



MUTFORD NEWS

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Mutford Parish Council Meeting

The next 'virtual' meeting of Mutford Parish Council is Monday 7th December.

For more details please go to <http://mutford.suffolk.cloud/> or contact John Armstrong, Parish Clerk: 01502 476418 jamutfordpc@btinternet.com

Community Speed Watch

At the November meeting, the Parish Council supported a proposal by Nigel, Neighbourhood Watch Co-Ordinator, to set up a Community Speed Watch (CSW) scheme in the village.

CSW allows residents to become actively involved in road safety, monitoring speeds at safe locations with speed detection equipment.

Suffolk Police cannot carry out speed checks in every community that wants them but can provide free training, equipment and health & safety advice to communities.

Trained volunteers verify and record the registration numbers of offending vehicles. These details are forwarded to Suffolk Police who will send offenders a letter. A maximum of two letters will be sent to offenders. Persistent offenders may be targeted for police enforcement.

We need a minimum of six volunteers, with at least two volunteers at any one time, to conduct speed checks. Volunteers must be over 18 years of age.

If you would like to volunteer to take part in the Community Speed Watch scheme, please contact Nigel:
nigel-parsons@live.co.uk
or call 07944 728900

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>

NHS COVID-19 app, go to

<https://covid19.nhs.uk/>

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.

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.

Neighbourhood Watch

If you would like to be included in Neighbourhood Watch crime/news updates via email or WhatsApp, please contact Nigel at nigel-parsons@live.co.uk or 07944 728900 for WhatsApp

St Andrew's, Mutford

Next services: Sunday 6th and 20th December at 9am. For more info, please contact Martin on 07919 855726

Please drive carefully through the village.
Respect all road users



PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Applications within the parish of Mutford

Info. correct as of 26th November 2020

Full details of all East Suffolk Council (ESC)

planning applications:

<https://publicaccess.eastsuffolk.gov.uk/online-applications/>

CURRENT PLANNING APPLICATIONS

- Proposed side and front extension and alterations.
Coligny, Pond Farm, Mutford Wood.
Mutford. NR33 8HF
ESC status: Awaiting decision
- Replacement cart shed & storage.
Highland Farm. Dairy Lane. Mutford. NR34 7XB
Status: Awaiting decision
- Outline Application (With Some Matters Reserved) - Construction of 3 No pairs of semi-detached houses. Formation of new vehicular access and associated parking and landscaping works.
Land to the North of Chapel Road, Mutford NR34 7UU
ESC status: Awaiting decision

Cuckoo Update

The cuckoo, known as Carlton II, which left Carlton Marshes on 2nd July, is now in dense rainforest in Gabon in central Africa. Follow his progress here:

https://www.bto.org/our-science/projects/cuckoo-tracking-project/carlton_ii

Lost!

An engagement ring has been lost in Mutford – possibly somewhere along Mill Road, Chapel Road or Church Road.

If you find a ring, please call Justina on 07934 428113

Did you know...

The Geminid meteor shower will peak on Sunday 13th – Monday 14th December.

Meteors are pieces of debris which enter our planet's atmosphere at speeds of up to 70 kilometres per second, vaporising and causing the streaks of light we call meteors.

For more info:

<https://www.rmg.co.uk/discover/explore/geminid-meteor-shower-when-and-where-see-it-uk>

Church of St. Andrew, Mutford

St. Andrew's has been added to the Heritage at Risk Register by Historic England. The register identifies those sites that are most at risk of being lost as a result of neglect, decay or inappropriate development. Historic England works with partners such as the National Lottery Heritage Fund and Natural England to support owners and stake-holders, provide advice on what repairs or conservation works are needed, and help with fundraising.

A small amount of repairs were undertaken recently but the Parochial Church Council (PCC) hope that this listing will help get grants to re-point the tower and galilee porch, and so ensure this unique building is preserved for future generations.

Any grants secured will require matched funding, so watch out for fund-raising activities over the coming months, and should you wish to contribute to the Church Repair Fund please contact the PCC Treasurer Martin Warnes (mlwarnes@gmail.com / 07919 855726).

Rev Sarah Quantrill will become the new incumbent for our Benefice (Carlton Colville with Mutford) via Zoom on Sunday 29th November.

Next services, both Holy Communion:

Sunday 6th December 9am
and **Sunday 20th December 9am.**

Can you help?

Charlotte Sawyer is 4 years old and lives in Mutford. She has recently been diagnosed as having a rare form of cancer. It is treatable, but will require surgery and chemotherapy.

Crowdfunding has been set up to raise money to help pay for her parents' travel and overnight stays near Addenbrooke's Hospital where Charlotte has to attend every 3 weeks.

