

GENERAL INFORMATION

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JUBILEE LUNCH CLUB

Every **TUESDAY at 12.00 pm**



Stop by and enjoy a special meal and get to know new people or catch up with old friends. Our exciting chefs specials menu will leave your taste buds tingling and coming back for more.

Consisting of a special two course menu - a main, a sweet and a hot drink. Special price of £9.75

All welcome! Reserve your place at the Café or at Jubilee reception by calling 0161 763 9030.

DIGITAL SKILLS WORKSHOP

Every **Monday, 10.00 am to 12.00 noon.**



Are you interested in improving your tech skills? Need help with doing anything online on the internet or your mobile phone?

Learn more about technology by attending one of the Monday drop-in sessions from 10.00 am to 12.00 noon.



In association with Bury Council we are providing free information, advice, and guidance on a variety of topics related to using the internet and navigating the digital world and the use of technology.



'Digital Buddies', are available at the Jubilee to assist with online navigation, completing forms, or making the most of your computer, tablet, or smartphone. Make a note of your issues or whatever you would like to achieve and bring your device with you to the free workshop sessions.

BOOK SIGNING EVENT

Local author Janet Brady at the Jubilee



Bury resident and author Janet Brady will be at the Jubilee Centre on **Saturday, 21st March from 11.00 till 14.00 pm** to chat about her latest publication about the adventures about a 'giant rhino'.

The book, 'Woolly's Song' is a captivating children's book about a Woolly Rhino with two enormous horns and a woolly-minded reputation. He trips and falls into a deep hole, the Dream Cave, never to be seen again. Extinct! or is he!? Janet will be on hand to give you a glimpse into this Fabulous Ice Age Megabeast's story and sign books.

The books are £10 each of which a donation of £1 is going to Age UK Bury. Stop by the Jubilee and grab a signed copy and have a chat with Janet.

HELP REQUIRED

Wall Mounted Baby Changing Unit needed



With more and more families visiting the Jubilee Centre and Café we need to upgrade our amenities.

A baby changing table is desperately needed at the Centre.

If anyone knows a local company willing to donate or sponsor a table, and if possible, kindly install it for us, then we would be extremely grateful.

Please get in touch by calling **Jubilee on 0161 763 9030** or emailing **jubilee@ageukbury.org.uk**

We are trying our best to help mummies and daddies!



We have 47 members taking part

THE 100 NUMBERS CLUB

FEBRUARY WINNERS

Congratulations 1st Prize Winner

Num 11, Sheila Barnes £58.75

2nd - Num 35, Anonymous, £32.25

3rd - Num 36, Michelle Goodwin, £11.75

This month's draw was by Leisa. *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!



ROOF AND CEILING WORKS - HELP REQUIRED

We need a mobile scaffold platform or cherry picker lift

It is necessary to address issues some we have with the roof and ceiling tiles at the Jubilee.

Traditional ladders will not provide the stability or the reach that is required for thorough inspections and repairs. An indoor cherry picker or scaffolding will help provide efficient and safe access to these high spaces.

If you can or know someone who can provide a mobile platform of some sort, for a reasonable cost or even for free, and the expertise to manage such a device then we would be extremely grateful.

Please contact ania@ageukbury.org.uk or call Jubilee reception on 0161 763 9030 and leave your contact details. Thank you.



CAFE VOUCHERS

Gift Vouchers Available

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 tasty treat!



NEW YEAR : NEW PLANS - CONSTRUCTION ADVICE

Are you considering a construction or upgrade project?

If you're considering or currently undergoing building work, it is essential to thoroughly understand the construction process and ensure you are working with reputable professionals.

CAST (Campaign For Accountable Skilled Trades) provides guidance for consumers undertaking home improvements or construction projects, especially highlighting the Do's and Don'ts, and avoiding being scammed.

Their website castcampaign.co.uk provides valuable information on planning permissions, building regulations, and other relevant guidelines to help you navigate the construction process smoothly, understand your rights, and most important, be aware of the pitfalls.

Its a free resource that provides experienced information on what steps people can take to protect themselves and how to handle things in the event when something goes wrong. (If you have had a bad experience with a professional then CAST would also like to hear from you).

Taking the time to review this information before going ahead with any work can help you avoid potential delays or issues with your project, ensuring that your building work is completed on time and within the required standards.

If you have any queries then please email info@castcampaign.co.uk.



LOVE SINGING?

Bury Acapeelers looking for new members

Bury Acapeelers acapella choir (voice only) is based in Bury. Started in March 2009 and currently has around 40 members are looking for more members.

No previous experience of singing in a choir is necessary; they do not audition and there is no need to be able to read music as everything is learned by ear.

