



## NEWSLETTER 1<sup>st</sup> SEPTEMBER 2021

Dear Parishioner

### **CORONAVIRUS UPDATE**

#### **Vaccination Update**

As at 30<sup>th</sup> August, a total of 90,838,594 doses of a coronavirus vaccine had been administered in the UK, with 48,048,009 people receiving a first dose and 42,790,585 people receiving both doses.

Ministers and scientists are reported to be awaiting the outcome of a major Covid Boost trial - which is examining the impact of a third dose on patients' immune responses - prior to deciding whether the booster jabs should be rolled out to all over-50s or just to the most vulnerable patients. Booster jabs are now expected to commence in mid-September.

#### **Back to School Campaign**

The government has launched its back to school and college campaign to set out the experience that students can 'get back to' from September, with restrictions such as bubbles eased to allow a full return to sport, music, drama, science experiments and being with their friends.

Schools and colleges will be maintaining proportionate protective measures such as testing, ventilation and extra hygiene precautions that help keep children and staff safe and minimise disruption to face-to-face education.

Secondary schools and colleges are offering two tests on-site at the start of term, followed by continued regular testing at home. Students aged 16 and 17, as well as younger children aged 12-15 in certain eligible groups are encouraged to take up the offer of the vaccine.

For information and practical guidance to help them plan for their children's return to school, parents are encouraged to visit the government's website which can be accessed here: - [gov.uk/backtoschool](https://www.gov.uk/backtoschool)

#### **International Travel Update**

The latest review of the international travel rules saw Montenegro and Thailand move to the red list from 4am on Monday 30 August. The Azores, Canada, Denmark, Finland, Liechtenstein, Lithuania and Switzerland were moved to the green list. For details of countries listed as red, amber or green for coronavirus (COVID-19) and the rules you must follow for travel to England, please see here: - [https://www.gov.uk/guidance/red-amber-and-green-list-rules-for-entering-england?utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_campaign=govuk-notifications&utm\\_source=8bec8c2a-c30f-43ac-955d-2621e15d7acc&utm\\_content=daily](https://www.gov.uk/guidance/red-amber-and-green-list-rules-for-entering-england?utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=govuk-notifications&utm_source=8bec8c2a-c30f-43ac-955d-2621e15d7acc&utm_content=daily)

## **NHS COVID Pass**

For guidance on how to get the NHS COVID Pass and demonstrate your coronavirus (COVID-19) status when travelling abroad and domestically at events and venues in England, please see here: -

[https://www.gov.uk/guidance/nhs-covid-pass?utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_campaign=govuk-notifications&utm\\_source=bca721a4-a37a-4fc2-a08a-531d862f8700&utm\\_content=daily](https://www.gov.uk/guidance/nhs-covid-pass?utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=govuk-notifications&utm_source=bca721a4-a37a-4fc2-a08a-531d862f8700&utm_content=daily)

## **ANNUAL FLU VACCINATIONS**

Pulborough Medical Group have announced that appointments for the flu vaccine are now available to book for patients aged 50+, those aged 18+ in clinical risk groups, carers, pregnant ladies and frontline health and social care staff. These appointments can be booked using the NHS App, online or by telephoning 01798 872815 or in person at the reception desk.

## **ROADWORKS ON BURY HILL**

We have now had confirmation from WSCC Highways that the traffic sign and road marking reapplication works on Bury Hill did take place as planned on 16<sup>th</sup> August - the Senior Engineer in charge having reported as follows:

*The Bury Hill works were completed last week; it was a relatively small scheme in which two additional chevron signs were installed on the sharp bend near the hill's summit, two bend ahead warning signs were installed on the southbound approach to this bend (one on each side of the road) with a steep downhill gradient ahead warning sign installed on the bend's opposite approach. An additional road narrows ahead warning sign was also installed on the southbound approach to the climbing lane's end. The double white lines at the climbing lane's end were revised to prohibit overtaking in both directions – the previous centre line markings permitted southbound vehicles to overtake at this location.*

## **BURY SOCIAL EVENING & APPLE PRESSING DAY – 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER**

Last week's Newsletter contained details of these forthcoming events, invitations to which should have been received by all households in the parish by now. Subsequently, the organiser, Judith Daykin, sent an appeal to members of the Bury & West Burton Volunteers Group for help with the running of these events but unfortunately any email responses to her request failed to reach her. Judith has written again to the volunteers and her latest message is reproduced here: -

*Even though I am aware from conversations, that some of you have responded to this email, I have not received any replies at the email address [bwbvolunteers21@gmail.com](mailto:bwbvolunteers21@gmail.com).*

*May I therefore please ask you to respond or forward your responses to the following while I get this fixed (Again!).*

*Please use: [jmhartle@btinternet.com](mailto:jmhartle@btinternet.com)*

*Failing all else, please call one of the numbers below!*

*Thank you and sorry!*

*Kind regards*

*Judith*

*01798 839174*

*07534 361700*

## **DVLA UPDATE**

The DVLA report they are currently operating with reduced staffing levels on site due to ongoing industrial action by members of the Public and Commercial Services Union (PCS) and some social distancing measures remaining in place to ensure the safety of their staff. Industrial action has been taking place since April and PCS is targeting a variety of areas within DVLA designed to have maximum negative impact on members of the public.

Currently, paper applications, including where further information has been required after an online application, are likely to take 6 to 10 weeks to process. However, the DVLA point out that the majority of their transactions are carried out by customers online where services are working normally. For more information, please see here: -

[https://www.gov.uk/guidance/dvla-coronavirus-covid-19-update?utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_campaign=govuk-notifications&utm\\_source=b3931a72-51f1-4fb5-9e14-8ad68eb0a23f&utm\\_content=daily](https://www.gov.uk/guidance/dvla-coronavirus-covid-19-update?utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=govuk-notifications&utm_source=b3931a72-51f1-4fb5-9e14-8ad68eb0a23f&utm_content=daily)

## **PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

### **CDC and SDNPA Weekly List and Decisions List - Week 32**

#### **SDNP/20/05761/HOUS & SDNP/20/05762/LIS**

The conversion of woodshed into habitable accommodation, reinstatement of barn in historic location and new glazed link connecting the woodshed to the main farmhouse.

Location: Horncroft Farm, Tripp Hill, Fittleworth, RH20 1EX

BPC decision: Neutral

LPA decision: Approved

## **WINDMILL CINEMA, LITTLEHAMPTON**

The Windmill Cinema is back in full swing once again and have published their programme of forthcoming events which can be found here: - <https://windmillcinema.co.uk/WindmillCinema.dll/Home>

For further information please contact the parish clerk, Mike Simpson, at [clerkburyparishcouncil@gmail.com](mailto:clerkburyparishcouncil@gmail.com)

To visit the parish council website, please see: - [www.buryparishcouncil.org.uk](http://www.buryparishcouncil.org.uk)

Best wishes

Bury Parish Council