

MUTFORD NEWS

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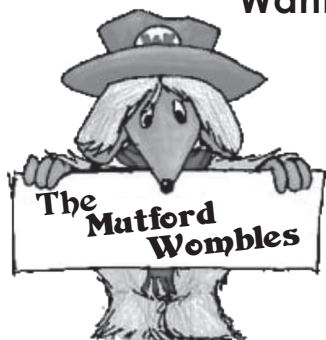
Mutford Parish Council Meeting

The next meeting of the Parish Council will take place on Monday, 5th February in Mutford and Rushmere Village Hall. 7pm start. There was no meeting in January. Items to be added to the agenda include blocked ditches and Paddy's Pit.

All residents are welcome to attend.

For more information, please contact the Parish Clerk: Angie Colbridge on 07584 136 402 or email clerk.mutfordpc@outlook.com

Wanted! Mutford Wombles!



Back in November a community litter pick was organised to keep on top of the very real issue of rubbish accumulating on the roadside verges in the parish. At least a dozen large black plastic bags, full of rubbish, were collected that morning, mainly from central Mutford. Many more areas could not be covered due to lack of volunteers. There is already evidence of a further build up of litter even on the verges that were covered in November; it is an ongoing problem. These events have to be carried out in late autumn or early spring so that the litter can be seen before the foliage of roadside plants covers it up. Please help! Weather permitting, another litter pick has been arranged for:

Saturday 24th February 2024.

**Meet outside the Village Hall at either
10am or 2pm**

whichever time is more convenient.

Equipment will be provided.

**All volunteers are welcome.
Just turn up on the day.**

Safety Signage at the Cossroads

Suffolk Highways have confirmed that the safety works at the crossroads on Hulver Road will commence within 14 weeks of 4th January 2024. The works include the addition of warning signs and SLOW road markings.

St. Andrew's Church, Mutford

Next Services :

Sunday 4th February 9am Holy Communion

Sunday 18th February 11am Morning Prayer

Sunday 3rd March 9am Holy Communion

Until a new priest is appointed to the benefice there will be a further period of interregnum. This means that a churchwarden will have to be contacted to make initial enquiries about a Baptism, Wedding or Funeral at St Andrew's Church. A visiting priest will be engaged to take such services.

In the first place contact:

Martin Warnes (churchwarden)
on 07919 855 726

<https://stpeterscc.org.uk/st-andrews/>

The Bishop of Thetford visits us on Sunday, February 11th

**10.30am at St Peter's Church,
Carlton Colville**

The Rt. Revd. Ian Bishop, Bishop of Thetford, is visiting the Carlton Colville and Mutford Benefice to support us during this period of interregnum. It is hoped that as many of the congregations of Mutford and Carlton Colville will be there to greet and welcome the new Bishop of Thetford to these parishes. Bishop Ian was consecrated as Bishop of Thetford by Justin Welby, Archbishop of Canterbury, during a service at Westminster Abbey on September 29th last year.



SATURDAY
FEBRUARY 17th
Mufford Village Hall
Starting at 7.30pm.
£3 PER PERSON
TABLES OF SIX

BOOK YOUR TABLE – PHONE JAN ON 01502 475 278
BRING YOUR OWN NIBBLES AND DRINKS

Monday Club

The next Monday Club will be on
5th February. 1pm at the Village Hall.
We will be having the usual food,
raffle and quiz.
All enquiries to Jean on 01502 476707

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Applications within the parish of Mufford
Information taken from council websites as of
19th January 2024.