They sing a variety of music including pop, jazz, blues, folk, rock, African, Gospel and other world music styles.

They are a performance focused choir and as such all members are encouraged to perform at least once a year. They also sing at local events around Bury and take part in the annual Street Choirs Festival.

Stop by and experience the joy, confidence and sense of achievement that singing can bring. Love Singing Love Life!

The first session is FREE – a taster to see how you like it.

After the first session there is a small monthly fee of £14 or £11 (concession) payable in advance.

Sessions are held on Thursdays from 19.30 - 21.30 pm at Blakburne Hall, Bury, BL9 0LA



NHS DIGITAL APP SUPPORT

App Drop-In Support Sessions in Bury

HMR Circle is hosting a series of community drop-in sessions across Bury to help residents set up and use the NHS App. Whether you're downloading it for the first time or need help navigating its features, you're welcome to come along and become familiar with the app.



Weekly drop-in sessions:

- Tuesdays, 10:30–11:30 am, Bolton Road Methodist Church, Bury, BL8 2NZ
- Every 1st Tuesday, 12:30–13:30pm, Church Lane Community Centre, Prestwich, M25 1AJ
- Thursdays, 10:30–11:30 am, Christ Church, Ramsbottom, BL0 0PX
- Thursdays, 12:30–13:30 pm, The Tottington Centre, Bury, BL8 3LL
- Thursdays, 13:45–14:45 pm, Greenmount Old School, Bury, BL8 4DS

For more information, please contact the HMR Circle team on **01706 751 165** or email claire@hmrcircle.org.uk

EVENT - UPDATE

Valentines Afternoon Tea

There was a lot of laughter, fun chat, and a cosy, joyful vibe in the room whilst everyone enjoying their snacks and treats. Our cherished china cups and saucers provided that extra special touch, and it was lovely to see everyone savouring the delectable delicacies!



We've received lots of compliments expressing how much everyone had fun, how great value the deal was, and how wonderful the entire experience and the variety of treats to savour.



We sincerely appreciate the support of everyone who came and helped make it such a fantastic afternoon. It means a lot to us to hear that you're already looking forward to the next one.



Another afternoon tea event happening very soon!

EVENT - UPDATE

The Silhouette Band

The nine-piece band played hits from the 60's and 70's, captivating the audience with their vibrant energy and infectious melodies.

From the moment they kicked off with classics like "Ain't No Mountain High Enough" to the closing notes of "Twist and Shout," the crowd was transported back in time, foot tapping, dancing or simply singing along.

With a rich blend of vocals, strings instruments, keyboards and percussion, the band created an authentic sound that not only honoured the legendary era but also brought a fresh twist to beloved favourites, everyone fully immersed in nostalgia.

A memorable evening for everyone involved.



FRIENDS TOGETHER - ACTIVITY



Valentines Day activities

Friends together celebrated Valentines with activities, raffle and reminiscing about their families.

Some brought their wedding photos to show and chat about their special days and families.



The Friends Together hub at our Dumers Lane Centre put together a mural where everyone wrote about memories of loved ones who have passed and loved ones who are still with us.



John and Maureen won the valentine raffle of special gift baskets.

Consider joining our Friends Together Hubs to connect with these lovely people if you or someone you know spends the majority of the week alone.

The hubs, which cater for adults aged 65 and over, provide a great chance to make new friends, exchange experiences, take part in interesting activities, and enjoy a delicious two-course meal.

Along with frequent outings and celebrations all year long, the activities include board games, bingo, dominoes, and arts & crafts.

Our hubs are located in the north of Bury, Prestwich, Whitefield and Radcliffe and operate Monday to Thursday, 10.00 am till 15.00 pm.

For more details please call Jubilee reception 0161 763 9030 or visit our website ageukbury.org.uk.



UNWANTED STATIONARY

We are short on supplies

We are in urgent need of stationery supplies. If you have unused stationery, stored away, unlikely to be used, then we would love to have it!

A4 Printing Paper, Pens, Pencils, Staples, Sellotape, Rubber bands, Jiffy bags, A4 Laminating Pouches, Post-it notes, will all be really helpful.

Anything will be gratefully appreciated and used. Thank you.

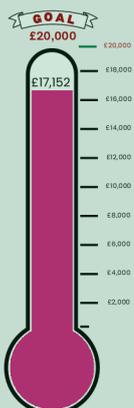


FUNDRAISING UPDATE

Refurbishment for the Jubilee Centre

Event - The Silhouettes evening - £1048

Thank you to everyone involved.



SERVICES SPOTLIGHT

INFORMATION & ADVICE SERVICE

Free Confidential Advice

Age UK Bury offers a free and confidential information and advice service for older people, their families and carers.

