



NEWSLETTER 8th DECEMBER 2021

Dear Parishioner

Better Broadband for Bury Parish **It is Time to Sign up!**

Please support this important project

<https://buryparishcouncil.org.uk/better-broadband-for-bury-its-time-to-make-your-pledge/>

Thank you

CORONAVIRUS UPDATE

Vaccination Update

On December 8th 2020, Margaret Keenan, at the age of 90, made history by becoming the first person to be given a Coronavirus vaccination. Twelve months later, a total of 97,720,670 doses had been administered in the UK, with 51,138,245 people receiving a first dose (88.9% of the population aged 12 and over) and 46,582,425 people receiving both doses (81%). A total of 20,909,809 people have now received a booster jab (36.4%).

People aged 40 and over in England can now book to have their booster jab for three months after their second dose. The booking system will open to people a month in advance – i.e. two months (61 days) after they have received their second dose.

Future Proofing of Vaccination Programme

The government has signed new contracts to secure the supply of our vaccine stock to future proof the country's booster programme and has made deals including 60 million additional doses of the Moderna and 54 million of the Pfizer/BioNTech vaccines that can be modified against new variants. Further details can be found here: -

https://www.gov.uk/government/news/government-agrees-new-deals-to-future-proof-vaccine-rollout-in-light-of-new-variant?utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=govuk-notifications&utm_source=c0db3b5a-a018-429d-bd99-57c7c397791f&utm_content=daily

International Travel – Rule changes

Additional precautions being introduced in the light of the Covid-19 Omicron variant include a change in the requirements for people travelling or returning to England with effect from Tuesday 7th December when all people

aged 12 years and over must take a PCR or LFD COVID-19 test **within the two days before** they travel to England – this applies whether you qualify as fully vaccinated or not.

It will still be necessary to complete a passenger locator form in the 48 hours before arrival in England and to book and pay for a Covid-19 PCR test to be taken before the end of day 2 following arrival - but you must now quarantine in your home or the place you are staying while you await your test result.

For further details, including the rules for people who do not qualify as fully vaccinated, please see here: -

https://www.gov.uk/guidance/travel-to-england-from-another-country-during-coronavirus-covid-19?utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=govuk-notifications&utm_source=04112381-5e8c-499d-9dbc-9f4bd1945848&utm_content=daily

In a further change, Nigeria was added to the **red list** of countries with effect from 6th December. The COVID-19 testing and quarantine rules for countries and territories on the red list for international travel to England can be found here: -

https://www.gov.uk/guidance/red-list-of-countries-and-territories?utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=govuk-notifications&utm_source=f225c93f-78a6-4140-80d1-af6dbcd02994&utm_content=daily

If you are planning a trip abroad, the latest advice about foreign travel including information on coronavirus, safety and security, entry requirements and travel warnings for various countries can be found here: -

https://www.gov.uk/guidance/travel-to-england-from-another-country-during-coronavirus-covid-19?utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=govuk-notifications&utm_source=04112381-5e8c-499d-9dbc-9f4bd1945848&utm_content=daily#travel-abroad-from-england

BURY PARISH COUNCIL

Bury Parish Council Meeting – 29th November 2021

The draft minutes of the meeting of Bury Parish Council held on Monday 29th November have now been posted on the BPC website and can also be accessed here: -

[BPC-Minutes-29th-November-2021.pdf](#) (buryparishcouncil.org.uk)

ANDREW GRIFFITH MP- MONTHLY UPDATE

Andrew's monthly newsletter in which he reports on his activities at Westminster and in the constituency can be seen here: - <https://mailchi.mp/c6379e4a59b2/working-for-you-in-westminster-december-2021?e=4725c9b72f>

CHICHESTER DISTRICT COUNCIL

Local Plan Review

CDC have just announced they have now reached the point where they can show they have a 5-year housing land supply to provide an indication of whether there are sufficient sites available to meet the Government's housing requirement over the next five years, as required by the National Planning Policy Framework. This will strengthen CDC's ability to protect the area against inappropriate development, enabling more importance to be given to the adopted local plan when dealing with planning applications and appeals. More details can be found here: - <https://www.chichester.gov.uk/article/36134/Chichester-Local-Plan-Review-update-03-December>

COFFEE MORNING – BURY VILLAGE HALL

Following a break of twenty-one months, our Coffee Mornings resumed last Saturday, hosted by Ken and Diana, with 50 parishioners in attendance welcoming the opportunity to socialise once more with friends and neighbours over a cup of coffee and the usual array of mouth-watering cakes. We were delighted that Father Peter was able to join us too and the sale of his various home-made preserves provided a very useful boost to the takings.

All being well, we hope to continue with these events on a monthly basis, our next scheduled get together being Saturday 8th January 2022.

BURY HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY - WREATH MAKING EVENT

Some lovely artistic work was produced at the wreath and Christmas arrangement workshop held in Bury Village Hall last week run by Gill Labarte and Carolyn Conway.

With an emphasis this time on trying to be more sustainable with seasonal decorations, the atmosphere throughout was a mix of concentrated effort and friendly chat. Despite the necessary COVID restrictions it did not impinge on a very enjoyable morning in which everyone, whatever their perceived skill levels, presented items that were fresh and unique to them.

Thank you to all those who generously provided greenery, cakes and their valuable time to make the event a success.



