

MUTFORD NEWS

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Mutford Parish Council Meeting

The next meeting of the Parish Council will take place on Monday, 4th March in Mutford and Rushmere Village Hall. 7pm start.

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

Parish Clerk's Report

At the PC meeting in February, Councillors discussed the following:

- Paddy's Pit
- D-Day 80
- Community Transport opportunities through BACT
- A local petition regarding Potter's Bridge on the B1127
- Blocked ditches in the village

East Suffolk Council Cllr Scrancher attended the meeting and informed councillors that: the Lowestoft Tidal Barrier Project has been halted as further funding is sourced; Seafront improvement is set to progress this spring; Redevelopment at Jubilee Parade in Lowestoft is due to begin this month. On a planning note, ESC has introduced a further route for planning applications, known as the Planning Committee Member Call-In Process.

The Clerk reported an update from the Police. UK website of 3 x reported crimes for the months of November and December 2023 on or near Mutfordwood Lane.

Following receipt of an expression of interest, it was agreed to co-opt John Armstrong onto the Parish Council. This was the last remaining space on the council.

St. Andrew's Church, Mutford

Next Services :

Sunday 3rd March 9am Holy Communion

Sunday 17th March 11am Morning Prayer

Easter Sunday 31st 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/>

Open Meeting of Mutford W. I.

on Thursday, April 4th 7pm for 7.30pm
at Mutford Village Hall

A talk by Mary Newton, Forensic Biologist

on "Rape (Short Word, Long Sentence)"

£5 per person bookable in advance

Refreshments provided.

ALL WELCOME

Book with

Rita Smith 01502 476 767 or 07766 605 643

Repairing the Playing Field

Meet at the Village Hall

Saturday March 9th at 10 am

The Village Hall Committee are organising a working party to fill in holes created by rabbits and deer. If you can spare an hour or two that morning to help, it would be much appreciated. It would also be helpful if you can bring a barrow and shovel to help move the earth that will be brought in to fill the holes.

Monday Club

The next Monday Club will be on
8th April at 2pm
in the Village Hall.
AFTERNOON TEA
raffle and quiz.

All enquiries to Jean on 01502 476707

Rural Coffee Caravan

Sotterly Chapel. NR34 7TX
Thursday, March 7th. 10am - 12 noon.
Thursday, April 4th. 10am - 12 noon.
Free coffee and friendly chat.

Mutford on Facebook

An online Community Group for residents of Mutford, and those local to the area, to share information, events etc can be found at:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/1657566674721514>

Storm and Flooding Advice

East Suffolk Council have set up a webpage to provide general, useful information for those affected by storms and bad weather. It also includes advice for those visiting the coast and has links to the school closures webpage, updates on gritting from Suffolk Highways and links for Met Office weather warnings amongst others.

www.eastsuffolk.gov.uk/storms

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Applications within the parish of Mutford
Information taken from council websites as of
19th February 2024.

There are no current planning applications

Planning Applications outside Mutford of Local Interest

Land at Copland Way, Ellough. NR34 7TL

Construction and operation of anaerobic digestion plant and associated infrastructure. On 6/12/2023 additional information was provided by the applicant for consideration.

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.

Community Transport Service

BACT are a charity operating a community transport service in our area. They have supplied the following information.

"Passengers use our services to come into Beccles or travel to medical appointments, but we can also feed people through to bus stops for onward travel further afield such as Norwich, Lowestoft and Southwold.

We do not have sufficient resource to run regular bus services in your area, however, people can request our transport by booking in advance and use our community car service or the dial a ride (door to door). Services are available to all – young and old, who cannot use public transport including where there isn't any, as well as us connecting you up to public transport where it does run.

Everyone who uses our services pays a £20 annual registration fee and then fares are on top and vary depending on the length of the trip. The community car service is 45p per mile which starts from where the volunteer driver leaves their home to the passenger and then to the destination and back home again. The minimum single fare is £3.00.

