

GENERAL INFORMATION

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Don't forget to hit that Follow!



JUBILEE CAFE

Open on Saturdays from 10.00 am till 16.00 pm

Join us for a bite to eat and a cuppa.

Serving hot & cold food, cakes and a variety of drinks, and ice creams.

Everybody welcome both children and adults.

CAFE VOUCHERS

Gift Vouchers Now Available!

We are pleased to introduce our cafe's new Gift Vouchers. The 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 treat!



GOLF DAY - CONNECT COMMS

A huge THANK YOU !

A massive thank you to the amazing team at Connect Comms for their incredible donation of £5,023 raised during their fantastic Golf Day in June!

We were truly honoured to attend and had such a lovely time meeting and chatting with everyone, it was *tee-mendous*. The warmth and genuine interest in our work meant so much to us, thank you for making us feel so welcome!

A heartfelt thank you to Oscar and his staff, all the golfers, sponsors, and donors who contributed their time and resources to make this event possible. The generosity will have a lasting impact, and we are truly grateful for everyone's support in helping us make a difference in our community.

It's thanks to companies like Connect Comms that we can continue to grow and be there for people aged 50+ in Bury.



VITAL RAFFLE DONATIONS

We are urgently seeking raffle and tombola prize items to support our upcoming fundraising events. Donations of any kind, whether they are vouchers or items would be greatly appreciated. Your contributions will not only enhance the excitement of the raffle and tombola but also play a crucial role in helping us achieve our fundraising goals.

Every item, no matter the size or value, makes a difference and helps us create a successful event.

Please hand them to staff at Jubilee reception. Thank you for your support!



FREE LEGAL CLINIC

GHW Solicitors - Once per month - 10.00 am to 12.00 noon



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

Gareth is an experienced solicitor and will be happy to offer advice on a wide range of topics and hopefully assist with any legal issues that you may have.

Gareth's advice workshops will be on the **first Monday of each month between 10.00 am and 12 noon** at the Jubilee Centre, starting 1st September.

Need advice? then please stop by for a chat with Gareth.

Please register your interest before hand by calling Jubilee reception on 0161 763 9030 or email jubilee@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 on Mondays 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 and navigating the internet and become more tech savvy!



CONSTRUCTION WORK - ADVICE

CAST - Campaign For Accountable Skilled Trades

Website: castcampaign.co.uk or email: info@castcampaign.co.uk

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 provides guidance for consumers undertaking home improvements or construction projects, especially highlighting the Do's and Don'ts.

The website 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 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.

Please email info@castcampaign.co.uk with your queries.



THE RETURN OF WINTER FUEL PAYMENT

Government Announcement

A national campaign pressing the Government has been successful and it has restored the winter fuel payment.



On 9th June 2025, the Government announced that they are reinstating the Winter Fuel Payment for everyone over the State Pension age in England and Wales. Anyone with an income of, or below, £35,000 a year will get the Winter Fuel Payment this winter.

The payment of £200 per household, or £300 per household (where there is someone over the age of 80), will be made automatically to help with heating bills this winter.

You do not need to do anything! Just regularly check your fuel statement.

For more clarification please go to our Winter Fuel Payment - Information and Advice page on our website at ageukbury.org.uk/our-services

SCAM ALERT

Winter Fuel Text Messages

We are receiving reports of people being contacted out of the blue regarding the upcoming winter fuel payment.

This is a Scam!

Scammers are offering to help setup the winter fuel payment and asking pensioners for their bank details.

Never give out any personal information. A genuine organisation will never ask you for these details over the phone, in an email or in writing.

Please pass on this information to others.

This will likely happen frequently now the winter fuel payment has been reinstated. Please exercise caution.

The government has said you do not need to do anything. Payments will be made automatically. No one will contact you directly.



TAXI VOUCHER ISSUES

Voucher Refusal



We have had reports of some taxi drivers from various companies not accepting local council approved vouchers as payment.

Drivers must accept these vouchers.

