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:

Casewells: Many of you will have been watching the progress of the building on Murray Street by the side of Bury Market. Well, it's finally open. Casewells is Bury's new home for food, drink and good times. Under one roof there's a food hall packed with independent traders, a bar made for lingering, and a calendar full of live music, comedy, markets and family days.

Join us at Unsworth Christmas Market, Sunday 29th November 12-4pm at Unsworth Cricket Club. Lots of Christmas Crafts and treats.

Good luck to our Bury Aces Showdown team this weekend, who are competing in Birmingham in the Showdown National League North. Please note, the Monday session will be cancelled due to this but they will be back to normal on Thursday 3rd.

International Day of Disabled Persons: We are joining colleagues at Bury Town Hall to celebrate this day with a Showdown Demonstration on Wednesday 2nd December.

Do you want to join us as we raise funds at **Tesco Bury** on **Thursday 3rd December** and **Asda Pilsworth** on **Friday 4th December 10am – 3pm**. Our collection will has a festive twist with a tinsel festooned static 'Reindeer' exercise bike. Can you be Rudolph's elf friend? Sign-up sheet on the Volunteer board in the Centre.

Christmas Wrapping. Our annual wrapping service will be available in the Centre from 1 December and in the Millgate Shopping Centre from Thursday 10th December through to Christmas Eve. If you would like to join our team of wrappers, contact the office for further details.

Book Club will be meeting a week early in December. Saturday 12th December 11am – 12.30pm

Christmas at the Centre:
This year, for a small donation, we are offering to personalise a Christmas bauble with your own special message. Details from Reception.

Our first Christmas event happens this Wednesday, 2nd December with a Festive afternoon at The Masonic Hall. Tickets are just £5 and include entertainment and light refreshments. Please purchase tickets by Tuesday 1st December.

Coming up: Carol Concerts, Christmas buffet and Christmas lunch are all happening over the next couple of weeks – so get your tickets now. For more details, contact the office.

Have you bought your Christmas Raffle ticket yet? First prize is £100 plus many more prizes. Tickets just £1.00, available from Reception. Draw is on Friday 11th December – during our Christmas buffet.

Activities This Week, 30th November to 4th December

Monday (Centre open 10am to 4pm)

- **10.30am to 12pm:** Monday Morning Drop In
- **1.30pm to 2.45pm:** Music Group
- **6pm to 8.30pm:** No Showdown today only.

Tuesday (Centre closed, appointments only)

- Phoenix Footcare: book 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 to 4pm)

- **9am to 3pm:** Low Vision Aid Clinic (appointments only)
- **10.30am to 12pm:** Breakfast Drop-In
- **1pm to 3pm:** Masonic Hall with Geoff Kenyon, tickets £5 which include refreshments. (No Macular Group this week)

Thursday (Centre open 10am to 4pm)

- **10.30am to 12pm:** Morning Drop In Session
- **1.30pm to 3pm:** Age UK Bury Cluster Group, tea and chatter
- **6pm to 8.30pm:** Showdown open play

Friday (Centre open 10am to 4pm)

- **11.30am to 2pm:** Friday Lunch
- **1.30pm:** Walk and Talk, a gentle 15 to 20-minute walk.

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