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:

Christmas Toys & Books Fair: Come along to the Centre between 11am and 4pm and get ahead of the Christmas madness! There will be refreshments available, including Chicken Curry at lunch time! Mince pies are, of course, on the menu too! All welcome.

Christmas Activities: If you've not already received your sheet, pick up one of our Broadsheets from the Centre listing all the lovely events coming up.

Annual Christmas Raffle: Tickets are now on sale for our raffle from the Centre. Just £1 per ticket and you could win £100 cash, and many other prizes available. Could you help sell some tickets? Just ask a member of staff for more details. Thank you.

A Little Bell Can Make a Big Difference!

Attached to your handbag, purse or wallet, a bell makes a noise if someone tries to access your belongings without you noticing, helping to alert you and those around you. Remember to keep bags zipped up, carry them across your body where possible and stay aware of your surroundings, particularly in busy places. We have a few purse bells available here at the Centre, so if you would like one, just ask a member of the team.

Christmas Lights Switch-On Parade at The Rock

Get ready to kick off the festive season! The Rock Shopping Centre's popular Christmas Parade returns on Saturday 7th November, promising an afternoon of festive fun, music, colourful costumes and plenty of Christmas magic. The parade will feature local community groups, performers and seasonal characters as it makes its way through The Rock, before everyone gathers in St John's Square for the big moment. The parade starts at 4.15pm, with the Christmas lights switch-on at 4.50pm. Wrap up warm, bring your Christmas spirit and enjoy a wonderful community celebration to get you in the festive mood!

Stay Safe Online – Free Fraud & Cyber Crime Awareness Event at Prestwich Library, Tuesday 10 November 10am-1pm. Greater Manchester Police's Economic and Cyber Crime Unit. Go along to learn how to spot common scams, protect your personal information, stay safe

when banking and shopping online, and find out where to get help if you've been targeted.

Volunteers Needed – Christmas Events
We have several fundraising events coming up and would love your help!

- **Mill Gate Promotion & Tombola:** Wednesday 18 November
- **Christmas Collections:** Tesco Bury – Thursday 3 December; Asda Pilsworth – Friday 4 December

Sign-up sheets are available in the Centre.

Activities at the Centre this week – 9th to 13th November

Monday: Centre open 10am–4pm

- **10.30am–12pm:** Monday Morning Drop In
- **10.30am – 12pm:** Christmas Craft workshop with Dorothy & Lynn
- **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:** Prestwich VI Group at Creative Living Centre.

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 Christmas Fair 11am-4pm

Includes light refreshments and lunch available between 11.30am–2pm: Chicken Curry & Naan or Chilli, both served with rice. Take away or eat here – Mince pie to follow.

- **1.30pm: Walk & Talk** – a gentle 15–20-minute walk around our Christmas Fair this week!

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