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Welcome to the April issue of **New Product Guide**. As that quill-wielder Shakespeare wrote: "April hath put a spirit of youth in everything" – so here's hoping you have a spring in your step as we put winter behind us and look forward to sunnier days.

We have a delightful stash of new products for you here, including a sneak peek at our fabulous new audio player with wireless charging, the RNIB Accord USB player, which will be available to buy soon. I'll definitely be investing in one for **NPG** Towers when it goes on sale! Other goodies include a talking label audio labeller for medicine boxes (and any other boxed goods, such as dishwasher tablets or cat food sachets); a clock which lets you record reminders; a new digital watch; planet-friendly braille alphabet and number tiles (made from sustainably produced wood); a paperless, erasable braille slate; and a range of eyeshields for people with extreme light sensitivity.

Happy shopping!



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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 zerorated VAT publication). VAT is 20 per cent as of March 2023. We reserve the right to amend prices.

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Coming soon

The RNIB Accord USB player

Talking Books have come a long way since those first boxes of shellac records shipped out in 1935. The new RNIB Accord USB player takes that evolution a step further.

This combination USB player and Bluetooth speaker is specifically designed for blind and partially sighted users, with easy-to-use tactile controls, wireless charging, easy-to-locate ports, bookmarking features and chapter skipping function.

Small (just a little larger than a standard coffee mug) and highly portable, you can listen to Talking Books on USB and any other audio via Bluetooth – podcasts, BBC Sounds, Audible audiobooks, your 'dance like nobody's watching'



playlist. If your smartphone or tablet can play it, you can listen to it on the RNIB Accord.

The rechargeable battery provides five to six hours listening on a full charge. Simply place the RNIB Accord on to the Qi wireless charger provided and hear the player announce when it is correctly positioned for charging. Your RNIB Accord is supplied with one Qi wireless charger and a USB-C cable, but not a USB charger plug – these can be purchased separately using product code HT376.

With its high quality speaker, the RNIB Accord is the perfect way to listen to your favourite things in the living room, kitchen, garden or shed.



Weighing only 384g (less than a tin of tomato soup!), you can easily move it with you as you go about your day. It is supplied with a lanyard attached for extra security.

Stylish and modern-looking, it has a black case with contrasting white buttons. The volume control buttons are a large, tactile plus and minus sign on one side of the device, designed to be easily located by touch. They also function as chapter skip forward/backward buttons.



The RNIB Accord's two other control buttons and all ports are on top of the device for ease of use. The round, white power button is engraved with a power symbol, and the white book/folder skip button is distinctly smaller and smooth. The power button also functions as the play/pause button.

The RNIB Accord gives voice prompts in a clear, natural, English male voice to indicate battery, Bluetooth, charging and software update status. It will also speak when headphones, a USB stick, or an SD card are connected/disconnected and when a control button is pressed, (for example, "Volume up", "Play", "Power on").

Bookmarking of your last position is automatic when the player is paused or stopped. When the USB stick is removed and reinserted the player will automatically start playing at the point you left off. The player can bookmark hundreds of individual USB sticks. You cannot add multiple bookmarks to a USB stick.

DH472 £49.99 £59.99



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Braille on medication boxes is great – if you read braille. And sometimes the pharmacy puts your tablets into a generic white box with only the prescription label to identify the contents. If either of these problems cause you anxiety when you take regular medication, a talking label may be the solution.



The talking label audio labeller can be easily clipped on to the medicine box and a short message recorded, for example: "Warfarin, 5mg. Take one, once a day with food." You can play back the message at any time with the push of a button.

The device has a low profile, ergonomic design with one large, tactile 'play' button. Messages can be rerecorded if someone misspeaks, or the prescription information changes (for example, a lower or higher dose is required).

The talking label audio labeller fits all standard pill box packaging, and its metal clip will grip the packaging securely.

To record a message, a pen must be pushed through a small hole on the back of the gadget, near the microphone. This prevents the message being accidentally erased. A small red light indicates when the device is recording. Sighted assistance is required to record a message. You may want to ask your pharmacist to record the information needed.

The talking label audio labeller can also be used to identify other household items, such as washing powder, dishwasher tablets, cereal, tea bags, pasta, pet food pouches and other products that are stored in a box.

DH478 £8.50 £10.20

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Meet the new and improved PenFriend 3



The RNIB PenFriend 3 has relaunched and now comes with 21 new tactile labels (as featured in October's **New Product Guide**) and 84 small yellow and orange self-adhesive labels, instead of plain white labels. Please note, the magnetic labels are no longer included.

