



NEWSLETTER 31st MARCH 2021

Dear Parishioner

CORONAVIRUS UPDATE

National Vaccination Update

A significant milestone was reached at the weekend when the number of people in the UK having had their first dose of the Coronavirus vaccine reached the 30 million mark. More than 95% of people aged 60 and over in England have had their first dose and the Government is urging everyone over 50 or those who are clinically vulnerable to come forward for their vaccines as soon as possible. Over 3.5 million people (around 6% of the adult population) have now had their second jab and there will be a strong push over the coming weeks to give others their second dose in line with the 12 week interval.

The Government have reaffirmed that the UK is on track to achieve the Prime Minister's target of offering all over 50s and the clinically vulnerable their first vaccine by 15th April as well as all adults by the end of July. In addition to the Pfizer and Oxford-AstraZeneca vaccines, the Moderna vaccine has also been approved by the MHRA and will be deployed in the UK shortly – the UK has ordered 17 million doses. Two further vaccines, the Janssen and Novavax versions, are currently under review by the MHRA and once deployed, will provide the UK with a further 90 million doses.

Local Vaccination Update

Pulborough Medical Group are now offering the second dose of the **Astra Zeneca** vaccine for patients who received their first jab prior to February 5th. They will be contacting all patients concerned but if you prefer you can contact the surgery on 01798-872815 to arrange an appointment. Those patients aged over 50 or who are in an "at risk" group and do not have an appointment for their first vaccine are asked to contact the surgery.

Further news on when PMG will be able to offer more second dose appointments for the **Pfizer** vaccine will follow in due course – patients are advised to visit the PMG website regularly for updates – please see: -

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

For the latest update from the **Arundel Surgery** please see here: - <https://arundelsurgery.co.uk/>

ROADMAP TO EASE LOCKDOWN - Step 1, Phase Two – 29th March

Just a reminder that as from 29th March:-

- You can meet outdoors – including in private gardens - either in a group of 6 (from any number of households) or in a group of any size from up to 2 households

- The Stay at Home rule no longer applies but the Government requests that people minimise travel – and you are not allowed to go on holiday
- You should continue to work from home if possible
- Outdoor sports can reopen, including golf courses, tennis and basketball courts and outdoor pools - and formally organised outdoor sports can restart
- Weddings can take place, attended by up to six people

Hands, Face and Space guidelines remain in force – you should stay 2 metres apart from anyone not in your household or support bubble or 1 metre with extra precautions in place and face coverings must be worn where required. Scientists and medics are urging the public not to be tempted to meet indoors as the risk of spreading the virus is significantly higher inside and this message is being reinforced in a public information campaign now running, including a TV advert aired for the first time on Monday 29th.

Non-essential shops, gyms and entertainment venues remain closed. Pubs and restaurants remain closed but can provide takeaway food.

For full details of the changes you may care to read the latest Government guidelines which can be found at: - https://www.gov.uk/guidance/covid-19-coronavirus-restrictions-what-you-can-and-cannot-do?utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=govuk-notifications&utm_source=8aaff927-9635-4a00-b675-b3e3a94b7d86&utm_content=daily

A quick reference poster has also been produced which has now been placed on the Parish Council noticeboards and can also be accessed here: -

https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-restrictions-posters-29-march-2021?utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=govuk-notifications&utm_source=6de36c48-6546-4e39-8cd7-c14c38c06421&utm_content=daily

CHICHESTER ELECTORAL SERVICES – NOTIFICATION OF ELECTIONS ON 6TH MAY

An election for the Police & Crime Commissioner in the Sussex Police Area and the West Sussex County Council Elections are being held on Thursday 6th May – our local polling station will be Bury Village Hall. If you are not registered to vote at your current address you can do so by completing an application at: -

<https://www.gov.uk/register-to-vote> The deadline to register to vote is 19 April.

Hard copy polling cards will be sent to you shortly. If you are unable to attend the polling station or would prefer to vote by post you can apply for a postal vote form here: - <https://www.electoralcommission.org.uk/i-am-a/voter/voting-person-post-or-proxy/voting-post> Completed and scanned forms can be returned by email to elections@chichester.gov.uk or posted to Electoral Services, East Pallant House, 1 East Pallant, Chichester, PO 19 1TY. The deadline to register for a postal vote is 5pm on 20th April.

