



Eye Chat Weekly.

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

This week's news:

Mayor's Quiz Night: What a brilliant night! Our own Michael Johnson set the quiz, with David Catterall joining us as quizmaster for the evening. Everyone thoroughly enjoyed themselves and entered into the spirit of the occasion. The overall winners were 'No Way We'll Win' with 62 points, followed by 'Umpty Trumpty' with 58.5 points. The evening raised £500 for the Mayor's two chosen charities, Bury Blind Society and Bury Hospice. Make a note in your diary: the next Mayor's fundraising event is a Curry Night at The Armaan Restaurant in Radcliffe on Monday 23rd November. Tickets cost £20. For further details, please contact the office. Thank you to everyone who took part!

Tottington Trash and Treasure: Pop over to our stall on Sunday 25th October 10am – 2pm we'd love to see you, have a chat and sell you some quality merchandise!!

Halloween Lunch 30th October at the Centre – book before Thursday lunchtime please – it's going to be a spooktacular feast with pumpkin soup, no Toad but Worms In the Hole, served with left over scraps, followed by Blood & Guts trifle! What's not to like?

Get into the festive spirit at **The Rock Bury Christmas Lights Switch-On Parade on Saturday 7th November!** Starting at **4.15pm**, enjoy a magical afternoon of festive characters, live entertainment and exciting new Christmas decorations as The Rock kicks off the Christmas season. Gather your family and friends and enjoy the festive atmosphere as Bury gets ready for the most wonderful time of the year! For full event details, visit The Rock Bury website.

Try Something New at Flight & Green! Get active, socialise and meet new people at Flight & Green's weekly Active & Social sessions. Join in every Thursday, 1pm–3pm, at 10 Silver Street, Bury, BL9 0EX, for indoor golf, interactive darts and friendly conversation. Sessions are for people aged 50 and over and/or those with disabilities or long-term health conditions. No experience is needed, equipment is provided and activities

can be adapted. Your first session is free, then £5. For more information, call 0161 400 7094 or email info@flightandgreen.com.

Festive Day Trip to York Christmas Markets: Enjoy York's Christmas lights, market stalls and cobbled streets on Wednesday 25th November 2026. The coach leaves St Peter's Church, Bury, at 8.45am and departs York at 4.45pm. Tickets are £22 per person and spaces are limited. For details or to book, contact Jill Brady on 07889 071374.

Clocks! Don't forget, the clocks **go back** an hour this Sunday 25th at 2.00am.

Activities at the Centre this week – 26th to 30th October

Monday: Centre open 10am–4pm

- **10.30am–12pm:** Monday Morning Drop In
- **1.30pm–2.45pm:** Monthly Music Social with Anne Valéry
- **6pm–8.30pm:** Showdown training.

Tuesday: Centre closed – appointments only

- **Phoenix Footcare** – Please book an appointment with Dougie through the office.
- **11am:** Ten Pin Bowling at Hollywood Bowl. Meet there at 11am or at the Centre at 10.30am.

Wednesday: Centre open 10am–4pm

- **9am–3pm:** Low Vision Aid Clinic – appointments only.
- **10.30am–12pm:** Breakfast Drop-In
- **1.30pm–3pm:** Glaucoma Group

Thursday: Centre open 10am–4pm

- **10.30am–12pm:** Crossword Club.
- **1.30pm–3pm:** Age UK Bury Cluster Group – tea and chatter.
- **6pm–8.30pm:** Showdown open play.

Friday: Centre open 10am–4pm

- **11.30am–2pm: Lunch Club: HALLOWEEN LUNCH**
- **1.30pm: Walk & Talk** – a gentle 15–20-minute walk around the block. Meet at the Centre.

Please contact the Centre to book any BBS activities or to ask for further information.