

GENERAL INFORMATION

Should anyone like a Printed copy of this newsletter please ask at the Jubilee reception.



An alternative electronic version of this newsletter in PDF format, as well as previous releases, is available on the AgeUK Bury website.

Find it on the 'Get Involved' - 'Newsletters' webpage tabs.

Visit us on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/AgeUKBury/>

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JUBILEE CAFE - WINTER MONTHS

Temporary Saturday Closing

Due to the cold winter months visitors to the Café are very much reduced.

Therefore the Café will be closed on Saturdays from the first week in November until the last week in March.

Saturday opening will resume on 4th April 2026.



AGE UK NATIONAL CONFERENCE

Connecting, Learning, and Collaborating for a Better Future

Our Chief Officer Ania Stark-Ketcher and Chair Pat Jones-Greenhalgh recently attended the annual National Age UK Conference in Birmingham, which brought together Age UK partners from across the country.



The event provided an excellent chance to meet colleagues from other regional Age UK partners, discover more about collaboration opportunities with Age UK National, hear motivational updates on national projects and upcoming plans, and exchange network-wide best practices, insights, and experiences.

Seeing the commitment and innovation taking place across the Age UK family was inspirational, with the common objective to make the UK a better place to grow older.

Ania and Pat returned with fresh perspectives, improved connections, and new ideas for focussing on supporting the welfare of Bury's 50+ community.

CARITAS CHRISTMAS DINNER

Free Christmas Dinner to spread some Happiness and Cheer

Caritas alongside YCW Young Christian Workers are again this year supporting Age UK Bury and people within Bury with a free Christmas Dinner.

Wednesday 24th December - Christmas meal delivery service.

Thursday 25th December - Delivery service or Take-away/sit-down meal from 13.00 pm to 15.00 pm at Bury Parish Hall, The Rock, Bury.

If you or someone you know would like to order a meal, please phone **07855 306 074**

Last order date for meal deliveries is 19th December.

There is NO CHARGE for this meal.



GRATITUDE TO CARITAS

Toys, Nappies, Wipes

We are thrilled to be working with Caritas to provide Christmas dinners to our clients who will be spending the Christmas holiday alone.

As a token of appreciation, we are collecting: toys suitable for children up to 16 years, as well as nappies and baby wipes that Caritas can provide to their customers. From Monday, 3rd November, please hand in your donations to staff at Jubilee reception.



EVENT UPDATE

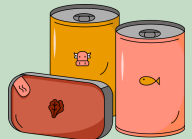
Texas Tornados Line Dancing Evening



Amidst a sea of cowboy boots gliding across the floor, donned hats and stylish shirts dancers let loose and showed off their line dancing moves. The Texas Tornados provided some foot tapping upbeat country tunes that kept everyone energized and dancing the night away in a lively mix of movement and rhythm, and the occasional humorous misstep. A memorable evening of high-energy music, foot-stomping dancing, laughter, community spirit and just sheer enjoyment. It was a yee-haw honky-tonk of an evening!

FOOD DONATIONS NEEDED

Surprise Christmas Hampers



Every year, Age UK Bury likes to help those in need in some small way. We make an effort to put together small food hampers to give to people who could use a little Christmas happiness. To create these little food hampers we need your help with donations of tins and non perishable foods, we are looking for any of the following: *Biscuits; Coffee; Tea; Rice; Pasta; Tinned ready meals; Tins of Beans; Tins of Sardines, Tins of Ham, Tins of Fruit; Hot Chocolate; Custard; Crackers; Cup-a-Soups; Tins of Peas; Tins of Carrots; Tins of Sweetcorn; Tinned Soup; Tuna long life meals.*

We can only accept items that are within date.

Please hand in your donations to staff at the Jubilee reception.

We thank you in advance for your kind generosity.

If you have spare wrapping and ribbon then we would appreciate that too!



SCAM ALERT

Winter Fuel Calls and Text Messages



Pensioners are being warned to stay alert as winter fuel payments scams have surged by over 150% according to the Government.

These scams – which see fraudsters exploit pensioners by either posing as government officials processing Winter Fuel Payment applications or by sending a link via a text message directing you to a bogus website.

Please stay vigilant. The Government has stated you don't need to do anything or speak to anyone as the payment will be credited to you automatically.

CHRISTMAS MINCE PIE COMPETITION

Xmas Bake Off - December 13th

We are holding a mince pie competition at the *Jubilee Christmas Show* celebrations on Saturday, 13th December 2025.

To enter, please bring six homemade mince pies for our official mince pie tasters to judge (see full details on page 9).

Please register your interest at Jubilee reception.

Prize for the winner for the most marvellous mince pie maker!



