

MUTFORD NEWS

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Mutford Parish Council

Parish Clerk's Report

At the Parish Council meeting in July, Councillors discussed the following:

- Outdoor exercise equipment
- Revised NALC Model Financial Regulations
- Lack of Fibre Broadband in Welch Close
- Overgrown and inaccessible footpaths

The Clerk noted that there were two reported crimes on or near Beccles Road, Mutford, on the Police.UK website for the month of April. These were under the category of violence and sexual offences.

The Parish Council do not usually meet in August, unless there is a need to arrange an extraordinary meeting, so the next scheduled meeting of the Parish Council will be on Monday 2nd September at 7pm. All residents are welcome to attend. The Parish Clerk, Angie Colbridge, can be contacted at:

Email: clerk.mutfordpc@outlook.com

Tel: 07584 136402

St. Andrew's Church, Mutford

Next Services :

Sunday 4th August 9am Holy Communion

Sunday 18th August 11am Holy Communion

Sunday 1st September 9am Holy Communion

Until Rev'd. Andrea Woods has been Installed as Rector in September we are still in a 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/>

Scarecrow News



Saturday and Sunday

August 31st and September 1st



The annual Mutford Scarecrow Hunt will be back at the end of the month. The Scarecrow Hunt route will include Mill Road, Welch Close, Hulver Road, Church Road, Chapel Road and Holly Lane. If you don't live on these roads we can arrange for your scarecrow to be displayed in Mutford.

Prizes for the best scarecrows so start making your scarecrow now!

YOU HAVE A FEW MORE DAYS!

On the form the last entry date was advertised incorrectly as August 7th

THE CORRECT DATE IS SUNDAY, AUGUST 11th

If you want to make a scarecrow and think you are "off-route" or have a question, ring Roy on 01502 476 707

Tombola Prizes

If you can donate any item/s for the Tombola they would be gratefully received.

Ring Jan on 01502 475 278 and she will be happy to collect from you. Alternatively drop off at 23 Mill Road, Mutford or hand your donation to any committee member.

Help in the Kitchen and Cakes

During the two days we sell refreshments in the Village Hall. Please let Jean know if you can help in the kitchen or help serve customers. These are usually 2 hour slots on a rota over the two days. Donations of cakes to sell on the refreshment counter will be gratefully received. Ring Jean on 01502 476 707

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

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

Current Planning Applications

Priory Farm, Mutfordwood Lane, [Mutford],

Installation and operation of a solar farm with a capacity of up to 3.08MW - 15 year extension to planning permission from 28th March 2039 to 28th of March 2054.

Ref. No: DC/24/1509/VOC

Validated: Wednesday 24th April 2024

ESC Status: **Awaiting Decision**

Oakes Farm, Mutfordwood Lane, [Mutford],

Discharge of Condition Nos. 5, 7, 8, 13 of DC/23/2817/FUL - Conversion of barn to form two residential dwellings following Class Q prior approval including change of use of surrounding land to garden land - Bin storage, Cycle storage, Site Investigation and Landscaping details.

Ref. No: DC/24/1379/DRC

ESC Status: **Permitted**

Responding to Planning Applications

By the time the notice is published in Mutford News the opportunity to comment is likely to have passed. Only 15 days is given for commenting.

If you are concerned about local planning applications keep a regular check on the East Suffolk planning page at:

publicaccess.eastsuffolk.gov.uk/online-applications
Key in MUTFORD as the search area.

Only 'material planning considerations' will be taken into account. e.g. local planning policy or loss of amenity (daylight, sunlight, privacy), potential highways issues, wildlife/conservation, potential noise/smells etc.

East Suffolk Council Election Result for the Carlton Colville ward

Letitia Smith (Conservative) won the seat at the by-election held on July 4th following the resignation of Cllr. Craig Rivett.

Cllr. Smith joins Cllr. Myles Scrancher (Conservative) in representing the Carlton Colville ward. Their contact details are:

Email: letitia.smith@eastsuffolk.gov.uk

Work Telephone No: 07824 864 973

Email: myles.scrancher@eastsuffolk.gov.uk

Work Telephone No: 07823 372 478

Mutford Walking Hub

Mutford Church has a very unusual, architectural feature for a country church: A medieval Galilee porch. These porches are often found at the western end of cathedrals and especially Cistercian abbeys and monasteries. Their original use was so persons (usually women after childbirth or at certain times of their cycle) barred from entry, could gather and observe the service, most notably when the 'host' (bread or wafer) is elevated prior to communion. In more enlighten times they were used as a place where processions would start and end and also a place where visitors or pilgrims could gather to see and take part in the service going on inside. They are rarely found on churches, and this is the only example of one attached to a round tower. As time moves on and weather takes a toll on the structure we find that the porch roof is sadly in need of repair. When applying for grants, trusts and award-making bodies want to see that the building is important and useful to the community. Thus the Galilee porch has been set up as a Walking Hub and is now open. You will find that an information table has been put in place and a leaflet of many of the local footpath walks is also available. Please go and take a look.

Rural churches will need to be used in different ways, as well as for traditional church services, if they are to survive in the future. New ideas are always welcomed for consideration and the churchwardens are always approachable on this matter.

General Election Result for the Constituency of Lowestoft

Jess Asato (Labour) won the seat at the General Election on July 4th. She can be contacted by writing to:

Jess Asato,
House of Commons,
London.
SW1A 0AA

or emailing her at
jess.asato.mp@parliament.uk

For information about when you should contact MPs, Lords, or other organisations/individuals, check the "Who to contact with my issue" page which can be found at:

<https://members.parliament.uk/help/whotocontact>

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

A Date for your Diary . . .

The Reverend Andrea Woods will become the Rector of the Carlton Colville and Mutford Benefice at a Service of Institution on Tuesday, 10th September, 7.00 pm. at St. Peter's Church, Carlton Colville. You are all warmly invited to this important service as we welcome Andrea to her new position amongst us.



Andrea will be leaving her current role as Team Vicar in the Launditch & The Upper Nar Team Ministry benefice, which is in mid-Norfolk.

Suffolk Mobile Library

The next visits for the Mobile Library to Mutford:

Thursday, August 1st and 29th

Thursday, September 26th

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

Rural Coffee Caravan

Sotterly Chapel. NR34 7TX

Thursday, August 1st. 10am - 12 noon.

Free coffee and friendly chat.

Monday Club

The next Monday Club will be on

5th August at 2pm

**(NOT THE 1st AS ADVERTISED LAST MONTH)
in the Village Hall.**

Afternoon Tea, raffle and quiz.

All enquiries to Jean on 01502 476707

Beccles Farmers Market

(beside the airfield)

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

Next markets: Saturday, August 3rd & 17th

Brain Teaser

What part of the year will we lose next year but regain the year after?

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

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.

Brain Teaser Answer: *Next year we lose an "I"*
2024 = MMXXIV 2025 = MMXXV 2026 = MMXXVI

Waste Bin collections

Wednesday 7th August – Blue and green
Wednesday 14th August – Black
Wednesday 21st August – Blue and green
Wednesday 28th August – Black
Wednesday 4th September – 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, plasterboard etc., are charged for).

Open: 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.

Missed Something?

Previous issues of the Mutford News are available on the Parish website
<http://mutford.suffolk.cloud/mutford-newsletter/>

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