

MUTFORD NEWS

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Mutford Parish Council Meetings

The next 'virtual' meeting of Mutford Parish Council is Monday 7th September at 7.30pm. For more details please go to <http://mutford.suffolk.cloud/> or contact John Armstrong, Parish Clerk: 01502 476418 jamutfordpc@btinternet.com

Permissive paths in Mutford

Two permissive paths in Mutford used by dog walkers and horse-riders from Mutford and neighbouring parishes – one around two fields to the south of Mutford Big Wood, and a short section parallel to Beccles Road, will be closed from the end of September.

An EU subsidy previously received by the landowner to maintain the wide crop margins has now ceased.

The public footpaths through Mutford Big Wood, and between Beccles Road and Dairy Lane, will remain open for walkers only.

Speeding traffic – Update

Suffolk Police recently undertook a covert traffic survey on Church Road for a 7-day period. It is hoped that some of the monitoring data may be available for the next issue of this newsletter.

Some residents in Holly Lane have recently erected '20's Plenty' road signs in their gardens to encourage both fellow residents and delivery drivers to slow down along Holly Lane.

Please drive carefully through the village.
Respect all road users



CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19)

Keep informed of the latest advice and guidance on the coronavirus crisis.

NHS

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/>

Government response

<https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus>

If you are unable to access these sites for any reason, please ask a family member, friend or neighbour to find out the information for you.

St Andrew's, Mutford

Following on from the first Covid-19 service last month a similar Morning Worship service, on the theme of Harvest, will be held at 11.00am on Sunday 13th September.

The service will be held along Government and Diocesan guidelines (social distancing and facial coverings; no books, no singing). All are welcome but, once again if you are coming please notify the Church Warden in advance so we can make the necessary arrangements.

Please contact Martin Warnes:

07919 855726 mlwarnes@gmail.com

Announcement

The Parochial Church Council are delighted to confirm that The Revd Sarah Quantrill, currently Priest in Charge of the New Catton St Luke benefice in our diocese, has been offered and has accepted the post of Interim Priest-in-Charge of the Carlton Colville benefice (which includes Mutford), for a period of three years.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Moths in Mutford

Applications within the parish of Mutford

Info. correct as of 25th August 2020

Full details of all East Suffolk Council (ESC)

planning applications:

<http://www.eastsuffolk.gov.uk/publicaccess/>

CURRENT PLANNING APPLICATIONS

- Demolish existing barn and build a Three Bay Oak Framed Cart Shed 6 meters deep by 9 meter wide. One bay will be enclosed with hard wood barn doors, to give owners secure storage and parking area. The further two bays will be left open for storage. Ash Farm, Dairy Lane, Mutford. Beccles. Suffolk NR34 7QJ
ESC status: Awaiting decision
- Listed Building Consent - Single storey rear extension. Meadowview, Hulver Road Mutford. Beccles. Suffolk NR34 7UW
ESC status: Awaiting decision

RECENT DECISIONS

- Certificate of Lawful Use (Existing) - Use of the property colonising as a residence by someone who is not employed or last employed in agriculture or in an industry mainly dependent on agriculture or the dependant of such a person. Coligny. Mutford Wood. Mutford Lowestoft. Suffolk NR33 8HF
ESC status: Permitted
- First floor side extension creating an additional bedroom with a car port underneath. Spring Cottage. 4 Hulver Road, Mutford Beccles. Suffolk NR34 7UW
ESC status: Permitted

APPEALS

- Construction of single storey dwelling, drive access, fencing, materials. Rivendell Church Road Mutford Beccles Suffolk NR34 7UZ
Status: Appeal in progress

RECENT DECISION ON SITE ADJACENT TO MUTFORD

- Use land to give opportunities to young people & adults with learning difficulties. Project Gold Crest. Rushmere Rd/ Chapel Rd.
ESC status: Permitted (with conditions)

'Butterflies are a common sight around the village in summer, a welcome splash of colour for the wildlife gardener, though perhaps less welcome on the vegetable plot.

Although closely related to butterflies, moths are much less familiar. Of course, much of this is due to their nocturnal habits, most species only fly at night so we don't get to see just how many species there are out there. To illustrate this, in a good year you might find around 20 species of butterfly around the village but the number of moth species is at least ten times that amount.

Moths are known for being attracted to light and that is the key to seeing some of this unexpected diversity. A moth trap consists of a simple setup of a UV bulb over a box arranged so that moths are attracted to the light then enter the box and are retained there until morning when they can be counted, identified and released unharmed.

A warm, humid, overcast night is best and in my experience such conditions can produce 100 or so moths of 40 or 50 different species.

While some of these fall into the category of 'small brown jobs' there are also species like the striking pink and green Elephant Hawk Moth which rival butterflies in both size and colour as well a remarkable range of other, more subtly patterned species.

Moth trapping is increasing in popularity, not least because of lockdown - at one point was a shortage of traps as people realised that they provide a good way to appreciate nature without leaving home. This remains true and a moth trap can certainly provide an interesting insight into the unseen wildlife around the village.'

