

# Sports & Social Club for the Visually Impaired



# About us

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Tenpin Bowling



Bats sports and social club for the visually impaired was founded in 2006 after a Tenpin Bowling "Have a Go Day" which was arranged by Wiltshire Blind Association (WBA) and British Blind Sport.

We work closely with the charity Wiltshire Blind Association and provide support, help and friendship in a relaxed environment, and have a number of sighted helpers.

We enjoy sporting, social and educational activities, our core activity being weekly Tenpin Bowling. Other sports include Acoustic Rifle Shooting, Archery, Cycling, Sailing and Skittles.

Chairman - Derek Smith • Secretary - Trevor Johns • Treasurer - Richard Carver

# Getting involved

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Further activities include the following:

## **Monday Club**

A Social club organised by Sue Mead, where a wide range of activities are enjoyed.

## **Theatre Trips**

We attend audio described shows at the Oxford Playhouse, where we are given touch tours of the set and sometimes meet members of the cast.

## **Day Trips**

Occasionally we have days out which have been great fun. We have enjoyed a trip on the Kennet Canal, an audio described tour of the SS Great Britain at Bristol and a guided tour of Stonehenge, where we were allowed into the stone circle.

## **Card School**

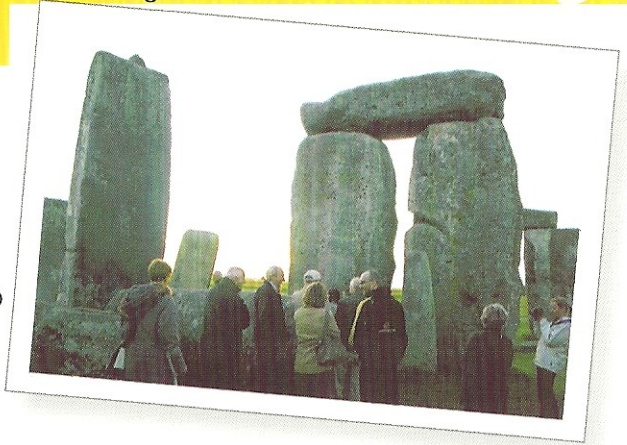
A weekly card school is held using normal playing cards with embossed Braille.



Kennet Canal

Stonehenge

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### **Museum Lectures**

These are given at the Ashmolean Museum in Oxford and we are allowed to handle some artefacts.

### **Quiz Nights**

Quiz nights are held, which typically include a fish and chip supper and raffle prizes.

WBA organise various holidays and events throughout the year which our members often attend.

At the end of each year the club meet up for an enjoyable Christmas meal.

So why not come along and meet us, we are a friendly bunch.

If you would like to find out more, please contact Trevor Johns by telephone or email:

**Telephone: 01793 783306**

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P.S Please pass this information onto someone who is visually impaired, if you are not.

# Monday Club

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The Monday Club started in January 2008 and is held at Craven House on a fortnightly basis from 2.00 – 4.00pm.

Some of the activities the group has been involved in are:

- Velcro Darts
- Table Skittles
- Acoustic Rifle Shooting
- Various Board Games
- A Visit to the Steam Museum

We have interesting talks on subjects such as:

- Lectures by the Education Officer of the Ashmolean Museum
- Fire Safety
- Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme
- The Bobby Van
- Humanware ( a company providing products for visually impaired people)



## Swindon Bats telephone numbers

General Enquiries - Derek Smith: 01793 338415

Tenpin Bowling - Trevor Johns: 01793 783306

Monday Club - Sue Mead: 01793 870883

## Other useful telephone numbers:

Hearing & vision - Craven House: 01793 481861

RNIB helpline: 02073 912188

Action for Blind - Welfare Rights: 0800 9154666

Wiltshire Blind Association: 01380 723682

Living Options: 01793 542074

Guide Dogs - Alan Fletcher (Chairman): 01793 827589

## **Wiltshire Blind Association...**

exists to provide support for visually impaired people in the county of Wiltshire and Unitary Authority of Swindon. The Association currently provides a wide range of services to visually impaired people, which it plans to develop over the coming years.



A registered charity dedicated to serving the blind and partially sighted living in Wiltshire

## **Living Options...**

are a user led service and are a managed unit of the national charity Scope.

The service provides physically disabled adults between the ages of 18 to 65 with opportunities and experiences, such as Sailing, Relaxation Massage Techniques, Art Group and Boccia, to name just a few. They also have computer equipment using JAWS software specifically for use by visually impaired people.

Besides providing regular activities, Living Options supports its members to identify, and strive to achieve, their individual personal goals through mentoring, advocacy and signposting to other relevant agencies.

For further information, please contact 01793 542074.

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