JUBILEE CHRISTMAS SING-ALONG

Come along to the Christmas sing-along

Stop by the Jubilee and join in with a selection of favourite Christmas carols hosted by Emma and the Jubilee Community Choir,

on Wednesday, December 17th at 10.30 am.

Lets Jingle our Bells and Deck the Jubilee Hall with the enjoyable sounds of Christmas tunes and singing.

SPECIAL 2026 CALENDAR

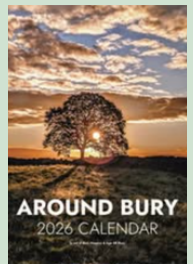
Bury Hospice & Age UK Bury - Around Bury 2026 Calendar

Get your *Around Bury 2026 Calendar* featuring photos of the local area, special places and landmarks from around Bury!

The 2026 calendar is available to purchase now at the Jubilee Centre for £10.00

Profits from the sales will be spilt between Bury Hospice and Age UK Bury.

The calendar is A3 in size with high quality images to be enjoyed all year.



YOGA CLASSES

Evening classes at the Jubilee with Melanie

Yoga combines physical postures, breathing techniques, and meditation in a very relaxed way. Its benefits include improved flexibility, strength, and balance, as well as enhanced mental health and emotional stability, helping reduce stress, anxiety and improving sleep quality.

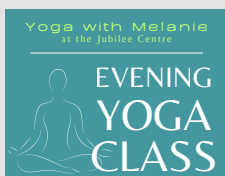
The Jubilee Centre has evening classes every two weeks for those in need of a little relaxation to help mind and body.

The sessions are very gentle and suitable for all.

Evening classes every fortnight on Mondays from 18.00 pm to 19.30 pm

usually the 1st and 3rd evening every month. Classes £8.50 per session.

Please contact **Jubilee on 0161 763 9030** for details of the next evening session and to reserve your place.



TAI CHI QIGONG CLASSES - NEWS

December classes postponed

Our Tai Chi tutor Stewart is on vacation during the month of December, so unfortunately there won't be any classes.

Classes will resume in the new year on Friday 2nd January 2026.

In the meantime please keep practicing what you have learned.



CAFE VOUCHERS

Gift Vouchers Available for a Christmas Gift

Are you considering a gift for someone and don't know what to get?

Gift Vouchers are available for purchase from Jubilee Reception in a variety of denominations. £5, £10, £15, and £20.

A great way to give a family member, friend, or loved one a Christmas treat!



We have 56 members taking part



THE 100 NUMBERS CLUB NOVEMBER WINNERS

Congratulations 1st Prize Winner

Num 26, Mavis Brooks, £70

2nd - Num 40, Margaret Sparrow, £42

3rd - Num 41, John Harrison, £14

This month's draw was by *Elaine*. Thank you !

Try your luck and join in on the monthly fun for just £5 per month.

Simply visit our website or stop by Jubilee reception and grab a registration pack. Complete the simple form, return it to us and get ready for the upcoming draw. Wishing you luck!



FRIENDS TOGETHER - NEWS

Celebrating Halloween

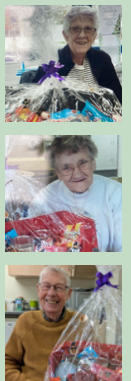
Friends Together across the four weekly groups celebrated Halloween with some cake making and a raffle, with some spooktacular prizes.

Prizes were won by: Julie from Monday's group,

May from Wednesday's group and Gordon from Thursday's group.

The atmosphere was filled with laughter and spooky decorations as everyone joined in decorating Halloween gingerbreads and shortbread ghosts.

Halloween was never sweeter!



FRIENDS TOGETHER

Friends Together Hubs

Connecting with others is essential for our well-being, especially as we age. If you find yourself spending most of your week alone, consider joining our Friends Together Hub designed for adults aged 65 and over.

These gatherings offer a wonderful opportunity to meet new friends, share stories, enjoy engaging activities and have a lovely two course lunch.

Our activities include arts and crafts, dominoes, bingo and board games, along with regular days out and parties throughout the year.

Our hubs are located in the north of **Bury, Prestwich, Whitefield and Radcliffe** and operate **Monday to Thursday, 10.00 am till 16.00 pm**.

We also offer (when available) minibus transport.

Stepping out for a day can brighten your spirits, make new memories and enjoy the company of others! For more details please call **Jubilee** on **0161 763 9030**



Friends Together

RADCLIFFE BEFRIENDING CLUSTER

Every Tuesday afternoon - 13.00 pm - 14.30 pm

Located at the Dumers Lane Community Centre in Radcliffe this social gathering provides the local community a hub to meet up, have a chat, a brew and take part in activities or friendly quiz.

