



## NEWSLETTER 7<sup>th</sup> APRIL 2021

Dear Parishioner

### CORONAVIRUS UPDATE

#### National Vaccination Update

Vaccine rollout in the UK continues at pace with more than 31.5 million people having had their first dose and over 5.5 million people have now had their second. The UK's third vaccine, the Moderna, is expected to come on stream during the third week of April.

#### Local Vaccination Update

For the latest information on vaccinations from our local surgeries, please visit their websites.

Patients at the Pulborough Medical Group please see here: - <https://www.pmgdoctors.co.uk/>

Patients at the Arundel Surgery please see here: - <https://arundelsurgery.co.uk/>

### ROADMAP TO EASE LOCKDOWN – STEP 2 w.e.f. 12<sup>th</sup> APRIL

With the successful rollout of the vaccination programme and the continuing downward trend in Coronavirus case numbers and deaths, the Government have confirmed the implementation next Monday, 12<sup>th</sup> April, of Step 2 of the Roadmap, the main measures being: -

- Non-essential retail shops and showrooms, personal care premises (e.g. hair, beauty and nail salons) and public buildings such as community centres and libraries can reopen
- Most outdoor attractions and settings including adventure parks, zoos, safari parks and drive-in performance venues can re-open
- Some indoor leisure facilities such as gyms and swimming pools can reopen – but only for use by people on their own or with their household
- Hospitality venues (cafes, restaurants, pubs, bars and social clubs) can reopen but for **outdoor** service only and food and drink can only be taken while seated. Venues may erect shelters, marquees and other structures which can have a roof but at least 50% of the walls area must be open
- Self-contained accommodation such as holiday lets where indoor facilities are not shared with other households can reopen
- Weddings and civil partnership ceremonies will be permitted for up to 15 people
- Care home residents in England will be allowed two regular visitors indoors - visitors will also be able to bring babies and young children with them

The hands, face and space protocols remain in place and please remember that social gatherings with family and friends can still only take place **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.

People should continue to work from home where they can, and minimise domestic travel where they can. International holidays are still illegal and the Prime Minister has advised against making foreign holiday bookings at present.

Please also note that cinemas, theatres, museums and many other **indoor** visitor attractions at venues such as at stately or historic homes, castles and other heritage sites are due to remain closed until Step 3, currently scheduled for 17<sup>th</sup> May.

## **TWICE WEEKLY RAPID TESTING FOR ENGLAND**

From 9<sup>th</sup> April, everyone in England, including those without symptoms, will be able to take a free rapid coronavirus (COVID-19) test twice a week. Although voluntary, the Government regard regular testing as a vital component in the plans to reopen society and the economy, to help suppress and control the spread of the virus and they encourage everyone to take up the offer of these free rapid tests. For more details of the scheme, including how to arrange to take the tests, please see here: -

[Twice weekly rapid testing to be available to everyone in England - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/government/news/twice-weekly-rapid-testing-to-be-available-to-everyone-in-england)

## **NEW RESTART GRANTS FOR ELIGIBLE BUSINESSES**

From 1<sup>ST</sup> April the Government have made available funding of £5 billion to provide one-off restart grants of up to £6,000 to eligible businesses in England in the non-essential retail sector while businesses in the hospitality, accommodation, leisure, personal care and gym sectors, which are reopening later, will be eligible for one-off grants of up to £18,000. This is coupled with £425 million of top-up funding for the ongoing Additional Restrictions Grant scheme for councils to distribute to businesses in particularly urgent need of additional support – which could also be businesses who don't necessarily pay business rates like tour operators, B&Bs, caterers, freelancers and wedding service providers.

The Restart Grants Scheme will be delivered by local authorities and further information is available on the Chichester District Council website which can be accessed here: -

<https://www.chichester.gov.uk/article/35198/Government-Restart-Grants-scheme-will-help-businesses-reopen-in-Chichester-District>

## **BURY PARISH COUNCIL**

### **Environment & Planning Committee – Monday 12<sup>th</sup> April**

This meeting will be held online, commencing at 6.00pm. Members of the public are welcome to join this meeting and, if so desired, to speak for a maximum of 5 minutes about an item on the agenda during the Public Session at the discretion of the chair. Please email the clerk before the meeting at [clerkburyparishcouncil@gmail.com](mailto:clerkburyparishcouncil@gmail.com) if you would like to join. The agenda for the meeting has been posted on the website, on the noticeboards and can also be accessed here: - [EP-Meeting-12th-April-2021.pdf \(buryparishcouncil.org.uk\)](https://www.buryparishcouncil.org.uk/EP-Meeting-12th-April-2021.pdf)