It also has increased storage size (16GB) and now has 500 hours of recording time.

DL128 £87.00 £104.40

Stick it to 'em!

More packs of our new tactile PenFriend labels are also available now:

DL123	

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Pack A	DL123
Pack B	DL124
Pack C	DL125
Pack D	DL126
Pack E	DL127
£18.50	£22.20 per pac

RNIB Technology Support

For information or advice on technology that will be suitable for your needs, please contact our team on **0303 123 9999** and speak to one of our advisors within the Sight Loss Advice Service. Time waits for no man, woman or enby... Whether you need to be on time for the school pick-up, for the dentist to remind you to floss more, or for date night with your significant other, this easy-to-use, radio-controlled talking digital watch can help spare your blushes.



It announces the time in a clear, male, British voice at the press of a button. And at the press of another button, it reads out the day and date.

This sleek, modern looking watch is also easy to set up – once out of shipping mode it will automatically detect the time and date; and adjust itself in spring and autumn for British Summer Time.

It has a large, clear digital face and loud, voice which announces the time in 12-hour format (for example, 11.34pm) when the 2 o'clock button is pressed.

Pressing the 4 o'clock button will speak the date (for example, Friday, 6th of May, Year 2022).

In addition to the optional daily alarm, there is an optional hourly announcement feature. When turned on, the watch announces the hour between 6am and 9pm.

Digits on the 40mm face are 10mm high (please note, the screen is not back lit). The black plastic case is complemented by a matching black plastic strap with metal buckle. This watch fits wrists 15.5cm to 23cm and is radio controlled in the UK, Germany, Japan, US (except Hawaii and Alaska). In other countries, time and date can be set manually.

CW264 £45.00 £54.00



The future is now!

Step into the future with this minimalist disc-shaped talking clock that can record and playback up to 10 daily reminders.

This small black clock has a large white button on top, which speaks the time in a clear English voice when pressed once (and the date if pressed again). Controls for set-up, alarms, volume, voice selection (male/female) and recording reminders are on the base of the clock.

There is also a small digital clock in the base to assist with alarm setting, although the clock has full voice support for set-up and alarm instruction.



To record a reminder, simply press and hold the Record button until it beeps, speak into the microphone (on the base of the clock) and release the button when you have finished recording. The clock will play the recording back to you. If you wish to rerecord, press and hold the Record button again. Once you have confirmed your recording you can toggle between voice and beep to add it to an alarm.

This clock also features four-level volume control, a nine-minute snooze function and the compact design sits flat and secure, so it cannot easily be knocked over.

Because it is radio-controlled, which means it receives a signal from a radio transmitter, the time and date will set and regularly update automatically, including when the clocks change.

You can set your clock to receive either the UK, Germany, US or Japan time signals which means it will automatically update when you visit these countries. If you are outside these countries, you are also able to set up the time and date feature manually.

CC87 £38.00 £45.60

Hear the time with just a touch

RNIB's high-quality talking watches are back – with improved touch-sensitive glass to make telling the time even easier.





They still tell the time at the touch of a button, but you can now tap the glass twice or touch the glass for half a second to hear the time announced in a natural female voice (ideal if you have one hand busy with a cane or dog lead).

The watches still have a Swiss movement for excellent time-keeping, synchronised voice and hands, adjustable volume and no recessed buttons.

Easy-to-use, the hands on these watches automatically synchronise to the internal time set, so there is no need to manually set the hands or to rely on someone else to help you. A spoken menu guides you if you need to set the time or date, and if you want to set an alarm. You can also snooze the alarm with the press of a button.

Available in two sizes and a choice of colours.

£49.00 £58.80

Large, silver-coloured case with expanding bracelet	CW265-EXP
Large, silver-coloured case with black silicone strap	CW265-K
Large, black case with orange silicone strap	CW265-O
Small, silver-coloured case with expanding bracelet	CW266-EXP
Small, silver-coloured case with black leather strap	CW266-K
Small, silver-coloured case with turquoise silicone strap	CW265-U

£52.00 £62.40

Large, gold-finished case with tan leather strap bracelet **CW265-T** Small, gold-finished case with white leather strap bracelet **CW266-W** These educational toys are made from sustainably produced wood which comes from natural rubber wood trees that no longer produce latex. To keep the wood pure, no fertilizer is added to the soil three years prior to cutting the trees down. The tiles are assembled using a certified E-Zero formaldehydefree glue in place of traditional toxic wood glue, and colour comes from plant-based inks with organic pigments.

