

Eye Chat Weekly.

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Welcome to this week's quick update, bringing you news, views and useful information. Contact Jo or Jill in the office if you have an article to share, or email admin@buryblindsociety.org

News:

A Sailing Adventure to Remember! A huge thank you to all the team at Elton Sailing Club for making our sailing experience so amazing. All enjoyed the afternoon, including the Mayor and are now looking forward to the next time! Take a look at the photos on our Lounge Notice Board.

Have Your Say – PLACE Assessments. Could you spare a few hours to help make Fairfield General Hospital more accessible and welcoming? Fairfield General Hospital is looking for volunteers aged 18+ to take part in its PLACE Assessment on Tuesday 13 October 2026, 9.30am-3.30pm. You would be looking at the hospital environment, including accessibility, signage and wayfinding, cleanliness, safety and patient experience. Lunch and refreshments will be provided.

If you would like to take part and have your say, please contact Gillian.Larkin@nca.nhs.uk.

Calling all Skipton Building Society customers – We are delighted to be nominated for the Community Giving Scheme at Bury branch. Voting is throughout September so please do vote for us!

Coming Up:

Sports September – Programme of 'gentle activities' throughout the month. Let's take a look:

They're Back: Join our 10 Pin Bowling Team! We're looking for sighted volunteers to join the team. Meeting at Hollywood Bowling at 11am, just £2 per game. Great fun. Call the office to book your place.

Showdown: Now's your chance to find out more about this new and exciting table top sport. On Tuesday 29th September from 12.30pm there will be an afternoon of 'taster sessions' – plus refreshments! Sighted and non-sighted welcome.

Don't forget, every Wednesday morning, Carole and Mags will lead a 10-minute chair-based Tai Chi session, followed by a brew. Then, after Friday lunch at 1.30pm, join Jo and Jill for a gentle 10–15-minute walk and talk around the block.

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Sunday 20th September: Bury 10K. Please do show your support for our wonderful volunteers Peter and Michael with a small donation via our website or in the Centre. Michael has decided to really make a statement by running dressed as a Cowboy! Let's make it their best run yet! Thank you.

Wednesday 23rd September: Bury Grammar School, 6 for 6.30pm – invitation to join the students for a wonderful concert by the Band of the Grenadier Guards. Book via the office.

Eunice Webb – passed away 23/8/26: Eunice was a regular volunteer at our Monday Megs group until retirement due to ill health a few years ago. Our thoughts are with her daughter, Diane Webb and the family at this sad time.

Weekly Activities in the Centre – 14th September – 18th September.

Monday: Centre open 10am – 4pm

- **10am- 12.30pm:** Morning Drop In
- **10.30am – 12.00pm:** Outing – Historical tour of Bury Town Hall.
- **1.30pm - 3pm:** Music Group with Mags
- **6pm – 8.30pm:** Showdown training

Tuesday: Centre closed, appointments only.

- **9am – 3pm:** Foot Clinic
- **11am:** 10 Pin Bowling: All welcome £2.00 per game. Meet at the centre 10.30am or at Hollywood Bowl 11am.

Wednesday: Centre open 10am–4pm

- **9am-3pm:** Low Vision Aid Clinic: appointment only.
- **10.30am – 12pm:** Breakfast Drop In & Gentle chair-based Tai Chi
- **1.30pm – 3pm:** Macular Group

Thursday: Centre open 10am–4pm

- **10.30am – 12.00pm:** Crossword Club
- **1.30pm – 3pm:** Age UK Bury Cluster Group Tea and chatter:
- **6pm – 8.30pm:** Showdown open play.

Friday: Centre open 10am–4pm

- **Lunch Club: 11.30am – 2pm.** Soup and a Sandwich
- **Walk & Talk: 1.30pm –** a gentle walk around the block with Jill and Joanne. **Please contact the Centre to book any BBS activities or to ask for further information.**