

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:

Remembering Sid

We shared the news last week that Sid Pritchard has passed away. Sid's funeral will take place on **Tuesday 1st September at 1.30pm** at Radcliffe Crematorium. His family warmly invite friends and those who knew Sid to join them afterwards at **Elton Cricket Club, Walshaw**, to celebrate his life and share memories together. Please can you inform the office if you will be going to the Cricket Club for catering purposes. Everyone is welcome.

Back to School! Friday 28th August. 11.30am-2pm. Come and join Carole and Mags for a special themed lunch this Friday based on 'School Dinners'! Get those school ties out and join in the fun. Starter is melon boat, followed by Cottage Pie and then, it has to be jam sponge and custard – not a lump in sight!

Scaffolding: we are delighted to report the scaffolding from next door has now been removed so access to the Centre garden and dog pen are back to normal. Thanks for your patience!

Help Shape Hospital Services – Share Your Experience

Healthwatch Bury is looking to hear from people who have been discharged from hospital in the past year. If you, or someone you know, has recently left hospital, your feedback can help improve services for everyone in our community. Clients and volunteers of Bury Blind Society are encouraged to take part. You can share your experience by calling 0161 253 6300. Your voice matters – please help make a difference!

Outings:

We have a couple of outings planned by BBS. Only a few places left on each so please confirm your places ASAP.

Wednesday 9th September. 12pm-4pm. Elton Sailing Club. This promises to be a fun and memorable outing learning a few sailing basics in a motor launch or sailboat. Lunch included. Subsidised cost for VI's £10.00pp

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Tuesday 22nd September. Visit to Oswaldtwistle Mills. Free to explore all areas of the Mill, retail, garden centre, café and museum areas. Transport provided, subsidised £5.00 per person. 10am-2.30pm.

100 Club Winners: August winners: No's 46, 348 & 134.

First prize: £118.20; Second prize: £59.10; Third prize: £19.70. Congratulations. Why not join? You might be lucky!

Other Events Coming Up:

Saturday 29th August 1pm onwards: Our friends from Incredible Edible, Brandlesholme are holding a 10th Anniversary celebration at Purbeck Park. Fun for all the family.

Bank Holiday Monday 31st August at The Met: hosting two of the stages of **Bury's annual Glaston-Bury festival**. 12pm until late – tickets start at £10 for children and seniors, £14 standard tickets and £44 for a family ticket (2 adults + 2 children). Check the line-up: <https://tinyurl.com/4nywftkm>

Activities in the Centre – 24th – 28th August.

- **Monday: Centre Open 10am-4pm**
10am – 11.30am: Monday Morning Drop in.
1.30pm – 2.45pm: Music Social - Steve' playing 50,60's & 70's
6pm – 8.30pm: Showdown training session.
- **Tuesday: Centre closed, appointments only.**
9am – 4pm: Foot Clinic (Now Fortnightly), book via the office.
11am: 10 Pin Bowling: Summer Break: Back Tuesday 8th September.
- **Wednesday: Centre Open 10am-4pm**
9am-3pm: Low Vision Aid Clinic: appointment only.
10.00 am – 12.00pm: Drop in/Breakfast Club: Bacon & Egg Rolls
1.30pm – 2.30pm: Glaucoma Support Group at BBS.
- **Thursday: Centre Open 10am-4pm**
10.30am – 12.00pm: Crossword Club
1.30pm – 3.00pm: Age UK Bury Cluster Group with Jane.
6.00pm-8.30pm – Showdown – Open Play.
- **Friday: Centre Open 10am-4pm**
Lunch Club 11.30am-2.00pm.

Please contact the Centre to book for any of the BBS activities and for further information.