So your little one can learn with a tiny environmental impact...



Braille alphabet tiles

The roads to Oz, Narnia, Middle-earth and beyond are all paved with the same 26 building blocks: the letters A, Z and everything in between. Help little ones take their first steps to reading with this set of brightly coloured braille alphabet tiles.

Each wooden tile in the 26-piece set has the upper case letter engraved and coloured on one side, the lower case letter on the other as well as the braille symbol for that letter.

Suitable for children aged two and over.

ET92 £35.99



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Braille number tiles

This 10-piece wooden tile set makes learning numbers in braille as easy as one, two, three! Each tile has a number from one to 10 engraved and painted in vibrant colours with its braille number beneath. The flipside of each tile features impressed leaf illustrations to help children count.

Suitable for children aged two and over.

ET93 £19.99

Coming soon



The paperless braille slate

Take short braille notes or write yourself a reminder with this paperless, erasable 80-cell braille slate.

The Versa slate works like a regular slate and produces signage-quality braille. The stylus raises plastic dots which can be quickly erased when you're ready to write a new note or reminder.

It has four rows of 20 cells and a magnetic stylus which attaches directly to one side of the slate for easy storage.

Use the stylus to raise the plastic braille cells and flip the slate over to read the braille. You can use your finger to erase any typos and the slate's two sets of four buttons to erase large sections of braille (when you press the top and bottom button together, it erases the braille in that section of the slate – a five-cell wide section over all four rows).

The Versa Slate is a useful teaching tool for braille as the dots are easier to press than a typical stylus and paper. It's also handy for experienced braillists who want to take down a phone number, make a note or write a reminder.

BF27 £89.99 £107.99

Coming soon

Swissvoice Xtra cordless handset

This cordless extra handset is for use exclusively with the Swissvoice Xtra 2355 duo (DH463) and Xtra 3355 (DH461) telephones.

The handset also offers a high-quality handsfree function, adjustable volume control (with six volume levels) and an audio-boost key (+40dB).

Ringtones are very loud (up to 90dB) and a flashing LED on the handset signals incoming calls, so that you never miss a call.

You can add up to three additional handsets to your Xtra 2355 duo or Xtra 3355 telephone – pairing the handsets with the main phone is quick and easy.



DH464 **£53.00** £63.60



Available from **11 April**

Boil, baby, boil!

Our boil alert is coming back. This handy tool acts as a reminder that you have a saucepan boiling on the hob.

Made of stainless steel this unique aid warns you when water starts to boil in a saucepan. Simply place the alert in the bottom of a saucepan, (it does not matter which way up) and it will rattle once the water starts to boil.

The boil alert can be a useful prompt for someone with dementia, as well as an audible aid for people with sight loss.

DK203 £6.00 £7.20

Buy online shop.rnib.org.uk

Get more from your magnifier with the explorē 12, a large, portable magnifier with HD cameras for both near and distance viewing.

This 12-inch magnifier has two 21MP HD cameras and comes with a writing stand and carry-case. Its large, easy-to-find tactile buttons control magnification up to 30× and change the contrast / colour settings. The explore 12 turns on instantly, either using the on/off button or by opening the built-in reading stand.



You can customise the start screen with your preferred colour setting and magnification level, and also on-screen guide lines and blinds if desired. A permanent on-screen icon allows you to switch easily between the reading camera and the distance camera. Use the camera button on the top edge of the explore 12 to freeze an image and the touchscreen to magnify and move around the image. These zoom and pan tools allow you to read without moving your documents.

When used with its foldable stand, the explore 12 rises above the table, giving you plenty of writing room. Connect the magnifier to a larger monitor or TV screen using the supplied HDMI cable to increase the size of the magnified image.

On a full charge, the explorē 12 has approximately 3.5 hours battery life. It recharges in approximately four hours using the USB-C cable provided. The magnifier can be used while it is re-charging. Each time the magnifier is turned on, a percentage battery level indicator is briefly displayed on the screen.

HC133 £1395.00 £1674.00

In the pink: Help for photo-phobia



The FL-41 filter lenses in these acunis eyeshields were developed for use by people with photo-phobia, such as those suffering from migraine or severe traumatic brain injury.

A study conducted in Birmingham in the 1990s showed that wearing FL-41 filter lenses resulted in a significant reduction in the frequency and severity of migraine attacks.