Stuart



Stay alert

We can all help control coronavirus if we all stay alert.

The latest advice, as of 27th August:

To protect yourself and others, when you leave home you must:

- wash hands - keep washing your hands regularly
- cover face - wear a face covering over your nose and mouth in enclosed spaces
- make space - stay at least a metre away from people not in your household
- If you are feeling unwell, get a test and do not leave home for at least 10 days.

Do not leave home if you or anyone in your household has symptoms:

- a high temperature,
- a new continuous cough;
- a loss of, or change to, your sense of smell or taste.

Go to <https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus> for a full set of guidance and support

Community Chain

Please contact mutfordnews@gmail.com if you'd like to join the Community Chain email alert. This is sent out as and when necessary if there is new government guidance on coronavirus. These email updates will not replace this newsletter.

[Police updates will now be communicated via Neighbourhood Watch alerts]

Mobile library

Next visits: Thursday 3rd September and Thursday 1st October

- 10.30-10.45am: near SWB Garage, Hulver Road
- 10.50-11.05am: near Serenity Hair & Beauty, Hulver Road
- 11.10-11.25am: Mutford Village Hall

For more info, call 01473 35124
email help@suffolklibraries.co.uk or go to www.suffolklibraries.co.uk/coronavirus/

New!! Neighbourhood Watch



My name is Nigel, I live on Holly Lane and I'm Mutford's new Neighbourhood Watch Coordinator. Our Neighbourhood Watch Group is called Mutford Lanes and its purpose is for us to come together to take action to reduce crime. I am a Door Specialist and Locksmith by trade and would like to share my experience with you on Home Security, identifying vulnerabilities and protecting our homes. The Police alert me to any local incidents, which I am happy to share via WhatsApp or email.

With dark evenings soon upon us, it is an ideal time for us to get started and be Autumn ready. Ensure your outbuildings are secure and it's always an idea to anchor down high value items such as bikes and machinery. Don't forget your security pen too, label your goods with your surname and postcode.

If you're having a late Summer break, put lights on a timer and ask Friends or Neighbours to check on your property. Shut and lock all windows and doors. NEVER "check in" or post pictures of yourself on social media until you get home.

Neighbourhood Watch is here to support us and enable us all to connect, keep safe, minimise crime and increase our wellbeing.

If you would like to join our Mutford Lanes Alerts please text your name and mobile number to 07944 728900 or email nigel-parsons@live.co.uk

Thank you to several residents for their contributions to this month's newsletter.
All contributions very welcome!

Don't fall victim to scams

Whether it's an out-of-the-blue phone call offering to fix your computer, or a fake email from your bank, scams are now a sad fact of life.

These so-called "phishing" attacks are after your personal data - like passwords and financial details. Here are the top six tips to avoid falling into a scammer's trap:

DO:

- Be very wary of unexpected calls, emails, texts, or social media messages
- Look up the company's number yourself and call back on a different phone line
- Tell a caller to write to you if they claim you're a customer—but never share your address

DON'T:

- Open attachments or click on links in suspicious emails
- Download any computer software or allow remote access after a cold call
- Move any money, even if a call or email claims to be from your bank
- Remember, scammers will pressure you to act now. If in doubt, the best thing to do is stop and ask someone you trust for help.

For more tips on how to protect yourself, visit: <https://www.actionfraud.police.uk/individual-protection>

Farmers Market, Ellough old heliport

1st and 3rd Saturday of every month.
Next markets:
Saturday 5th and 19th September
9am – 1pm.
One way system, no hot food/café area.

Waste Bin collection

Wednesday 2nd September – Black bin
Wednesday 9th Sept – Blue & Green
Wednesday 16th Sept. – Black
Wednesday 23rd Sept. – Blue & Green
Wednesday 30th Sept. – Black

Bins should be out by **6am**
For missed bins call 03330 162000
8.45am-5pm Mon/ Tues/ Wed/ Fridays
9.30am – 5pm Thursdays

RECYCLING CENTRE ('Council tip')

The recycling centre in Hadenham Road, Lowestoft NR33 7NF is open but you must book a designated time slot.

Open 9am to 5pm every day except Thursdays (open until 7pm) and Wednesdays (closed).

For more info. and to book a slot, go to:
<https://www.suffolkrecycling.org.uk/where-to-recycle/recycling-centres/suffolk-recycling-centres-booking-page>

To report fly-tipping

www.eastsuffolk.gov.uk/waste/fly-tipping
Or call East Suffolk Council:
03330 162 000

To report pot-holes in local roads

<https://highwaysreporting.suffolk.gov.uk/>
Or call Suffolk County Council:
0345 606 6171

To report power cuts or damage to electricity power lines

Dial 105 . This is a free service, which you can call from landlines and most mobile phones. If there is a serious immediate risk, call the emergency services too.

Police

Call 101 for non-urgent matters
Always call 999 for emergencies
To report something anonymously call Crimestoppers 0800 555 111

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