



NEWSLETTER 3rd DECEMBER 2020

Dear Parishioner

CORONAVIRUS UPDATE – APPROVAL OF VACCINE FOR COVID-19

At last, the news we have all been waiting for! The UK has become the first country in the world to approve a COVID-19 vaccine for widespread use. Next week some 800,000 doses of the Pfizer/BioNTech vaccine will be made available, with the bulk of the vaccines becoming available in the New Year. A priority list of those who will get the vaccine first puts NHS staff, care home residents and staff and those aged 80 and over at the head of the queue followed by those aged 75 and over and so on down eventually to those aged 50 and over – at which point some 90-99% of those at risk of dying of COVID-19 will have been vaccinated.

Obviously, the logistics of the roll-out are very complex, especially as everyone will require 2 jabs, three weeks apart. Around 50 hospital hubs around England will start offering the vaccine to the first in line, followed by GP practices coming together in each area to operate local vaccination centres – growing to over 1,000 across England. No action is needed to arrange to have a vaccination as the NHS will invite patients to attend at the appropriate point in time.

Local Restrictions from 2nd December

Exciting though the news of the vaccine may be, it will obviously be some time before life returns to normal and, following the conclusion of the latest lockdown, we have now entered the period of **Local Restrictions - Tier 2 High Alert** which will apply up to and including 22nd December, followed by the Christmas Bubble period from 23rd December to 27th December inclusive and then reverting to the Local Restrictions on 28th December until further notice.

In our Newsletter of 26th November we provided details of the **Local Restrictions** applicable to West Sussex but as a reminder, an extremely useful easy-read guide has just been published which you can find here: -

https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/940578/local-restrictions-easy-read-web-accessible_v1a.pdf

Christmas - Easing of Restrictions

Details of the **Christmas Bubble** arrangements appeared in our Newsletter of 25th November but by way of a reminder the latest government update can be seen here: -

https://www.gov.uk/guidance/guidance-for-the-christmas-period?utm_source=3b7f462d-5969-421a-a813-17532fd641c1&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=govuk-notifications&utm_content=daily

OVERSEAS TRAVEL AT CHRISTMAS

In England from 2 December, people are permitted to travel abroad, subject to any restrictions in place at their destination. If you are considering travelling overseas at Christmas for a holiday or to visit relatives, we would recommend you have a look at the guidance notes just produced by the Foreign, Commonwealth & Development Office which can be found here: -

https://www.gov.uk/government/news/festive-travel-tips-for-people-considering-overseas-travel?utm_source=94b8dd61-bb2b-4469-ba09-199ff19bd087&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=govuk-notifications&utm_content=daily

BURY PARISH COUNCIL – FAKE NEWS!

You may have been somewhat surprised to read, in the December publication of Sussex Local, reports of work done by the parish council in the cemetery, the cancelling of the annual Christmas lights switch on event and the objection to a pram crossing and 2 bus shelters proposed in conjunction with a housing development. Sussex Local glean their information from a parish council website and unfortunately on this occasion the news they published was that of the Parish Council in Bury in Cambridgeshire. We have advised them of their faux pas!

THE “REAL” BURY PARISH COUNCIL

Environment & Planning Committee Meeting

The next meeting will be held on Monday 7th December at 6.00pm online via the Zoom facility. Members of the public are welcome to “attend” the meeting and speak for a maximum of five minutes about an item on the agenda during the Public Session. If you wish to join and/or speak at the meeting please email the parish clerk, Mike Simpson at clerkburyparishcouncil@gmail.com or call him on 07894-585048.

The agenda has been placed on the notice boards and can also be accessed here: - [file:///C:/Users/John/Downloads/E&P%20Agenda%207th%20December%20\(2\).pdf](file:///C:/Users/John/Downloads/E&P%20Agenda%207th%20December%20(2).pdf)

Christmas Tree

In a year that has been so challenging for many, BPC has erected a Christmas tree outside the village hall to thank you all for being such a caring, helpful and kind community to your neighbours in 2020. Whilst staging a function in the village hall is not an option under current restrictions, we hope that the tree will remind you that it will soon be spring. Following the welcome news of the imminent roll-out of a vaccine, there is hope that in 2012 life will be moving back to normal and that we will be able to enjoy gathering together once more.

We should like to thank JoJo and Joseph Godfrey of Bury for kindly donating the tree.

THE SQUIRE & HORSE BURY

We are pleased to report that the Squire and Horse have now re-opened and will be offering lunch and dinner again in addition to a daily Christmas turkey takeaway dinner. Many of us enjoyed some superb takeaways during the latest lockdown and it would be great if we can continue to support Nick and his staff by visiting the restaurant again. For more details or to make a booking call 01798-831343. The pub’s website can be found here: - <https://www.squireandhorsebury.co.uk/>

CHICHESTER DISTRICT COUNCIL

CDC have launched a campaign for Christmas to encourage residents to continue supporting local traders and businesses in these difficult times by shopping locally to buy their festive food and gifts. Small and local businesses often stock items that are made locally and aren't available anywhere else, providing a great range of choice and unique products. Chichester Farmers' Market comprises stallholders offering a whole range of food products and a variety of handmade and artisan gifts, further details of which can be seen here:

<https://www.chichester.gov.uk/article/34694/Chichester-District-residents-encouraged-to-support-local-farmers-markets-this-Christmas>

Stay well and keep safe and if you need help with shopping or prescriptions from our volunteer force please contact: -

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

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

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

Best wishes

Bury Parish Council