Wearing eyeshields with these FL-41 filters can also lead to significant improvements in the frequency and the strength of eyelid closure in cases of blepharospasm (eyelid spasm) caused by light sensitivity.

How do these filters work? The retinal ganglion cells which are the main conductors of the eye's (non-image forming) light regulation to the brain are also responsible for photophobia, which is often associated with migraine, among other things. Their sensitivity maximum is at approximately 484nm.

The pink-coloured FL-41 lenses have been specially developed for use in cases of hypersensitivity to light stimuli and specifically reduce the transmission of the blue-green wavelength range (480nm to 520nm) – the range to which migraine patients also react particularly sensitively, or which is perceived as particularly unpleasant in migraine-related photophobia.

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Concentrating the filtering effect on this restricted wavelength range prevents the eyes adapting to ambient light conditions. This means that when the glasses are taken off, particularly indoors, the eyes are considerably less dazzled than would be the case with normal sunglasses which dim the entire visible spectrum evenly.

These eyeshields are available with a metal frame (small or large), pantoscopic (tilted) plastic frame, square plastic frame, as clip-ons, or as fitovers (small or large); and in a choice of tint: 25%, 50%, or 75%.

The 25% tint blocks approximately 25% of transmitted light and 30% of blue light; the 50% tint blocks approximately 50% of both; and the 75% tint blocks approximately 75% of transmitted light and 80% of blue light.

All the eyeshields in this range can be used for driving (daytime only – do not use for night driving), and offer protection against UVA and UVB radiation. Supplied with a case.

All frames are 14cm wide (5.51 inches), except the fitover frames with are 14.5cm (5.71 inches). Fitover framers are designed to be worn over your own prescription frame. These special anti-glare frames have an extra deep rim at the top and wide temples with side windows.





acunis FL-41 filter metal frame small 25% EH131-MS25 acunis FL-41 filter metal frame small 50% EH131-MS50 acunis FL-41 filter metal frame small 75% EH131-MS75 £112.50 £135.00 Material: Stainless steel. Colour: Matt brown. Lens frame height: 5.6cm (2.2 inches).

acunis FL-41 filter metal frame large 25% EH131-ML25 acunis FL-41 filter metal frame large 50% EH131-ML50 acunis FL-41 filter metal frame large 75% EH131-ML75 £112.50 £135.00 Material: Stainless steel. Colour: Matt anthracite. Lens frame height: 5.9cm (2.32 inches).











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acunis FL-41 filter clip-on 25% acunis FL-41 filter clip-on 50% acunis FL-41 filter clip-on 75% **£62.99 £75.59** Frame width: 13.1cm (5.16 inches). Lens frame height: 6cm (2.36 inches). acunis FL-41 filter

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Material: TR90 thermoplastic and stainless steel. Colour: Matt havana brown.

Pantoscopic frame is tilted relative to your face to optimize image quality.

Lens frame height: 5.3cm (2.09 inches).

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acunis FL-41 filter		
square plastic frame 50%	EH135-SQ50	
acunis FL-41 filter		
square plastic frame 75%	EH135-SQ75	
£104.99 £125.99		
Material: TR15 thermoplastic and stainless steel.		
Colour: Matt black.		

Lens frame height: 5.4cm (2.13 inches).

H133-FS25
H133-FS50
H133-FS75





£104.99 £125.99 Material: TR90 thermoplastic. Colour: Matt havana brown. Lens frame height: 6.1cm (2.4 inches).

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'fitover' XL large frame 75%	EH133-FL75
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Material: TR90 thermoplastic.	
Colour: Matt havana brown.	
Lens frame height: 6.5cm (2.56 inche	s).





Introducing Abi to the digital age

Six-year-old Abi has been helping young braille readers to improve their literacy skills for 15 years, and now she's going digital!

You can now get all 40 of the humorous stories about this young blind girl's adventures (plus the teachers' handbook) on a USB memory stick), so you can emboss or print pages as you need them.

The Abi books provide extra reading practice and may be used by young readers who have completed the Hands On braille course. Capitalised braille is used throughout.

TC21432-USB

£15.00

Whether you want to broaden your mind or escape to a different time or place, there's no easier way than diving into a book. New DAISY titles are added to our Online Shop all the time, so you have hundreds of books – fiction and non-fiction – to choose from. Browse the shop for an old, or new, favourite or call our Helpline for help finding the perfect book.

Titles are packaged in a clear DVD case and are priced at £9.99 each (unless stated otherwise).

