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Spring has sprung and we see the first real snowfall! Never mind you can take some comfort from the stories in this months newsletter including new products from Apple, essential JAWS updates, Bono from U2 and why not meet Alexa!

If you have any comments or wish to contribute to the newsletter just email us at info@sitescotland.org

Remember to visit our [website](#) and at [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#) to keep up to date on the news that matters.

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Section 1: News Update

SITE Annual General Meeting

The SITE Annual General Meeting will take place on Saturday 8 April commencing 11:00 at the SITE Office.

All members are welcome and it would be appreciated if you would contact John Turley either by phone at 0141 332 0983 or by email at johnsturley@sitescotland.org to confirm attendance.

Why Bono Wears Sunglasses

Last week was World Glaucoma Awareness Week and we at SITE have highlighted the need for everyone to receive regular eye examinations.

Bono, the U2 frontman, stated a while ago he has suffered from glaucoma for around two decades, prompting ever-present dark glasses. Many people had assumed his ever-present sunglasses - even indoors - were a rock star affectation.

[Read full story.](#)

Hospital In The Sky

Orbis, one of the world's leading eye charities has reached a major milestone in patient care, delivering over 10 million treatments in a single year, its highest figure in 5 years

Orbis's new 'third generation' link Flying Eye Hospital , a unique aircraft that plays a vital role in the fight against avoidable blindness, landed in the UK earlier this month for the first time in history

[Read full story.](#)

OFCOM Report

Ofcom has just published its first Access and Inclusion report, which examines whether the communications market is delivering for vulnerable consumers.

The report finds that older people, and those with disabilities, or low incomes, are still using communications services less than others. However, the gap is narrowing as these groups make greater use of computers, smartphones and tablets.

The research finds that:

[Read full story.](#)

SITE Seeks Reporters!

Many of you will be aware that last year we launched the 'Community Hub' to great acclaim.

We also provided free workshops where you could learn about and obtain skills to do a little reporting using audio, video and text.

All good stuff but we need more of our members to act as news hounds, reporters or social commentators on the issues you wish to raise.

If you are interested in helping us develop the Community Hub further and wish to find out more just call John on 0141 332 0983 and help us to help you.

Section 2: Tech Talk

Apple's March Product Announcements

Today has seen a round of product announcements from Apple, including the launch of a new iPad; a special PRODUCT(RED) iPhone; changes to storage sizes; some new accessories; and a new iOS app.

iPad

The iPad Air 2 has been discontinued and replaced with a new 9.7-inch iPad equipped with an A9 chip and a brighter Retina display. This new model is simply called "iPad," and is Apple's new entry-level model at the 9.7-inch size.

iPhone

Apple today also announced a new iPhone 7 and iPhone 7 Plus PRODUCT(RED) Special Edition. The new colour option is described as a vibrant red aluminium finish in recognition of more than 10 years of partnership between Apple and (RED), which Apple says gives customers a way to contribute to the Global Fund and "bring the world a step closer to an AIDS-free generation."

Apps

Today hasn't been all about hardware and accessories, as there is also a brand new app from apple called Clips. The app allows you to combine video clips, photos, and music with animated captions and effects into creative videos for sharing on a variety of platforms. Clips will be available in April and will require iOS 10.3.

Amazon and Android Workshop

Come along to the Amazon and Android Workshop on Tuesday 11th April at 10:00 where you can find out about the Amazon Echo, Kindle and latest in Android accessibility.

KNFB Reader For Windows 10

KNFB Reader for Windows is a Universal Windows App. It requires Windows 10. In order to do anything beyond recognising image files with the app, an image capturing device is required. This could be a document camera, a flat-bed scanner or even the built-in camera on the back of a phone or tablet. Not all cameras are created equal, you will have better results if the camera has auto-focus, takes pictures of 5 Mega-pixels or more and includes a flash. Other factors, such as processor speed and available Ram will affect performance.

The KNFB Reader app may be purchased and downloaded in the Windows Store - [KNFB Reader for Windows](#).

Essential Freedom Scientific Updates

Users of Freedom Scientific applications are requested to install updates for the following applications prior to the soon to be released Windows update. JAWS17, JAWS 16, Magic 14, Magic 13.1

If you have your updates notifications enabled and if so you will have been notified of the updates already.

The reason for this is the upcoming update to Windows 10 - the Windows 10 Creators Update.

This is the first of 2 updates likely to come from Microsoft during 2017.

SITE Apps club On FaceBook

Did you know that the SITE apps club has it's own group on Facebook.

To become a member search for 'SiteAppsClub' on Facebook and send a request to join the group.

The group is an ideal platform to discuss the latest in accessible apps, recommend apps and suggest apps to be reviewed.

'Open Door Monday'

We offer expert one on one tuition every Monday morning covering;

- Talking book players.
- Talking recorders.
- Smartphones.
- Apple Macs.
- Windows PCs.
- Tablets.
- Smartwatches.
- Apps and Accessible software

The next apps club meeting will be held on Wednesday 29 March at the SITE offices.

Contact us on 0141 332 0983 or email fraserfleming@sitescotland.org for further information.

Section 3: Events and Training

Every Monday - Open Door at SITE. 10:30-12:00 where we can help with your technology issues - call to book a place.

Monday 27 March 'Open Door Monday'

Wednesday 29 March SITE Apps Club

Friday 7 April, World Health Day

Saturday 8 April SITE Annual General Meeting

Tuesday 11 April Amazon and Android Workshop, SITE Office

25 April Sight Village Edinburgh

26 April Sight Village Glasgow

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