



NEWSLETTER 26th JANUARY 2021

Dear Parishioner

CORONAVIRUS UPDATE

Sussex Health and Care Partnership

The NHS in Sussex report that the vaccine roll-out is well under way and that all patients registered with a GP in Sussex have now been allocated to one of the GP-led local vaccination services and will be contacted when it is their turn to receive the vaccine. GPs have been working together in local groups to arrange the vaccination of their patients, usually at one shared location.

A new large scale vaccination centre has just opened at Brighton Centre – this venue provides an alternative to local GP-led vaccination services. Residents should not contact the Brighton Centre direct – the NHS booking service will write to eligible people providing them with full details of how to book an appointment so that they can then choose whether to make a booking at the Brighton Centre or wait until they are contacted by their own GP for an appointment at a more local vaccination centre if more convenient. For further information please see here: -

<https://mailchi.mp/6540a17afa1a/west-sussex-covid-19-vaccination-update-25-jan?e=89726a9e92>

Nationally, in excess of 7 million vaccines have already taken place and from Monday 25th January a further 32 large-scale vaccination centres capable of vaccinating thousands of people each week opened, bringing the total of such centres to 50 plus.

Chichester District Council have announced that the vaccine will also be delivered at high street pharmacies. Boots, Superdrug and several independent stores will be the first of hundreds of community pharmacies to offer vaccinations. CDC have been told that in Sussex, the first community vaccination services are due to come online in the next fortnight.

Test and Trace

For the latest Government guidance on coronavirus testing, including who is eligible for a test and how to get tested please see here:

https://www.gov.uk/guidance/coronavirus-covid-19-getting-tested?utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=govuk-notifications&utm_source=d2427a08-6016-4b67-8f3c-9bf0629070f8&utm_content=daily

If, as a result of a test you are told to self-isolate by the NHS Test and Trace, you may be eligible for a £500 support payment if you live in England and meet the criteria to qualify. Full details can be seen here: -

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/test-and-trace-support-payment-scheme-claiming-financial-support/claiming-financial-support-under-the-test-and-trace-support-payment-scheme>

BURY PARISH COUNCIL

Annual Parish Photo Competition

A reminder that the closing date for entries to the photo competition is 31st January 2021 so if you would like to submit a photo of any subject taken in the parish during 2020 please send your entry to the parish clerk, Mike Simpson at clerkburyparishcouncil@gmail.com There is no fee to enter and the winning photo will be displayed in the entrance foyer of the village hall.

Planning

Bury Parish Council welcomes the opportunity for pre-application planning discussions with applicants and/or developers and their agents before a planning application is submitted. These discussions may be beneficial to both applicants and the residents of Bury. The Parish Council is a statutory consultee for all planning applications in Bury. Its role is to comment on applications and forward recommendations to the local planning authorities, Chichester District Council (ADC) and The South Downs National Park Authority (SDNPA). BPC has chosen to adopt a protocol for pre-application planning consultations and engagement so that developers; applicants; the Council and residents are aware of the status of such discussions. For full details please see here:

[BPC-Preapplication-discussions.pdf \(buryparishcouncil.org.uk\)](#)

Anti-Social Road Use – Update

Other than the Coronavirus pandemic, another issue to figure prominently in our Newsletters during 2020 was the ongoing problem of anti-social road use on the A29 and on Bury Hill. Matters came to a head one weekend in the middle of May when a relaxation of the original lockdown rules enabled people to venture further afield and led to parishioners wondering whether Bury had become the new venue of the Isle of Man TT races. In the event, the degree of disturbance was such that an appeal for help to our newly-elected MP, Andrew Griffith met with immediate response, with Andrew raising the issue with the newly-appointed Chief Constable, Jo Shiner and the Police and Crime Commissioner Katy Bourne. Operation Downsway was then launched by Sussex Police who, with the aid of camera vans, patrol cars and motorbikes (marked and unmarked) roadside checks and sound-measuring equipment secured a number of convictions and ensured that we enjoyed a number of relatively peaceful summer weekends.

However, despite the sterling efforts of Sussex Police – who have to deal with similar problems at various locations throughout the county – a permanent solution is required so BPC have made application to the Sussex Safer Roads Partnership (SSRP) for the installation of average speed cameras on Bury Hill, to which Andrew has given his written support.

Meanwhile, CC Jo Shiner has now written to Councillor Paul Whyles, who heads BPC's initiative on anti-social road use, to reaffirm that Sussex Police have remained focused on the issue during the winter months and reports that she has just appointed a dedicated Chief Inspector, Habib Rahman, to a new post to oversee all of the work and concerns relating to anti-social/dangerous driving. CC Shiner concludes "I hope this will reassure you that our commitment to this challenge remains, both at Sussex Police and SSRP level". Councillor Whyles has arranged to meet with CI Rahman in Bury later this week and we will report any further developments in due course.

Environment and Planning Sub Committee Meeting

The next online meeting of Bury Parish Council's Environment and Planning Sub Committee takes place on Monday 1st February at 6.30pm, the agenda for which can be found here: -

[EP-meeting-1st-February-2021.pdf \(buryparishcouncil.org.uk\)](#)

Members of the public are welcome to attend this meeting and speak for a maximum of five minutes about an item on the agenda for this meeting during the Public Session at the discretion of the Chair. Please email the clerk at clerkburyparishcouncil@gmail.com or call 07894585048 if you wish to speak.

FAMILY SUPPORT WEEK

Each spring, our Bury-based cordon bleu chef Jane Bellinger hosts a special lunch in Pulborough Village Hall - always very well attended and generously supported - in aid of Family Support Week. Unfortunately, due to lockdown rules, it is not possible to stage such a gathering, consequently the lunch has had to be cancelled. However, as Jane points out, there are even more families in need of our help during these extraordinary times so if you are able to support this cause with either food items or a donation, please drop off any items to Jane at St Anne's Cottage, The Street, Bury (on the right-hand side along the driveway opposite Bury Village Hall) or phone Jane on 01798-839433

WEST SUSSEX COUNTY COUNCIL

Pothole Repairs

WSCC report that more than 20,500 potholes were repaired in 2020 and are now inviting feedback on a new pothole reporting form being trialled to make it easier for the public to report potholes. If you spot a pothole which is a significant and immediate risk to public safety, it can be reported by phoning 01243 642105. For their press release and the link to the new reporting form, please see here: -

<https://www.westsussex.gov.uk/news/more-than-20-500-potholes-repaired-in-2020>

BURY SCHOOL

A reminder that Bury CE Primary School are inviting parishioners to 30 minutes of Folk this **Thursday 28th Jan at 4pm** when their music teacher and folk singer, Mr Mott, will lead everyone in three traditional folk songs. The words are available now on the school's website along with the link to join the event. Whilst everyone is invited, parents of school-aged children should be aware there is reference to drinking ale so please ensure you are happy with the content of the songs if you wish you and your children to join in.

For a link to the webpage for the event please see here: - <https://meet.google.com/rht-yxhp-ijb>

Stay well and keep safe and if you need help with shopping or prescriptions please contact

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

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

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

Best wishes

Bury Parish Council