



## NEWSLETTER 22<sup>nd</sup> JULY 2020

Dear Parishioner

### **CORONAVIRUS UPDATE**

Following publication on Monday by Oxford University of the first human trial results conducted in partnership with AstraZeneca showing that its vaccine against COVID-19 is safe and produces an immune response, the Government have called for volunteers in the hope that 500,000 people will register by October to take part in trials to evaluate whether the vaccine actually protects the population. The Government have ordered 190 million doses of the putative vaccines from AstraZeneca and other producers to maximise the chances of a vaccine being produced that meets regulatory and safety standards.

Over the past few days, the Government has announced a number of further measures to ease the lockdown conditions – these will be introduced at various stages over the coming weeks, the timetable reading as follows: -

**17<sup>th</sup> July** – People are no longer discouraged from using public transport.

**18<sup>th</sup> July** – In the event of an outbreak, Councils will be given powers to close premises e.g. pubs and restaurants, cancel outdoor events and close outdoor spaces without reference to the government.

**24<sup>th</sup> July** – A reminder that from this Friday, **face masks or coverings** become mandatory for customers in shops and supermarkets. The Government have announced they are setting up face covering productions in line with a number of UK manufacturers to ensure the country can meet the expected increase in demand.

**25<sup>th</sup> July** - Indoor fitness and dance studios, indoor gyms, indoor sports courts and facilities, indoor swimming pools and water parks can all re-open

**1<sup>st</sup> August** – A whole range of measures including: -

Employers will be given more discretion to make decisions on how their staff can return to their workplaces safely.

More leisure facilities such as bowling alleys, skating rinks and casinos can re-open.

Beauty salons (which re-opened on 13<sup>th</sup> July) will be able to provide close contact services such as facial treatments.

Subject to the success of a number of pilot events, indoor theatre and concert performances can be staged once more.

Wedding receptions can take place, with sit-down meals for a maximum of 30 people.

**3<sup>rd</sup> August** – The Eat Out to Help Out Scheme begins. On Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays throughout August customers can obtain a 50% discount on food and non-alcoholic drinks up to a maximum of £10 per head when eating at restaurants, pubs, cafes etc. registered with scheme on as many occasions as they wish. The government will very shortly publish a **Find a Restaurant Guide** enabling users to identify which establishments are offering the scheme within a two-mile radius of any post code used and we will provide further information on this as soon as it becomes available. A reminder that VAT on restaurant meals has been cut from 20% to 5% from 15<sup>th</sup> July until January 2021.

**September** – Schools, nurseries and colleges will be open for all children and young people on a full-time basis.

**1<sup>st</sup> October** – Sports fans could be allowed into stadiums again, subject to the successful outcome of a small number of events to pilot the safe return of spectators being held in July and August, one of which is likely to be the final day of the Glorious Goodwood horse racing festival on 1<sup>st</sup> August when annual members and their guests would be able to attend.

Business Events and Conferences will also be permitted to be staged.

Please note that night clubs, dance halls, discotheques, hostess bars, sexual entertainment venues and indoor play areas (including soft play areas) must remain **closed** by law.

For greater detail on this rapidly evolving picture, you might care to visit the Government's website here: -

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-outbreak-faqs-what-you-can-and-cant-do/coronavirus-outbreak-faqs-what-you-can-and-cant-do>

Needless to say, the normal guidelines on hygiene, safety, social distancing and other protocols will all apply in various ways to attendees, proprietors and even performers etc. thereby resulting in significant reductions in the number of customers or visitors allowed on site so please always check ahead via the internet or telephone with your intended venue.

In other news, please note the Foreign Office have clarified that their advice against **cruise ship travel** relates to staying overnight for at least one night on a **seagoing** cruise ship with people from multiple households. Holidaymakers will be able to sail on **river** cruises.

The Department of Health and Social Care have issued a warning, endorsed by the NHS, that **paddling pools** should not be used when families meet up and have urged parents to make sure their children keep a safe distance.

## **CHICHESTER DISTRICT COUNCIL**

CDC have announced they are reviewing the **dog control rules** that apply to public spaces and are proposing that the current Public Space Protection Order - which covers rules around dog fouling, dog exclusion areas, and areas where dogs must be on leads – should be extended for a further three years, with minor changes, when the current order ends in

October 2020. They would like residents' views and are inviting participation in a short survey. For more details please see:- <https://www.chichester.gov.uk/letstalkdogsinpublicspaces>

CDC say that they have had an increase in reports of residents burning green waste and general waste in their gardens and are asking residents not to light bonfires since smoke and smells from these can aggravate respiratory problems which people with virus symptoms may be experiencing. Green and black bin waste collections have been running normally for some time now and all West Sussex waste and recycling centres accept garden and household waste. Residents who are affected by smoke from bonfires should report this to CDC's Environment Protection Team (rather than the parish council who do not have enforcement powers) by providing full details to:- <https://www.chichester.gov.uk/article/25585/Report-bonfire-problem>

If you need help with shopping or medication collection please contact

**Fr. Peter Mallinson (Bury) 839057 or Ken & Diana Rowsell (W. Burton) 831475**

For further information please contact the parish clerk Mike Simpson at

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Best wishes

Bury Parish Council