



NEWSLETTER 30th SEPTEMBER 2020

Dear Parishioner

CORONAVIRUS UPDATE

SELF ISOLATION

As from Monday 28th September, it is now a punishable offence not to comply with an official instruction to self-isolate, with fines starting at £1,000 and rising to £10,000 for repeat offenders or serious breaches. The law applies to people who have tested positive for coronavirus, or who have been told by NHS Test and Trace to self-isolate because they have been in close contact with someone with the virus. And if someone tests positive, it is illegal to knowingly give false information about their close contacts to NHS Test and Trace.

So if you develop COVID-19 symptoms - a new continuous cough, high temperature, or change in sense of taste or smell you should begin self-isolation for at least 10 days and arrange for a free NHS test – please see here:- <https://www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test> If you do not have internet access call **119**.

You should also self-isolate if:

- You test positive for Covid-19
- You live with someone who has symptoms, or is ill
- You arrive in the UK from one of a number of countries which aren't exempt from quarantine rules
- You are contacted by NHS Test and Trace to say you have been in close contact with someone who has tested positive

Self-isolating means staying at home and not leaving it. You should not go out for any reason - even to buy food, medicines or other essentials, or for exercise. Further information can be found here <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/self-isolation-and-treatment/when-to-self-isolate-and-what-to-do/>

TEST AND TRACE

A new NHS COVID-19 app has now been launched across England and Wales to help control coronavirus transmission. The app enables the majority of people with a smartphone to receive a

warning if they are at risk of having caught the virus and need to self-isolate, order a test if they have symptoms and access the right guidance and advice. The features of this app, including a QR (Quick Response) bar code for check-in at venues, work alongside the NHS traditional contact tracing service and will help to reach more people quickly in their communities to prevent further spread of the virus – for a simple visual aid as to what the app does please see here:-

<https://www.covid19.nhs.uk/what-the-app-does.html>

The free app can be downloaded from the Google Play Store here: -

<https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=uk.nhs.covid19.production>

or from the Apple app store here: - <https://apps.apple.com/us/app/id1520427663>

It is now mandatory for the following venues and businesses to collect customer details as part of the test and trace scheme:

- hospitality, including pubs, bars, restaurants and cafés
- tourism and leisure, including gyms, swimming pools, hotels, museums, cinemas, zoos and theme parks
- close contact services, including hairdressers, facilities provided by local authorities, including town halls and civic centres (for events), libraries and children's centres.

These businesses are being asked to display their own unique QR code poster so that visitors can scan the app as they enter the premises. The app protects the user's anonymity – only the first part of a post code will be used to help the app detect in which areas the virus is spreading.

Please do not be concerned if you do not have a smart phone as venues will also be required to offer an alternative system for recording details for customers.

Please beware of Scammers! Father Peter has informed us that there are scammers operating who are attempting to extricate money from people by purporting to represent the NHS Test and Trace service. They will tell you that you need a test because you have been in contact with someone who has tested positive (as the genuine NHS caller would of course) but when they mention a fee of £50 for the testing kit and request the details of your bank account or credit card **you can be sure it is a scam**. The NHS test is **free** and their caller would never ask you to make any kind of payment or purchase any product, nor would they ask for any bank, credit card, pin or password details.

JOB PROTECTION SCHEME

The current furlough arrangements for employees are due to end on 31st October and the Chancellor has announced the introduction of a new Job Protection Scheme to run from 1st November for a period of 6 months designed to protect viable jobs in businesses who are facing lower demand over the winter months due to Covid-19. Under the scheme, employees must work at least a third of their normal hours but for every hour not worked the employer and government will each pay one third towards their usual pay.

The Treasury said workers using the scheme would receive at least 77pc of their pay (where the Government contribution is not capped). So, for someone on £2,000 a month working 50% hours, they would get £1,000 normal pay plus £333 extra from their employer and £333 from the government. The grant from the government will be capped at £697.92 per month.

All small and medium sized businesses will be eligible for the scheme but larger business will be eligible if their turnover has fallen during the crisis. Firms will not be allowed to make staff redundant while they are on the scheme.

The self-employed are also being helped with the aid of a grant to those eligible for the Self Employment Income Support Scheme Grant. The grant will cover three months' worth of profits for the period from November to the end of January and will cover 20% of average monthly profits up to a total of £1,875. A further grant may be available to the self-employed to cover February 2021 to the end of April, depending on circumstances.

TRAVEL CORRIDORS

For the latest list of countries, territories and regions from where you can travel to England and may not have to self-isolate please see here:- <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/coronavirus-covid-19-travel-corridors>

Denmark, Curacao, Iceland and Slovakia have now been removed from the list. The situation is constantly changing so if you are contemplating foreign travel please check first with the airline or tour operator etc.

MOTORBIKES UPDATE

In previous Newsletters we have reported on the measures being taken by Sussex Police via Operation Downsway to combat excessive speed and noise by road users on the A29. We also described how Bury Parish Council were involved in ongoing discussions with police, county and district council officers and on 23rd September Councillor Paul Whyles attended the live Road Safety Update Briefing by Sussex Police chaired by Sussex Police and Crime Commissioner Katy Bourne. Councillor Whyles comments that it was heartening to hear several senior police officers, including Chief Constable Jo Shiner, state their commitment to finding short, medium and long-term solutions to the problems of anti-social riding-driving on Sussex roads and you can view the entire briefing here:- https://sussex-pcc.public-i.tv/core/portal/webcast_interactive/512614

CHICHESTER DISTRICT COUNCIL

Earlier this month we reported that CDC had drawn up a Climate Change Action Plan for the Chichester District on which they would seek public consultation on such aspects as:-

- Deliver measurable carbon reduction in new developments and through the council's own operations
- Source funding for reduced carbon initiatives
- Promote lifestyle changes, such as energy reduction and using renewable energy sources
- Develop local plans for reducing food waste
- Identify opportunities for increased tree planting, and
- Promote sustainable transport.

The consultation will also ask people for their thoughts on the suggestions included in the plan, including different ways in which the council proposes to engage with residents around combatting climate change over the coming months. This includes a Citizens' Jury, which will be asked to make recommendations to the council; working groups made up of different organisations to help develop

greenhouse gas mitigation projects; and a public behaviour change campaign. Full details – and the link to the survey – can be found here: -

<https://www.chichester.gov.uk/letstalkclimatechange>

CHICHESTER FESTIVAL THEATRE

COVID-safe audience procedures have now been trialled at the theatre and they are now pleased to announce their programme for Autumn 2020. For full details of productions and booking arrangements please see here: - <https://www.cft.org.uk/autumn-2020>

BURY PARISH COUNCIL

A meeting (online) of the Environment and Planning Sub Committee Meeting of the Parish Council will take place on Monday 5th October 2020 at 6.30pm. Members of the public are welcome to attend this meeting and, if desired, can also speak for a maximum of five minutes about an item on the agenda during the Public Session at the discretion of the Chair. The agenda can be accessed here: -

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Keep well, stay safe and do not hesitate to ask for help with shopping or prescriptions by contacting: -

Fr. Peter Mallinson (Bury) on 839057 or Ken & Diana Rowsell (West Burton) on 841475

To visit the Bury Parish Council website please see: - www.buryparishcouncil.org.uk

For more information please contact the parish clerk, Mike Simpson at clerkburyparishcouncil@gmail.com

Best wishes

Bury Parish Council