

### 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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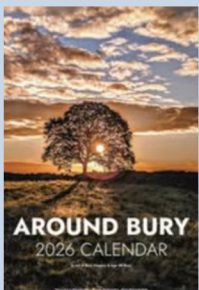
### CAFE VOUCHERS

#### 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!



### 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 for just £5. Profits from the sales will be split between Bury Hospice and Age UK Bury. The calendar is A3 in size with high quality images to be enjoyed all year.



### WINTER WARM HUB

#### Every Sunday from 28<sup>th</sup> December - 22<sup>nd</sup> February, 11 am to 2 pm

Volunteers from Friends of Clarence Park host the Warm Hub, which offers a comfortable, warm, and dry place for people to grab a bite and a drink.

This year it is at the Jubilee Centre. Every Sunday from now until February, please stop by for a complimentary snack, homemade soup, cake, and hot beverage. It's Free. Everyone is welcome.

### RAMSBOTTOM BEFRIENDING CLUSTER

#### Every Thursday Morning - 10.00 am to 12.30 pm

Age UK Bury in association with Christ Church & Neighbourhood Centre host a FREE Drop-in-Cafe on Thursday mornings.

Stop by the cluster between 10.00 am to 12.30 pm for a warm and friendly welcome, together with lovely cakes, tea and coffee and most importantly pleasant and friendly chat and a chance to make new friends which hopefully will improve your wellbeing.

Find it at Christ Church, Great Eves Road, Ramsbottom. BL0 0PX

If you would like to attend please call

Jane on 07541 741 891 or email [jane@ageukbury.org.uk](mailto:jane@ageukbury.org.uk)





## DIGITAL SKILLS WORKSHOP

Every Monday, 10.00 am to 12.00 noon.

**Struggling with a piece of technology? Need help with anything online?**

We have '*Digital Buddies*' at the Jubilee every Monday to help guide you.

Make a note of your issues or whatever you would like to achieve and bring your device with you to the free workshop sessions.

Learn about technology, navigating the internet and become more confident with using technology.

## 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](mailto:claire@hmrcircle.org.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



### RING & RIDE SERVICE REVIEW

**Transport for Greater Manchester (TfGM) want your feedback by February 9<sup>th</sup>**

Ring & Ride is an accessible, low-cost minibus service for people over 70 with walking difficulties and disabled people to get to hospital, the nearest town centre, or accessible transport hub.

The review will look at how Ring and Ride can fit into the Bee Network, Greater Manchester's joined-up transport system, to make travel easier and how to use resources in the best way possible.

Current service users will be sent a paper copy of the survey with a Freepost return envelope. If you haven't received your paper copy by the middle of January, please call the TfGM contact centre 0161 244 1000 Monday to Friday: 7am to 8pm, Weekends and Bank Holidays: 8am to 8pm.

Individuals and groups can fill in the online survey by simply searching for "ring and ride survey online" and clicking the link.

Anyone who finds it difficult to complete the online survey can send feedback to [flexibletransport@tfgm.com](mailto:flexibletransport@tfgm.com)



We have 47 members taking part



### THE 100 NUMBERS CLUB JANUARY WINNERS

**Congratulations 1st Prize Winner**

**Num 25, Jane Lees, £58.75**

2nd - Num 55, Christine Darrock, £32.25

3rd - Num 3, Frances Bowe, £11.75

This month's draw was by Valerie *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!



### UNWANTED STATIONARY

**We are short on supplies**

We are in urgent need of stationery supplies. If you have unused stationary, 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, Envelopes, Post-it notes, will all be really helpful.

Anything will be gratefully appreciated and used. Thank you.



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](mailto:events@ageukbury.org.uk) with your enquiry



### SERVICES SPOTLIGHT

#### HOME FROM HOSPITAL SERVICE

##### Free Six Week Service within Bury

Home from Hospital is for the local community within Bury.

It is run by Age UK Bury and based at Fairfield General Hospital, Bury.

We support:

- Those over the age of 50 who live alone
- Are the main carer at home
- Live with another person who is unable to support with daily cares
- Those who have recently been discharged from hospital or A&E
- Those who live in Bury



What we can help with:

- Information and advice
- Guidance with applying for financial entitlements
- Introduction to social activities in the Bury area
- Help and support from other community & voluntary sector organisations in Bury
- Practical help from our Handy Person Team
- Providing welfare checks in the initial post discharge phase
- Support with grocery shopping during the early stages of discharge
- Support with escorting to hospital appointments (subject to individual's mobility)
- Liaising with other professionals if required

Referrals can be requested by phone or email via Hospital ward or A&E, a self-referral, or from family or friend.

