



NEWSLETTER 14th APRIL 2021

Dear Parishioner

THE PASSING OF HRH THE DUKE OF EDINBURGH

The following is a communication from the Chairman's Office, West Sussex County Council, to local authorities and parish councils following the passing of the Duke of Edinburgh.

Thanks to colleagues for implementing their protocols for Operation Forth Bridge, following the passing of the Duke of Edinburgh on Friday. I can now confirm more details for local authorities. You will probably have seen that the funeral has been arranged for Saturday 17 April. This means that the official period of mourning will finish on Sunday 18 April at 8am. I hope that the following advice is helpful:

- *The funeral will be broadcast, including a minute's silence at 3pm on 17 April. You may wish to encourage your communities to mark this at home. The Palace is giving a strong lead on adhering to guidelines about the public health restrictions to avoid gatherings.*
- *Flags being flown at half-mast should return to full mast at 8am on Sunday 18 April if practicable. If your buildings are not staffed on a Sunday, it is acceptable for this to be done on Monday 19 April instead, as soon as possible in the morning.*
- *It is expected that the Palace's online book of condolence will be closed at 8am on Sunday 18 April. You are invited to do likewise if you have an online book of condolence, or as soon as practicable on the Monday.*

*Yours sincerely,
Charles Gauntlett
Chairman's Office, West Sussex County Council*

CORONAVIRUS UPDATE

National Vaccination Update

More than 32 million people in the UK have now had their first dose of a Coronavirus vaccine and more than 7.6 million their second. The Government have announced that with all people over 50, together with those in high risk groups in the UK, having now been offered a first dose, the target of offering a first dose to the top nine priority groups by 15th April has now been met. The UK is still on track to offer a first dose to all adults by the end of July, with those aged 45 and over now being called forward in England.

Local Vaccination Update

Pulborough Medical Group are now offering the second Astra Zeneca vaccination for patients who had their first dose prior to 26th February. They are also offering first dose Astra Zeneca vaccinations for all patients aged between 45 and 50. PMG will be contacting all eligible patients but you can phone the surgery on 01798 872815 (Option 1) to book an appointment. For more information please see: - <https://www.pmgdoctors.co.uk>
The latest information for patients at the Arundel Surgery can be found here: - [Arundel Surgery](#)

Getting Tested for Coronavirus

As reported in a previous Newsletter, with effect from April 9th, as part of the Government's drive to encourage people who do not have Coronavirus symptoms to get tested, symptom-free COVID-19 test kits that can be used at home are now available, free of charge. Test kits can be ordered from the Government website, be collected from community sites and test sites across West Sussex, or if preferred, you can book an assisted test and visit participating pharmacies and test sites. For more information, please see here: -

<https://www.westsussex.gov.uk/news/covid-19-make-it-your-habit-to-get-tested-twice-a-week/>

ROADMAP TO EASE LOCKDOWN – STEP 2 w.e.f. 12th APRIL

In last week's Newsletter we provided a brief summary of the changes being implemented under Step 2. The Government have now published full guidance as to how these changes will operate across a wide spectrum of settings, venues, activities etc. and as there are a number of penalties the police can impose for various breaches of the rules, we would suggest that you might care to browse the guidelines which can be found here: -

https://www.gov.uk/guidance/covid-19-coronavirus-restrictions-what-you-can-and-cannot-do?utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=govuk-notifications&utm_source=88247f11-00d8-43ab-b4cd-5952d5a4b5c5&utm_content=daily

A quick reference poster has also been produced and can be found here: -

https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/977567/COVID-19_Roadmap_Posters_STEP_2_2021_-_print.pdf

BURY PARISH COUNCIL

The Glebe Field

In the Newsletter of 31st March, we reported that BPC had agreed to meet the cost of a surveyor's report requested by the Diocese in connection with the possible sale of their part of the Glebe Field. By way of some further background, since the 1970's, there have been Bury Parish Council resolutions to secure the Glebe Field as a permanent open and green space at the heart of the village by acquisition should the opportunity arise. The recent news from Wisborough Green that Chichester Diocese is willing to sell a similar Glebe Field, integral to the character of that village and adjacent to their Grade1 listed church is alarming - the proposed development of 25 new houses on the site is obviously viewed as a tremendous threat to their village.

The Bury Neighbourhood Plan designates the Glebe Field as a Local Green Space and states "there will be a presumption against all development on Local Green Space except in very special circumstances". Thus, the site enjoys a high degree of protection – however it is not entirely without precedent for the provisions of a Neighbourhood Plan to be challenged, if necessary at appeal/enquiry stage, by determined developers backed by planning consultants and with pressure on the planning system and the need of local authorities to meet housing targets, such assaults have been known to succeed.

Obviously, the Diocese is free to sell the space to whoever they wish – consequently it is felt the protection afforded to the Glebe Field would be even more certain if the land could be acquired by BPC. We are therefore talking to the Diocese about the potential purchase of their half of the Glebe Field. A survey has been carried out by the Diocese to ascertain the covenants on the field, the use we would put it to and the willingness of the Diocese to sell and it seems that they may be open to moving a conversation forward with Bury Parish Council. There has been no discussion on terms as that will depend on the outcome of the investigations and consultations that are now underway.

