



## **NEWSLETTER 20<sup>th</sup> JANUARY 2021**

Dear Parishioner

### **CORONAVIRUS UPDATE**

With in excess of 4 million people now having had at least one dose of a vaccine to protect against COVID-19, the roll-out programme is well under way to meet the Government target to vaccinate 15 million people in the top four priority groups by 15<sup>th</sup> February,

Some High Street pharmacies in England began vaccinating people from priority groups last Thursday, with 200 in total due to be providing jabs over the next two weeks. Along with 200 hospitals, 800 GP-led services and 17 mass vaccination centres across England vaccinations are currently being offered at more than 1,000 sites.

Some supermarkets are offering car parks as drive-through centres and conference centres and sports stadiums such as Tottenham Hotspur FC have offered to become a venue for the NHS to provide the vaccine.

Millions of people aged 70 and over and those clinically extremely vulnerable to COVID-19 are being invited to get their vaccinations from Monday 18 January as the NHS begins roll out of the vaccines to the next 2 priority groups – see here for more information: -

[https://www.gov.uk/government/news/covid-19-vaccines-rolled-out-to-people-aged-70-years-and-over-from-today?utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_campaign=govuk-notifications&utm\\_source=7001d029-de26-4adb-b140-803e02cd9196&utm\\_content=daily](https://www.gov.uk/government/news/covid-19-vaccines-rolled-out-to-people-aged-70-years-and-over-from-today?utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=govuk-notifications&utm_source=7001d029-de26-4adb-b140-803e02cd9196&utm_content=daily)

With Johnson & Johnson's COVID-19 vaccine Phase-3 clinical trial data expected to be announced before the end of January, followed by an application for Emergency Use Authorization in the US and other countries, another vaccine may soon become available in the market. Unlike other COVID-19 vaccines, which require two doses, the J&J vaccine is a single-shot vaccine, adding a lot of convenience for people taking the shot and government bodies struggling to scale-up the mass rollout. It also greatly simplifies logistics and scalability. The vaccine's storage temperature requirement is 2-8 degrees Celsius. It is hoped that Johnson & Johnson could deliver the first doses of its COVID-19 vaccine to Europe in April.

### **ANDREW GRIFFITH MP – VACCINE UPDATE**

Andrew has produced a special newsletter on the progress of COVID-19 vaccinations across the Arundel & South Downs constituency which can be seen here: -

<https://mailchi.mp/6a860011c1b6/vaccine-update-from-andrew-griffith-mp?e=4725c9b72f>

### **LOCAL VACCINATION UPDATE**

We understand that patients registered with the **Arundel Surgery** are now being called to attend for their vaccination in accordance with the government programme – the surgery website can be accessed at [www.arundelsurgery.co.uk](http://www.arundelsurgery.co.uk)

According to the website for the **Pulborough Medical Group**, they have a delivery of the Oxford AstraZeneca Covid-19 vaccines later this week. These vaccines are for patients aged 70 and over, and those who are in the extremely high-risk category and would be in receipt of a letter advising them to shield – PMG are inviting these patients to make an appointment for their vaccination. For more details, please see here: - <https://www.pmgdoctors.co.uk/>

### **SUPPORT FOR FAMILIES DURING THE PANDEMIC**

The District Council have produced a short guide with information on the different support available for families, including children eligible for free school meal vouchers, plus other areas of support for those affected financially by the Coronavirus Pandemic – please see here: -

<https://mailchi.mp/e81286e42a4b/bury-parish-council-newsletter-20th-january-2021?e=2c040e566e>

### **CHICHESTER DISTRICT COUNCIL – TREE PLANTING SCHEME**

Chichester District Council have announced that they will be one of five local authorities in England taking part in a new £2.5m tree planting project with the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (DEFRA), which aims to increase tree cover in rural and urban areas. For full details please see here: - <https://www.chichester.gov.uk/article/34875/New-tree-planting-pilot-scheme-launched-in-the-Chichester-District>

### **NEWS FROM BURY SCHOOL**

Thomas Moore, head teacher at Bury School, has kindly invited residents to take part in a special event being organised to bring a little cheer into our lives during these rather gloomy times and writes as follows: -

*“Before Christmas I had the intention of trying to share some live singing – unfortunately, the second lockdown and a stretched staff meant that had to be abandoned. However, we are now looking to offer something a little different. We are hoping to provide a singalong with our music teacher, Mr Mott. This will be traditional local folk songs and is very much an offer to the community rather than to the children here at school (although I dare say some will follow it). All anyone needs to do is click on the link [Sussex Folk with Bury CE Primary](#) 4pm Thursday Jan 28<sup>th</sup>. It will only be for half an hour – we’ve never attempted it before so are hoping it works. We have an in-school dry run with staff this Thursday. Our aim is to provide a little connection for people in a time when people are not getting to socialise”.*

### **MAKE A DIFFERENCE – GIVE A LAPTOP**

Last summer local BBC radio stations ran a campaign to help members of the public to donate old laptops and tablets for use by schoolchildren who did not have access to such devices but were sharing phones at home while learning during lockdown. With schools now closed again, the BBC are asking people to help those pupils still in need. More information in the form of a BBC video clip can be seen here: - [www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/p093cwh6](http://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/p093cwh6)

If you click on the "Home" button and then "Give a laptop" you will find details of companies and charities who are able to accept donations.

### **WINDMILL CINEMA LITTLEHAMPTON**

In common with other cinemas and theatres, the Windmill has once again had to close its doors to cinemagoers but has been looking at ways to bring movie fans some new films during the COVID restrictions. They have now announced their new initiative, Virtual Screenings, enabling viewers to watch the films in the comfort of their own home. For full details please see [www.windmillcinema.co.uk](http://www.windmillcinema.co.uk)

### **BEWARE THE SCAMMERS**

We have received reports of callers (by phone and door to door) purporting to be from both BT and Openreach either with offers to improve your broadband speed or warning that your service is about to be cut off and so on. Please be very vigilant and never, if asked, provide any personal or financial details - and to repeat our recent warning, if someone purporting to be from the NHS calls or emails you in relation to your COVID-19 vaccination asking for bank details to verify proof of residency you will know it is a scam.

Keep well and stay safe and if you require assistance with shopping or prescriptions 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](mailto:clerkburyparishcouncil@gmail.com)

To visit the parish council website please see [www.buryparishcouncil.co.uk](http://www.buryparishcouncil.co.uk)

Best wishes

Bury Parish Council