



## 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/>

Don't forget to hit that Follow!



## JUBILEE CAFE - WINTER MONTHS

### Temporary Saturday Closing

Due to the cold winter months visitors to the cafe 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.



## 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) minibuss 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**



## CARITAS AID

### Toys, Nappies, Wipes

Once more, 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, November 3<sup>rd</sup>, keep an eye out for the collection boxes in the Jubilee Centre.



## ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

### Thank You

Thank you to everyone who attended the AGM on October 27th.

The General Public, Employees, Volunteers, and the Trustees.

The meeting was informative, productive and will help with future initiatives.



## CHRISTMAS MINCE PIE COMPETITION

Xmas Bake Off - December 13th



We are holding a mince pie competition at the Jubilee Christmas Show celebrations on the 13<sup>th</sup> December 2025.

To enter please bring six homemade mince pies for our official mince pie tasters to judge (see full details on page 8). Please register your interest at Jubilee reception. Prize for the winner for the most marvellous mince pie maker !

## 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!



## VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT

Handyperson Service



We would like to highlight one of our fabulous Handyperson volunteers, Tony, also known as the 'Key Safe King'. During August and September, Tony fitted 30 key safes. His current record being 8 in one day!

Before a patient is released from a hospital, a key safe is frequently installed.

This allows support services to visit and provide aid with recovery, which is crucial for patients who need ongoing care of any kind.

His commitment and dedication to get as many done as possible is admirable.

Tony is currently recovering from eye surgery and is raring to be back to help others.

We send our best wishes for his speedy recovery and a big Thank You! for the fantastic help he gives.



## CAFE VOUCHERS

Gift Vouchers Available for a Christmas Gift Treat

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 OCTOBER WINNERS

**Congratulations 1st Prize Winner**

**Num 20, Sue Hartley - £70.00**

2nd - Num 59, Yvonne Leech - £42.00

3rd - Num 13, Norah Porter - £14.00

This month's draw was by *Age UK Bury Trustee - Christine*.

Thank you Christine!

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!



## EVENT UPDATE

### International Day of Older People

Age UK Bury hosted the International Day of Older People on October 1<sup>st</sup> at the Jubilee Centre. We were joined by Bury Older People's Network, the Social Prescribers, the Information and Advice team from Age UK Bury and the VCFA.

Together we showcased what help and activities are available for people over 50.

We hope you found it enjoyable. Thank you to everyone who attended.



International Day of Older People

## NHS OPHTHALMIC SERVICES REPORT

### GMICP Ophthalmology Event

In June, an NHS team from the GMICP visited the Jubilee to discuss and listen to the public about their experiences and thoughts on Ophthalmology services.

The turn out was superb and the feedback the GMICP received was extremely useful and has taken them three months to collate and produce a report showing their findings from all the events they held.

Overall, there were mixed views and experiences of Ophthalmology services in Greater Manchester, with services for cataracts and diabetes as well as waiting times being most peoples concerns.

The results and full details as well as plans to improve services can be found at the following link:

<https://getinvolved.gmintegratedcare.org.uk/en-GB/projects/ophthalmology-review>

A huge thank you from GMICP to all those who took part.



## 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!



## EVENT UPDATE

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### Age UK Silver Sunday

The Jubilee Centre celebrated older people, friendship and community with a selection of activities throughout the Sunday afternoon.

Everyone enjoyed hits bingo, the open mic session, got creative at the craft table, joined in with card games, a sing along with amazing guitarist John Anthony, guest Macca the Crooner, and thanks to DJ Paulski Events for donating prizes and time.

There was a free cake and cuppa too to relax with and enjoy the atmosphere.

Our heartfelt thanks go out to Jill Richardson-Brady from Asda and Wendy Howarth from Tesco for their generous donations towards Silver Sunday. Their support helped make the day a treat for everyone involved.

To all the amazing staff and volunteers - Thank you for your dedication.

A great event celebrating older people.

## 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*.



## FREE LEGAL CLINIC

### GHW Solicitors - Monthly on Mondays - 10.00 am to 12.00 noon



We are pleased to announce that GHW Solicitors based in Ramsbottom, will be in the Jubilee Centre once a month offering free legal advice.

A legal representative from GHW will be on hand to offer advice on a wide range of topics and hopefully assist with any legal issues that you may have.

The advice workshops will be on the **first Monday of each month**

**between 10.00 am and 12 noon** at the Jubilee Centre.

Please prepare before hand with a list of questions and bring any relevant paperwork which will be a great help for the legal advisor.

Please register your interest before hand by calling **Jubilee reception** on **0161 763 9030** or email **jubilee@ageukbury.org.uk**



## UNWANTED STATIONARY

### We are short on supplies

If you have unused stationary, unlikely to be used, then we would love to have it.

A4 Photocopying Paper, Pens, Pencils, Staples, Sellotape, Rubber bands,

A4 Laminating Pouches, Envelopes, Post-it notes, Jiffy Bags will all be really helpful.

