



NEWSLETTER 11th NOVEMBER 2020

Dear Parishioner

CORONAVIRUS UPDATE

Vaccine for COVID-19

Following news on Monday of the progress made towards developing a vaccine, the Prime Minister gave his assessment in a press conference and outlined the Government's thinking as to how events might then evolve assuming the vaccine is approved. If you missed the press conference you can view it here: - https://www.gov.uk/government/speeches/prime-ministers-statement-on-coronavirus-covid-19-9-november-2020?utm_source=2b7a3e58-868d-4d10-923c-33f7f0e7edd7&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=govuk-notifications&utm_content=daily

COVID-19 test roll-out

It was also announced on Monday that 600,000 rapid turnaround flow test kits will be issued to over 50 directors of public health across England this week to enable local teams to direct and deliver community testing based on their local knowledge. Each will receive a batch of 10,000 antigen lateral flow devices as part of a new pilot to enable them to start testing priority groups. For further details please see here: -

https://www.gov.uk/government/news/more-rapid-covid-19-tests-to-be-rolled-out-across-england?utm_source=3bde0508-60f6-4482-b63a-f2cbfb0c9a1b&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=govuk-notifications&utm_content=daily

Businesses and venues during lockdown

In last week's Newsletter we provided a copy of the Government's communication "New National Restrictions from 5 November" in which some detail was given on which businesses would need to close during the current lockdown along with those permitted to remain open. Further guidance has now been issued which contains far more comprehensive details across a wide range of settings and this can be found here: -

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/further-businesses-and-premises-to-close/closing-certain-businesses-and-venues-in-england>

BURY PARISH COUNCIL

Last week in our Newsletter we explained that we were liaising with the current hirers of the village hall to establish whether they could continue with their activities in the light of the need for community centres and halls to close under the lockdown restrictions. However, the rules do permit our hall to remain open for the purposes of provision of childcare and for education – consequently the Cornflakes and Chillout Club can continue operating. This is also true of the Boathouse Ballet School which provides education in ballet to a curriculum which prepares children for a structured series of UCAS-approved exams and as a consequence is regarded as a school as opposed to a dance studio (which would not qualify for exemption). So, we can at least continue to derive some income for the hall during the lockdown period and we hope to be welcoming back our other hirers in three weeks' time.

As mentioned last week, Bury Green and Playground remains open but please follow the guidelines you will find on the entrance gate.

BURY POST OFFICE

Fortunately, as our post office is effectively detached from the village hall without direct access to it, there is no need to close it and Tracy has confirmed she will be in Bury every Friday afternoon as usual during lockdown from 1.15 to 3.15pm.

CHICHESTER DISTRICT COUNCIL

Parking Charges Review

CDC have reviewed the parking charges of all council owned car parks across Chichester District and as a consequence some prices will reduce, some will stay the same while a small increase - in most cases just 10 pence - will apply to some others. For more details please see here: -

<https://www.chichester.gov.uk/article/34595/Review-of-parking-charges-in-Chichester-District-Council-owned-car-parks>

Improving housing standards

CDC are looking at ways in which they can help residents and landlords to maintain and improve the condition of housing in the Chichester District and they would like to hear your thoughts. Further details can be found here: - www.chichester.gov.uk/letstalkhousingstandards

ANDREW GRIFFITH MP – NOVEMBER UPDATE

In his latest monthly update, Andrew provides commentary on the Coronavirus situation, news of his activities within the House of Parliament and those within the constituency. From our parish point of view there is welcome news of the progress of Andrew's Bill to combat anti-social behaviour by motorists and motorcyclists on our local roads and it is reassuring to read of the recruitment of a number of new police officers which has made it possible to launch the new Sussex Police Rural Crime team. Andrew's report can be read here: - <https://mailchi.mp/4ced9d533bd7/working-for-you-in-westminster-november-2020?e=4725c9b72f>

SQUIRE AND HORSE - BURY

During lockdown the Squire and Horse will be providing a take-away service as follows: -

Friday and Saturday nights between 5.30 and 7.30pm - fish and chips (£8.90) and burger and chips (£9.95).

Sunday from 12 noon until 2.00pm - roast beef (£11.90), roast turkey (£11.50) and fish and chips (£8.90).

Call 01798 831343 to place an order.

Stay well and keep safe – and please do not hesitate to ask if you need help with shopping and medical prescriptions by contacting: -

Fr Peter Mallinson (Bury) 839057 or Ken & Diana Rowsell (West Burton) 831475

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

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

Best wishes

Bury Parish Council