The Chair of the Parish Council at Wisborough Green has appealed to us for our help to object on-line to the proposals for their Glebe Field. He believes they now have a hard fight ahead to stop a planning disaster being successful. His advice to us is that if we should explore every avenue and do all we can to acquire our Glebe Field for the Parish and to secure it in perpetuity as a village green space. BPC will therefore continue to explore any possibility that is for the benefit of the village and we will, of course, report back in this newsletter with news as it develops

Pill Pond, West Burton

The Pill Pond in West Burton is designated within the Bury Neighbourhood Development Plan as a Local Green Space and much cherished by the local community, although it does present us with a number of ongoing repair and maintenance issues such as dredging and silt trap and bank refurbishing. At the request of a South Downs

National Park ranger, a report was commissioned to explore options for the sustainable management of the location and this issue was discussed by BPC's Environment and Planning Committee at their meeting on 12th April. The report is being made available on the BPC website so that parishioners can see what is being proposed. It must be stressed that at this stage it is simply a proposal that is being considered and any implementation would, amongst other things, very much depend on the availability of grant funding.

BPC are obviously concerned about the historic and community value of the Pill Pond and are keen to hear from parishioners with any views they may have.

Bury Village Hall

We are pleased to report that, with the advent of Step 2 of the Roadmap, this week will see the return of two of our regular hirers to Bury Village Hall. Although community halls still cannot stage indoor social gatherings, they can open for such purposes as formal education or training, registered childcare, support groups and for supervised activities for children (not birthday parties, though!). Consequently, the Boathouse Ballet School and the Matt Fiddes Martial Arts Group are resuming their weekly slots and we look forward to the eventual return of Barry and Sue Bird with the Bury and Pulborough Dance Club, possibly at Step 3 but we await further confirmation. We were also pleased to hear from the Martlet Short Mat Bowls group that they intend to return to the hall in September once their outdoor summer programme finishes.

As things stand, it will be Step 4 on 21st June at the earliest before we can contemplate using the hall for any kind of social activities – and even then, there may be some degree of ongoing social contact restrictions we will have to observe. If you are contemplating holding an event or celebration during the second half of the year, we would be happy to make a provisional booking although this would obviously be subject to any ongoing COVID-19 or other Government restrictions at the time. The Bury Parish Council website contains information on hiring the village hall and/or if you would like some more information please contact our village hall manager, Judith Daykin at vhmanager@buryparishcouncil.org.uk

WEST SUSSEX MINIBUS SERVICE – A MESSAGE FROM OUR LOCAL ORGANISER

Community Mini Bus

Covering Coldwaltham, Watersfield, West Burton and Bury.
Volunteer Drivers Wanted.

We are hoping to restart this valuable service during the summer months
and we will need some volunteer drivers.

If you have a spare morning, once a month, and willing to drive a minibus
on a local shopping trip, helping the local community.

Please contact: Janet Matthey 01798 839122 or
email: janet_richard@btinternet.com for more information.

WEST SUSSEX COUNTY COUNCIL – WASTE RECYCLING SITES

The new trial system requiring residents to use a booking service to visit certain Household Waste Recycling Sites in West Sussex became operative from 29th March. WSCC report that some sites have experienced a surge in visitors at the start of booking slots and are reminding residents that they can arrive at any time during their booking slot period – there is no need to arrive at the start. Residents are also reminded that while the majority of sites have 30 minute booking slots, the sites at Bognor Regis and Shoreham operate a 15 minute slot. A reminder of the system and the rules for using the sites can be found here: -

<https://www.westsussex.gov.uk/land-waste-and-housing/waste-and-recycling/recycling-and-waste-prevention-in-west-sussex/household-waste-recycling-sites/book-to-recycle-trial-booking-system/>

WEST SUSSEX COUNTY COUNCIL - LIBRARIES SERVICE

Following the reopening of the county's libraries on 12th April, Chichester Library have provided us with some information on the services they currently offer which can be seen here:-

<https://mail.google.com/mail/u/0/#inbox/WhctKJWQmrWjnpFmVncwhvkKNmwHzthjHKKTThkMMZfrGxCdXzrhbXGcDjrnwbBDhcWfLFRQ?projector=1&messagePartId=0.4>

For information on all the county's library branches please see here: [Libraries - West Sussex County Council](#)

MR. FLUFF IS STILL MISSING

Earlier this year we asked parishioners if they could help Lesley Styche in her efforts to find her missing cat, Mr Fluff. Sadly, he is still missing and Lesley has asked if we could repeat her appeal for help. Mr Fluff is a long haired brown and black tabby; he is neutered and microchipped and he went missing on the 9th January. He is only 2 and is a rescue and had been with Lesley 14 months so he knows the immediate local area. He was last seen wearing a yellow fluorescent collar with silver and red paw print design name tag with contact details on. If you can help Lesley she can be contacted on 07799 202070 and lives at Church Cottage in Madehurst



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 parish council website, please see: - www.buryparishcouncil.org.uk

Best wishes

Bury Parish Council