Current Planning Applications

Peacehaven, 92 Mill Road, Mufford NR34 7UP
Single storey side extension
Ref. No: DC/23/4323/FUL Open for comment.
ESC Status: Permitted

Planning Applications outside Mufford of Local Interest

Land at Copland Way, Ellough. NR34 7TL
Construction and operation of anaerobic
digestion plant and associated infrastructure.
County Council Consultation
SCC Ref.No: SCC/0124/22W
SCC Status: Pending a decision
ESC Ref. No: DC/22/4740/CCC
ESC Status: Responded
*This application is being dealt with by Suffolk County
Council's Development and Regulation Committee.*

Responding to Planning Applications

Only 'material planning applications' will be
taken into account. e.g. local planning policy
or loss of amenity (daylight, sunlight, privacy).
For more info:
[www.eastsuffolk.gov.uk/planning/
planningapplications/commenting-on-
planning-applications](http://www.eastsuffolk.gov.uk/planning/planningapplications/commenting-on-planning-applications)



Rural Coffee Caravan

At Sotterly Chapel. NR34 7TX
The next two get-togethers are on
Thursday, February 1st. 10am - 12 noon.
Thursday, March 7th. 10am - 12 noon.

The folk involved with the Rural Coffee Caravan know that isolation doesn't have to mean loneliness. To ward off loneliness, people of all ages need connection. This is why the Rural Coffee Caravan was started twenty years ago. During that time, they have grown from one little caravan and one part-time project manager, making about 15 visits a year – to 4 vehicles, 7 staff, and a multitude of volunteers making around 400 visits a year with 4 extra networks across all aspects of community.

The charity believes that loneliness is everyone's business and that involving both voluntary and commercial elements of community life help to make sure no one is left behind.

They offer you the opportunity for a catch up with your neighbours! Simply, they offer the opportunity for some company and they'll put the kettle on for you, providing free tea, coffee, biscuits or cake, and plenty of cheer. Or you can just go and chat with them to see if there are any concerns they might be able to help you find answers to. They have access to a raft of information on local activities, services and organisations to help you stay happy, healthy, independent at home, and more connected to others in your area. You can take your own chair and mug if you would feel more comfortable doing so, but they can provide these.

The charity covers most of rural Suffolk nowadays. Sotterly is the closest venue to Mufford. In 2023 they won the European Social Services Award for Service Delivery and they have also won the Queen's Award for Voluntary Service.

In their words, "We look forward to seeing you!"

Countryside Code

Respect other people:

- consider the local community and other people enjoying the outdoors
- leave gates and property as you find them and follow paths unless wider access is available

Protect the natural environment:

- leave no trace of your visit and take your litter home
- keep dogs under effective control

Enjoy the outdoors:

- plan ahead and be prepared
- follow advice and local signs

Advice to walkers and runners on country roads

On roads with no pavements pedestrians should keep to the right-hand side of the road so oncoming traffic can be seen. Keep close to the side of the road and be prepared to walk in single file if you are in a group. If you come across a sharp right-hand bend it may be safer to cross to the left-hand side of the road to gain visibility and cross back after the bend. Do not cross the road on a sharp bend.

Police

Call 101 for non-urgent matters.

Always call 999 for emergencies

To report something anonymously call

Crimestoppers 0800 555 111

Non-urgent reports can also be made to Suffolk Police via www.suffolk.police.uk.

Go to the 'Contact Us' page.

There is also a live Chat online service for non-urgent matters: Mon-Fri 9am-5pm

If you need help...

Samaritans..... 116 123

Anxiety UK.....03444 775 774

Mind.....0300 123 3393

Calm.....0800 58 58 58

Crisis text line..... (text)85258

Child-line.....0800 11 11

DANES - Disability Advice.....01502 511 333

Suffolk Mobile Library

The next two visits of the Mobile Library to Mutford:

Thursday, February 15th

Thursday, March 14th

10.30-10.45am – Lindenette (near Land Rover garage, in west of village)

10.50-11.05 – Old Post Office (near cross-roads on Hulver Road)

11.10-11.25 – Village Hall, Mill Road

Beccles Farmers Market

(beside the airfield)