Please do not be forced to use a different payment method.

If you happen to experience any difficulties or even refusal then note down the driver's taxi licence number and route, and report it to the relevant taxi company.

SERVICES HIGHLIGHT - 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 savour 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 and help you feel more connected to your community.

Take an opportunity to make new memories and enjoy the company of others!

For more details please call **Jubilee reception 0161 763 9030** and ask for **Carla**.



FRIENDS TOGETHER - SPECIAL NEWS

Jean is 90 years young

Friends Together regular, Jean Wardle, recently celebrated her 90th Birthday. In honour of Jean's favourite colour - a special 'green' themed birthday celebration took place with friends and family all meeting at the Cosalea Café in Bury.

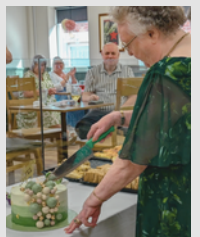
Jean wore a green dress, and the birthday cake was also green.

For just over a year, Jean has been attending friends together gatherings. She loves to go out and finds the hubs a terrific place to meet up and socialise.

Jean particularly enjoys the activities.

From everyone on the Friends Together team and all at Age UK Bury,


Happy 90th Birthday Jean!



FRIENDS TOGETHER - ACTIVITY

Keen Gardeners Day Out

A group from the Friends Together hub and keen gardeners visited the Summerseat Garden Centre where they received hints and tips about summer planting.

Everyone had a lovely day out, received some helpful advice and took home the odd plants or two! 



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 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.



D-CAFF MEET

Greenmount Village Community

A lovely place to meet for people living with dementia, their carers, family and friends, with light refreshments provided.

Located at Canon Lewis Hall, Longsight Road, Bury, BL8 4DB.

Meet up on Friday, 12th September 2025 from 10.00 am to 16.30 pm.

Staff from Age UK Bury will be on hand as well as a chance to meet professionals offering information and advice, a Virtual Dementia Experience, Armchair exercises, and Pets as Therapy.



BUS TRAVEL IN GREATER MANCHESTER

TfGM - Older People's Concessionary Pass - August Pilot

Starting on Friday 1st August, the pre - 9.30am travel restriction will be lifted on a trial basis for a month.

As well as free early morning travel, it will mean older and disabled people with concessionary passes will be able to board the Bee Network's night buses, all night, for free for the first time.

The Transport for Greater Manchester (TfGM) will gather data on the demand to see if a permanent change is possible.

What you need to know:

- Available from 1st - 31st August
 - Valid for TfGM issued older person's or disabled person's travel passes only
 - Available on Bee Network buses
- (please note: the trial does not apply across tram and train).



MUSIC IN MIND PROGRAMME

Third Term Under Way

Using handheld instruments and creating music, the participants and their carers have been enthusiastically engaged in our free afternoon workshops.

Developed through long term research and using principles based on music therapy to improve the health and wellbeing of people with dementia, the sessions have been hugely successful, beneficial and enjoyable by all.

Do you know someone with dementia that would enjoy and benefit from taking part in the music session? Please bring them along.

Tuesday afternoons, arrival by 14.15 pm, session starts at 14.45 pm

Refreshments are served before the session.



UNUSED CURRENCY

Any Currency Accepted

Just returned from Holiday? Or currency sat in a drawer?

Currency you can't spend or change or unlikely to use again?

Then please, help us raise funds by donating your old foreign or British currency, even if not in circulation anymore, notes and coins gratefully accepted.

Drop off points – The Jubilee Centre or our charity shops

in Bury & Ramsbottom. Shop address details can be found on our website.



MAYORAL MEETING

Boroughs Volunteer Managers



In June, the newly elected Mayor, Noel Bayley hosted an afternoon tea for some of the Volunteer Managers who oversee volunteers from a variety of charities and community group found throughout the Borough of Bury. It was held in the Mayoral parlour and Jane Lees the Befriending Co-ordinator and Debbie Sellars the Retail Manager represented Age UK Bury.

