At last! It’s summertime, and whether that means the livin’ is easy or it’s time to sit back and unwind, July’s New Product Guide is definitely a little something to break the monotony ... (We’re proud to supply your earworms free of charge.)

In this issue, we’re delighted to celebrate 10 years of the RNIB PenFriend. Over the past decade, we’ve collected dozens of stories from PenFriend owners telling us how they use their labeller around the home or in the garden, at work and at school. You can read these PenFriend lifehacks in our hints and tips guide, which you can download from our online shop. If you’ve found new ways to use your RNIB PenFriend that aren’t in the guide, we’d love to hear them so we can share. Send your tips and stories to helpline@rnib.org.uk or share them with @RNIB on Twitter!

Grab a mojito/cup of tea/glass of lemonade and read on to see what’s new...

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Some of our products have been specially designed, this means that blind and partially sighted people, or anyone buying on their behalf, will not pay VAT on these products. These products are listed with two prices. If there is only one price, that is the price all customers pay and this will include VAT (unless it’s a zero-rated VAT publication). VAT is 20 per cent as of June 2019. We reserve the right to amend prices.

Stock and Special Order products are returnable within 14 days of receipt in an “as new” condition in original, undamaged packaging. This excludes bespoke products and software. Hygiene items cannot be returned unless unopened or faulty. We kindly ask our customers to ensure that any faulty products being returned are packaged securely for stable transit, or the warranty may be voided. Where possible, please use the original packaging.

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RNIB PenFriend celebrates its tenth birthday with an upgrade

There are loads of reasons why the RNIB PenFriend is one of our best-sellers, and as this versatile audio labeller celebrates 10 years, the newest version has even more to offer.

Now, as well as creating your own audio labels for groceries, medicines, DVD and CD cases, clothes, toiletries, seed packets and paperwork (to name just a few uses), you can use the new RNIB PenFriend 3 (DL121) to store and play MP3 files, including music and audio books.

It can hold approximately 1,000 songs. So, when you’ve finished labelling the week’s Big Shop, you can put your feet up and play some Destiny’s Child (Say My Name), Joni Mitchell (Talk to Me) or perhaps some Pet Shop Boys (Say It to Me) ...

Listen to your current read while out and about, one audio book can be loaded at a time and the device will remember where you left off. To load music and book files on to your PenFriend 3, you can use File Explorer or the free Label Manager software on a Windows computer.

Making your own labels remains as simple as ever. Put a sticky (or magnetic) label on the item you want to identify, press the record button, hold the PenFriend against the label and, when you hear a beep, release the button and speak your label. (For example, “Baked beans, microwave for one minute” or “Mary Poppins DVD”.) When you finish speaking, just press the button again to save the recording. To hear a label, simply touch the label with the PenFriend and it will replay your recording.

This simple and practical device has been making a difference to the lives of blind and partially sighted people for 10 years. Our hints and tips guide can be downloaded from the online shop (shop.rnib.org.uk/
**RNIB PenFriend tenth birthday**

braille-and-labelling/labelling/penfriend-audio-labeller.html) and shares the creative ways others are using their RNIB PenFriend as well as ideas for making the labels go further.

Don’t just take our word for it, this customer was happy to sing its praises: “I have to thank RNIB for this product, during my 37 years as a visually impaired person, I have never come across a piece of equipment which offers me so many and varied uses. I’ve already labelled my CD collection, my perfume collection and several food tins and packets. I foresee many fabulous uses for my PenFriend. My husband is relieved because I can now find my own CD selection. A small thing, but what freedom!”

The RNIB PenFriend is available to apply for through the RNIB Technology Grant Scheme. Other items include video magnifiers, the Orbit Reader 20, kitchen equipment, clocks and watches, phones and DAISY players. For further information visit rnib.org.uk/grants or call 0303 123 9999.

DL121 £79.99 ex VAT, £95.99 inc VAT

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**Chop, chop! Summer’s here**

Whether you’re making packed lunches, preparing picnic baskets or slicing fruit for a jug of Pimms, you don’t want to spend more time in the kitchen than absolutely necessary. Our new large food preparation chopping board (DK188) will help speed up your food prep so you can make the most of the long summer days.

This red non-slip food preparation board has three raised edges to prevent your food from sliding off the board. It also comes with a four-pronged food holder which attaches to the board, allowing you to secure food for confident chopping and slicing.

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Suitable for use with foods such as soft fruit and vegetables, cheese and bread, the board is made of non-slip melamine to ensure that it doesn’t slide on your work surface.

The board measures 28 × 21cm, is suitable for people with limited dexterity and designed for both right- and left-handed use. The chopping board is dishwasher-safe but not suitable for use on a stove, or in an oven or microwave. The food holder is not suitable for hard foods such as onion or potato.