Anything (of reasonable quality) will be gratefully appreciated and used. Thank you.







## SCHOOL VISIT & FRIENDSHIP

### St John's and St Mark's Schools visit the Jubilee



The children from St John's and St Mark's schools joined our Friends Together group for a special afternoon of fun and creativity.

Everyone joined in to create friendship bracelets while chatting, sharing stories, and lots of laughter.

All of the hub members were delighted by the children's enthusiasm and thoroughly enjoyed the time they all spent together.

Two different generations meeting and creating a wonderful connection.

Thanks to all the children who made it a special day.

## RADCLIFFE BEFRIENDING CLUSTER

Every Tuesday afternoon - 13.00 pm - 14.30 pm

Located at the Durers 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](mailto:jane@ageukbury.org.uk)



## 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 hand them in at Jubilee reception. Thank you for your support!

## CHRISTMAS LUNCH AT THE JUBILEE

December, 8<sup>th</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup>

Four courses for just £25 per person!

Join Christmas celebrations with a traditional meal, good company and festive fun at the Jubilee.

Tickets for Monday 8<sup>th</sup> December are all sold out.

Limited places remaining on the 9<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> of December.

The Christmas Lunch Menu (in pdf format) is available to download from the Age UK Bury website, from the main homepage.

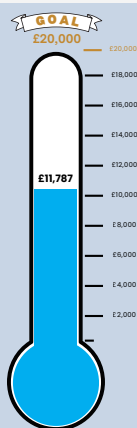
Tickets are available from the Jubilee Café or by calling Jubilee reception on 0161 763 9030 to reserve tickets.

Festive attire highly encouraged.

*Please note: as ingredients are pre-ordered we are unable to offer refunds.*

*Last booking by 28<sup>th</sup> November.*





## FUNDRAISING UPDATE

### Refurbishment for the Jubilee Centre

Unfortunately - It has been a quiet month for donations.

## VACANCIES AND OPPORTUNITIES

Full time & Volunteering



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



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



## 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](mailto:admin@ageukbury.org.uk) for more information and for a volunteer 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

## TELEPHONE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Keeping-in-Touch Service

Do you have spare time to support someone via a friendly phone call?

The Keeping-in-Touch Service is always looking for people who enjoy good conversation, have empathy and great listening skills to speak to our clients for a friendly chat each week.

We call just over 150 clients per week, and help brighten their day.

Some testimonials we have received are:

*"The calls have really improved my mental health, and have encouraged me to get out and about. When I lost my brother suddenly, they were a great support to me and offered a sympathetic ear which I really needed at such a low time. I also feel I can talk about anything and know it is in confidence. The calls are fun and a lot of the time I have a good giggle".*

*"I am very pleased and appreciate the service as I get quite fed up sitting on my own. It's nice to have someone to chat too every week. I have been to the Jubilee centre a couple of times, and it was lovely to be able to have a brew and a chat with some of the team who call me."*

*"I feel it has helped my mental health as I only really see my carers and my friend when is free, and with the service I know I will get a weekly call. It is something I look forward to and know that somebody cares. I've developed a great friendship with my volunteer. We always have a lovely chat on the call"*

If you would like an informal chat about how you can volunteer to become a Telephone Befriender, please phone **Steph** on **07725 735811** or email **steph@ageukbury.org.uk** for more information.



Volunteer

## 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.

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

VISIT OUR WEBSITE FOR  
THE LATEST AND UPCOMING  
EVENTS DETAILS

## UPCOMING EVENTS

List of events, entertainment and fun social gatherings.



*Tickets selling fast!*

### NOVEMBER 2025

#### Country & Line Dancing Evening

Friday 21st November - 19.00 pm till 23.00 pm

With country duo The Texas Tornados providing the music and hosted by tutor Julie Hawkins everyone will have a spectacular evening of line dancing fun.

Ticket £15 per person.

Get your ticket from Jubilee reception.

Bar available.

Raffle prizes - £1 per ticket.



### NOVEMBER 2025

#### Strictly Best Foot Forward.

Friday, 28<sup>th</sup> November - 18.30 pm till 23.00 pm

A special charity event in partnership with Bury Hospice.

Dancing, singing, music, quizzes, bingo and disco.

An evening of entertainment and performances.

Tickets £10 per person.

Get your ticket from Jubilee reception.

Bar available.

Raffle prizes - £2 per ticket



### DECEMBER 2025

#### Christmas Show

Saturday, 13<sup>th</sup> 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.



### FINALLY... A BIT OF FUN

#### Spooky Happenings

On Halloween ghosts take flight  
Skeletons roam around in the night  
While werewolves howl  
And vampires prowl  
What a scary spine-tingling sight.



Halloween fun: How many  
ghosts can you spot?

#### Brain Teaser

Find the missing number ?



September's answer:  
8 was the missing number