

# MUTFORD NEWS

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## Mutford Parish Council Meeting

The next 'virtual' meeting of the Parish Council is Monday 5<sup>th</sup> April at 7.30pm.

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

## CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19)

**NHS**

### Symptoms of COVID-19

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

### Book a free COVID-19 test

<https://www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test>

### NHS COVID-19 app

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

### Vaccinations

You will receive a letter or text/ call to arrange a date and location for the jab. The jab is free. If you're asked for bank details it's a scam. When asked about their experience being vaccinated, a resident just said it was 'Simple. Very efficient'.

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

Services will continue to be conducted online for the foreseeable future.

For more info. please contact Martin on 07919 855726

Please drive carefully through the village.  
Respect all road users



## Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> March - Census 2021

On Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> March, you will be asked to take part in Census 2021.

The national census, undertaken every 10 years by the Office for National Statistics (ONS), provides information on every household in England and Wales. This information is then used by a wide range of organisations to understand the changing population and its' changing needs for healthcare, transport, education etc.

People will be asked to respond online, with help available via phone, webchat, email, social media or text message. Paper questionnaires and large print formats will also be available if required.

It is a legal requirement to complete the census, although some questions are voluntary.

The information is confidential. No one can be identified from the census statistics that are published.

The first census was in 1801 and the most recent in 2011.

For more information:

<https://census.gov.uk/about-the-census>

## Did you know

In 1865, trades in Mutford included:

Farmer. Miller. Market gardener  
Shoe maker. Shopkeeper & butcher  
Blacksmith. Beer retailer. Thatcher  
(Source: Post Office Directory of 1865.)

## Don't forget

The clocks go forward one hour at 1am on Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> March. So you'll lose an hour of sleep but gain an hour of daylight.



## PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Applications within the parish of Mutford  
*Info. correct as of 25<sup>th</sup> February 2021*

Full details of all East Suffolk Council (ESC)  
planning applications:  
<https://publicaccess.eastsuffolk.gov.uk/online-applications/>

### CURRENT PLANNING APPLICATIONS

- Construction of a single and two storey rear extensions.  
Laburnham Cottage, 31 Holly Lane And Holly Farm House, Mutford. NR34 7UX  
ESC status: Awaiting decision
- Extensions & Alterations  
Fenns Barn. Dairy Lane, Mutford. NR34 7PL  
ESC status: Awaiting decision
- To build on top of existing rear extension. To create a bathroom. Increase size of second bathroom from a single room to a double room.  
The Hollies. 96 Mill Road, Mutford. NR34 7UP  
ESC status: Awaiting decision

### APPEALS

- Demolition of existing dwelling and replacement with three detached bungalows, garages and all associated works.  
Red Lodge, The Street, North Cove. NR34 7PU  
ESC status: Appeal in progress

#### Did you know...

You can submit a comment on any planning application. You have 21 days from

- the date of registration of the application,
- or the date of the application details being officially advertised (where this is necessary),
- or the site notice being displayed,
- or the date of any letter sent to you asking for comments (whichever is the latest date).

Only 'material planning considerations' will be taken in to account e.g. local planning policy, loss of amenity (daylight, sunlight, privacy).

For more info:

<https://www.eastsuffolk.gov.uk/planning/planning-applications/commenting-on-planning-applications/>

## Home But Not Alone

East Suffolk Council's Home, But Not Alone scheme is a free phoneline which supports vulnerable people in Suffolk who may be struggling with the impact of Coronavirus and need urgent help.

If you have no other support from friends, family or neighbours, and are struggling for food, medicines or other essential supplies and are feeling lonely and isolated, call **0800 876 6926** (available 9am to 5pm, from Monday to Friday).

### Assistance for the lonely and digitally excluded

Many services and social activities have moved online, leaving some older people digitally excluded.

East Suffolk Council (ESC)'s Community Partnership Board has piloted a loan scheme for Grandpads, a simplified tablet device designed for the older user. It has bigger buttons and speakers, pre-loaded content (e.g. music and local weather), an easy to navigate operating system, and a 24/7 personal help facility. Grandpads aim to help users connect with their family and friends via video calls and online socials, as well as accessing other services and social support. It has built-in internet access.

