



MUTFORD NEWS

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Mutford Parish Council Meeting

The next scheduled meeting of the Parish Council will take place on Monday, 4th 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

Parish Clerk's Report

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

- The installation of Fibre Broadband to Welch Close.
- Reports of Anti-Social behaviour in the village.
- A missing road sign on Chapel Road.
- Neighbourhood Watch.

District Councillor Smith attended the meeting. The Parish Council took the opportunity to thank East Suffolk Council for the funding grant which was used to purchase bunting for the village for the Tour of Britain event. Thanks were also offered to Cllr Smith and ESC for their contribution towards the cost of replacement bark for the bark pits in the children's play area. Cllr Smith provided information on Winter Fuel Allowance which some people may be eligible for through pension credits. (See article on page 2). Cllr Smith updated council that recycling in the county will be changing over the next 18 months and by March 2026 a new system will be in place, this is to increase current recycling figures. Cllr Scrancher sent apologies but forwarded information that the next phase of construction work on the Lowestoft Seafrost development is due to commence this month, with local company PJ Spillings having been awarded the contract.

The Clerk noted that there was one reported crime on or near Holly Lane during the month

St. Andrew's Church, Mutford

Everyone is welcome to join us at our services.

Sunday 3rd November 9am Morning Prayer

Sunday 17th November 11am Holy Communion

Sunday 1st December 9am Morning Prayer

Every Monday and Tuesday at 9am the Rector will be saying Morning Prayer in Mutford Church
(for about ½ an hour)

This will include prayers for the village. If you would like her to pray or give thanks for anything at all please ask.

To enquire about a Baptism, Wedding or Funeral at St Andrew's, please contact :
The Rev'd. Andrea Woods on 01502 810552
or email

rector.carltonandmutford@gmail.com



The Carol Service

in Mutford Church will be on
Sunday, December 15th at 3pm.

Make a note in your diaries and come and celebrate with everyone else.

Come and sing your hearts out!

of July under the category of Criminal Damage and Arson, one reported crime on or near Chapel Road under the category of Violence and Sexual Offences and one reported crime on or near Beccles Road under the category of Other Theft. For the month of August, there was one reported crime on or near Newson Avenue under the category of Vehicle Crime. This information is as reported on the Police.UK website.

Applications within the parish of Mutford
Information taken from council websites as of
21st October 2024.

Current Planning Applications

1 Oceans Gift, Hulver Road, Mutford, NR34 7UL

Change of use of section of land from agricultural to garden.

Ref. No: DC/24/3172/FUL

Validated: Friday 13th September 2024

ESC Status: **Awaiting decision**

Responding to Planning Applications

By the time a planning notice is published in Mutford News the opportunity to comment is likely to have passed. Only 15 days is given for commenting from the time when the notice is validated or appears on the ESC Planning website.

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.

When commenting 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.

Churchyard Management

A working party has been arranged for Saturday, November 9th at 10.00am. If you have secateurs, a strimmer, a strong rake for heaping up cut grass/vegetation please bring them with you. You don't have to be part of the worshipping congregation. We know plenty of people enjoy the peace and wildlife of the churchyard so if you are happy lending a hand for an hour or two we would love to see you. Finally this is not a hard labour camp! Everyone is free to work at their own pace.

In Need of Good Books

It's really good to see so many people using the book swap box. Because of this interest we are very short of fiction novels and children's books. If you are having a clear out please remember the Book Swap Box in the old Telephone Box. We would be really grateful if you could leave good quality books only, in the box. Thank you.

Winter Fuel Payments

Winter Fuel Payments have in recent years been paid to everyone over State Pension age, regardless of their income. This has now changed. Only people who get Pension Credit (or another means-tested benefit) will receive the Winter Fuel Payment this year, a one-off payment of £200-£300. With energy prices high, this money can make a big difference to keeping older people warm and well. And it's not just help with heating costs - getting Pension Credit opens the door to additional benefits such as help with the cost of dental work, glasses and transport to hospital; help with rent or mortgage interest; and help paying Council Tax. Not to mention a free TV Licence for those over 75. While 1.4 million households in the UK already receive Pension Credit, an estimated 880,000 people are eligible for it, but not receiving it.

You could be eligible for Pension Credit if your weekly income is below £218.15 or, if you have a partner who lives with you, £332.95. Qualifying income level may be higher in some circumstances. Don't miss out. Check your eligibility at www.gov.uk/pension-credit or by calling 0800 99 1234.

The quickest way to apply for Pension Credit is to call the claim line 0800 99 1234 (a friend or family member can call for you as long as you are with that person at the time). Alternatively go online to www.gov.uk/pension-credit. For help to apply, contact Citizens Advice East Suffolk on 0808 278 7866.