First and third Saturdays in month. 9am - 1pm

Next markets: Saturday, February 3rd & 17th

“I love you to the Moon and back” “How much?”, she asked

The word ‘month’ takes its root from the word Moon. The word moon can be traced to the word *mōna*, an Old English word from medieval times. *Mōna* shares its origins with the Latin words *metri*, which means to measure, and *mensis*, which means month. So, we see that the moon is called the moon because it is used to measure the months — *and plays a part in measuring love!*

The Moon is Earth's only natural satellite — our 4.5 billion year old companion. It orbits at an average distance of 238,855 miles, about 30 times Earth's diameter. The Moon always presents the same side to Earth, because gravitational pull has locked its rotation to the planet. This results in the lunar day of about 29½ Earth days matching the lunar month. Multiply 29.5 days by 12 months and this gives 354 days so some of our calendar months were padded out with extra days so that 12 months would make up one complete 365-day solar year.

Note: This year, February has 29 days — but that's a different story.

Missed Something?

Previous issues of the Mutford News are available on the Parish website

<http://mutford.suffolk.cloud/mutford-newsletter/>

Brain Teaser

If there are 5 Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays in January, on what day of the week will February 1st fall?

See the answer at the bottom of the back page.

Issues with Water and Flooding

Emergency mains water leaks contact:
Essex and Suffolk Water 0800 526 337

No mains water supply contact:
Essex and Suffolk Water 0345 782 0999

Sewer flooding contact:
Anglian Water 03457 145 145

Suffolk County Council has a comprehensive web page devoted to flooding including flooding of homes. This can be found at:
<https://www.suffolk.gov.uk/roads-and-transport/flooding-and-drainage/report-a-flood-in-suffolk>

Reporting Issues

with Roads and Pavements

In **emergencies**, such as a missing manhole cover, if a road needs to be closed or where there is a potential danger to life call Suffolk Highways Customer Services immediately on 0345 606 6171. The line is available 24/7.

However if the emergency is on a trunk road in Suffolk. e.g. the A12, then please call the National Highways Information Line on 0300 123 5000.

Less urgent issues in Suffolk such as potholes, damaged pavements, road flooding etc. can be reported online where you will be asked to pinpoint the location of the issue on the map and describe the issue. This tool can be found at:

www.highwaysreporting.suffolk.gov.uk

Please note potholes of 40mm depth or less are unlikely to be repaired but will still be recorded for future reference.

To report a power cut or to report damaged power cable / poles

Call 105 to report a power cut. This is a free-of-charge call from any network. Do not call your electricity supplier. Electricity suppliers are not responsible for the power lines that connect to homes or businesses.

Waste Bin collections

Wednesday 7th February – Blue and green
Wednesday 14th February – Black
Wednesday 21st February – Blue and green
Wednesday 28th February – Black
Wednesday 6th March – Blue and green

Bins should be out by 6am

For missed bins call 03330 162 000
8.45am-5pm Mon-Weds and Fridays
9.30am-5pm Thursdays

Recycling Centre ('the Council tip')

You have to book a slot to use the recycling centre in Hadenham Road, Lowestoft. This facility is free to use for household waste (certain items like rubble, tiles etc are charged for).

Opening times:

9 – 5pm Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri, Sat, and Sun.

Closed Wednesdays

For more information and to book a slot, go to:
www.suffolkrecycling.org.uk/where-to-recycle/recycling-centres/suffolk-recycling-centres-booking-page

Fly-tipping

Please be vigilant and report any suspicious activity. East Suffolk Council will seek, where possible, to prosecute anyone caught illegally dumping waste. You can report it anonymously. Call 0333 016 2000 or report online.

Dog Fouling

For info on how to report dog fouling to East Suffolk Council's Environmental Protection, go to:

eastsuffolk.gov.uk/dog-fouling

Where there is a persistent problem council officers will try to identify irresponsible dog owners who could face a fixed penalty fine of £80 or a fine of up to £1,000 if there is a conviction in the courts.

Brain Teaser Answer: *Thursday. If your answer was correct you have probably discovered the rule.*

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