



# MUTFORD NEWS

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## Mutford Parish Council Meeting

The next meeting of the Parish Council will take place on Monday, 7<sup>th</sup> October 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](mailto:clerk.mutfordpc@outlook.com)

## Parish Clerk's Report

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

- The Parish Council Insurance renewal
- Code of Conduct, Standing Orders and Safeguarding Policy
- Play Area Maintenance
- Drivers travelling at inappropriate speeds on our narrow, rural roads
- Cases of Blue Tongue in livestock reported in the village

County and district councillors attended the meeting. East Suffolk Cllr. Scrancher introduced Cllr. Letitia Smith, newly elected district councillor for the area.

The Clerk noted that there were two reported crimes on or near Beccles Road, Mutford, on the Police.UK website during the months of May and June, one under the category of violence and sexual offences and one under the category of theft from the person.

Thank you to those who displayed bunting for the Tour of Britain on Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> September giving a warm welcome to all those involved in the event and visitors to the village.

During the summer, two residents worked a full day volunteering in the play area and hard court area as part of a 'Volunteer Day' allowed by The Food Standards Agency. Huge thanks go to Richard, Kim and the Food Standards Agency for their wonderful contribution to the community.

## St. Andrew's Church, Mutford

Everyone is welcome to join us at our services.

**Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> October 9am Holy Communion**

**Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> October 11am Holy Communion**

**Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> October 3.30pm**

**All Souls Memorial Service**

To be held at St Peter's, Carlton Colville.

**All are welcome to this joint service to remember those whom we have lost but still love.**

**Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> November 9am Holy Communion**

**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](mailto:rector.carltonandmutford@gmail.com)

## Churchyard Management

A working party has been arranged for Saturday, November 9<sup>th</sup>. If you are able to help please turn up on the day 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 and 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.

## PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Applications within the parish of Mutford  
Information taken from council websites as of  
21<sup>st</sup> September 2024.

### There are no current Planning Applications

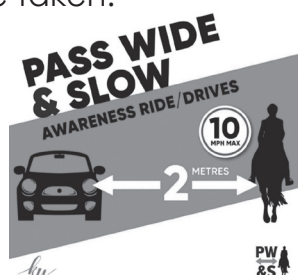
### Road Safety on Village Roads

It has been noted that there has been further discussion about speeding vehicles in the village, not only on the Mutford Noticeboard Facebook page, but in general conversations that local people are having. They are also extremely concerned about the speed of large agricultural vehicles on our winding, narrow roads.

It is important to note that drivers can feel very safe in their vehicles with cornering and braking having improved no-end over the years but what is assumed as an open road around that bend, is a very bad assumption.

Because of Mutford's rural location the roads are used not only by cars and agricultural vehicles but by walkers, cyclists and horse riders. Furthermore, hidden driveways are a hidden danger too. Every road user expects safety and respect from other road users. If everyone does their bit towards driving safely and considers what might be moving slowly around the other side of a hidden bend then they could avoid traumatic situations for everyone including themselves. Furthermore, if farmers could impress upon the drivers of contractor's vehicles the dangers of speed on these roads, then that would be helpful. It is appreciated that the nature of contracts means that contractors rush around to get the job done quickly but at the same time there must be a responsibility to the community at large.

Mutford Parish Council will explore further measures with Suffolk County Council Highways Department. In the meantime all road users should be vigilant and it would be helpful if any continued breaches of road safety be reported to the Parish Clerk to back up calls for further measures to be taken.



## 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.

## Mutford Scarecrow Hunt Prizewinners



### Name the Scarecrow and Location

Winner: Billy & Josie Rogers - Corton

Second: Orla Supple - Mutford

Third: Sarah Studd - Beccles

### Best Scarecrow

Public Vote: Bluey & Bingo

Committee Vote: Joy, Anger & Sadness

Marbles in Jar: 437 (One entry was correct)

### Making a Scarecrow

Under 5 years: Arthur Darkins - Mutford

5 to 8 years: Mia - Worlingham

Over 8 years: Lexi Farr - Mutford

### Marbles in the Jar

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**The event raised just over £2,000 after expenses had been paid. This will go to support Village Hall funds and 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, October 19<sup>th</sup> 10am until 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.

## Reporting a Blocked Road Gully

You can report a blocked road gully in Suffolk quickly and easily online. The Suffolk County Council Highways Reporting Tool allows you to report a new problem and monitor the status of existing reports.

