



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:

BBC Filming on St Mary's Place and Broad Street! Please note, there will be limited access to our Centre next week whilst filming takes place. Sadly, we will not be the stars of the show, but we have been assured, access will be allowed, with restrictions. Volunteer drivers, please make sure you have your ID with you and explain you are transporting VIs to the Centre. You may have to wait whilst filming takes place. The TV show is a six-part drama which centres around the life of a well-known journalist during the 1970s. When we know more – you'll be the first to know but please be patient with crew. Thanks.

Volunteers Needed – Christmas Events

With the festive season fast approaching, we have several fundraising events coming up and would be very grateful for your support! Volunteer sign-up sheets are available in the centre. If you're able to spare some time to help at any of the following events, please let us know and we'll be happy to add your name to the list.

- Wrapping Promotion & Tombola – Mill Gate: Wednesday **18 November**
- Christmas Collection & Festive Awareness Activity: Tesco Bury – **Thursday 3 December** also Asda Pilsworth – **Friday 4 December**
- Annual Christmas Gift Wrapping & Tombola – Mill Gate **Thursday 10 December to Thursday 24 December**

Thank you for helping us raise vital funds to support local people living with sight loss!

Bury Beer Festival at The Met: Friday 6th and Saturday 7th November 12pm – 6pm For two full days, breweries from across Bury and the Northwest will be pouring their best cask, keg, and small-batch creations. Tickets from The Met.

Get booked for our Christmas Craft Session! Dorothy and Lynn will be leading the Christmas Crafty Elves on **Monday November 9th 10.30am –**

12pm. The list will be in reception, please let us know if you want to join in as places will be limited.

Pick up some bargains at our **Christmas Toy and Book Fair on Friday 13th November** 11am – 4pm. Food and refreshments will be on sale too!

Incredible Edible Brandlesholme are holding a **Christmas Wreath Making on Wednesday 25 November. £5.00 pp.** Limited places so book asap via email jean823foster@btinternet.com

Activities at the Centre this week – 2nd to 6th November

Monday: Centre open 10am–4pm

- **9.00am – 12.30pm:** CABB and Calico drop in
- **10.30am–12pm:** Monday Morning Drop In
- **1.30pm–2.45pm:** Music Group
- **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:** Macular 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:** Soup and Sandwich
- **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.