EVENT - UPDATE

The Jerseys

The Jerseys paid tribute to Frankie Valli and took to the stage with an special energy that instantly captivated the Age UK Bury audience. The iconic falsetto of Valli soared through timeless hits like "Sherry" and "Can't Take My Eyes Off You," everyone enjoying and foot tapping along to the timeless classics. The harmonies and infectious rhythms created a fab atmosphere with everyone lost in the nostalgia of the all the classic tunes. A great evening and The Jerseys made it a night to remember.



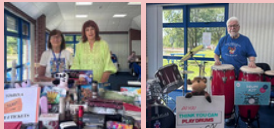
EVENT UPDATE - FAMILY FUN DAY

A Fab Day and Glorious Weather

We're so excited to announce that our Family Fun Day raised an amazing £650!

Thank you so much to everyone who came along, joined in the activities, and donated so generously, your support helps us continue the work we do in the community and means the world to us

A huge thank you from our Chief Executive, Ania Stark-Ketcher to all the incredible staff, volunteers, and trustees who gave their time, energy, and heart to make the day such a success. Your hard work behind the scenes and on the ground made everything possible.



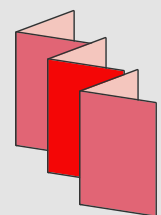
HAND MADE GREETING CARDS

Birthday & Christmas Occasions

We have received a donation of handmade greeting cards. They are available to view and buy from the Jubilee reception.

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!



THE 100 NUMBERS CLUB

JULY WINNERS



We have 59 members taking part



Congratulations 1st Prize Winner

Num 68 - Michael Pate £73.75

2nd - Num 24 - Anonymous £44.25

3rd - Num 41 - John Harrison £14.75



This months live draw of the balls was by *Christine Brooks*. She picked the balls in front of her fellow bingo participants. Thank you Christine !

Try your luck and join in on the monthly fun.

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!

BOTTLE OF BUBBLY

Davenports Printers

A thank you goes out to Davenport's Printers in Bury who kindly donated a bottle of Champagne as a raffle prize.



Sip Sip hooray for endless bubbles!

DONATION

Lancashire Diners Singles Club



A thank you goes out to the LDSC in Bury who have kindly donated £200.

If you are single, interested in fine dining and would like to meet like-minded-people then please contact Sheila Dolley by email to

sheila.je.dolley@btinternet.com

FUNDRAISING UPDATE

Refurbishment for the Jubilee Centre

Connect Comms Charity Golf Day - £5,023

Over five thousand pounds was raised by Oscar and everyone at Connect Comms with a special golf day and charity auction.

A truly staggering amount which we are extremely grateful for.

Lancashire Diners Singles Club - £200

Sheila from the LDSC has very generously donated £200.

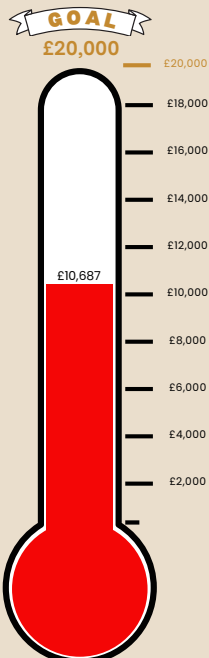
Thank you Sheila.

Family Fun Day - £650

A great fund day had by all.

The Jerseys Evening - £1220

Wonderful evening of amazing vocals.



VACANCIES AND OPPORTUNITIES

Full time & Volunteering



TRUSTEES - SEEKING NEW MEMBERS

We are looking for Trustees with specific skill sets to join the charity

Do you, or do you know someone, with spare time, drive and commitment willing to help guide the charity?

Possess the abilities, know-how, and skills necessary to lead, support, and help expand the charity?

Would like to play a key part in the management and administration of the organisation?



Trustees

LEGAL EXPERT AND ADVISOR

Legal skills and knowledge?

Willingness and commitment? Spare time? Please get in contact.

