



GENERAL INFORMATION



Should anyone like a Printed copy of the newsletter please ask at the Jubilee reception.

An alternative electronic version of this newsletter in PDF format, as well as previous releases, is available on the AgeUK Bury website. Find it on the 'Get Involved' - 'Newsletters' web tabs.



We have a new Facebook page !!
Please find and visit us at <https://www.facebook.com/AgeUKBury/>

Don't forget to hit that Follow!



2025

ALL THE VERY BEST FOR 2025 FROM EVERYONE AT AGE UK BURY

"A huge Thank You to all the staff and volunteers for all their work and commitment in 2024. Your efforts have made the charity grow and evolve. Thank you for your dedication." CEO

CHRISTMAS DAY CHEER

Over 30 calls made!

On Christmas Day, Steph, Jane, and a few of our volunteers called more than thirty clients who would not have received contact that day to wish them a Merry Christmas. They were very grateful for the calls.



COVID-19 VACCINATIONS

Covid vaccine jabs at the Jubilee

A mobile unit will be on site at the Jubilee providing free vaccine jabs on the following dates:

Friday, 10th January and Friday 31st January, from 10.30am to 14.30pm

Please register your interest at Jubilee reception or turn up on the day.

PHONE HELP AND SUPPORT

If you are struggling, support is available today.

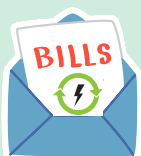
A selection of phone numbers and organisations to call if you need to speak to someone:

0800 678 1602 - Age UK National - from 8am to 7pm, every day

0800 470 8090 - The Silver Line UK - 24 hours, every day

0800 014 9995 - NHS GM Mental Health Support Line - 24 hours, every day

116 123 - free from any phone - Bury Samaritans - 24 hours, every day



WORRIED ABOUT ENERGY BILLS?

Our Information & Advice Service has a specialist energy advisor who can help with:

- Saving money on energy bills
- Making your home energy efficient
- Access to support and grants

Please call 0161 763 9030 to arrange an appointment.



BOGUS DOOR CALLER

Trading Standards have received a report from Bury Council Housing of a male knocking on resident's doors claiming to be from Bury Council. The Male is wanting to gain entry by claiming he was there to check for damp and cracks in the home etc.

This male is **not** from Bury Council and was not wearing any identification
Please be vigilant and refrain from letting strangers into your home !



MUSIC IN MIND PROGRAMME

Please note our new 2025 times...

Tuesday afternoons, arrival by 14.30pm, session starts at 14.45pm
Refreshments are served before the session.

Do you know someone with dementia that would enjoy creating music?

Please bring them along to a weekly Tuesday afternoon music session at the Jubilee. It will be a great experience for them and it's free.



MIM - MUSIC CHAMPION

Would you like to help people with dementia?

Do you like music?

Would you like to bring joy to the lives of people with dementia by making music together?

Volunteer to be a music champion!

This will be a rewarding experience and no musical knowledge required!

Please call Jubilee on 0161 763 9030 or email admin@ageukbury.org.uk expressing your interest and for more information.



THE 100 NUMBERS CLUB

NOVEMBER WINNERS

Congratulations 1st Prize Winner

Anonymous - £77.50

2nd - Pat Chadwick - £46.50

3rd - Christine Condon - £15.50

Try your luck and join in on the monthly fun.

Simply visit our website, complete the form, and get ready for the upcoming drawing. Wishing you luck!



We have 62 members taking part

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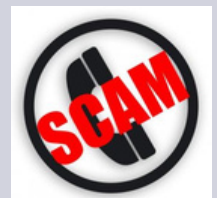
WINTER FUEL TEXT MESSAGE SCAMS

There have been recent reports of people getting text messages about winter fuel payments on their mobile devices.

The text message contains a link to apply for a subsidy payment.

Please refrain from tapping on the link.

Do **NOT** give anyone any personal information about yourself, such as your address, date of birth, health information, or email address. Please exercise caution.





DUNELM DELIVERING JOY



Thank you Dunelm and Dunelm Shoppers

A huge thank you goes out to Dunelm Radcliffe and all of its customers for the amazing response to its Delivering Joy Christmas Tree Wish Tags.

