



NEWSLETTER 5th JANUARY 2021

Dear Parishioner

CORONAVIRUS UPDATE – NATIONAL LOCKDOWN: STAY AT HOME

Against the background of rapidly rising coronavirus cases across the country, the Government have introduced a **National Lockdown: Stay at Home rule with immediate effect.**

This means you must not leave home or be outside your home except where necessary. You may leave your home to:

- shop for basic necessities, for you or a vulnerable person
- go to work, or provide voluntary or charitable services, if you cannot reasonably do so from home
- exercise with your household (or support bubble) or one other person, this should be limited to once per day, and you should not travel outside your local area.
- meet your support bubble or childcare bubble where necessary, but only if you are legally permitted to form one
- seek medical assistance or avoid injury, illness or risk of harm (including domestic abuse)
- attend education or childcare - for those eligible

If you do leave home for a permitted reason, you should always stay local in the village, town, or part of the city where you live but please note that if you leave home without a “reasonable excuse” you can be given a Fixed Penalty Notice of £200 for the first offence, doubling for further offences up to a maximum of £6,400.

Colleges, primary and secondary schools will remain open only for vulnerable children and the children of critical workers. All other children will learn remotely until February half term. Early Years settings remain open. Higher Education provision will remain online until mid- February for all except future critical worker courses.

If you are clinically extremely vulnerable you should only go out for medical appointments, exercise or if it is essential. You should not attend work.

For full details of what you can and cannot do, which businesses must close and those which can remain open, meeting others, travel, education, weddings, funerals, church services etc. we would strongly recommend that you read the Government guidance which can be found here: -

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/national-lockdown-stay-at-home>

COVID-19 VACCINATION UPDATE

From Monday 4th January people began receiving the Oxford University/AstraZeneca coronavirus vaccine as the NHS rapidly expands COVID-19 vaccination programmes across the UK. More than a million people in the UK have already been vaccinated with the Pfizer/BioNTech vaccine and its roll out will continue at pace. The Oxford/AstraZeneca vaccine can be stored at fridge temperatures, between two to eight degrees, making it easier to distribute to care homes and other locations across the UK.

More than 730 vaccination sites have already been established across the UK and hundreds more are opening this week to take the total to over 1,000, helping those who are most at risk from COVID-19 to access vaccines for free, regardless of where they live.

The Pulborough Medical Group began vaccinations last week and a number of our residents have already received their first jab. The Arundel Surgery still await confirmation as to when and where patients registered with them will receive the vaccine – for the latest information we suggest you visit their website which can be found here: - <https://arundelsurgery.co.uk/>

BURY VILLAGE HALL

Under the National Lockdown rules our village hall must remain closed for social gatherings, functions, parish council meetings etc. but the venue can be used for certain exempt activities such as the provision of childcare and for education and training. We shall be liaising with our current hirers to establish which groups will be able to continue operating and will report further on this shortly.

BURY PARISH COUNCIL - ANNUAL PARISH PHOTO COMPETITION

We are delighted to open the Annual Bury Parish Photo Competition for entries!

Last year, Bury Parish Council launched the first ever annual parish photo competition and we had some amazing entries. The three winning photos were superb and are now displayed in the foyer of the Village Hall.

Entries are now open for the 2021 competition and we would like to invite all parishioners to submit their best photos of the Parish from 2020 for inclusion. Photos can have any subject, from nature to people or events, but the setting must be in the Parish. Lovely though they are, beach shots from Climping cannot be entered!

The prize is a certificate and having your image displayed in the Village Hall along with past winners.

To enter (there is no entry fee) please send your photo to the parish clerk, Mike Simpson at: clerkburyparishcouncil@gmail.com

All entries will be displayed on the Bury Parish Council website and the winners chosen by public vote. Closing date is 31/01/21. The winners will be announced on Saturday 15th February once the public voting has closed - good luck!

LIBRARY SERVICES

All libraries have to close for browsing but can remain open to provide access to IT and digital services – for example for people who do not have such facilities at home – and they can offer a

select and collect service for library books. We expect to receive news of how the West Sussex Library Service intend to operate under the latest restrictions and will advise you further on this shortly.

GOVERNMENT PLANNING REFORMS

In September last year we reported on the reaction by Chichester District Council to the widely unpopular planning reforms made by the government that would have included the use of an algorithm to dictate what numbers of houses should be built in each area rather than ensuring that new building is first focused on previously used or neglected land rather than on green spaces. Strong opposition from district and local councils to the more unpopular elements of the plans has resulted in a re-think with a computer-based formula having been updated to focus more on cities and urban areas in the North and Midlands with money for brownfield sites being distributed more fairly outside the South-East. The Government wants to build 300,000 new homes in England each year by the mid-2020s but many complaints were made about the countryside being “concreted over.” CDC’s comments following the Government re-think can be seen here: -[Government rethink on planning reforms is positive news for the district: Chichester District Council](#)

TEMPORARY CLOSURE OF HOUGHTON LANE FROM 25TH JANUARY

Please note that to enable Southern Water to undertake permanent reinstatement of the carriageway, Houghton Lane will be subject to daytime closures for up to 5 days commencing from 25th January. Further details can be seen on the Public Notice which can be accessed here: -
https://one.network/downloads/tm/1139/public-notice-houghton-lane_119282884_3270820_290de7cd5f.pdf

Keep well, stay safe and If you require help with shopping or medical 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

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

With our best wishes for 2021

Bury Parish Council