DORSET HOUSE SCHOOL

We are pleased to reproduce below a message from Matt Thomas, Headmaster of Dorset House School in Bury, in which he addresses the issue of increased traffic volumes in the village following the reopening of the school earlier this month. As you will see, there is an invitation for parishioners to receive information on future school events and Matt also mentions the speed awareness project the children are currently working on: -

As with all schools, we were so pleased to be able to welcome the children back to Dorset House on Monday 8th March - after a three-month absence.

We realise that the children's return has caused some issues for Bury residents due to the increase in traffic and I wanted to apologise for this and to explain why the lanes have been busier than usual.

Due to the Covid situation, we have not been able to run our three minibuses or have boarders at school. This has meant that all our children have had to be brought to school by their parents every day. It is our intention to re-introduce minibuses and boarding as soon as we are able and this will hopefully be from the beginning of the

summer term (which starts on Monday 19th April). This will have a noticeable impact on the number of cars driving through the village.

Whilst nothing is perfect, we regularly reflect on the measures we employ to manage traffic at school and will continue to do so. We value our good relationship with the community and will continue to regularly remind parents of the need to drive considerately through the village.

During a recent meeting with BPC, it was suggested that residents might like to know when events are happening at school and we are very happy to provide this information. Should you wish to be informed of dates or if you have any questions, please contact Sarah O'Brien at sobrien@dorsethouseschool.com

We are working on a 'Twenty is Plenty' campaign together with BPC and we look forward to sharing news of this shortly.

With best wishes,
Matt Thomas, Headmaster - Dorset House School

BURY PARISH COUNCIL – The Glebe Field

Bury Parish Council has been asked by some parishioners to elucidate on current BPC thinking with regard to the Glebe Field and we are happy to do so.

The Glebe Field is of strategic and significant importance within our parish and Bury Parish Council recently approached the Diocese of Chichester to see if there is any potential for the Church-owned half of this field to come into Parish Council ownership.

In recent times, various parcels of land have come up for sale within Bury and West Burton and there are now a number of potential new development sites within the parish. There is no doubt that increasingly local planning authorities are coming under pressure from developers seeking to deliver the Government's drive for many thousands of new homes.

It is BPC view that the Glebe Field needs to be protected from any such threat and placing it within community ownership would have the effect of preserving it as a cherished green space at the heart of our village for perpetuity.

The Diocese has indicated that it might be prepared to consider selling its half of the Glebe Field. To further explore this possibility, BPC has agreed to pay a fee for a surveyor's report by the Diocese, without which there can be no forward movement.

The position at this stage remains exploratory and we do not yet know if it would be possible to buy nor at what price. Once a clearer picture emerges and if a purchase remains an option, BPC will report back fully to the community and undertake a full consultation exercise to seek parishioners' views. In all matters, BPC adheres to a simple principle: seeking results that are in the best interests of the community as a whole.

In addition, BPC has begun exploratory discussions with the Burrows family to ascertain whether there are any circumstances in which it might be possible for the Parish Council to acquire the other half of the Glebe Field which is currently in their ownership. These discussions are only in initial stages and there are no proposals on the table. Once again, if and when any firm proposals emerge, it will be BPC's priority to report those in detail to the community and to seek parishioners' views via a full and transparent consultation process.

Finally, in the currently remote possibility that BPC were to acquire both halves of the Glebe Field to preserve it as a green space at the centre of our community, parish councillors intend to explore the possibility of utilising that space as a recreation ground which can be easily and safely accessed and is located within the heart of the village and close to the village hall.

In the absence, because of Covid-19 restrictions, of an annual village meeting once again this year, BPC will be issuing a magazine in May updating parishioners on a range of BPC matters and the latest position on the Glebe Field will be included in that document. As already stated, any firm proposals that may emerge with regard to the Glebe Field will be the subject of comprehensive and transparent consultation processes in order to ascertain the views of the community.

BURY POST OFFICE

Please note that Bury Post Office will be **closed** on Friday 2nd April (Good Friday) and also on Friday 9th when Tracy will be on holiday. The Post Office will reopen on Friday 16th April.

Stay well and keep 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

May we wish you all a very pleasant Easter, made all the more special by our ability to meet once again with family and friends – albeit only in the garden and possibly wearing woolly jumpers – and we leave you with the thought that we are less than a fortnight from Step 3 on the Roadmap, i.e. on April 12th when shops reopen, most outdoor attractions and indoor leisure facilities can be visited once more, we can have a meal in a pub garden and, for some of us at least, enjoy the longest awaited re-union of all - an appointment with our hairdresser!

Best wishes

Bury Parish Council