If you would like to attend and make new friends please contact Jane on 07541 741891 or email jane@ageukbury.org.uk



Dumers Lane
Community Centre

CHARITY SHOP ITEMS

Donations needed

Our charity shops, which play a vital role in our community, have been so busy that certain items are low on stock or have completed sold out, so we are reaching out for item donations. *If you have any unused or unwanted items, such as; Bric-a-brac, jewellery, glassware, toys, bags, pictures and picture frames, scarves, shoes or boots, we would greatly appreciate your donations.* Please donate direct to the shops in Bury or Ramsbottom or alternatively hand them in at Jubilee reception. Thank you for your support!



BURY EQUIPMENT COLLECTION

Unused Home or Mobility Equipment

Do you have any equipment that was issued by the council that you no longer need, such as walking frames, sticks, bed adaption devices, toilet equipment?

Bury Council would like to come and collect them for free, so they can assess them, clean them and make available to other people in need. Even if the equipment is faulty, it could be still be used as spare parts.

To organise a collection please either phone Bury Council on 0161 253 6858 - option 1, or fill in an online application form which can be found on their new webpage by searching for *Equipment Services - Bury Council*.

Bury
Council



HAND MADE GREETING CARDS

Christmas & Birthday Occasions

We have received a donation of handmade greeting cards. There is always something special and unique about a handcrafted item so please stop by Jubilee reception to view these lovely crafted cards. Priced at just £5.00 for a box of 10 cards.

You will also receive a free Age UK tote bag to put them in!

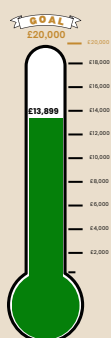


FUNDRAISING UPDATE

Refurbishment for the Jubilee Centre

Line Dancing Evening Event - £2112

Fundraising event with the Texas Tornados and a very special fun filled Line Dancing evening. Thank you to everyone who attended and for your amazing support!



WITH THANKS



DUNELM DELIVERING JOY

Thank you Dunelm Radcliffe and Dunelm Shoppers

A huge thank you goes out to Dunelm Radcliffe and all its wonderful customers for the amazing response to its Delivering Joy Christmas Wish Tags campaign.

The generosity of its customers has been overwhelming, and the range of items they have generously given has been simply remarkable.

The gifts will be truly appreciated by those in need this Christmas.

OLIVE RESTAURANT AND WINE BAR

Fundraising Evening

We want to give a massive thank you to Olive Restaurant and Wine Bar for hosting an incredible fundraising evening for Age UK Bury.

The atmosphere, the food, and the warm welcome made the night truly special.

A huge shoutout to Mark and Christian, who went above and beyond all night long, making sure every guest was looked after, every detail was perfect, and the evening flowed.

Thank you both for helping create such a memorable experience for everyone.



CEF

Raffle Prizes Donation



Bury Area Manager, Callum from CEF donated generous gifts to Age UK Bury which will help hugely towards our raffle prize collection. Thank you!

We would also like to thank all the staff for the superb service we receive from CEF (City Electrical Factors).

KOOLIT SERVICES

Thank You for Superb Customer Service

When a critical display fridge broke down in the Jubilee Café, just one phone call and Koolit Services had their response team establishing the issue and arranging for an engineer to visit within 48 hours, ensuring that assistance was on its way.

A friendly and professional technician arrived, quickly identified the issue and got the unit working.

Their excellent customer service was evident throughout the entire process, which transformed a potentially stressful circumstance into a smooth resolution.

Our Café customers were able to resume enjoying having cold drinks and fresh cakes again in no time thanks to the entire team at Koolit Services. Cheers!



DAVENPORTS PRINTERS

Boardroom Furniture Donation



Thank you to Jason and Scott Davenport from Davenports Printers for the amazing donation of table and chairs for our meeting room.

Our meetings just got a whole lot more comfortable!

VACANCIES AND OPPORTUNITIES

Full time & Volunteering



JOB VANCANY

Exciting New Opportunity - Information & Advice Service Officer

We are looking to employ a Service Officer to provide information and advice on a range of topics including welfare benefits, care issues and local services. If you, or you know someone who may be interested to take up such an important and rewarding role then please call **Jubilee** on **0161 763 9030** or email **admin@ageukbury.org.uk** for more information. Full details and an information pack can be found on our website at:
<https://www.ageuk.org.uk/bury/get-involved/work-for-us/>
where you can also download an application form.



JOB VACANCY

Exciting New Opportunity - Minibus Driver Needed

We are looking for someone to drive our Minibus and help elderly people have a day out. Our scheme runs four days a week from Monday through to Thursday.

Clients are picked up from their homes and taken to and picked up from each social group event.

Morning pick up and drop off from 9.00 am to 10.30 am.

Afternoon collections from 15.30 pm to clients homes.