DK188 £19.95 inc VAT

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**Spoonful of sugar not included…**

Are you on first name terms with your pharmacist? Do you fight with your GP’s repeat prescription system at least three times a year? If your medication is any more complicated than “Take one tablet at bedtime”, you’re going to want to meet our new pill organiser…

The Dosett Maxi Pill Organiser (DH426) has 28 compartments, with four time slots for each day of the week to help you take your medicines correctly and at the right time.

The organiser is labelled in print with the day and times of when tablets are to be taken: 7am-9am; 11am-1pm; 4pm-6pm; 8pm-10pm. Each day and each compartment is also marked with braille.

The organiser is only suitable for capsule tablets which are to be swallowed. It has a child safety lock to delay access by small children by locking all the sliding lids. Please note however, the lock does not make this pill organiser completely child-proof.

DH426 £15.00 inc VAT
GuideConnect – making getting online easy

If you find going online a bit daunting, check out GuideConnect software, a new talking digital assistant which makes using a computer as simple and easy as possible.

GuideConnect can bring you closer to family and friends, and help you to manage your everyday life and have fun. Simple internet access makes it easy to find information, be entertained and stay up to date with what’s happening in the world.

GuideConnect has been thoughtfully designed by, and for, people with sight loss to be really easy to use – you can choose to make the high contrast text as big you need it or have it read to you by a real human voice. There are straightforward step-by-step menus and lots of help. GuideConnect will talk you through every step of the way – you won’t believe how easy it is to use!

GuideConnect will work on a Windows PC and you can use it with a touchscreen, keyboard or a mouse. Use GuideConnect to compose letters and print envelopes, browse the web with just four keys, effortlessly send and read emails, scan and read letters and other documents, listen to audio books, keep up with today’s newspapers (via RNIB Newsagent), listen to your favourite radio stations, and manage your calendar and address book.

You can choose to buy just the software or opt for either a desktop or laptop PC with GuideConnect installed. (Guide Connect is only compatible with Microsoft Windows.)
GuideConnect

Your desktop or laptop computer will arrive set up and ready to go with GuideConnect installed. You’ll get an hour’s free training over the phone, as well as access to the UK-based support team, by telephone or remote access and a 30-day money back guarantee.

The desktop package comprises a 24-inch monitor, desktop PC (including tower and speakers) with 4GB RAM, wi-fi card and Intel® Core™ i5 processor, Windows 10, Microsoft Office Home and Student Edition, GuideConnect keyboard with “quick access” keys, DVD drive, mouse and basic USB headset with mic. The Dolphin GuideConnect laptop will also arrive set up and ready to go with GuideConnect installed.

The laptop has a 15.6-inch screen, seven hours’ battery life, Intel® Core™ i3 processor, integrated HD webcam and full size, spill-resistant keyboard, DVD drive, 4GB RAM and comes with Windows 10, Microsoft Office Home and Student Edition, and Dolphin GuideConnect installed.

There is a one-year warranty on hardware. A one- or two-year extended warranty can be purchased (product codes HT351 and HT352).

These products are special order The PC and laptop have a 30-day money-back guarantee, the software CD is non-returnable once opened unless faulty. They are only available to buy in the UK and are supplied with a Software Maintenance Agreement (SMA) which entitles you to one free version upgrade.

Dolphin GuideConnect software CD (HT377)
£545.00 ex vat / £654.00 inc VAT
Dolphin GuideConnect desktop PC (HT378)
£1,150.00 ex vat / £1,380.00 inc VAT
Dolphin GuideConnect laptop (HT379)
£1,050.00 ex vat, £1,260.00 inc VAT
Grab some summer reading with new DAISY made-to-order books

As thoughts turn to lazy days spent in the summer sun enjoying a good book, why not check out our latest DAISY made-to-order releases? A full list can be found in the Reading section of our online shop – everything from romantic fiction to nail-biting thrillers – but to whet your appetite, here’s a taster of some of our newest titles:

**Better days will come**
by Pam Weaver
(Order no 804353)

**Her mother’s secret**
by Catherine King
(Order no 805560)

**Goodbye sweetheart**
by Lilian Harry
(Order no 807002)

**Atlantic rendezvous**
by William Murray
(Order no 807003)

**Bordertown justice**
by Gary McCarthy
(Order no 807004)

**Captain Rose’s redemption**
by Georgie Lee (Mills & Boon)
(Order no 807005)

**Trapped behind enemy lines:**
accounts of British soldiers and their protectors in the Great War by John Anderson
(Order no 807006). Please note, this book is read by volunteers.

