

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

News:

We had a wonderful afternoon on Tuesday welcoming friends from Age UK and staff from Avoira. In April, to mark their 50th anniversary, Avoira kindly donated several Echo Dot devices to both organisations. This visit gave us the chance to share how useful they have been. Avoira enjoyed meeting clients and hearing their stories so much that they have offered us some additional devices. If you have internet access, do not already have an Echo Dot, and would like to try one, please let us know.

Best wishes to Rachel and Richard Carpenter as they celebrate their marriage with a blessing ceremony this Friday. Happy birthday to Angela Lunn, who is marking a very special birthday — love and congratulations, Angela! We hope you enjoy your big birthday year. We also believe it is Derek Pritchard's birthday this Saturday, so have a great day, Derek. If you would like us to give someone a birthday shout-out, please let us know.

Summer Walks in the Parks

If the sunshine continues, why not enjoy one of Bury's beautiful green spaces such as Burrs Country Park, Nuttall Park or Clarence Park? Remember to take plenty of water, wear sun protection and, if you have sight loss, consider walking with a friend or sighted guide.

Summer Reading Challenge

Local libraries across the borough are running their Summer Reading Challenge throughout the school holidays. It's not just for children – many libraries also have audiobooks, large print books and regular community activities for adults.

Events Coming Up:

This Saturday, 25th July, from 11am at Clarence Park: Celebrate South Asian Heritage Month 2026 at the free Unity in Diversity Community Cricket Match. Enjoy a friendly match, delicious Asian food and henna hand painting in a welcoming, inclusive atmosphere. Everyone is welcome, and we hope to see some familiar faces from the Bury Blind Society community there!

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Wednesday 29th July, 10.30am–12.00pm: Our summer User Forum will have a slightly different format. We'll share details of some exciting one-off events and offer quick taster sessions for activities you've told us you'd like to try. Ideas include self-defence, armchair aerobics, or helping to create a BBS mural for our garden. We'd also like your views on new furniture for the lounge. In the past, part of the lounge was used as a more relaxed area, and several people have said they would like us to consider this again. Please come along and tell us what you think. Light refreshments will be available. **Remember, we need your views!**

Monday 10th August 10.30am – 12pm will be our Creative Workshop with Nick making wooden window planters. Please let us know if you would like to attend as we have limited spaces and would hate you to miss out.

Coming to The Met Sunday 20th September 7.30pm: Celebrate the 50th anniversary of this classic comedy as *The Phantom Raspberry Blower of Old London Town* comes to the stage. Originally made famous by The Two Ronnies, this hilarious spoof of the Jack the Ripper story is packed with Spike Milligan and Ronnie Barker's trademark wordplay, surreal humour and laugh-out-loud moments.

100 Club Winners: July winners: No's 12, 117 & 65.

First prize: £118.20; Second prize: £59.10; Third prize: £19.70.

Congratulations. Why not join? You might be lucky!

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

Monday 27th July: 10am – 11.30am: Monday Morning Drop in

1.30pm-2.45pm: Monthly Music Social

6pm – 8.30pm: Showdown training session.

Tuesday 28th July 9am – 4pm Dougie's Foot Clinic appointments only – call the office to book, keep your feet neat for the summer.

11am: 10 Pin Bowling: Summer Break: Back Tuesday 8th September.

Wednesday 29th July: Low Vision Aid Clinic: appointment only.

10.00 am – 12.00pm: Drop in/Breakfast Club – Sausage and Egg Roll for breakfast today.

10.30am – 12.00: User Forum in the lounge area

Thursday 30th July: 10.30am – 12.00pm: Crossword Club

1.30pm – 3.00pm: Age UK Bury Tea and Chatter Cluster Group with Jane

6.00pm-8.30pm – Showdown – Open Play.

Friday 31st July: Lunch Club 11.30am-2.00pm: Fish, Chips & Peas or Beans – Bakewell Tart.