Group events are held in the following locations:

Monday - Bury; Tuesday - Whitefield; Wednesday - Prestwich; Thursday - Radcliffe. It could be necessary for you to assist them board the minibus, which has a tail lift.



You will need a D1 Licence and DBS check will be carried out by Age UK Bury.

A salary of £12.21 per hour, for approx. four hours a day.

If you are, or know someone who may be interested in this great opportunity and be part of a local charity to enable the elderly to have a day out, then please call **Jubilee** on **0161 763 9030** or email **admin@ageukbury.org.uk**.

For further details and an information pack go to our website at:

<https://www.ageuk.org.uk/bury/get-involved/work-for-us/>
where you can also download an application form.

VOLUNTEER BINGO & QUIZ HOST

Weekly on Wednesday Afternoons

We are looking for a cheerful and enthusiastic volunteer to host a fun-filled Bingo and Quiz afternoon for elderly members of our community at the Jubilee Centre on Wednesday afternoons, from 13.30 pm to 16.00 pm. You will lead engaging Bingo and Quiz games creating a warm, friendly and fun atmosphere, with a healthy dose of friendly competition.

It's also an opportunity to meet and get to know new people and make friends. If you are interested and can dedicate one afternoon a week, then please call **Jubilee** on **0161 763 9030** for more information or email **jubilee@ageukbury.org.uk** for a volunteers pack.



VACANCIES AND OPPORTUNITIES CONT.

Full time & Volunteering



CHRISTMAS VOLUNTEER DRIVERS

Dunelm Delivering Joy Help Needed

We are looking for volunteer drivers in December to help deliver Christmas gifts to the elderly in our local community. If you can spare a few hours and would like to help spread some Christmas cheer then please contact **Steph** on **07725 735811** or email **steph@ageukbury.org.uk** for more details.



Volunteer

DIGITAL VOLUNTEER NEEDED

Digital Sales

We are looking for a volunteer to help with the charity's eBay and Vinted online accounts.

If you can spare a few hours per week to pop into each of our charity shops, select items that would be appealing to buyers, photograph them and then advertise on the online stores that would be a great help.

Travel expenses will be reimbursed.

Some experience of online selling would be handy to get up and running.

Please get in touch by calling **Jubilee** on **0161 763 9030** or emailing **jubilee@ageukbury.org.uk** for further details and a volunteers pack.

eBay

Vinted

Volunteer

SHOP VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Bury & Ramsbottom Charity Shops

Do you have any spare time and would like to do something interesting, rewarding, meeting and helping people?

Would you like to help out in one of our charity shops in Bury or Ramsbottom?

Any weekday or weekend you are free, even a few hours will be a great help.

We would love to hear from you. Please call **Jubilee** on **0161 763 9030** or email **admin@ageukbury.org.uk** for more information and for a volunteer pack.

SHOP
Volunteer

VOLUNTEER DRIVER NEEDED

Befriending Service - Thursday Afternoons

The Befriending Service is looking for a volunteer driver for a couple of hours on a Thursday afternoon to pick up clients and take them to a befriending cluster held at the Bury Blind Society, Tenterden Street, Bury.

Expenses will be paid at 45p a mile.

To find out more please phone **Jane** on **07541 741891** or email **jane@ageukbury.org.uk** for further information.



Volunteer

UPCOMING EVENTS

List of events, entertainment and fun social gatherings.



DECEMBER 2025

Christmas Show

Saturday, 13th December - 12.00 pm till 17.30 pm

An afternoon featuring a variety of artists, music, bingo and Christmas fun. There will also be a Bake Off Competition for the best homemade mince pies, with a Prize for the winner. So grab your ingredients, get set, Bake!

There will be a Open Mic singing session, The Marshal Arts Band, the Rock of All Ages Band, and a special Christmas performance by The Tenor Ladies.

Ticket £10 per person

- includes a winter warming hot drink and mince pie.

Get your ticket from Jubilee reception.

Café will be open. Raffle prizes - £1 per ticket.

Festive jumpers and attire highly encouraged!



POLITE NOTICE

We kindly ask that you refrain from bringing your own food or drinks to the Jubilee Centre, as our café and bar is open and ready to serve a variety of delicious options.

Your support is greatly appreciated!

Thank you for your understanding.

If you have an upcoming function or special occasion and would like to have it at the Jubilee Centre then call 0161 763 9030 and ask for Ania/Leisa to discuss hiring the room and amenities or email events@ageukbury.org.uk with your enquiry

FINALLY... A BIT OF FUN

Fireworks

In the night sky, bright colours bloom
With a crackle, a pop, and a plume
They dance with delight
On a dark autumn night
And frighten you when they go Kaboom!



October's Halloween Fun
Answer: There were 20 ghosts

Brain Teaser

What should be the **Time** in the last watch?



October's teaser answer:
6 was the missing number