## **ANDREW GRIFFITH MP**

In his April Newsletter, Andrew provides his regular commentary on his activities at Westminster and constituency level. Parishioners might find particular interest in Andrew's report on "Working for Safer and Quieter Roads". The Newsletter can be accessed here: -

<https://mailchi.mp/3a96f1cb296b/working-for-you-in-westminster-april-2021?e=4725c9b72f>

Since writing his Newsletter, Andrew has posted a follow up message to correct certain statistics quote originally – please see here: - <https://mailchi.mp/2a8fe4da553f/a-correction-to-my-april-working-for-you-in-westminster-newsletter?e=4725c9b72f>

## **STORRINGTON MUSEUM**

The Coronavirus pandemic has had a damaging effect upon visitor attractions so we are pleased to respond to the request from Stuart Duncan, the chairman of Storrington Museum, to include news of the efforts being made

to save the museum from closure and enhance its future. The museum covers not only Storrington but also the surrounding villages and contains a number of items and exhibits relating to Bury. Stuart writes as follows: -

*I am writing on behalf of the Storrington and District Museum and to introduce myself as their recently elected Chairman.*

*The museum, along with many community groups has not been able to operate in the last 12 months which has had an impact on the museum. Without the ability to host fundraising events there have been considerations to close the Museum. As part of a new committee elected at the beginning of March our focus is to save the museum from closure and enhance its future.*

*We are applying for and hope to secure funding from the Heritage Lottery Fund and the Garfield Western and Matthew Good Foundations but I need your help to improve the awareness and profile within the district. If it is possible to support us by publishing details of our website (<https://www.storringtonmuseum.com>) I would be grateful.*

*Details of how to become a member can be found on the website or by this link (<https://www.storringtonmuseum.com/join>). Members receive a quarterly magazine, Times Past and have discounted access to monthly talks/ walks once we can reopen. All this I hope will raise our profile within our Community, promote sponsorship, help our finances and enable those with a local interest of history to be involved (stewarding, researching, fundraising) or provide a space to meet for a chat over a coffee.*

*In the future, I would like to bring our collections to your community halls or offices to showcase items that are associated with you, we have on display at the museum the John Galsworthy cricket cup and inkwell, please let me know if you would be interested in displaying these?*

*There are many things to be considered before we are able to reopen and any help, support or guidance would be welcome, this is a community project to ensure we have a museum for the future.*

*Yours Sincerely,  
Stuart Duncan*

## **CHICHESTER FESTIVAL THEATRE**

CFT have just announced they are reopening on **5<sup>th</sup> July** with their production of "South Pacific". Full details of this together with other information on some live streaming events and the measures being introduced to ensure audiences can feel confident and safe when visiting the theatre can be found here: -

<https://cftmail.org.uk/31LM-150C5-E687521136C2B55D27B4X87D480FF2964B9FCA/cr.aspx>

## **WEST SUSSEX LIBRARIES SERVICE**

All 36 libraries in West Sussex intend to reopen for browsing on **Monday 12<sup>th</sup> April** although the Select and Collect service is also being maintained until further notice. For more information on the reopening and details of other facilities and services offered by the libraries, please see here: -

<https://content.govdelivery.com/accounts/UKWSCC/bulletins/2ca2f66>

## **CHICHESTER DISTRICT COUNCIL**

As shops and businesses prepare to reopen from 12<sup>th</sup> April, CDC have launched a Shop Local, Spend Local, Support Local scheme. Full more details of the initiative, including news of the return of the Chichester Wednesday Market and the Farmers' Market, please see here: -

<https://www.chichester.gov.uk/article/35212/People-urged-to-Support-Local-in-Chichester-District-as-businesses-prepare-to-reopen>

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](mailto:clerkburyparishcouncil@gmail.com)

To visit the Bury Parish Council website please see [www.buryparishcouncil.org.uk](http://www.buryparishcouncil.org.uk)

**Best wishes**  
**Bury Parish Council**