The aim of our Information and Advice service is to support older people and their carers to enable them to live independently and manage the challenges that getting older can bring.

Our service specialises in ensuring people over state pension age receive their full entitlement to benefits, and supports people with applying for Pension Credits and Attendance Allowance.

To book an appointment with one of our team simply call Jubilee reception on 0161 763 9030 and leave your details and what you need help with.

Our information and advice officers are available from Monday to Thursday, 9.30 am to 16.00 pm.



BEFRIENDING SERVICE

Face to Face chat

Our face-to-face-befriending service is available to people aged 50 and over in the Bury area.

Our aim is to help tackle feelings of loneliness and isolation and involves a specially selected volunteer befriender visiting an older person in their home. Our befriending service endeavours to match carefully vetted volunteers with Bury residents aged over 50 who are lonely and isolated, with the volunteers offering company and social support.

Weekly home visits are typically part of relationships with clients who are confined to their homes because of physical disabilities, frailty, or other conditions. Priority will be given to those who lack access to other forms of social interaction. Typically, house visits last an hour or so, but occasionally, both parties and the Befriending Coordinator agree on a more flexible schedule. We are happy to receive referrals from older people themselves or from their families, carers, GP'S, practice nurses and social workers. However, we will only accept referrals with the consent of the person being referred.

Please contact Jane on 07541 741 891 or email jane@ageukbury.org.uk for further information or to make a referral, and more details can be found on the ageukbury.org website.



Interested in being a Befriending Volunteer?

Please get in touch with Jane using the information above if you would like to truly help someone who is experiencing social isolation and make new friends in the process.

VACANCIES AND OPPORTUNITIES

Full time & Volunteering



JOB VACANCY

Exciting New Opportunity - Friends Together Co-ordinator

We are seeking an experienced and motivated individual to provide strategic leadership and development of the Friends Together service.

Friends Together is a community-based service supporting individuals to reduce loneliness, build confidence, and strengthen social connections across Bury.

Please call **Jubilee** on **0161 763 9030** or email **admin@ageukbury.org.uk** for more information or visit 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 local 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 may be necessary for you to assist them board the minibus, which has a tail lift. You will need a PS1 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**.

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



JOB VANCANY

Exciting New Opportunity - Fundraising & Grants Co-ordinator

We have an excellent opportunity for someone interested in starting their career in fundraising, charity work, or community engagement.

Working as part of our friendly team, you will help develop and support our fundraising activities and grant applications, ensuring we can continue delivering vital services for people over 50 in the borough of Bury.

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.

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



VACANCIES AND OPPORTUNITIES CONT.



Full time & Volunteering

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 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.

VOLUNTEER FUNDRAISER

Jubilee Fundraising Committee



Would you be interested in joining our committee and assisting with the planning of our annual fundraising events? We are seeking proactive committee volunteers to assist with brainstorming ideas for events. You will have a major role in helping the team in organising as well assisting with each event on the day. If you would like to get involved then please call **Jubilee** on **0161 763 9030** or email admin@ageukbury.org.uk expressing your interest.

VOLUNTEER DIGITAL SKILLS

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.

VOLUNTEER DRIVER

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.

VISIT OUR WEBSITE FOR
THE LATEST DETAILS

UPCOMING EVENTS



List of events, entertainment and fun social gatherings.

MARCH 2026

Cabaret act - Sarah Dennis

Saturday, 21st March 2026, 11.00 - 16.00 pm

Doors and Café open at 11.00 am

Bingo from 12.30 pm followed by raffle

Cabaret from 13.30 till 14.30 pm

Tickets just £2 per person

(this includes two free raffle tickets for entry to the raffle draw)

Tickets are available from Jubilee reception.

Stop by for a foot tapping fun filled entertaining afternoon at the Jubilee!



NEW
MONTHLY
FEATURE
SATURDAY AFTERNOON CABARET
AT THE JUBILEE

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Upcoming Events...

Saturday, 25 April - Gina Kay Cabaret

Friday, 15 May - Dolly Parton Tribute

Saturday, 23 May - Tony Squirrel Cabaret

Saturday, 27 June - Karen Harvey Cabaret

Friday, 17 July - Tina Turner Tribute



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

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.

FINALLY... A BIT OF FUN

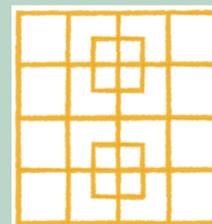
Romance

On Valentine's, love blooms in the air
With flowers and chocolates to share
What better way
To a loved one to say
That you really do care. ♡



Brain Teaser

How many square can you find ?



January's teaser answer:
Total triangles was: 30