If you've been enjoying Samuel West and co in Channel 5's All Creatures Great and Small (or if you're partial to reruns of the original starring Robert Hardy and Christopher Timothy), you may want to pick up the books behind the adaptations... We've recently added James Herriot's **All Creatures Great and Small** (807356); All Things Bright and Beautiful (807357); Every Living Thing (807358); It Shouldn't Happen To a Vet (807359); Let Sleeping Vets Lie (807360); Vet in Harness (807361) and Vets Might Fly (807362).

We've also added classic sci-fi titles by Philip K Dick: **Do Androids Dream of Electric Sheep?** (806688); **Humpty Dumpty in Oakland** (807342); **Little Black Box** (807343); **The Man in the High**

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Castle (807344); Minority Report (807345) and The Transmigration of Timothy Archer (807346).

Other fiction titles to check out are: Crow Lake (807317) and The Other Side of the Bridge (807318) by Mary Lawson; A Cat Called Birmingham by Chris Pascoe (807324); Home Fire by Kamila Shamsie (807321); Dombey and Sons by Charles Dickens (807338) (£14.99); Devil in a Blue Dress by Walter Mosley (807351); and three books by Nigerian novelist Chinua Achebe: Things Fall Apart (807347); Arrow of God (807348); and **A Man of the People** (807349).

On the non-fiction side of the aisle, we have four books by Welsh historian, author, and travel writer Jan Morris: **Among** the Cities (807305); Conundrum (807306); Coronation Everest (807307); and Wales: Epic Views of a Small Country (807308) (£14.99).

For armchair/deckchair/barstool historians we have **Blood of the Isles: Exploring the Genetic** Roots of Our Tribal History by Bryan Sykes (807309); Saving Bletchley Park by Sue Black (807310); The Secret Life of Bletchley Park by Sinclair McKay (807314); Women of the Raj by Margaret MacMillan (807315); Howard Carter's The Tomb of Tutankhamun (807316) and Luke Harding's **A Very Expensive Poison** (806473) – 'The definitive story of the murder of Litvinenko and Russia's war with the West'.

Bring the natural world into your living room with our newest natural history and travel titles: **Meadowland: The Private Life of an English Field** by John Lewis-Stempel (807339); **Akenfield: Portrait of an English Village** by Ronald Blythe (807340); **Islander: A Journey Around Our Archipelago** by Patrick Barkham (807341); **Nightingales in November: A Year in the Lives** of Twelve British Birds by Mike Dilger (807355) and McCarthy's Bar: A Journey of Discovery in the West of Ireland by Pete McCarthy (807365).

And if you enjoy biographies and autobiographies, we've got vou covered too. Check out The Spiral Staircase (807311) and Through the Narrow Gate by Karen Armstrong (807313); An Evil Cradling by Brian Keenan (807319); Tommy Cooper: **Always Leave Them Laughing** by John Fisher (801504); Dusty: An Intimate Portrait of a Musical Legend by Karen Bartlett (806473); Medical Misadventures by A Fraser-Moodie (807320); Man vs Ocean by Adam Walker (806420); I **Know Why the Caged Bird Sings** by Maya Angelou (807350) and **Robert Runcie**, The Reluctant Archbishop by Humphrey Carpenter (807364).

Finally, for younger readers we've added **Frost Hollow Hall** by Emma Carroll (805068) (9+ suggested reading age); Jill Barklem's **Spring Story** (807323); and **Summer Story** (807322) (5+ reading age) and **The Girl Savage** by Katherine Rundell (806493) (9+ reading age).

Our new London Products for Life store

is now open...

And it's bigger and better than before! Our new home in the Grimaldi building on Pentonville Road is a larger, purpose-built space where you can get hands-on with our products and ask questions before making a purchase.

It includes a new kitchen area where you can test the RNIB talking microwave, as well as other accessible kitchen equipment.

There's a living room with an accessible television and smart devices so you can find out how they can be used in your own home. We've also got an office desk set up to demonstrate access technology that can support you in employment, with your studies or managing your home. We've even got an area where you can test out canes and cane tips on a variety of surfaces.

The London store is open for visits by appointment Monday to Friday, from 9.30am to 4pm. To book your appointment please visit rnib.org. uk/stores or call our Helpline on 0303 123 9999, who'll be happy to book this for you.

Our London store is a 10 to 15-minute walk from King's Cross, Euston and St Pancras International stations. The address is: RNIB, The Grimaldi Building, 154a Pentonville Road, London, N1 9JE.

You can find it on Google maps at https://bit.ly/41S7byj or use What Three Words: ///begins.transfers. handed

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