**Return to Auschwitz:** the remarkable story of a girl who survived the Holocaust
by Kitty Hart
(Order no 807007). Please note, this book is read by volunteers.

**The war baby**
by Andrée Rushton
(Order no 807008). Please note, this book is read by volunteers.

**A Life Without Limits: Disability Rights Activist and Advocate**
by Sir Bert Massie CBE DL
(Order no 807009)

All books are priced at £9.99, unless stated, and are packaged in a clear DVD case.
BBC Proms 2019 – accessible guides now available

Get set for the world’s greatest classical music festival! Our BBC Proms guides are now available, listing all the concerts from the First Night (19 July) to the last (14 September).

The BBC Proms is the world’s biggest and longest-running classical music festival and one of the jewels in the crown for the BBC. It attracts a glittering array of artists and orchestras from the UK and around the world for more than 150 concerts, talks, workshops and family events around London every summer.

Whether you’re a first-time visitor or an experienced Prommer, watching at home or listening on radio or online, the Proms Guide will help you to plan your summer of music and discover in depth what lies behind the Proms; from the composers to the performers to how the events are broadcast. The Proms Guide contains brand-new articles on featured composers and insights on performers, new music and accompanying events.

The guides – available in braille or on audio CD – come in two volumes: Concert list and booking info (braille TC20413; audio CD TC21087CD) and Articles (braille TC20414; audio CD TC21088CD). Volumes are £3.50 each and can be ordered from the Helpline or via the online shop.

A large print guide is available from the BBC by contacting Deborah Fether on 07716 225658, or email PromsPublications@bbc.co.uk
Attention all footie fans ... kick-off the new season with RNIB

Don’t miss a single game of the new 2019/20 football season – bag a copy of RNIB’s fixture lists!

Separate publications are available for both English and Scottish fixtures; both feature the fixtures in date order together with final tables from 2018/19.

**English football fixtures**


Available in: Braille (TC20537); Large print (TC20537LP); Audio CD (TC21444CD); DAISY audio – synthetic voice (TC21179); MP3 files on USB (TC21444USB); Email (EF)

All formats are priced at £3.75 each.

**Scottish football fixtures**

Contains Ladbrokes Premiership, Ladbrokes Championship, Ladbrokes League 1 and Ladbrokes League 2.

Available in: Braille (TC20538); DAISY audio – synthetic voice (TC21180); Email (SF)

All formats are priced at £3.75 each.

The Scottish fixtures will be available in early July, while the English fixtures will be available mid-July. To confirm availability, contact our Helpline on 0303 123 9999 or shop online at shop.rnib.org.uk

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The following products will be joining our product range in the next few weeks. Please visit the “Coming soon” section of our Online Shop (shop.rnib.org.uk/what-s-new/coming-soon.html) and in the products listing select “Email me when in stock” to be notified as soon as it goes on sale.

These *are* the droids you’re looking for...

Tired of waiting to welcome our new Robot Overlords? Help your children start the revolution with this accessible, creative robotics kit.

The Twin Science Discovery Set brings science experiments to life and teaches children robotics in an enjoyable and instructive way. It uses easily combined electronic blocks to simplify and explain how complicated-looking technological devices work.

Combine different components and sensors to make self-propelled cars, robots, torches and simple circuits.

Each block is clearly labelled in braille, enabling mini engineers to explore science through touch. The set contains 25 magnetically connected modules and 25 sample experiments which support innovation-focused thinking. Once they’ve mastered these, children can combine modules in hundreds of new ways and can create their own projects. (Hopefully none of them will ask you for “your clothes, your boots and your motorcycle…”)

The Discovery Set is an advanced kit recommended for children who are already interested in robotics.

ET45 £200.00 ex VAT / £240.00 inc VAT
Shared reading books? We've got you covered

After a long day of parenting young children (whether that’s nappy changing, locating essential toys/blankies, or mediating in sibling battles), reading with your small charges is usually a relief for everyone!

Check out these delightful shared reading books for pre-school or primary children and get ready to read them over and over and over again.

Adapted to include Unified English Braille (UEB) on either interleaved clear sheets or clear self-adhesive labels, allowing the print text and images to be seen underneath and the book to be enjoyed by everyone. Please note they may contain American English spellings.

Board books

Babies are first introduced to words on board books – sturdy picture books with simple text. These board books have braille on clear self-adhesive labels. Teach your children about books and encourage them to find the braille bumps. These experiences are an important first step to becoming literate, but also give children the chance to expand their imaginations and giggle a little along the way.

