



Good Morning all

At Speakeeasy we have had recently focussed a lot on **technology**

Using it can be **hard for people with aphasia and carers too.**

But it is essential in many aspects of our lives and it can be a help too.

Our members with aphasia and our carers have told us what they want to know

Here are some of the suggestions

- Putting an **ICE number** in your phone - someone who the emergency services will ring **In Case of Emergency**
- Turning on a service that helps you to **find your phone** if you lose it. Or for someone to find you!
- Making the **screen** look different
- Switching **off distracting things** from websites.
- Using **voice control** - speaking into your phone to tell it what to do

We also plan to run a Tuesday session on **how to spot scams and avoid being taken in**

Let us know if you have any more ideas

Trustees

Speakeeasy is a **charity**.

We are **registered with the Charity Commission** and we run by their rules.

The **trustees** are a group of volunteers who make sure that we are run properly and we **stick to the constitution** - this explains the reason why Speakeeasy exists and what it does.

The trustees are looking to recruit a few new people to help

They would particularly like a carer of someone with aphasia

They also need a member who has aphasia to join them.

There are **3 meetings** a year held in the **evenings** by **video link**, and an **Annual General Meeting in April at the Cricket Club in Ramsbottom**

We try to send out **reports in advance** and make the meetings as easy for people with aphasia as possible but there can be a lot of information to take in.

Talk to us if you would like to know more

We had a great meeting at the CC in Ramsbottom this week.

Small groups, facilitators at every table, communication resources, lots of conversations ideas.

People with aphasia were properly supported to join in



What's On at Speakeasy

This information below is to help you find out about and join in with the **Speakeasy activity that could be most suitable** for you

Keep an eye on these emails and contact us for more information.

We are always planning new things.

Let us know if you have ideas about what we should do.

**Our sessions at the Cricket club run
every 2 weeks.**

Tuesday mornings 10.00 – 12.00

The next is February 17th

**Let us know if you are new and want to come along –
we will make sure to look out for you and give you a
warm welcome**



Cue Speak

In the office

19th February 2026

09:30am till 11:30am

Supercharge your speech therapy!

Turn your iPad or iPhone into the ultimate speech therapy tool for people with communication difficulties after stroke or brain injury

Cue Speak is an app that gives you **speech therapy for your aphasia.**

You will need to **book with us to come to this session** - first come first served!



You can book
and pay online



Aphasia Bolton

UCAN CENTER
53 George St, New Bury
Farnworth, Bolton
BL4 9PU

Monthly Meetings 2026

For Members and carers

Wednesdays 10am till 11:45am

11th February

11th March

8th April

13th May

10th June



Contact us for information and how
to book
office@speakeasy-aphasia.org.uk



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554 Eccles New Rd,
Salford
M5 5AP

Monthly Meetings 2026

For Members and carers

Thursday 10:30am till 12:00pm

5th February

5th March

2nd April

7th May

4th June



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3 x Smart Screen Sessions starting **Monday**

23rd February 2026 10:30am Till 12:00pm

Conversations practice, peer support and sharing.
All while using our smart screen.
In the Speakeasy office



10th February 2026
Focus meeting in office
10:00am till 12:00pm

If interested
let us Know

We are currently completing a questionnaire so that you can tell us what you think of Speakeasy and what difference we make. This helps us plan the right activities to help you

We want to include people who don't come to our face to face meetings all the time – people who join our training, or drop in Zoom calls or who read our weekly emails. Carers are included too

Watch out in your **emails**, we might send you a copy though we know that this can be hard



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Weekly Zoom Meetings 2026

Aphasia group online

Monday

10am till 10:45am

Contact us for information and how
to book

office@speakeeasy-aphasia.org.uk

Open to anyone with aphasia.

Meet others and practise your communication in a supportive, friendly group

Supported by Alison, one of our speech and language therapists.

This is the Zoom link for the Monday drop-in 2nd Feb 2026

Join Zoom Meeting

Monday Drop-in

Don't forget to follow us on social media

Best wishes from all the Speakeasy Team

Web Site



Instagram



speakeasyaphasia.bsky.social

Facebook



Best Wishes
Speakeeasy Team