BURY VILLAGE HALL CHRISTMAS TREE

For the second year running our thanks go to Joseph and JoJo Godfrey for the wonderful Christmas tree outside the village hall. This tradition was started last year as a reminder of us being a community and although we were not allowed to get together, many of us walked past the tree and enjoyed the decorations, as well as seeing the welcoming lights twinkling as we went by. This year's tree is now lit in time to welcome parishioners to the next social event run by the Bury and West Burton Volunteers on 16th December. Additional thanks go to Andrew Aldridge for his contribution of extra lights and to Chris Daykin and Colin Coombes for braving the ladder to decorate the tree.



THE BURY CHRISTMAS CAROL SINGING GET-TOGETHER 16TH DECEMBER

A reminder that The Bury & West Burton Volunteers are organising their next social event in the run up to Christmas – a Carol Singing Get-Together in Bury Village Hall on Thursday 16th December from 12 noon until 2.30pm. As you will see from BWBV's invitation, the entry fee of £5 includes a glass of wine along with some quiche and mince pies. Numbers do have to be limited to 60 on this occasion so it's first come, first served!



BURY POST OFFICE – CHRISTMAS and NEW YEAR OPENING ARRANGEMENTS

Please note Tracy has informed us of the revised opening arrangements for the Post Office in the run-up to Christmas and the New Year which are as follows: -

Friday 10 th December	open as normal from 1.15pm to 3.15pm
Friday 17 th December	open as normal from 1.15pm to 3.15pm
Thursday 23rd December	open 9am to 11am
Friday 24th December	closed
Friday 31st December	closed
Friday 7 th January	open as normal from 1.15pm to 3.15pm

BEWARE THE FRAUDSTERS

Figures published recently indicated, rather worryingly, that Chichester district has the highest number of people in the county aged over 60 who are victims of fraud. Collectively, these people lost over £3 million just between April and June. This is something that Chichester District Council are currently working closely with Sussex Police and other agencies to try and prevent.

If you are shopping online, some useful tips on how to do so safely can be found here: - <https://www.getsafeonline.org/safeshopping/>

If you think you've been a victim of online fraud, report it to Action Fraud, the UK's national fraud and cybercrime reporting centre on **0300 123 20 40** or at www.actionfraud.police.uk

New 159 Fraud Hotline

Under a new pilot scheme set up by certain banks and telephone companies, if you think someone claiming to be from a trusted organisation is trying to trick you into transferring money or revealing personal details you can hang up and simply dial **159** to speak directly to your bank's fraud protection service to alert them to the situation. More information on the 159 scheme can be found here: - <https://stopscamsuk.org.uk/159>

PROPERTY TITLE FRAUD – PROTECT YOUR HOUSE FROM SCAMMERS

Fraudsters attempting scams to steal from us via our landlines, mobile phones and email/internet are all too common and great caution is needed given their ability to make use of authentic looking websites to give weight to their credibility. In more recent times a more sinister scam has emerged known as **property title fraud** where scammers pose as owners and attempt to sell a house unbeknown to the real owner! An effective protection against this type of fraud is available, free of charge, by HM Land Registry's Property Alert service which notifies homeowners of any local authority searches being carried out on their property without their knowledge or consent – a clear indicator of attempted property title fraud.

Apparently, according to an article in the press recently, as many as 99% of homes had not signed up to the property alert service. However, even signing up for this free service could lead to your paying an unnecessary charge to a third-party by mistakenly contacting a website which bears a similar name to the official one and appears high up in the results delivered by your search engine when looking for the real Land Registry website. This is a very similar ploy used by third-parties with websites looking very much like the DVLA's where you can end up paying unnecessary charges for renewal of a driving licence etc,

If you wish to sign up for the **property alerts**, read some interesting information and watch a short video clip about property title fraud please see here: - <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/property-alert>

A285 DUNCTON ROADWORKS UPDATE

On Friday 3rd December, the A285 at Duncton was re-opened under traffic light control and should be back to normal operation in a couple of weeks. This will be welcome news to Bury parishioners given that the Duncton closure had led to a more than 50% increase in traffic using the A29. The latest update from West Sussex Highways can be seen here: - [A285 road closure at Duncton update: 2 December 2021 \(westsussex.gov.uk\)](https://www.westsussex.gov.uk/news/a285-road-closure-at-duncton-update-2-december-2021)

ROAD CLOSURE – WEST BURTON FROM 13th DECEMBER

West Sussex County Council has given notice of a temporary closure to all traffic on West Burton Road for a distance of approximately 1322 metres commencing on 13th December 2021 for a maximum of 21 days. The road closure is required to remove trees with ash die back between the junctions with Waters Lane to Back Lane. The restriction will be in place 24hrs a day. An alternative route will be signed on site but for more details please visit <https://one.network/?tm=124930423>. Access for emergency service vehicles and pedestrians will be maintained at all times during the closure. For more information regarding this closure please contact Penfold's Woodland Management Limited on 07780450945 who will be able to assist with regard to the scope of these works.

Bury Parish Council has been informed by the contractors that, although the closure notice is valid for a period of 21 days, they anticipate all works being completed during week commencing the 13th with a second week as a back-up to ensure they have cover in the event of any machine breakdowns or unexpected complications that delay the works.

Copies of the Road Closure Notice and a map showing the area affected can be seen below



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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