The generosity of its customers has been overwhelming, and the range of things they have given has been simply remarkable.

We are lost for words. The response to the Delivering Joy Campaign has exceeded Age UK Bury's expectations. We have received over 400 gifts and managed to deliver and distribute over 300. The remaining gifts will be distributed in the new year especially with the colder months coming up.



*'Amazing'
'How Kind'*

'This is so appreciated'

'Cannot believe the generosity when people are struggling this year'

'Thank you so much, I would not have received anything this year'

'Please thank everyone involved in this Delivering Joy Campaign, it is truly remarkable'

'There must be more people deserving than me'

'Wow I will really enjoy this gift'

'What an amazing idea'

'Thank you for the gift it was so lovely'

'I was not going to have a Christmas, but now I have a Little Christmas Tree and gifts, she changed her mind'

'I feel like a celeb', when we delivered his gift, very grateful, daughter so happy for him'

'Delighted with the gift, thank you'

'When I saw someone walking up to my house with the gift I thought they had the wrong address and filled up with tears'

'When my telephone Befriender called with the gift it was such a joy and lovely to actually see them in person'

THANK YOU - DELIVERING JOY VOLUNTEER DRIVERS

Collectively these amazing volunteers consisting of Ed, Tony, Judy, Matthew, Steve, Arnie, Rob and Eleanor delivered over 100 gifts to our Befriending clients.



A big Thank You goes out to Adam at Bury VCFA for advertising for volunteers to deliver the Christmas gifts.



DELIVERING JOY - MONTHS OF ORGANISING



Behind The Scenes “The Journey of Delivering Joy”

A Special ‘Thank You’ to Dunelm champions Jenny and Steph for all their amazing work managing the Delivering Joy Campaign

A timeline showing the amount of work that was done in the months before Christmas:

July

- The first call took place with Age UK National in July to discuss Dunelm Delivering Joy Campaign and for all independent charities to compile their list and send back to them at the end of July.

August

- Tags now ready for collection, Jenny, Dunelm champion details given for Radcliffe Store

September

- Christmas Tags to be completed by the 17th September, Steph arranged meeting with Jenny

October

- Steph met Jenny and had a detailed chat about all our services, original gift list we asked for was 27 for the Befriending Team, and during the meeting was asked to increase numbers which jumped to 150

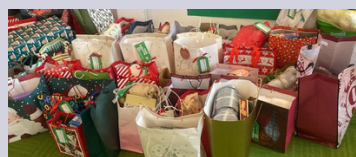
November

- Some of the gifts are now ready for collection, Age UK staff Steph and David arrange to go to get them and meet Steph the other Champion for Dunelm

December

- Two more collections, the number of presents keep rising.
- 4th visit was advised to bring an empty van, we arrived and there were five full shopping trolleys with 103 Christmas Gifts
- On the final delivery Steph and Casey delivered them, over 30 additional Christmas gifts.

In total a staggering 400 gifts were received by Age UK Bury.



A huge ‘Thanks’ goes out to David from Age UK Bury for his efforts over the course of several weeks in gathering and distributing the gifts.



CHRISTMAS TIN HAMPERS

Thank you to all those collecting tins

Jubilee Ladies Group and Chesham School donated a huge amount of tins.

They were all gathered and made into hampers and delivered to those in need of a little extra this Christmas.

A total of sixteen tin hampers were made and distributed.



DONATIONS TO CARITAS

Baby and children items and toys

Lisa who is one of the Trustees at Caritas, her daughter Kate came to the Jubilee to collect presents donated from our clients and café visitors. This was just one of the donation boxes and gifts they gratefully received.



CARITAS CHRISTMAS MEALS

100+ Christmas meals made !

Thank you to Caritas for putting together over 100 meals for our clients.

Befriending officer Steph stopped by to collect and deliver the Christmas meals and was amazed by what she discovered. Seeing so many people giving up their time was heartwarming. It was executed with such precision and effectiveness that it was truly a military operation.

Lisa, one of the Caritas Trustees, deserves special recognition.



BEFRIENDING SANTA

Santa visiting befriending clients and staff.