'Dial a ride' is based on a single £3 for up to (5 miles trip door to door), £3.50 (5 – 9 miles) and £4 (10 – 14 miles). Return fares are double this. The minimum fare is £3 single.

If people can travel at the same time, when their transport is not time dependent from the same area, that is useful as it makes for more efficient travel.

We mainly use volunteer drivers, which we are very short of, so if you know of anyone in the villages you cover who would be interested in driving people from your parishes, please let us know, as we would be more than happy to co-ordinate trips. This keeps costs down for passengers and encourages friendships in local areas. We can also cover off the training, DBS checks and safeguarding courses that are required.

Please see the BACT website for further information and contact details.

Beccles Farmers Market

(beside the airfield)

First and third Saturdays in month. 9am - 1pm
Next markets: Saturday, March 2nd & 16th

Fires – Consider your Neighbours

Concerns over smokey bonfires causing a nuisance to local residents have been raised. It is a common misconception that local by-laws exist to control bonfires. They do not. However, some of the chemicals emitted by bonfires can have serious health effects. It is unlikely that exposure to bonfire smoke will happen over a long enough period to cause serious harm to individuals, but it may be sufficient to cause temporary distress and acute illness in people who suffer from asthma, bronchitis or other respiratory disorders or heart conditions. So please – for those intending to have a bonfire first consider the weather conditions and the sort of material being burnt. Try and dry material out before burning and burn on less windy days when the smoke will rise rather than engulfing your neighbours.

East Suffolk Council have a leaflet regarding bonfires which can be found online:

www.eastsuffolk.gov.uk/assets/Environment/Environmental-Protection/Garden-Bonfire-Leaflet.pdf

The council website also includes pages dedicated to providing information on various nuisances and what can be done about them:

www.eastsuffolk.gov.uk/nuisance-caused-by-noise-smoke-and-rubbish

Suffolk Mobile Library

The next two visits of the Mobile Library to Mutford:

Thursday, March 14th

Thursday, April 11th

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

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

Seeking Advice

When residents have concerns about local matters or have cause for complaint, the first port of call is to contact the Parish Clerk, Angie Colbridge who can advise on the best way to proceed or get action taken. However, if your concerns involve an emergency or an urgent issue the relevant, emergency authority/ies should be contacted immediately, rather than the Parish Clerk.

If the matter comes under legislation governed by the district council you can contact East Suffolk Council directly. Explain the issue and you will be passed on to the relevant council department. These points of contacts are going to be the best way to deal with issues especially if they are persistent issues. Furthermore, parish council meetings are open to the public and issues can be brought forward for discussion or consideration. It is helpful if you contact Angie Colbridge before the meeting, as the subject may require background information or research being carried out.

Mutford News is a Mutford Parish Council project and paid for by them. It is also limited in pagination so it is impossible to go into any lengthy discussion in print on any particular issue. However, it is in place, as far as is possible, to inform residents of where help or advice can be sought.

Brain Teaser

What is seen in the middle of March and April that can't be seen at the beginning or end of either month?

See the answer at the bottom of the back page.



Mutford Village Hall

Sunday March 24th 2pm

Light Buffet provided, Raffle

Tickets £6:00

from Roy 01502 476 707

Limited to 40 so get in early.

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.

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: *The letter "r"*

Waste Bin collections

Wednesday 6th March – Blue and green
Wednesday 13th March – Black
Wednesday 20th March – Blue and green
Wednesday 27th March – Black
Wednesday 3rd April – 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

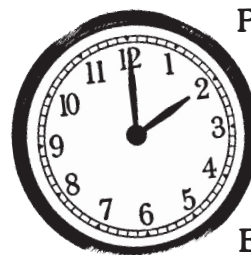
For more information and to book a slot, go to:
www.suffolkrecycling.org.uk/where-to-recycle/recycling-centres/suffolk-recycling-centres-booking-page

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.

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.



PUT YOU CLOCKS FORWARD!

BRITISH SUMMER TIME

-- DAYLIGHT SAVING --

STARTS AT 1am ON

EASTER SUNDAY, MARCH 31st

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