<https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/charlottesfightwithcancer>

Coronavirus/ COVID-19



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.

From Wednesday 2nd December, the national lockdown will be replaced by 3 new tiers of restrictions across England: 'Medium', 'High' and 'Very High'. As before, there is no 'Low'. These tiers will remain in place until end of March. Allocation of areas to tiers will be reviewed every two weeks.

East Suffolk is in the **'High' Tier (also known as Tier 2)**. Tier 2 rules:

- No mixing of households indoors. Groups of up to 6 people from different households can meet outdoors;
- Alcohol can only be served with a substantial meal. Last orders at 10pm but can remain open until 11pm;
- Weddings can resume with limited numbers;
- Limited attendance at sports events & performances indoors and outdoors;
- In all tiers, shops, hairdressers, gyms and the wider leisure sector; registered childcare, schools, colleges, universities; and places of worship will all be open;
- Continue to work from home where possible.
- Wherever possible people should avoid travelling and minimise social contact.

Full details of the Tiers:

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/local-restriction-tiers-what-you-need-to-know#high-alert>

Between 23-27 December you can form a 'Christmas bubble' with up to 3 households to meet indoors in private homes.

MICHAEL COLE 1947 – 2020

It is with great sadness that we report the death of Michael Cole on Sunday 15th November.

Michael was a true gentleman in every sense of the word. Kind and considerate to all, he had a bad word for nobody and cared about all.

He started his working life at the wholesale fish merchants started by his grandfather on the fish market in Lowestoft in 1935. Michael was the perfect salesman for the business he ran with his brother Donny. He was a popular man who knew and was involved with everybody he met.

Michael had many friends in the village who will miss him. Gary Knights remembered that, when he asked Michael if he could show some American friends how fish was filleted at the factory, he not only arranged that but also a visit to the smoke-house and lunch with wine. It was typical of Michael to go above and beyond that which had been requested.

Pam Cross wrote 'Michael and his family have been our very good friends over for 35 years. Michael dearly loved his family, friends and community and will be sadly missed at village events. He loved work and carried on for as long as he was able. He always saw the best in people, was kind and compassionate. When his health started to decline he never complained. We feel privileged to have been part of his life.'

Michael's funeral will take place on Wednesday 9th December at Christchurch (the fisherman's church) in Lowestoft. Only family will attend due to Covid-19 restrictions. So that villagers who wish may pay their last respects the funeral cortege will leave the house, travel past St Andrews church to the crossroads between 10:40 & 10:50am, up Mill Road and along Chapel Road towards Rushmere before proceeding to Lowestoft.

The service will be shown on a private YouTube channel. If you would like to watch please contact me for details on p.randle270@btinternet.com.

Michael will be sadly missed.

Paul Randle

Did you know...



Several people living in Mutford have seen otters in their gardens. Otters usually live along rivers, lakes and occasionally estuaries and coasts. They are generally nocturnal and sightings are rare.

Otters feed mainly on fish – one resident has lost koi carp to an otter. They will also eat frogs and have been known to take water birds such as coots, moorhens and ducks.

They can grow to 60-90cm (2-3 feet) long.

For more info:

<https://www.suffolkwildlifetrust.org/otterhabitat>

Flood warnings and flood alerts:

<https://flood-warning-information.service.gov.uk/warnings>

To report flooding on a road, or missing/broken manhole cover:

<https://www.suffolk.gov.uk/report-a-highways-issue/>

Or call Suffolk County Council:
0345 606 6067 (General Enquiries)
Or 0345 606 6171 to report problem

To report burst mains water pipe, contact Anglian Water

<https://www.anglianwater.co.uk/services/water-supply/leakage/report-a-leak/>

Or call 0800 771 881

The information above does not apply if you live on a private road

To report pot-holes in local roads

<https://highwaysreporting.suffolk.gov.uk>

Or call Suffolk County Council:
0345 606 6171

Suffolk County Council Mobile library

No visit in December. At the time of writing, no dates available for 2021.
(Thanks to Janet for the reminder!)



Waste Bin collection

Wednesday 2nd Dec. – Blue & Green bins

Wednesday 9th Dec. – Black

Wednesday 16th Dec. – Blue & Green

Wednesday 23rd Dec. – Black

Thursday 31st Dec. - Blue & Green

Thursday 7th January – Black

Wednesday 13th Jan. – Blue & Green

Changed days!!

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')

You must book a slot to access the recycling centre in Hadenham Road, Lowestoft NR33 7NF.

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

Night time closure bascule bridge

The bascule bridge in Lowestoft (A47) will be shut between 8pm-6am from Monday 30th November for approx. 12 nights for road works. Road diversion will be signed.

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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