Please note that the paper application form for Pension Credit can be quite daunting to some people as it contains 24 pages and 243 possible questions – many of which probably won't be applicable to the person.

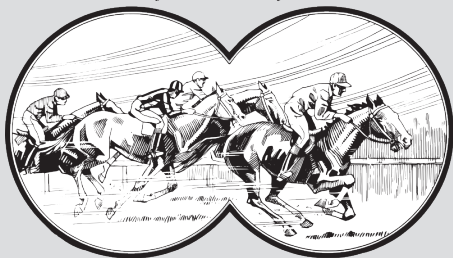
If you do not qualify for Pension Credits there may be other allowances available to you. Citizens Advice East Suffolk can advise people who don't qualify for Pension Credit of other help available to them. They can be contacted by phone:

0808 278 7866 (Monday to Friday, 10am to 2pm),

or by email: advice@caes.org.uk

Please ring first if you need a face-to-face appointment at St. Margaret's House, Gordon Road, Lowestoft. NR32 1JQ.

Who's Going to Win?



COME TO THE CHRISTMAS RACES

(on film)

in Mutford Village Hall
on Sunday, November 24th at 2.00pm

£7 a Ticket

which includes your betting money
and a Festive Afternoon Tea
(Bring your own drink)

Good Prizes

Raffle

Tickets from Roy on 01502 476707

A FUN-FILLED AFTERNOON

Charity number 304799

Outdoor Exercise Equipment

The Parish Council and the Village Hall Management Committee have recently held discussions on the possibility of having some outdoor exercise equipment installed on the playing field which could be used by all. We would now like to gauge residents interest in this possible project to see if it is something that is wanted/needed in the village.

Please contact the Clerk via email:

clerk.mutfordpc@outlook.com or

phone 07584 136 402, to show interest.



Monday Club

The next Monday Club will be on
2nd December at 1pm
in the Village Hall.

FESTIVE LUNCH

plus the usual raffle and quiz

**Deadline for booking your place is
Monday 25th November**

For further information contact Rita on
01502 476 767

(leave answerphone message if not answered)
or 07766 605 643

or email rita_smith@hotmail.co.uk

Suffolk Mobile Library

The next visits for the Mobile Library to Mutford:

Thursday, November 21st

Thursday, December 19th

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, November 2nd & 16th

Reporting Footpath Obstructions

Suffolk County Council are responsible for maintaining 3,500 miles of public rights of way and 12,000 acres of open access areas.

If you are walking a public footpath which is obstructed either physically or by overgrown vegetation or you find any other issue you can report the issue online at:

<https://www.suffolk.gov.uk/roads-and-transport/public-rights-of-way-in-suffolk>

then click on Report a Public Right of Way Issue.

What do you reckon?

*During which war
were the highest proportion
of British soldiers killed?*



See the answer at the bottom of the back page.

Have fun and stay safe for Halloween and Bonfire Night

It's the time of year for spooky fun and fireworks and Suffolk Fire and Rescue Service has issued advice on how everyone can enjoy themselves in safety.

Halloween and Bonfire Night are events for fun and activities, but they can also be a time for some scary fire safety hazards.

The advice from the Fire and Rescue Service is:

- Keep costumes away from candles and flames as they can be flammable. If clothing does catch fire, children should 'Stop, drop and roll' and this could be practiced with parents at home before the event
- Make sure you can be seen in dark. During both Halloween and Bonfire Night, use reflective tape and glowsticks to make yourself more visible, especially when near roads
- Consider using a battery-powered candle for your pumpkin for extra safety
- If using candles, ensure they are fully extinguished before you leave the house
- Ensure escape routes are kept clear of Halloween decorations
- Never return to a lit firework or throw them into bonfires
- Stand well back from fireworks and bonfires
- It is not recommended to give sparklers to children under five
- Always wear gloves when holding sparklers
- Hold sparklers at arm's length, away from the face
- Always have a bucket of water or sand nearby to put the sparkler in, hot end down, once it has gone out
- Never throw a sparkler onto the floor

Organised fireworks displays are more fun and safer than hosting your own fireworks or bonfire party. However, if you are planning on using fireworks for a private event please familiarise yourself with the Fireworks Safety Code to ensure you keep everyone safe. Suffolk Trading Standards advise people to only buy fireworks from licensed or registered retailers and not from unknown sellers on social media sites, and to check labelling to ensure you have enough space to use them safely.

Waste Bin collections

Wednesday 6th November – Black

Wednesday 13th November – Blue and green

Wednesday 20th November – Black

Wednesday 27th November – Blue and green

Wednesday 4th 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, plasterboard etc., are charged for).

Open (Oct - Mar): 9 – 4pm

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.

What do you reckon? Answer:

The English Civil War. 85,000 were killed outright and a further 100,000 died of their wounds afterwards. 1 in 10 of the male population were killed and they were all British.

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

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