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Mutford Parish Council Meeting

The next meeting of the Parish Council will take place on Monday 6th November 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

BUS ROUTES - URGENT NEWS

Suffolk County Council has been granted £1.8 million to spend each year in 2023/24 and 2024/25 on enhancements to the bus transport network. Some of this will be going to support existing services, some will be going into design work on Bus Priority schemes with the remainder of the grant supporting **new or improved services at a local level where demand can be proven.**

Parish/Town Councils, Bus Companies and other groups are now being asked to submit ideas and suggestions for these improvements. At the next Enhanced Bus Partnership Passenger Group meeting on November 14th this will be discussed. If you wish to see Mutford and surrounding villages state an interest in this scheme we need to see a level of interest taken by local residents. Please email our Parish Clerk: Angie Colbridge on 07584 136 402 or email clerk.mutfordpc@outlook.com in **before November 6th** if you would like to see a bus service through the village.

Community Litter Pick

A community litter pick has been arranged for **Saturday 11th November 2023.**

Meet outside the Village Hall at 10am.

Equipment will be provided.

All volunteers are welcome.

Please contact Angela Colbridge (clerk.mutfordpc@outlook.com or 07584 136402) if you are interested in volunteering or just turn up on the day.

Parish Clerk's report

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

- Signage in the village including the state of repair and visibility of some signs.
- A small number of reported crimes in the village. These can be viewed on the police.uk website.
- The proposed Community Speedwatch Scheme. We have had 5 residents come forward to volunteer for this scheme and are looking for one or two more so that we can go ahead.
- The state of repair of some of the footpaths in the village.
- Holly Lane Bridlepath.
- Noise disturbance from aircraft flying over the village.

East Suffolk Council Cllr Rivett attended the meeting and informed those present that East Suffolk Council have launched a draft of their new strategic plan which they welcome comments on. Polling Stations in East Suffolk are also being reviewed.

Any highways concerns can be reported via the Suffolk County Council Highways online reporting tool. This includes signage and footpaths. Please obtain photos/exact location details (eg. what3words) when it is safe to do so.

If you are interested in joining the Parish Council as a councillor, or volunteering for the Community Speedwatch Scheme, please contact the Clerk.

The Council co-opted R. Simpson onto the Parish Council. There is now one Councillor vacancy. If you are interested in becoming a councillor, please contact the Clerk.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Applications within the parish of Mutford
Information taken from council websites as of
24th October 2023.

Full details of all East Suffolk Council (ESC)
planning applications:
<https://publicaccess.eastsuffolk.gov.uk/online-applications>

Current Planning Applications

Land South of Woodford Farm, Mutford Wood, Mutford.

Proposed tractor store.

Ref. No: DC/23/3586/FUL - Open for comment.

ESC Status: Awaiting decision

Oakes Farm, Mutfordwood Lane, Carlton Colville. NR33 8HG

Conversion of barn to form two residential dwellings following Class Q prior approval including change of use of surrounding land to garden land.

Ref. No: DC/23/2817/FUL - Open for comment.

ESC Status: Awaiting decision

Land North of Chapel Road, Mutford. NR34 7UU

Permission for the remaining Reserved Matters - Landscape, layout, scale and appearance. In addition, we seek discharge to Planning Conditions 8,10,13 & 14 associated with the outline planning permission.

Ref. No: DC/23/2402/ARM - Open for comment.

ESC Status: Awaiting decision

Planning Applications

outside Mutford 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

Mutford Scarecrow Prizewinners

Mutford Scarecrow Hunt

Winner: The Plosboms - Blundeston

Second: Finlay George - Rushmere

Third: The Lambournes - Mutford
Best Scarecrow

Public Vote: Tommy Tucker Squirrel

Committee Vote: Mad Hatter's Tea Party
Marbles in Jar: 437 (One entry was correct)

Colour and make a Scarecrow

Under 5 years: Halle - Mutford

5 to 8 years: Evie - Mutford

Over 8 years: Quinn - Mutford

Whisky Draw

Darren Grimsted - Oulton Broad

The event raised just over £2,000 after expenses had been paid. This will go towards new curtains for the village hall and other projects

Mutford Village Hall Committee would like to thank everyone who took part in this years event. We would also like to thank anyone who helped in any way to make it a very successful weekend and raise funds for our village hall.

