

MUTFORD NEWS

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Mutford Parish Council Meeting

There was no Parish Meeting in June. The next meeting of the Parish Council will take place on Monday, 1st July in Mutford and Rushmere Village Hall. 7pm start.

Items on the agenda for this meeting include discussions on outdoor gym equipment.

All residents are welcome to attend.

The proposed dates for the Parish Council meetings for the rest of 2024 are as follows:

Monday 1st July, Monday 2nd September
Monday 7th October, Monday 4th November
Monday 2nd December

Any changes to these dates will be published on the Parish Council website and in the Parish Council noticeboard located outside the Village Hall. Please keep an eye on the parish website or the noticeboard for meeting agendas, minutes and other parish council and local information. 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 7th July 9am Holy Communion

Sunday 21st July 11am Morning Prayer

Sunday 4th August 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/>

Mutford Scarecrow Hunt Saturday and Sunday

August 31st and September 1st

Our extremely popular Scarecrow Hunt is back. 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!

Latest entry date: Saturday, August 7th

Your ENTRY FORM should arrive through your letter-box attached to this edition of Mutford News.

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



**It would be lovely if you
could Donate a
Tombola Prize**

Mutford Scarecrow Hunt 2024 is nearly here. As a committee, we like to have a Tombola over the two days the event takes place and we are looking for donations of prizes. If you can donate any item it 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. Many thanks.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Applications within the parish of Mutford
Information taken from council websites as of
23rd June 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: **Awaiting Decision**

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.

Village Hall Patio

The patio at the back of the village hall is requiring attention; weeds readily grow between the joints. Anyone interested in helping or advising on the work of cleaning out and grouting the joints should contact: Roy Hurrell on 01502 476707.

Mutford & Rushmere Village Hall AGM followed by Cheese and Wine Monday 8th July at 7.30pm

The Village Hall Committee invite you all to our AGM. In such a community-minded place the village hall is an important asset for parishioners. Please come and join us for the meeting which will be followed by cheese and wine. Everyone welcome!

Two Elections in Mutford on July 4th

Polling Station: Mutford Village Hall

General Election

To elect a Member of Parliament for the
Lowestoft Constituency

Candidates

Peter Aldous: Conservative and Unionist Party

Jessica Asato: Labour Party

Toby Hammond: Green Party

June Mummary: Reform UK

Adam Robertson: Liberal Democrats

East Suffolk Council Election

To elect one councillor for the
Carlton Colville ward.

Candidates

Paul Light: Independent

Adam Robertson: Liberal Democrats

Letitia Smith: Conservative and Unionist Party

Lewis Weller: Labour Party

To vote you will need to bring a form of photo-ID to the polling station. The most common of these being: a UK photocard driving licence (full or provisional), a UK passport (others can be used if you are registered to vote), a Blue Badge, a Defence Identity Card (MOD form 90), an older person's bus pass.

Interacting with Badgers

Despite being a legally protected species in the UK, the badger is probably the most persecuted wild animal in Britain today. Badgers are usually shy creatures and avoid interaction with humans but adult badgers are powerful and can be aggressive to both domestic pets and other animals, including us, if they feel cornered. Badgers are relatively common in this part of Suffolk. Their natural habitat is woodland or wooded banks but there are reports that they are being encouraged into gardens by people who leave food out for them, intentionally or not. This increases the potential for confrontation and other issues. They are good diggers and can cause a lot of damage in paddocks and gardens as well. Please do not interact with them and encourage them out of their natural habitat.

Beccles Farmers Market

(beside the airfield)

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

Next markets: Saturday, July 6th & 20th

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

Want to Sing? Love to Sing? What about Singing Together?

Hi, I'm Graham Marwood. I'm looking to see if there's any interest in a get-together with the aim of forming a choir in the area. I'm probably thinking of an adult choir, 18 years of age minimum. Experience would not be necessary, but singing in tune would! Also a rough understanding of harmonies would be good or at least the willingness to learn. The music will be varied from Abide with Me to more modern tunes and those from stage musicals. The sky's the limit!

If you are interested give me a call. My phone number is 01502 476 395 or 07495 455 340.

Suffolk Mobile Library

The next visits for the Mobile Library to Mufford:

Thursday, July 4th

Thursday, August 1st and 29th

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

Locally organised for the next meeting.

Thursday, July 4th. 10am - 12 noon.

Free coffee and friendly chat.

Monday Club

The next Monday Club will be on

1st August at 2pm

in the Village Hall.

Afternoon Tea, raffle and quiz.

All enquiries to Jean on 01502 476707

Brain Teaser

*Whoever makes it, tells it not.
Whoever takes it, knows it not.
Whoever knows it, wants it not.
What is it?*

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: *Counterfeit Money.*

Waste Bin collections

Wednesday 3rd July – Black

Wednesday 10th July – Blue and green

Wednesday 17th July – Black

Wednesday 24th July – Blue and green

Wednesday 31st July – Black

Wednesday 7th August – 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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