



NEWSLETTER 8th SEPTEMBER 2021

Dear Parishioner

CORONAVIRUS UPDATE

Vaccination Update

As at 6th September, a total of 48,270,113 people (88.8% of the population aged 16+) have received a first dose and 43,455,083 people (79.9% of the population aged 16+) a second dose of a coronavirus vaccine.

Vaccines for Children

Last Friday, The Joint Committee on Vaccination and Immunisation (JCVI) delivered its verdict that the health benefits of vaccinating healthy 12 to 15 year olds outweigh the risks but only marginally, saying that "the margin of benefit, based primarily on a health perspective is considered too small to support advice on a universal programme of vaccination". However, the JCVI commented that ministers might wish to look further at the wider social and educational aspects.

The government believes there is a "strong case" for offering the vaccine to healthy 12 to 15-year-olds to reduce disruption in schools and keep infection rates down as winter approaches and the UK's chief medical officers have been asked to consider any wider implications of extending the rollout.

A final decision is expected shortly.

Booster Jabs

Currently a third (or booster) jab is being offered to around 500,000 vulnerable people over 12 with severely weakened immune systems following the advice of The Joint Committee on Vaccination and Immunisation. The JCVI is still deliberating the potential benefits of booster vaccines for the rest of the population and is awaiting further evidence to inform this decision. Whitehall sources were quoted as saying that an announcement may come later this week.

Vaccine Passports

The Government are proposing that once all over-18s had been vaccinated by the end of September, a vaccine passport showing the holder had been double jabbed will be required to enter large venues. Nightclubs had already been earmarked for inclusion in the scheme and although final decisions have yet to be taken on the size and type of venue, there is some speculation this could also affect theatres and similar venues with a large seating capacity.

International Travel

As we know, Covid has played havoc with attempts to visit foreign countries for leisure and business purposes with constant rule changes and amendments to the red, amber and green lists. For those still contemplating

leaving our shores, a recent summary of updates to international travel presented in a written statement to Parliament by the Transport Secretary might be of some use – it can be accessed here: -

https://www.gov.uk/government/speeches/summary-of-updates-to-international-travel?utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=govuk-notifications&utm_source=dfec74d2-8136-4d97-a098-d2c6980ab9a0&utm_content=daily

BURY PARISH COUNCIL

The Glebe Field

As reported in the magazine issued earlier this year, Bury Parish Council has been in exploratory discussions with the Diocese of Chichester and Richard Burrows regarding the ownership and re-purposing of the Glebe Field in Bury as a Cricket Pitch and Recreation Field. Those discussions have now reached a conclusion and Bury Parish Council has decided not to proceed with this project. Bury Parish Council remains strongly interested in the Glebe Field but has no intention of entering into further discussions at this time.

Social Evening & Apple Pressing Day

Preparations are now in hand for the events taking place this weekend at Bury Village Hall and Bury Green and we hope to see you at the Bury Social Evening on Friday 10th from 6.00pm followed on Saturday 11th by the annual Bury Apple Day celebrations commencing with coffee and cakes at 10.30am. For further information or to offer help on the day please contact Judith Daykin (Hartle) -Tel: 01798 839174 or Mobile: 07534 361700 or email: jmhartle@btinternet.com

ANDREW GRIFFITH MP

In his September Newsletter, Andrew reports on his activities at Westminster and within the Arundel & South Downs Constituency.

Dog owners will be particularly interested in Andrew's report on the proposed **Pet Abduction Bill**, plans for which are being drawn up by the government to introduce new laws to tackle the theft of dogs which escalated during lockdown. The Environment Secretary, George Eustace, has indicated that a new "pet abduction" offence could enable judges to impose longer sentences (possibly up to seven years imprisonment) that reflect the animal's welfare and suffering instead of only their financial value as per current laws on theft. Andrew himself is introducing a "Doggie DNA Bill" to tackle theft and ownership disputes.

Plans for the expansion of **Gatwick Airport** are amongst other issues covered in Andrew's report and he is seeking views from constituents via a quick survey.

To view Andrew's Newsletter please see here: -

<https://mailchi.mp/6813a2207b81/working-in-for-you-westminster-september-2021?e=4725c9b72f>

WEST SUSSEX COUNTY COUNCIL

WSCC have launched a second round of the **Solar Together Sussex** scheme to help residents reduce their carbon emissions and energy costs by fitting solar panels to their home. Full details are contained in the latest WSCC Newsletter which can be found here: - <https://solartogether.co.uk/westsussex/home>

The **Library Service** has been gradually returning to normal operations and the current facilities on offer can be seen in their latest newsletter here: - <https://content.govdelivery.com/accounts/UKWSCC/bulletins/2ee705d>

CHICHESTER DISTRICT COUNCIL

CDC have issued an update on the **Chichester Local Plan Review** in which they report the plan is unlikely to meet the full housing targets set by the Government due to a lack of external funding for infrastructure improvements. This follows extensive work and research carried out by the council showing that improvements to the A27 Chichester Bypass, a Stockbridge Link Road, and sustainable transport infrastructure are required in order to attempt to meet the Government's housing targets. For further details please see here: -

<https://www.chichester.gov.uk/article/35787/Chichester-Local-Plan-Review-update-2-September-2021>

CHICHESTER FESTIVAL THEATRE

CFT have just released details of their programme for the Winter 2020/21 season which can be seen here: - <https://cftmail.org.uk/31LM-16VNU-E687521136C2B55D27B4X87D480FF2964B9FCA/cr.aspx>

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