Animal Kisses (ET46) £5.99

Whether you prefer scratchy cat kisses, velvety cow kisses or squeaky pig kisses, this touch-and-feel book is packed with animals waiting for big smooches! Kids will adore puckering up to Barney Saltzberg’s
Coming soon

irresistible menagerie of animals with fuzzy, sticky, and rubbery mouths. The thick pages of this board book are easy for little hands to turn.

For babies to pre-schoolers in uncontracted UEB.

**That’s not my pony (ET47) £5.99**

This tactile board book from the popular “That’s not my ...” series focuses on finding your pony. Will he have a fluffy mane, rough patches or a smooth saddle?

These board books use patches of different textures and descriptive text to develop sensory and language awareness.

Babies and toddlers will love turning the 10 thick pages and touching the feely patches. Contracted UEB.

**Little Blue Truck (ET48) £5.99**

Blue is the friendliest little pick-up truck on the road. When a big important dumper truck overtakes him and skids off the road, Blue tries his best to help, but soon he gets stuck too! Luckily, Blue has picked up lots of farmyard friends on his drive, and they all muck in to get their friend back on the road.

This book is full of truck sounds and animal noises to read aloud! For pre-schoolers and up in uncontracted UEB.
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Books for primary school children

These titles have braille on interleaved clear sheets.

**Ada Twist, Scientist (ET49) £14.99**

Scientist Ada has always been hopelessly curious. Why are there pointy things stuck to a rose? Why are there hairs growing inside your nose? When her house fills with a horrific toe-curling smell, Ada knows it’s up to her to find the source. What would you do with a problem like this? Not afraid of failure, Ada embarks on a fact-finding mission and conducts scientific experiments, all in the name of discovery. But, this time, her experiments lead to even more stink and get her into trouble!

For ages five to 10 in contracted UEB.

**Dad and the Dinosaur (ET50) £14.99**

Nicholas wants to be as brave as his dad, but he needs help. That’s why he needs a dinosaur. After all, dinosaurs like the dark, bugs are nothing to them, and they eat manhole covers for lunch (and everything under them for dinner). With his toy dinosaur, Nicholas can scale tall walls, swim in deep water, even score a goal against the huge goalie everyone calls Gorilla. But when the dinosaur goes missing, everything is scary again. Luckily, his dad knows that even the bravest people can get scared, and it’s okay to ask for help facing your fears. It’s just guy stuff.

For ages three to eight in contracted UEB.

**Diary of a Spider (ET51) £6.99**

This is the diary of a spider. Actually, he’s a lot like you. He goes to gym class and has Grandparents Day at school. But he also spins sticky webs, scales walls, and

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takes wind-catching lessons. Lucky for him, his best friend is a fly!

For ages four to eight in contracted UEB.

The Legend of Rock, Paper, Scissors (ET53) £14.99

You’ve played the game. Now read the legend of the three great warriors who started it all in this laugh-out-loud book which reveals the epic tale behind everyone’s favourite playground game!

For ages four to nine in contracted UEB.

Out of Sight Science Experiments for Key Stage 2 (ET52) £5.99

A shared reading book with the text in clear print and braille and including tactile images.

Get kids excited about hands-on science by safely conducting simple experiments using ordinary household materials such as straws, plastic bottles, magnets, clay, sand and paperclips. These 32 step-by-step experiments have been designed for blind and partially sighted children to do at home with family and friends, or as part of a school science project.

Make balloon rockets, acid rain, a solar finger heater, Ziploc ice cream, Diet Coke Geysers, and more. Each experiment has been successfully imploded, we mean explored, with blind scientists. No prior experience is required.

Winner of the 2015 International Board on Books for Young People’s (IBBY) award for Outstanding Books for Young People with Disabilities.

For ages seven to 11 (Key Stage 2) in contracted UEB.
New eText magazines from RNIB Newsagent

We’re continuing to expand our range with the launch of two new monthly eText magazines.

**Unexplained (749E)**
If the dark world of UFOs, strange creatures and weird phenomena is your kind of thing, then our brand-new magazine *Unexplained* is just for you! Millions of people have experienced the uncanny, the mysterious, the inexplicable or the mystical in their lives. But you do not need to “believe” in the paranormal to enjoy *Unexplained*.

**Disclosure (750E)**
Our new entertainment magazine is bursting with all the latest news on film, television and gaming, plus much more! You’ll find reviews of new releases, interviews with the stars and even a quiz or two to test your entertainment knowledge!

*Unexplained* and *Disclosure* are both available to order now, priced at 40p per issue (or included in the cost of our online service). If you would like to receive a sample copy, please contact RNIB Newsagent at newsagent@rnib.org.uk. To set up a subscription, please contact our Helpline on 0303 123 9999.

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