



NEWSLETTER 24th MARCH 2021

Dear Parishioner

CORONAVIRUS UPDATE

National Vaccination Update

Of the 52.7 million adults in the UK - based on the Office of National Statistics data - over 28 million have now received their first dose of the COVID-19 vaccine, including 95% of all over 60s. Over 2.2 million people have now had their second dose. Through the Government's Vaccine Taskforce, the UK has secured early access to 457 million doses of 8 of the most promising vaccine candidates, most of which will come on stream following regulatory approval during the remainder of the year.

The Prime Minister reaffirmed yesterday that the UK is still on track to meet the target to vaccinate all over 50s by the 15th April and all adults by the end of July.

Local Vaccination Update

Pulborough Medical Group advise that all second dose appointments for this week are now full but more appointments will become available as soon as the next delivery is confirmed by NHS England at which point the surgery will contact all eligible patients. For more information, please visit the website here: -

<https://www.pmgdoctors.co.uk/>

The Arundel Surgery website contains details of how any patients aged 50 and over - or have an underlying health condition - but have not yet had their first vaccine can make arrangements to book an appointment at the central site in Bognor Regis. For further information please see here: - <https://arundelsurgery.co.uk/>

Roadmap To Ease Lockdown - Step 1, Phase Two – 29th March

On **Monday 29th March** the second phase of Step One comes into effect when people will no longer be legally required to Stay at Home although many of the lockdown restrictions will remain in place. Government guidance states that people should continue to work from home where they can. People should continue to minimise travel, stay local wherever possible and should not be staying away from home overnight at this stage. Needless to say, the requirements to observe social distancing and wear face coverings remain unchanged.

Overseas travel remains banned other than for legally permitted reasons including work, volunteering, education, medical needs and to attend weddings or funerals. A £5,000 fine for anyone in England trying to travel abroad without good reason is due to come into force next week.

The good news, with Easter on the horizon, is that from 29th March **outdoor** gatherings of either 6 people or two households will be permitted, including in private gardens.

Also from 29th March, some further settings will be permitted to open, mostly **outdoor** facilities such as gyms and swimming pools, golf courses, driving ranges, tennis courts and riding centres. People can use these venues in a

group of 6 people or with members of up to two households. Formally organised outdoor sport will return but can only include participants and not spectators. Weddings will be allowed to take place, attended by up to 15 people. The latest Government comprehensive guidance on these changes can be found here: - [National lockdown: Stay at Home - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk)

The next major change in the lockdown restrictions will come with the introduction of Step 2 scheduled for 12th April when non-essential retail, personal care premises (hairdressers, nail salons etc.) and public buildings such as libraries and community centres all reopen. Most outdoors settings will also re-open and hospitality venues will be allowed to serve customers outside.

Please remember though, that as things currently stand, the ability to meet indoors socially with anyone other than members of your own household or support bubble does not apply until we reach Step 3 on 17th May when the "rule of 6" or 2 households indoors is scheduled to be re-introduced.

We shall provide further details of the these remaining stages of the Roadmap nearer to the time in question.

BURY PARISH COUNCIL

BPC Council Meeting 15th March 2021

The draft minutes of the meeting of Bury Parish Council held on the 15th March have been posted on the council's website and can be accessed here: - <https://buryparishcouncil.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2021/03/BPC-Meeting-15th-March-2021-2.pdf> Plans showing the proposed development of the Hillside Nurseries site accompany the minutes.

Planning Applications - Decisions

The following decisions affecting applications in the parish have been notified by the South Downs National Park Authority: -

SDNP/20/00759/HOUS & LIS: Conversion of existing double garage into a gym and guest accommodation, link attachment and reinstatement of former outdoor swimming pool. Black Dog and Duck, The Street, Bury, RH20 1PA: **APPROVED**

SDNP/20/05794/HOUS&LIS: Replacement roof, doors and windows to conservatory: Hoeland House, Bury Road, Bury, RH20 1NJ: **APPROVED**

Dog Fouling in the Parish

Unfortunately, this problem persists and certain dog owners are still continuing to allow dogs to foul footpaths and verges without clearing up after them despite the provision of dog mess bins at the crossroads (The Square) and at the Wharf. Dog mess is dangerous and a health hazard both to humans and other animals and can, for example, cause toxocariasis which can cause damage to the eye and, in some cases, blindness. Young children will be more at risk as they are more likely to come into contact with the faeces and not realise the dangers. Dogs can become infected with *Neospora* after eating the afterbirth of an infected cow. If an infected dog's waste is left in fields it can also pass worms and parasites to sheep and cattle causing them to miscarry.

We urge those dog owners responsible for this menace to clear up their dog's mess and would remind them that failing to do so is against the law. Chichester District Council Enforcement have powers to impose a fine of £100 for the offence and if a fine is not paid, the case goes to court and could result in a maximum penalty of £1,000.

WINDMILL CINEMA - LITTLEHAMPTON

Under the Government's Roadmap, it will be 17th May before visits to a cinema will be permitted again but the Windmill Cinema in Littlehampton can bring big screen productions to our homes via their online streaming service. Their latest offerings can be seen here: - [Windmill Cinema](#)

CHICHESTER FESTIVAL THEATRE

May 17th is also the date scheduled for theatres to reopen but CFT also provide a watch at home streaming service, details of which can be seen here: - <https://www.cft.org.uk/>

WEST SUSSEX COUNTY COUNCIL

A reminder that visits to certain Household Waste Recycling Sites will be by appointment only from 29th March – here is the link to the booking system: - [Book to Recycle trial booking system - West Sussex County Council](#)

Keep well and stay safe and if you require help 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

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

Best wishes

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