



NEWSLETTER 17th NOVEMBER 2021

Dear Parishioner

CORONAVIRUS UPDATE

Vaccination Update

As at 15th November, a total of 96,660,514 doses of a coronavirus vaccine had been administered in the UK, with 50,614,550 people receiving a first dose (88% of the population aged 12 and over) and 46,045,964 people receiving both doses (80.1%). Of the 20 million people currently eligible for a booster jab, a total of 13,147,333 have received one so far.

Booster jabs are already available for those aged 50 and over along with people with underlying health conditions and frontline workers in the NHS and care homes. Against a backdrop of a new wave of Covid sweeping through central and western Europe, the Prime Minister announced at a press conference on Monday 15th November, that following the recommendation of the Joint Committee on Vaccination and Immunisation, booster jabs for those **aged 40 to 49** would be made available from six months after their second dose with bookings opening from next week. The PM stressed that over time the protection from two jabs starts to wane but a third jab boosts protection back up to over 90% against symptomatic infection and urged all people eligible to come forward “because it would be an utter tragedy if, after everything we have been through, people who had done the right thing by getting double vaccinated ended up becoming seriously ill or even losing their lives because they allowed their immunity to wane by not getting their booster”.

The PM added that requirements for foreign travel could well include the need for those eligible to have had a booster jab and that plans would be made for it to be added to the NHS Covid travel pass.

It was also announced that second jabs would now be made available to all **16 and 17 year olds** from 12 weeks after their first dose - a government guidance note on this can be accessed here: -

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-vaccination-resources-for-children-and-young-people/covid-19-vaccination-a-guide-to-a-second-dose-for-young-people-aged-16-to-17>

BURY PARISH COUNCIL

Environment & Planning Committee Meeting – 8th November 2021

The draft minutes of this meeting have been posted on the Bury Parish Council website and on the noticeboards – they can also be accessed here: - [EP-Minutes-8th-November-2021.pdf \(buryparishcouncil.org.uk\)](#)

On the subject of planning applications, our parish clerk, Mike Simpson, provides more details of the role of the parish council in dealing with applications in the following note: -

A Parish Council is a statutory consultee in the planning process which means it is requested to comment on every application submitted within Bury Parish. The planning application notifications are sent from the local planning authority which in our case is either Chichester District Council or South Downs National Park. The application is then considered at either the next full council or environment and planning committee meeting. The planning authority is in charge of making decisions and listing all applications so if you need information or wish to track a specific application then you should visit their website. However, Bury Parish Council has a dedicated page on its website 'planning application decisions' on which you will find forthcoming applications along with the parish council's comments as well as the decision of the planning authority. Once we receive a notification of an application, we put it on this page and then consider it at the next meeting.

If you are interested in attending a parish council meeting then please check the calendar on the website to see the date of the next meeting. All meetings are held on a Monday evening and the agenda is posted on the website and noticeboard within three clear working days so there is ample time to consider any planning applications and make your own comments.

To access the Planning Application/Decisions page on the BPC website please see here: - [Planning Application Decisions – Bury Parish Council](#)

ACT OF REMEMBRANCE - Thursday 11th November, St. Johns Church, Bury

The community came together for a service of remembrance at the war memorial last Thursday. It was good to see so many primary school children from St. James C of E School Coldwaltham, Bury C of E School and Dorset House School in attendance. As well as reading the roll of honour, the children read poems and Dorset House provided the musical accompaniment for the service



WEST SUSSEX COUNTY COUNCIL

Book to Recycle Trial Scheme

WSCC are seeking views from residents as to whether the trial booking system which has been in place at Bognor Regis, Crawley, Littlehampton, Shoreham and Worthing recycling centres since April 2021 should be made permanent. Waiting times and disruption has greatly reduced during the trials with over 410,000 people pre-booking a slot since they began.

A public consultation has now been launched to seek views on this - and possibly extending the booking system to include the Burgess Hill recycling centre. To have your say on the booking system please visit the WSCC website which can be accessed here: - <https://www.westsussex.gov.uk/news/have-your-say-on-recycling-centres-trial-booking-system/>

CHICHESTER DISTRICT COUNCIL

CDC have now launched their Countdown to Christmas campaign encouraging everyone to support local businesses. Among the many initiatives is a package of car parking incentives during December and an online events and activities calendar. Full details can be found here: -

<https://www.chichester.gov.uk/countdowntochristmas>

ENTERTAINMENT

As the festive season approaches, local entertainment venues have published their programme for the coming weeks – the following may be of interest: -

- For Chichester Festival Theatre see here: - <https://www.cft.org.uk/>
- For the Novium Museum, Chichester see here: - [The Novium Museum - Home](#)
- For The Windmill Cinema in Littlehampton see here: - <https://windmillcinema.co.uk/WindmillCinema.dll/Home>

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