



NEWSLETTER 30th JUNE 2021

Dear Parishioner

CORONAVIRUS UPDATE

Vaccination update

Some 44 million people (80% of the adult population) have now had a first Coronavirus dose and 32 million have had a second. Currently around 190,000 first doses are being administered each day but numbers are rising as younger age groups have become eligible for vaccination. Some 160,000 second doses are being given on a daily basis.

All adults aged 18 and over yet to have made an appointment can now book their first dose by calling the NHS on 119 or on line on the NHS website here: - <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/>

Pulborough Medical Group have just announced they have Pfizer vaccines for adults over 18 who can phone 01798-872815 to book an appointment.

The government are planning to vaccinate all over 18s with a first dose and two-thirds of adults with a second dose by 19th July, the date to which Step 4 on the Roadmap to end lockdown has been deferred. Sajid Javid, in his first statement to the House of Commons since becoming Health Secretary, said he was very confident the July 19th reopening from Covid restrictions would happen as planned.

In the meantime of course, we are still bound by the restrictions under Step 3 and just in case you need a reminder, the latest government guidance on what we can and cannot do – until 19th July at least – 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=ef997a13-bb71-492c-9cea-031302b40122&utm_content=daily

Foreign travel update

Measures have been announced under which, with effect from Wednesday 30th June, Malta, the Balearic Islands and several UK overseas territories and Caribbean islands (including Barbados) will be added to the government's green list (whereby you do not have to quarantine if a Covid 19 test taken on or before day 2 after you arrive back in England is negative).

However, all additions to the green list apart from Malta will also be placed upon the "green watchlist" signalling that these countries are at risk of moving from green to amber.

In addition, there is also the possibility that any country you visit may well require travellers from the UK to enter quarantine upon arrival in the light of concerns surrounding the Indian variant - so not quite the sunshine break

you had envisaged. However, if you are considering foreign travel, the update produced by the government covering the changes can be found here: -

https://www.gov.uk/government/news/uk-travel-update-malta-added-to-green-list-and-green-watchlist-extended-as-plans-for-quarantine-free-travel-for-fully-vaccinated-passengers-from-ambe?utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=govuk-notifications&utm_source=b4a5035c-e624-4a3a-8132-7419962085fa&utm_content=daily

For further guidance on travelling abroad, including the latest information on coronavirus, safety and security, entry requirements and travel warnings for 226 countries or territories, you may care to consult the government's foreign travel advice website here: - <https://www.gov.uk/foreign-travel-advice>

BURY PARISH COUNCIL

Have your say about a reinvented Bury Village Hall

Bury Parish Council would like to reinvent the part of the village hall that fronts The Street, creating a new meeting place that would provide Bury with a much-needed social hub, without compromising the existing main hall space.

This new social hub would be served by a reinvented kitchen and counter and could not only act as a community meeting place for smaller groups but could also serve coffee and cakes etc. on a daily basis, as well as providing a limited retail offering. Outside, the reinvigorated village hall would provide tables and chairs in a pergola setting, where parishioners could socialise.

The scheme would also provide improved toilet facilities and would maximise the first-floor accommodation, thereby providing the parish council with new rental income opportunities.

Before Bury Parish Council draws up finished plans and launches a fund-raising initiative to cover the costs of the refurbishment, we would very much like your input on the project, what you would like to see included, and how you might make use of the new village hall and even, perhaps, how you might volunteer to help secure its success.

We would be grateful if you would take a few minutes to complete the short survey we have published on the parish council website at <https://buryparishcouncil.org.uk/time-to-have-your-say-about-a-reinvented-bury-village-hall/> (or just go to the news section at buryparishcouncil.org.uk and search for the latest item under Bury Village Hall). Your views would be invaluable to us in deciding the way forward. A paper version of this survey will be delivered to all parish residences over the next few weeks, for those who may prefer it. Thank you.

Chief Constable to visit Bury

Thanks to Bury Parish Council's continuing dialogue with various agencies over anti-social road behaviour on Bury Hill, resulting in parishioners having to suffer excessive noise and dangerous driving, the Chief Constable of Sussex Jo Shiner will be visiting the village in the afternoon of Friday, July 9th. She intends to see for herself the situation on the ground and perhaps to discuss the way forward following Sussex Safer Roads Partnership's recent refusal of BPC's application for average speed cameras to be installed on Bury Hill.

As a community, we are grateful to Sussex Police for their continuing efforts via Operation Downsway to counter the menace of anti-social road behaviour and we will warmly welcome Jo Shiner's visit to the village and thank her for the opportunity it gives us to discuss our issues with her.

If you would like to attend, please email BPC's clerk at clerk@buryparishcouncil.org.uk. Given current Covid regulations, there is a strictly limited number of places available and these will be allocated on a first come first served basis. Successful applicants will be advised, along with venue arrangements.

SOUTHERN WATER – DROUGHT PLAN

Southern Water have announced the launch of a consultation on their draft Drought Plan, which is expected to be published next year.

This drought plan sets out the actions they will take to save and produce more water during droughts so they can continue to supply enough for life's essentials. Planning to tackle droughts is an important part of Southern Water's work to make sure there is always reliable water for homes, businesses and in the environment.

This is an opportunity to help shape this important plan and Southern Water are inviting us to have our say and to find out more details about the plan so please visit: [Drought consultation \(southernwater.co.uk\)](https://www.southernwater.co.uk/drought-consultation)

The deadline to respond to the new draft drought plan is August 2 and Southern Water aim to publish the feedback results in September.

There is also a link to register attendance for a webinar being staged on the plans below and nearer the time, a Microsoft Teams invite will be sent to attendees – please see here: -

Thursday 8 July (10.30am to 12.30pm) Hants / Isle of Wight / W

Sussex <https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=RyCs8DjDLEuATnWckn-g5Troy4LGX19IkR4oeASlvtUOEZTOFRQVEdKWVRPUU1UVUVGVVvk3MzRVNC4u>

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