



NEWSLETTER 17th NOVEMBER 2020

Dear Parishioner

CORONAVIRUS UPDATE

National Restrictions From 5th November

Remembering the many rules and protocols contained within the Government's Guidance communications, which we have included in our Newsletters during the past eight months, has been somewhat challenging at the best of times and the latest New National Restrictions Guide from 5th November is no exception. However, the Cabinet Office have just produced an Easy Read version of this, with illustrations, which we felt was a useful visual aid to accompany the more comprehensive text version and it can be found here: -

https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/935434/New_National_Restrictions_-_Easy_Read.pdf

Social Distancing – Visual Aid

In similar vein to the National Restrictions Guide, the Cabinet Office have also produced an Easy Read guide to social distancing which might be useful as a quick reference guide should you be in any doubt! The guide can be found here: -

https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/935450/Social_Distancing_Guide_-_Easy_Read.pdf

Boost for Pubs and Restaurants & Cafes

The Government have announced that pubs, restaurants and cafes will get automatic freedoms to provide takeaway services for another year. Following introduction of the initial lockdown in March of this year, which led to the closure of these businesses, rules were relaxed to enable them to offer a takeaway service during the pandemic, without having to go through the normal planning application process. This was due to end on 23rd March 2021 but will now be extended by another year to 23rd March 2022. The government will also consider whether to make these reforms permanent. Further details can be seen here: -

https://www.gov.uk/government/news/boost-for-restaurants-pubs-and-cafes-as-jenrick-extends-takeaway-services?utm_source=2b82c3e6-47fe-4a98-bf9a-f96fe77c3030&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=govuk-notifications&utm_content=daily

CHICHESTER DISTRICT COUNCIL

Help for Businesses

Following introduction of the new lockdown from 5th November, requiring non-essential businesses to close, the Government has confirmed additional COVID19 emergency funding to Chichester District Council for a Local Restriction Support Grants programme. The funding is aimed at supporting any business which has been subjected to lockdown closures and who has a rateable property. For full details of the eligibility criteria, payment levels and application procedure please see here: - <https://www.chichester.gov.uk/businessratesnovember2020>

Resident Support

CDC have produced a guide with details of the Coronavirus support measures for residents covering such aspects as support during self-isolation, the furlough scheme, the hardship fund, the walk-through test and trace site together with a useful FAQ section covering other services provided at district level. Full details can be seen here:

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

Countdown to Christmas

In what has been a difficult year for all of us, especially local businesses and arts, culture and heritage organisations, CDC are encouraging everyone to do their bit this Christmas and support local businesses with their Countdown to Christmas campaign. Full details can be seen here.

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

WEST SUSSEX DISTRICT COUNCIL

Winter Maintenance on Our Road Network

During winter snow and ice conditions, gritting and snow clearance of the county's trunk roads such as the A27, A23 and M23 is the responsibility of Highways England. WSCC's Highways division's role is to keep the county's other key priority routes - A and B roads, plus other roads of local importance – safe and passable during bad weather.

WSCC's Winter Service Network routes cover 1,690km of roads and include access to airports, major bus routes, police stations, ambulance stations, fire stations, A&E hospitals and large industrial establishments. WSCC do this using 20 gritters, to which they can attach snow ploughs when required. There are 19 routes that take around three hours each to complete. To see the roads WSCC would normally grit please see here: -

<http://westsussex.cdmf.info/incident/map.htm?grittingRoutesMapButton=on>

On the map, click on the truck icon (to the left of the All On tab) to see the routes.

It is not possible for West Sussex Highways to grit or clear snow from all other roads, footways or cycle ways so parishes such as Bury are provided with a number of roadside salt bins enabling residents to spread grit at strategic places such as inclines and junctions. There are two salt bins in Bury (one in Houghton Lane just down from The Square and the other at the top of The Street opposite Old London Road) and two in West Burton (one adjacent to the parish council board and the other at Hale Hill).

FLOODING RISK – ENVIRONMENT AGENCY

The Environment Agency issued a flood warning on Monday 16th for the Lower Arun following 40mm of rain at the weekend. Flooding would possibly affect the A29 at Pulborough and water would be extensive in fields and could affect gardens and approach properties on Lower Street and Swan Corner, near to Swan Bridge, Pulborough and Bridge Cottages, Greatham. Water was expected to be near the tops of the banks around Houghton Bridge, Amberley, but no impacts were expected in Arundel or Ford. The rivers upstream at Pallingham and Fittleworth were starting to peak on Monday, but with little further rain forecast until Friday, river levels should fall but will take a week to fall to more normal levels.

None of this is likely to come as a surprise to residents of our parish but we obviously need to be mindful of the flooding risk. The Environment Agency produce very useful information in the form of a quick reference flood alert guide which can be accessed here: - <https://flood-warning-information.service.gov.uk/warnings>

If you feel that your property may be vulnerable to flooding you may wish to sign up to the EA's flood warning service which can warn you by phone, email or text message if your home or business is at risk of flooding. The service is free and can be found here: - https://www.gov.uk/sign-up-for-flood-warnings?_ga=2.129400652.1336460344.1596184496-2033150430.1583499776

BURY SCHOOL & THE BIG PTA RAFFLE

Friends of Bury School tell us they have joined The Big PTA Raffle 2020 which gives participants the chance to win some big money prizes whilst helping to raise funds for the school and they would very much welcome the support of local residents.

For every £3 ticket purchased you will have 12 chances to win up to £5,000 and at the same time 50% from every ticket sold will go to the PTA. It's a fantastic way to bring Parents, Carers, Teachers and the wider community together, in partnership with the PTA, and at the same time give something back. It is hoped to raise funds that can support and enrich the education of the children – the PTA aim to provide extra resources for the children, improve the school environment as well as run extracurricular activities such as music, art and sport. Full details of the raffle and how to enter can be found here: -

https://www.bigptaraffle.co.uk/support/bury-ce-school-rh20?fbclid=IwAR1Bag5lrJnV_fYgF6l0sIHAoX1k6GK4x2ixYINnVnRNPnGPdC5EMa9d2DA

Thomas Moore, head teacher at Bury School, informs us that they are also raffling off 3 x 1lb jars of the first ever Bees of Bury School (BOBS) Honey for £1 per entry (to win one jar). Again, anyone can enter, they just need to pop along to school between 9:30 and 14:30 (to avoid crossing with parents) with their £1 coin (or more if you prefer!) and name and contact details.

Keep well and stay safe and do not hesitate to ask for help with shopping or 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 more information please contact the parish clerk Mike Simpson at clerkburyparishcouncil@gmail.com

Best wishes

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