EVENT UPDATE

Chesham Primary Choir - Christmas Show

The pupils at Chesham Primary provided a superb show of songs from their upcoming Christmas nativity to a selection of specially invited guests from Age UK Bury. The children were an absolute delight!

EVENT UPDATE

Neil Diamond Tribute Show

The sold out show proved to be a big hit with everyone. 'Forever in Blue Jeans' and 'Sweet Caroline' were of course hugely popular with all attending.



EVENT UPDATE

Jubilee Community Choir Christmas Sing-along

Emma and the Jubilee Community choir performing a selection of Christmas tunes along with visitors to the café.

EVENT UPDATE

Radcliffe Christmas Choir

The Christmas carols concert was an uplifting experience for all and definitely helped get everyone into the spirit of Christmas and in a festive mood. Everyone enjoyed the mid-session mince pie treats as well!



EVENT UPDATE

Ramsbottom Angling Association Awards

Ramsbottom angling association held their annual children's trophy presentation at the Jubilee Centre. There were 102 people in attendance of which 32 were youngsters. It was a wonderful family evening and a celebration of the trophies the children had won throughout the 2024 angling year.

A special guest attended from the 'Angling Trust', the organisation which governs angling in the UK who kindly donated a signed England T-shirt and cap along with other gifts.

A great evening honouring the children's accomplishments.



VACANCIES AND OPPORTUNITIES

Full time & Volunteering



KEEPING IN TOUCH SERVICE

We are looking for volunteers.

Do you have spare time to support those in need via a friendly telephone call?

There is a high demand for our phone service. We make an effort to stay in touch with those who are confined to their homes, manage independently, or simply want a kind voice on the other end of the phone.

Please contact **Steph** on **07725 735811** or email **steph@ageukbury.org.uk** for more information if you would like to volunteer and make a difference.



MINIBUS DRIVERS REQUIRED

We are looking for Two volunteer minibus drivers

One for the morning and one for the afternoon from Monday through to Thursday.

Clients are picked up from their homes, given the opportunity to go out for the day, and then taken to and picked up from each social group event. It could be necessary for you to help them board the minibus, which has a tail lift.

Morning pick up from 9.00 am to 10.30 am.
Afternoon collections from 15.30 pm to clients homes.

Group events are held in the following locations:
Mon - Radcliffe; Tue - Whitefield; Wed - Prestwich; Thu - Radcliffe.

If you are or know someone who may be interested in this great opportunity and be part of a local charity to enable the elderly to have a day out, then please call Jubilee 0161 763 9030 or email **admin@ageukbury.org.uk**

You will need a D1 Licence and DBA check will be carried out by AgeUK Bury.

**VOLUNTEER
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Do you have any spare time?

Would you like to do something rewarding and socially active?

We are looking for volunteers to help the charity in many areas of the organisation.

Would you like to help out in one of our charity shops in Bury or Ramsbottom? or the Café at the Jubilee Centre? or help out with Maintenance around the grounds.

We would love to hear from you. Please call Jubilee on 0161 763 9030 or email **admin@ageukbury.org.uk** for further information and for a volunteer pack.





UPCOMING EVENTS

List of events, entertainment and fun social gatherings.



FEBRUARY 2025

February 14th, David Kidd - Tom Jones Tribute Show

Doors open 19.00 pm. Show starts at 20.00 pm

Singing a variety of classic Tom Jones songs.
Come and shake your hips!

Tickets £20 Each includes Buffet.

Buffet served from 7.00 pm to 8.00 pm

Raffle prizes on the night.

To book visit or call Jubilee Reception on 0161 763 9030
or email jubilee@ageukbury.org.uk

All profits from events goes to supporting people aged 50+ in Bury and surrounding boroughs

VISIT OUR WEBSITE FOR THE LATEST EVENTS DETAILS

If you have an upcoming function or special occasion and would like to have it at the Jubilee Centre then call 0161 763 9030 and ask for Ania/Leisa to discuss hiring the room and amenities or email events@ageukbury.org.uk with your enquiry

FINALLY... A BIT OF FUN

Limerick of the Month

An elf with a cheeky grin,
Loved to dance, jiggle and spin.
In Santa's workshop,
He'd hop and he'd bop,
Spreading joy from within.