[www.suffolk.gov.uk/roads-and-transport/flooding-and-drainage/highway-drainage/report-a-blocked-drain](http://www.suffolk.gov.uk/roads-and-transport/flooding-and-drainage/highway-drainage/report-a-blocked-drain)

or by Email: [customer.services@suffolk.gov.uk](mailto:customer.services@suffolk.gov.uk)

or by phone Telephone: 0345 606 6171

Do not report a blocked drain online if:

- it poses an immediate danger to public safety - call 0345 606 6171
- it's on a trunk road in Suffolk - call the Highways England Information Line on 0300 123 5000
- it's on a private road, private land or a car park - this is the responsibility of the land owner or Anglian Water
- the drain is blocked by leaves and litter - contact the borough or district council to clear this

Reporting a problem online takes about 2 minutes.

## 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](http://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

## Monday Club

The next Monday Club will be on

**7<sup>th</sup> October at 1pm**

**in the Village Hall.**

**Lasagne, Salad and Garlic Bread  
plus the usual raffle and quiz**

***If you want a vegetarian option please let us know.***

Please note that the last day for booking this event has been extended to Wednesday,

October 2<sup>nd</sup>

For further information contact Rita on

01502 476 767 or

07766 605 643 (*apologies from editor that this number was incorrect in the last issue*)

or email [rita\\_smith@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:rita_smith@hotmail.co.uk)

## Suffolk Mobile Library

The next visits for the Mobile Library to Mutford:

**Thursday, October 24<sup>th</sup>**

**Thursday, November 21<sup>st</sup>**

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, October 5<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup>

## 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.

## Brain Teaser

I fly but I have no wings. Nobody really gets to the bottom of who I am.

Who do you think I am?

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>

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### 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](https://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.

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### 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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**Brain Teaser Answer:**  
*Time*

## Waste Bin collections

Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> October – Blue and green  
Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> October – Black  
Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> October – Blue and green  
Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> October – Black  
Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> October – Blue and green  
Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> November – 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

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### 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](http://www.suffolkrecycling.org.uk/where-to-recycle/recycling-centres/suffolk-recycling-centres-booking-page)

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### 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.

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### Dog Fouling

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

[eastsuffolk.gov.uk/dog-fouling](http://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.

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### Missed Something?

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

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## St Peter's Church Carlton Colville and St Andrew's Church Mutford have a new Rector

Allow me to introduce myself.



I'm Andrea Woods I am married to Tim. We have been married for the past 33 years. Tim is a school's taxi driver and assistant caretaker for a primary school just outside Norwich. He is also a keen runner, so if you see him pounding the streets do give him a wave. We have two adult sons. Tom is a Schools and Families Minister, married to Emma and they have a 3 year old son Arlo and a 1 year old daughter Marnie, they live in Norwich. Sam is a professional dancer based in London.

As I write this, we have been in Carlton Colville for a month now and I have been in post for a week.

We had the joy of having our 3 year grandson stay with us the weekend of the Scarecrow trail and we had great fun looking for all the scarecrows. Arlo was thrilled to find Bluey and Bingo, some Mr Men and Stick man. Thank you so much to everyone who organised and participated in creating some wonderful scarecrows we thoroughly enjoyed it and look forward to joining in again next year.

We are so looking forward to joining the congregations at both St Peter's and St Andrew's as well as getting to know the communities in which they sit.

Before ordination previous jobs have included: 9 years as a Children Young People and Families Worker based at St Andrew's Church in Eaton. 10 years as an Early year's practitioner with Holy Trinity Church preschool playgroup and previous to that, 9 years as a nurse based at the Norfolk and Norwich Hospital. As well as being wife and mum. So, I bring with me a range of skills and experience.

In my spare time I enjoy being 'Nana' and spending time with my family, meeting up with friends for coffee and going to the theatre and Quiz nights I love walking and we spend a week every year up in the lake district with friends attending the Keswick convention and enjoying the lakes and climbing mountains. In the past year I have been making an effort to get fitter and healthier taking up the challenge to do some form of exercise daily, although not a natural runner, I am even starting to enjoy it!

Since moving here I am very impressed with the network of cycle paths and have spent more time on my bike than in the car!!

Moving somewhere new it always take a while to get one's bearings and get to know the area and how each of the churches in the benefice works. We are so looking forward to meeting new people, please be patient with us while we learn the geography and all of your names and forgive us if we ask you more than once.

Change is never easy for anybody and can take a while to get used to. When all is new and unfamiliar and as we get to know each other better, it is good to be reminded that God is bigger than all the change and that he has a plan and a purpose for each of our lives. In the Bible we read:

"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the LORD, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future." Jeremiah 29:11

If you haven't been to church for a while or would like to start coming, you are welcome to join us at any of our Services. If you would like me to conduct a Baptism, Thanksgiving, Wedding or Renewal of Vows or Funeral or Memorial Service, please do be in touch and I would be happy to discuss any of these services with you. Details of Sunday Services are printed elsewhere in this newsletter and my contact details are printed with them.

With every blessing

**Andrea**