Email: [homefromhospital@ageukbury.org.uk](mailto:homefromhospital@ageukbury.org.uk)

Service Manager: Contact Iris on **07935 114 013** or email [iris@ageukbury.org.uk](mailto:iris@ageukbury.org.uk)

#### 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) minibs 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

### READY TO ROCK

#### Drum Kit For Sale

Vintage drum kit for sale - perfect for starting a band, unleashing your inner rock star and finally answering the age-old question: "How loud can you play?"

Duncan, one of our trustees, has decided to upgrade to a bigger setup and so his old drum kit needs a new home.

The kit consists of: 1 bass drum, 2 mounted tom-toms, 1 floor tom-tom, 1 snare drum, 1 ride cymbal, 1 crash cymbal, 1 Hi-hat

In excellent condition in a stunning metallic red colour. Price is just £200 ono.

If you are interested then please call Jubilee on 0161 763 9030 and leave a message for Duncan. He will return your call to discuss.

The proceeds from the sale are kindly being donate by Duncan to Age UK Bury.



### SPECIAL CELEBRATION

#### Huge Birthday at the Jubilee

Marie Holden has been a regular visitor to the Jubilee Centre and supported Age UK Bury for many years.

She hosted a special birthday party at the Jubilee for all her family and friends, with nearly a hundred people attending and enjoying themselves.

She has also arranged that all donations and funds from the party go to Age UK Bury and its refurbishment fund. Thank you so much Marie!

Wishing all the very best!

Happy  
Birthday

### PHONE HELP AND SUPPORT

#### If you are struggling? Support is available today

A selection of phone numbers and organisations to call if you need to speak to someone:

- 0800 678 1602 - Age UK National - from 8am to 7pm, every day
- 0800 470 8090 - The Silver Line UK - 24 hours, every day
- 0800 014 9995 - NHS GM Mental Health Support Line - 24 hours, every day
- 116 123 - free from any phone - Bury Samaritans - 24 hours, every day



### FUNDRAISING UPDATE

#### Refurbishment for the Jubilee Centre

##### Corma Carpets - donation of £500

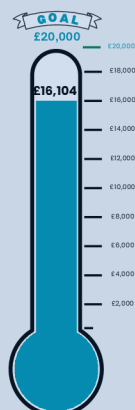
Thank you.

##### The Bury Lodge of Freemasons - donation of £150

Thank you.

##### Marie Holden Birthday Party - donation and raffle £585

Thank you.



### VACANCIES AND OPPORTUNITIES

Full time & Volunteering



#### 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 Coordinator

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.



#### 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.

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### VACANCIES AND OPPORTUNITIES CONT.

Full time & Volunteering



#### 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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:jane@ageukbury.org.uk) for further information.

#### 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](mailto:jubilee@ageukbury.org.uk) for a volunteers pack.



VISIT OUR WEBSITE FOR  
THE LATEST DETAILS

## UPCOMING EVENTS

List of events, entertainment and fun social gatherings.



### FEBRUARY 2026

#### The Silhouette Band

**Saturday, 14<sup>th</sup> February - 19.00 till 23.00 pm**

The Silhouette Band are a group of talented vocalists and musicians with years of experience who believe there is nothing which compares to the original sounds and atmosphere of live music.

An essentially '60s and '70s show full of toe tapping hits and nostalgia.

For a fabulous entertaining evening get your ticket from Jubilee reception.

Tickets just £15 per person

Bar available. Raffle prizes - tickets £1 each



### FEBRUARY 2026

#### Afternoon Tea

**Friday, 13<sup>th</sup> February - 13.00 till 15.00 pm**

The Jubilee Café will be hosting a Valentines special 'Afternoon Tea'.

A selection of sandwiches, cakes, sausage rolls, scones with clotted cream and jam with tea or coffee.

For a afternoon treat, purchase your tickets from the Jubilee Café.

Tickets just £10 per person



### FEBRUARY 2026

#### Cabaret act - Michael Cosgrove

**Saturday, 21<sup>st</sup> February 2026, 11.00 - 15.00 pm**

Doors and Café open at 11.00 am

Bingo from 12.00 am till 13.00 pm

Cabaret from 13.00 pm till 14.00 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...

Friday, 15 May - Dolly Parton Tribute

Friday, 17 July - Tina Turner Tribute

## 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

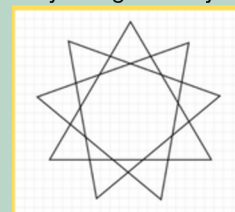
### Chilly January

There once was a fellow quite bold  
who exercised outside in the cold  
With nothing but shorts  
and a determination of sorts,  
he ran until frostbite took hold.



## Brain Teaser

How many triangles can you see ?



December's teaser answer:  
The odd mitten was num 12