ACCOUNTS AND FINANCE

Accountancy and financial skills? Good with numbers and spreadsheets?

Meticulous and thorough. Please get in contact.

For an informal chat and more information please call Jubilee on **0161 763 9030** and ask to speak to Ania or email your CV to ania@ageukbury.org.uk along with and a short cover note outlining your experience.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

JUBILEE CAFE

Do you have any spare time and would like to do something socially active?

We are looking for volunteers to help in the Jubilee Café, who are eager to leave a positive mark on the hospitality industry and evolve alongside a dedicated team.

Enthusiasm is key in this creative and busy environment, an ability to engage warmly with café customers and be passionate about customer service.

Want to be part of this local charity, helping it grow and making a difference to the visitors to the Centre and people living in Bury? We would love to hear from you!

Please call Jubilee on **0161 763 9030** or email admin@ageukbury.org.uk for further information and for a volunteer pack.

Café
Volunteer

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

BURY AND RAMSBOTTOM 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 further information and for a volunteer pack.

SHOP
Volunteer

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

KEEPING-IN-TOUCH SERVICE

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

There is a high demand for our phone service. We are committed to staying in touch with those who are confined to their homes, manage independently, or simply want a kind voice on the other end of the phone.

June especially has been a very busy month for the KIT Befriending Telephone Service. On average we receive around 3 new referrals a month, but we received an astounding 12 up 75% with 66% of these calls being to Male clients. So if you have an hour to spare to call one of our older clients, please get in touch as it is incredibly rewarding, as per feedback from some of our volunteers...



"I have been Volunteering since 2022 I love the conversations I have as a volunteer telephone befriender. People often think that volunteering is all about the "giving" but those conversations can be a chance to reminisce, laugh and learn from others, so we both benefit. An hour a week can make such a difference to enable people to feel connected to others and prevent social isolation, it's an hour well spent"

"I've been volunteering for the KIT service since 2023 and more recently in September 2024 I also volunteer for Music in Mind. I love to feel that I have made a difference to the people who are expecting my call and would hugely recommend volunteering"

"I have volunteered for the KIT service for over three years, and it has totally boosted my confidence. It means so much to know that my voice can make a difference in someone's day. I am really glad I get to help in this way"

If you would like to volunteer and make a difference please contact **Steph** on **07725 735811** or email **steph@ageukbury.org.uk** for information.



UPCOMING EVENTS



List of events, entertainment and fun social gatherings.

AUGUST 2025



John Anthony Guitarist & Composer
Saturday, 16th August, 13.00 pm till 15.00 pm

Legendary Guitarist and Composer, John Anthony, will be performing Live at the Jubilee Centre.

John is famous for composing music for Hollywood movies and TV. John's music has featured in films such as - 'The Full Monty', 'Jackie Brown', 'Monsters Inc' and 'Finding Nemo' as well as several TV shows and dramas.

Free admission, Café open, Tombola prizes on the day.

We are honoured to have John performing for everyone at the Jubilee.

SEPTEMBER 2025

The Bootleg Sixties

Friday 26th September - 19.00 pm till 23.00 pm

Featuring the hits of The Beatles, The Monkees, The Searchers, The Kinks, Manfred Mann and many more
 Bar available.

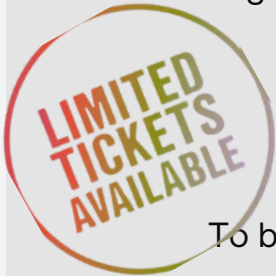
Raffle prizes on the night.

Tickets £20 per person

Tickets selling fast!

To book, call or visit **Jubilee Reception on 0161 763 9030**

or email jubilee@ageukbury.org.uk.



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY...

Texas Tornados - November 28th

Xmas Extravaganza - December 13th



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

Limerick of the Month - July Barbecue Blues

There once was a chef with a flair,
 Who grilled burgers without any care.
 With smoke in the air,
 And no one aware,
 He singed off his eyebrows, oh he did swear!



Brain Teaser

Which is the top view?

