

NYSTAGMUS NETWORK (UK) NETLETTER

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Don't forget your Christmas cards!

It's not too late to buy Christmas cards in aid of Nystagmus Network. Contact Andy Machin, 28 North Croft, Williton, Nr Taunton, Somerset, TA4 4RS Telephone 01984 632905

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Cutting Edge Research

The US magazine Seminars in Ophthalmology has published a 55 page supplement dedicated to nystagmus. This isn't the sort of magazine you'd find in your local newsagent as it's aimed at scientists and medics rather than the general public.

The nine articles in the supplement cover areas such as the genetics of congenital idiopathic nystagmus, eye muscle surgery, predicting visual acuity and modelling early onset nystagmus.

All the articles are written by researchers and ophthalmologists who attended NN's international workshop in September 2005. US authors include ophthalmologist Richard Hertle and vision scientist Lou Dell'Osso. Among the UK contributors are Bruce Evans, Chris Harris, James Self and Maria Theodorou.

To order a copy at the cost price of £8.80 (including P&P), send a cheque payable to Nystagmus Network to John Sanders, 25 Pen-y-Lan Terrace, Cardiff, CF23 9EU. This offer applies in the UK only. To enquire about orders outside the UK, please email eyesitejs@msn.com.

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Focus on DLA

The December issue of our Focus newsletter features three articles on Disability Living Allowance (DLA), including advice on how to claim it.

Focus also looks at Acquired Nystagmus, a football-loving father of five's perspective and 64 years of nystagmus from a former City metals trader. That's in addition to the latest Northwick story for children and details of a forthcoming TV programme about nystagmus.

Focus is sent four times a year to all members of NN. To find out about joining, click the link to our membership page.

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Blindness and the Blitz

This is a project run by Action Trust for the Blind (ATFB) and funded by Heritage Lottery to produce an 80 minute oral history on CD documenting the Second World War, which will go to libraries, schools, museums.

ATFB are looking for people who were visually impaired during WW2 and lived, worked or went to school anywhere in London. They are also interested to find people who had friends or family living in London during that time. Despite the title, it's not specifically about the Blitz - ATFB are looking for anybody who was living in London during WW2.

Wherever possible, interviews will be in the interviewee's home and will commence before Christmas, finishing by February/March 2007.

If you can help ATFB, please call them on 020 8563 2922 or email on info@actiontrustfortheblind.org.

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Label your keyboard

Tiresias Keyfont is a typeface designed specifically for labelling the tops of keys (both numeric and alphanumeric keypads). It is available free of charge as a download from www.tiresias.org/fonts/keyfont.htm.

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International Computer Camp

The camp will be held this summer at the Arla Institute, Helsinki. LOOK, the national federation of families with visually impaired children will be again organising for groups of visually impaired teenagers and young adults to attend the camp with staff from the UK.

Groups from around 20 different European countries attend the camp each summer to take part in a week of cultural and leisure excursions and workshops. Half of the workshops involved technology (internet radio, audiogames, music mixing and editing, web-building, assistive technology...) and the rest of the workshops focus on themes such as dance, drama, cooking, life skills, and cultural exchange.

Detailed information is posted on LOOK's technology website: www.looktechnology.org.uk/activities.html

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Please send contributions, ideas or links for the NetLetter to Gill Taylor at gill@taylors.uk.com.