SCARECROW COFFEE MORNING

Saturday, November 4th 10am til Noon

For all those who made a scarecrow or who helped in any way please join us for a get-together in the Village Hall. A slideshow of all the scarecrows will be playing.

Roy Hurrell, Chairman M. V. H.

EARLY CHRISTMAS HORSE RACING

(on film)

Mutford Village Hall



Sunday, November 26th at 2pm

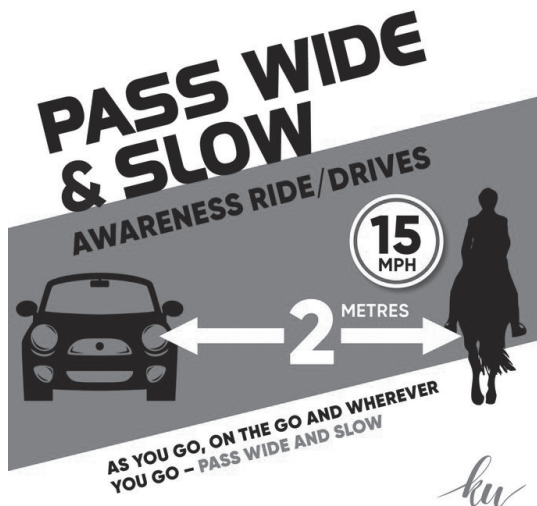
Tickets £6 per person

which includes your betting money and
Afternoon Festive Food, bring your own drinks.

Good Prizes and Raffle

A really fun afternoon.

Tickets available from Roy on 01502 476 707



As you may be aware there have been recent changes to the Highway Code to protect the most vulnerable road users i.e. pedestrians, horse riders and cyclists.

There has been a countrywide campaign "Pass Wide & Slow" particularly around passing horses and horse drawn carriages. We are a rural area and horse riders have very little option but to use the roads to get to the very small number of bridle paths. Many land owners no longer allow horses to ride along the edge of the fields due to various grants etc. Car drivers and motorcyclists appear to speed along narrow lanes with little understanding that there may be a walker, rider or cyclist round the next bend. Please use country roads carefully with these considerations in mind.

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



St. Andrew's Church, Mutford

Next Services :

Sunday 5th November 9am Holy Communion

Sunday 19th November 11am Morning Prayer

Sunday 3rd December 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/>

Churchyard Management

St Andrew's churchyard is managed through the Suffolk Wildlife Trust Churchyard Management scheme. Now is the time to cut back the grass and the many small saplings. If you would like to help manage the churchyard sensitively and you can operate a rake or have a heavy duty strimmer/brushcutter please join the team for 1½ hours of work on:

Saturday, November 15th at 10.00am.

Monday Club

The next Monday Club will be on **4th December. 1pm at the Village Hall.**

We will be having the usual food, raffle and quiz.

All enquiries to Jean on 01502 476707

Rural Coffee Caravan

Sotterly Chapel. NR34 7TX

Thursday, November 2nd. 10am - 12 noon.

Free coffee and friendly chat.

Suffolk Mobile Library

The next 2 visits of the Mobile Library to Mutford:

Thursday 23rd November

Thursday 21st December

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

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.

Reporting Potholes

You can report potholes in Suffolk quickly and easily online. Find out how to report a problem using our Highways Reporting Tool. Our Highways Reporting Tool allows you to report a new defect and monitor the status of existing reports. Go to:

www.suffolk.gov.uk/roads-and-transport/roads-pavements-and-verges/potholes/report-a-pothole

Do not report a pothole online if:

- it poses an immediate danger to public safety. Instead, please call 0345 606 6171.
- it's on a trunk road in Suffolk. Instead, please call the National Highways Information Line on 0300 123 5000.
- it's on a private road.

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

Waste Bin collections

Wednesday 1st November – Blue and green

Wednesday 8th November – Black

Wednesday 15th November – Blue and green

Wednesday 22nd November – Black

Wednesday 29th November – Blue and green

Wednesday 6th December – Black

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

Dog Fouling

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

www.eastsuffolk.gov.uk/environment/environmental-protection/animals/dog-control/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.

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.

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