

Eye Chat Weekly.

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Welcome to this week's quick update giving you news, views and information. Contact Jo or Jill in the office, to offer us your article, or you can email admin@buryblindsociety.org

Notice

Monday 4th May will be a bank holiday so the centre will be closed.

Staying Well Team are offering Digital Support Drop-In Sessions at The Green Community Café, Walmersley Road, Bury, BL9 5DH. Skills on computer/laptop, booking trains, tram or travel online, navigating social media and much more. **Tuesdays 10am – 12pm**

Bury Art Museum & Sculpture Centre – Victoria Wood Exhibition opened 21st April. FREE Entry

Mayors Parlour Visit: Wednesday 29th April 11am put your name on the list via reception and meet us at the centre 10.30am onward to go over to the town hall for a visit with the Mayor.

Live Music at the Theatre Royal Ramsbottom – Jeremy Saddoon's Ray Charles Orchestra: Tickets are £21.38 and it is on Friday 1st May 8pm

Events Coming Up:

Sunday 17th June 10am – 2pm – Totty Trash & Treasure at St John's Church, Tottington. We'll have a stall, come and look at our treasures.

Wednesday 13th May – GM Walking & Wheeling

Join us for ***Steps Beyond Sight*** as part of the GM Walking Festival 2026. Starting from the Centre at 1:30pm, with 1-mile and 2-mile routes available, there's something for everyone.

Please register in advance so we can arrange enough sighted guides. Come along and celebrate walking together as a community!

Fundraising events coming up: Summer show season is here! We're kicking things off with two fantastic events in May – Prestwich Clough Day on Sunday 17th May, followed by Ramsbottom Rotary's Annual Duck Race on Sunday 24th.

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We'd love your support at either (or both!) events, so if you're able to help out, please get in touch with Jo or Jill – it would be great to have you involved!

Afternoon Tea & Chat With Gill Currie: Weds 20th May 12.30 – 3pm

Many of you will know that Gill retired from her role as Sight Loss Support Officer at the end of March after more than 10 years with the team. We're delighted that she'll still be involved on a sessional basis. Gill has a wide range of interests and talents, and this afternoon event is a great chance to hear more about her experiences and ask questions. The event includes a delicious Afternoon Tea and will be held at The Bury Masonic Hall. Tickets are £15 per person available from the office.

Rotary Ramsbottom Annual Duck Race... tickets to 'buy a duck' are available from Reception. £2 per ticket, AND all the proceeds from the ticket sales go to BBS! Hurry Hurry Hurry, everyone is going quackers buying them.

This week in the Centre – If you are interested in any of the sessions below, please contact the office for more details:

Monday 27th April:

10am – 11.30am: Monday Morning Drop in

1.30pm-3pm: Music Social - Join us for a fun and friendly Beetle Drive—no experience needed, just come along and enjoy the laughter and a bit of light-hearted competition.

6pm – 8.30pm Showdown training session.

Tuesday 28th April: 9am – 4pm Dougie's Foot Clinic, book via the office

11am Bowling, meet 10.30am at the centre or 11am at Hollywood Bowling, The Rock.

Wednesday 29th April:

Low Vision Aid Clinic: appointment only.

10.00 am – 12.00pm: Drop in including breakfast refreshments.

Thursday 30th April:

10.30am – 12.00pm: Crossword Club

1.30pm – 3.00pm: Jane Lee's Tea and Chatter

6.00pm – 8.30pm: Showdown – Open Play

Friday 1st May:

Henshaws Tech Clinic: Appointments only, speak to a member of the team if you require a referral.

Lunch Club 11.30am-2.00pm: Soup & a Sandwich with Mags