



NEWSLETTER 26th AUGUST 2020

Dear Parishioner

CORONAVIRUS UPDATE

For the latest guidance on such aspects as what you can do to protect yourself and others during the health emergency, when to wear a face covering, information on support bubbles and social distancing and what you can and cannot do please see here: -

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-reducing-transmission-what-you-can-do-to-help/reducing-transmission-of-coronavirus-covid-19-what-you-can-do-to-help>

TRAVEL CORRIDORS

The Government have published a further update on whether you will need to self-isolate on return to England depending on which country you have visited – for details please see here: -

https://www.gov.uk/guidance/coronavirus-covid-19-travel-corridors?utm_source=10cbe6ff-1fde-42ce-8b1a-6616d29afae1&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=govuk-notifications&utm_content=immediate

BURY PARISH COUNCIL

New councillors

At the Extraordinary Meeting of the Parish Council on 24th August, the two vacancies for councillors were filled by the co-option of Nettie Rowsell and Graham Morrison. The welcome addition of Nettie and Graham to serve alongside Karen Davis (Chair), John Labarte (Vice-Chair), Katka Marconi, Richard Champness, Paul Whyles, Chris Daykin and John Rudd means that once again Bury Parish Council has a full complement of 9 councillors.

New Website

Bury Parish Council's new website has now been up and running for a couple of weeks and is well worth a browse! There are many interesting features in the new website and it very much rewards some exploring. Here are just a few of the features you should look out for:

- *A rolling news column that keeps you up to date with developments in and around the village, including parish council news, and also allows you to search for past news items by category.
- *Fascinating pages on aspects of life in Bury including open spaces, village walks, and past literary and cultural connections.
- *A Memories of Bury section which contains absorbing recollections of life in the village in the past, as well as one or two intriguing Internet links, including a video of fun and games at the Black Dog & Duck public house around 60 years ago!
- *In the Galleries section, there is a wonderful collection of old postcards of Bury, kindly lent to the website by Tony Pratt, creator of the Arun Valley Post Card Trail.
- *A very useful Parish Map that you can enlarge so that you can identify parish landmarks and clearly see where the parish boundaries lie.
- *Useful contact information for local groups, organisations and businesses you may need.
- *A What's On column which will keep you abreast of new forthcoming events – hopefully these will proliferate once Covid-19 is finally in retreat.
- * A guide to local places to eat and stay.
- *Access to useful PDF documents, including a guide for New Residents and a village Flood Advice leaflet.
- *Easy access to all Bury Parish Council agendas, minutes etc.

You may notice one or two pages of the website currently remain empty. Bear with us. Work is still in hand to get the website fully populated.

The address is: -

<https://buryparishcouncil.org.uk/>

Add it to your bookmarks!

ASH DIE-BACK

Parishioners are no doubt aware of the clearance of a large number of trees suffering from ash die-back taking place on the downs between West Burton and Bury. Ash die-back is a very serious issue and South Downs National Park Authority are working with landowners, partner authorities and conservation organisations to manage the impact of ash die-back.

SDNPA point out that tree owners have a duty of care for the preservation of trees and ensuring they remain in a safe condition. Felling a tree without the proper permissions and ensuring protection for wildlife may result in enforcement. The first thing ash tree owners should do is to get themselves familiar with the published guidance and be able to identify the signs.

Further information on ash-die back and advice for tree owners can be found here: -

<https://www.southdowns.gov.uk/wildlife-habitats/habitats/healthy-woodlands/ash-dieback-need-know/>

WEST SUSSEX COUNTY COUNCIL – ROAD CLOSURE

Please note that West Sussex County Council will shortly make a temporary Traffic Regulation Order that will close the A29 Fairmile Bottom in the parishes of Madehurst and

Houghton, from its northern junction with Madehurst Road to its southern junction with Madehurst Road. **This restriction will operate overnight only, between 8pm and 6am the following morning.**

The road closure is needed to allow tree surgery works to be carried out in safety. The Order is expected to come into effect at 8pm on 7 September 2020 and end at 6am on 12 September 2020. While the Order is in effect alternative routes for traffic will be signed on site and access to affected properties will be maintained at all times.

CHURCH LANE, BURY – ROAD CLOSURE

Residents and users of Church Lane will have seen the yellow notice board announcing the closure of the lane on September 4th from 8.00am to 6.00pm. We understand this relates to work being undertaken by Openreach. This creates particular problems in that there is a wedding in the church that day and Dorset House School have an open day arranged. At the time of writing, efforts were being made to ask for a re-scheduling of the date – we will update you once we have any further news.

MOTORBIKES UPDATE

We are pleased to report that **Andrew Griffith MP** is still very active in his efforts on the anti-social speeding/noise problem and has written to Bury parish Council describing the action he is taking against motorcycle noise and anti-social and dangerous riding of motorbikes and assures us that this is a matter that he will continue to address with all the relevant organisations that have a role to play. As we reported previously, Andrew's efforts have led to the Police and Crime Commissioner Katy Bourne making the issue a priority and Andrew has been out with the police team on Operation Downsway a number of times and reports that this has resulted in considerable enforcement activity and penalties being issued.

On Sunday, the 23rd August, **Sussex Police Chief Constable, Jo Shiner** (accompanied by Katy Bourne and Andrew) held a roadside briefing in Wisborough Green to speak to residents and parish councillors from neighbouring areas and see for herself the problems experienced along the A272.

Jo Shiner, made it clear how committed she is to remove the blight from our roads, including Bury and West Burton and reported that Sussex Police have short, medium and long-term plans for this issue with Operation Downsway set to continue after September. She also described how new technology would shortly be deployed by the police to tackle the problem, including the use of drones capable of recording speeds from overhead. Tests are also being carried out on noise level machinery, taking a lead from Cambridgeshire and Europe.

A new specialist traffic task force is being deployed by Sussex police in January for this initiative and with a number of experiments and tests taking place, the police will only support actions which are sustainable, i.e. whereby any prosecution would have a 99.9% chance of success using these various technologies.

The Bury Parish Councillor present had a private conversation with the Chief Constable in which she indicated that basically she would be very much in favour of the deployment of average speed cameras on Bury Hill.

Sussex Police were in Bury with the camera van on Sunday, resulting in a relatively quiet weekend and we re-iterate our thanks to them for their efforts throughout the summer to significantly reduce anti-social behaviour on our roads.

WEST SUSSEX LIBRARY SERVICE

The library service have published an update following their recent re-opening – for more information please see here:-

<https://content.govdelivery.com/accounts/UKWSCC/bulletins/29b8821>

Please remember if you need help from our volunteers with shopping or collection of medication, the initial contact points are: -

Fr. Peter Mallinson (Bury) 839057

Ken & Diana Rowsell (West Burton) 831475

For further information please contact the parish clerk Mike Simpson at: -

clerkburyparishcouncil@gmail.com

Best wishes

Bury Parish Council