subject to change. If you have any questions, please call us on **01244 381515** or email **information@visionsupport.org.uk**. The schedule can also be found on our website, **www.visionsupport.org.uk**

Tuesday 2nd **Co-op Runcorn Old Town** from 10.00am – 3.00pm

Wednesday 3rd **Kingswood, Kingsway** from 1.00pm – 3.00pm

Thursday 4th **Ellesmere Port Market Car Park** from 10.00am – 3.00pm

Tuesday 9th **Gordale Garden Centre** from 10.00am – 3.00pm

Thursday 18th **Widnes Market Community Stall** 10.00am – 3.00pm

Monday 1st **Co-op, Dolgellau** from 11.00am – 2.00pm

Tuesday 2nd **Morrisons, Caernarfon** from 10.30am – 2.30pm

Thursday 4th **Asda, Queensferry** from 10.30am – 2.30pm

Friday 5th **Lower High Street Car Park, Prestatyn** 10.00am – 2.30pm

Monday 8th **Criccieth main Car Park** from 10.30am – 2.30pm

Tuesday 9th **Bellis Brothers, Holt** from 10.30am – 2.30pm

Wednesday 10th **Tweedmill, Trefnant** from 10.00am – 2.30pm

Sunday 14th **Morrisons, Holyhead** from 10.30am – 2.30pm

Monday 15th **Llandudno Prom by Cenotaph** from 10.00am – 2.30pm

Sunday 21st **Asda, Kinmel Bay** from 10.00am – 2.30pm

Monday 22nd **Rhos on Sea by TIC** from 10.00am – 2.30pm

Tuesday 23rd **Y Maes car park, Pwllheli** from 10.30am – 2.30pm

Monday 29th **Chirk Town Hall** from 10.30am – 2.30pm

Tuesday 30th **Flint Pavilion** from 10.30am – 2.30pm

## 90 Years Celebrations

Vision Support would like to say a happy belated birthday to Blodwen! Avril, who is one of Vision Support's Home Visitors, got in touch to let us know it was Blodwen's 90th birthday this year.

Blodwen arrived to her 90th birthday bash in style in a stretch limo and celebrated her birthday with family and friends at Winnington Recreation Club with over 60 guests. She asked for donations, rather than receiving personal gifts for her birthday, and raised a substantial amount of money for the NHS at Leighton Hospital.

Guide Dogs also celebrate their 90 years anniversary this year, which was a lovely coincidence as Blodwen has been an active fundraiser for Guide Dogs for many years, doing things such as driving a steam train to raise money!

As a thank you and birthday present to Blodwen for her fundraising over the years, she was given tickets to this year's Chelsea Flower Show from Guide Dogs. Regretfully, however, she could not attend as the journey would have been too far for her.

Pictured to the right is Blodwen in a light blue floral dress and cardigan, standing outside her stretch limo with her Guide Dog. All of us here at Vision Support hope you had a fantastic day, Blodwen!



Readers who are interested in fundraising and would like to do so for Vision Support, please get in touch either by calling us on **01244 381515** or by email **[information@visionsupport.org.uk](mailto:information@visionsupport.org.uk)**