



NEWSLETTER 12th MAY 2021

Dear Parishioner

CORONAVIRUS UPDATE

National Vaccination Update

First doses of the Coronavirus vaccine have now been administered to over 35.5 million people and second doses to more than 18 million.

Following concerns over rare blood clots associated with the AstraZeneca vaccine among the under 40s, the Joint Committee on Vaccination and Immunisation are advising that adults aged 18-39 years with no underlying health conditions are offered an alternative vaccine, if available, and if it does not cause delays in having the vaccine.

Local Vaccination Update

Pulborough Medical Group are now offering first doses of the Coronavirus vaccine to patients aged 40 and over. They also have available second doses of the Pfizer vaccine and second doses of the AstraZeneca vaccine. For further details please see here: - <https://www.pmgdoctors.co.uk>

For an update for patients at the Arundel Surgery, please see here: - [Arundel Surgery](#)

ROADMAP TO EASE LOCKDOWN – STEP 3 from 17th MAY 2021

Following approval from Cabinet, the Prime Minister announced on Monday that the lifting of further Coronavirus restrictions would go ahead as planned under Step 3 from 17th May, although many current restrictions remain in place. The main changes are as follows: -

- People will be able to meet inside in groups of six or two households, with overnight stays allowed
- Pubs, restaurants, cafes, bars etc. can serve people indoors (table service only, test and trace check-in required)
- Indoor entertainment venues such as cinemas, theatres, museums, galleries, bowling alleys, children's play areas, concert halls and conference centres can reopen with COVID-secure measures in place
- Travel within the UK and overnight stays will be permitted
- Hotels, hostels and B&Bs can reopen
- Attendance at indoor and outdoor sporting events, live performances and business events will be permitted but numbers will be capped according to venue type and COVID-secure measures apply
- University students can return to campus for in-person teaching
- Up to 30 people can attend weddings, wakes, receptions and other life events
- Attendance at a funeral service is no longer capped but will be determined by the size of venue
- People can meet in groups of up to 30 outdoors

- Care home residents will be allowed up to five named visitors and will be permitted to make visits out of the home
- The ban on foreign holidays will be lifted and people will be able to travel to “green-list” countries without the need for having to quarantine upon their return although they will need to take tests prior to departure and when they get back. For the latest Government guidance on international travel please see here: - https://www.gov.uk/government/news/government-confirms-traffic-light-list-ahead-of-cautious-return-to-international-travel?utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=govuk-notifications&utm_source=c0bdb8bc-b1ae-465b-bc17-28c23292b647&utm_content=daily

There is new guidance on meeting friends and family – people gathering in groups of six or two households will no longer have to stay two metres apart but will be free to make their own decisions as to whether it is sensible/safe to hug, shake hands and sit near one another. Social distancing will continue to apply in all settings such as as workplaces, health, hospitality venues, public transport and entertainment venues (which will impact on capacity limits) and face coverings will remain mandatory in all current settings (except for pupils in classrooms or communal areas of secondary schools and colleges). For further details please see here: - [Meeting friends and family \(COVID-19\) - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](#)

The fourth and final step of the Government’s measures is set for 21st June when, depending on infection rates, vaccination progress, hospital admissions and deaths arising from Coronavirus, it is hoped that all legal limits on social contact will be removed.

ELECTIONS 6th MAY 2021

Following last week’s West Sussex County Council Elections, **Tom Richardson** is now the County Councillor for Rother Valley. One of Tom’s major priorities is Roads and Transport and as chairman of the South Downs Safer Roads working group he will continue to work with the police and other agencies to tackle speeding and noise related issues.

The election for the Sussex Police and Crime Commissioner resulted in the re-election of **Katy Bourne** – parishioners will recall that Katy has been very active in working with Sussex Police to find a permanent solution to the anti-social behaviour on the county’s road network with particular emphasis on the A29 and Bury Hill.

BURY PARISH COUNCIL

The draft minutes of the Annual Parish Council Meeting held on 4th May have now been posted on the parish council’s website and can also be accessed here: - [Minutes-of-the-Annual-Meeting-4th-May-2021.pdf \(buryparishcouncil.org.uk\)](#)

NOTICE OF ROAD CLOSURE – WEST BURTON

West Sussex County Council have given notice of the temporary closure of West Burton Road from the junction with Black Lane to the junction with Blue Doors Road from **09.30am to 16.00pm on Monday 24th May** for pothole repairs. For more details please see here: - <https://mail.google.com/mail/u/0/#inbox/WhctKJWQpvLGbMTcpxXbxLmltGTBhpLwWsjTMkhGzXnLpLjWfrcTLRwgLmjCRnjPknRdXkV?projector=1&messagePartId=0.1>

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