An initial 25 devices were loaned out to users who are aged over 65, lonely and who don't have access to a PC/tablet/laptop and Wi-Fi, or who do but don't have the skills to use it. ESC has now purchased some additional devices.

Do you know anyone in Mutford who might benefit from the loan of a Grandpad?

For further information, please contact John Armstrong, Parish Clerk. 01502 476418

### Update on Charlotte Sawyer

As reported in the December issue, Charlotte Sawyer, a 4 year old who lives in Mutford, had been diagnosed with a rare form of cancer. She recently began proton radiotherapy treatment in Manchester, which will continue for six and a half weeks. The family would like to thank everyone for their kindness and support.

## Memories – and hope for the future

I moved to Mutford in 1968, and bought my house for £3,150 – which seemed a lot of money then! There was a school, shop, pub and a bus service to Beccles or Lowestoft. The Village Hall had just been built and was opened by Sir Stanley Rous, the President of FIFA and still Mutford's most famous resident.

My wife Jean and two young sons settled in and made new friends. We became part of the table tennis club, the football team and took part in the Youth Club helped by Roger Farr, Gerald Garrod and my wife. Joyce Boon ran the tuck shop. We had over 20 children from the village every week and had outings to other local clubs.

The new Village Hall was the hub of village life. I joined the committee and became the Chairman, a post I still hold today. Over the years the hall held children's parties, quizzes, bonfire night celebrations, craft fayres, fetes and New Year's Eve Parties.

I used to organise Christmas shows every year with Ivan Jacob, and 100 people came to every performance. The commitment eventually became too much and ended with a pantomime organised by Pam Cross in 2000.

The football teams disbanded after many successful years, but the table tennis has gone from strength to strength; we now have 5 teams in local leagues and have won many trophies.

More recently, the hall has hosted scarecrow hunts and filmed horse-racing, as well as regular lettings to the Monday Club, WI, Dog training, bingo, woodturners and table tennis. Although the hall is sadly closed at present, I'm sure the good times will return and we can welcome you all back to the village hall.

In the meantime, I have 2 DVDs that you can borrow: one is a story of Mutford which we made in 2000, and the other was made in 2008 to celebrate the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the hall. Please contact me if you would like to borrow them.

Let's get our injections done and look forward to getting back to the village life that we all enjoy.

Roy Hurrell. Chairman. Mutford Village Hall.  
01502 476707

## Coronavirus/ COVID-19 summary

The Government announced 4 stages to get out of the national lockdown in England, each at least 5 weeks apart.

Stage 1 – 8<sup>th</sup> March: all students to return to school.

Stage 2 – no earlier than 12<sup>th</sup> April: non-essential shops, hairdressers, gyms, libraries etc can open.

Stage 3 – no earlier than 17<sup>th</sup> May: most outdoor restrictions lifted; pubs, theatres, hotels can open.

Stage 4 - no earlier than 21<sup>st</sup> June: all limits on social contact lifted; weddings etc can resume.

Each stage is conditional on meeting various conditions e.g. vaccination rates, levels of hospitalisation/ deaths & impact of new variants.

Read the full details here:

[https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment\\_data/file/963491/COVID-19\\_Response\\_-\\_Spring\\_2021.pdf](https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/963491/COVID-19_Response_-_Spring_2021.pdf)

## Easter

Good Friday – 2<sup>nd</sup> April

Easter Sunday - 4<sup>th</sup> April

Bank Holiday Monday – 5<sup>th</sup> April



## Community Chain

Please contact [mutfordnews@gmail.com](mailto: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 – or local updates (e.g. changes to bin collection dates). 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](mailto:nigel-parsons@live.co.uk) or 07944 728900 for WhatsApp

## Did you know...

If you have a Suffolk Libraries membership card you can have free access to newspapers and magazines from around the world, on your PC, tablet or smart phone. Setting up access takes a few minutes.

For more info:

<https://www.suffolklibraries.co.uk/services/pressreader>

### Road closures - Gisleham & Lowestoft

Closed 2<sup>nd</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> March between 7.30pm to 5am, for carriageway resurfacing.

A12 London Road from Bloodmoor Road until Tower Road(south) roundabout & A12 Bloodmoor Road from Roundabout with Castleton Avenue until London Road.

Alternative route: A12 – A145 – A146 – A1145 and vice versa. For more information: <https://www.suffolk.gov.uk/roads-and-transport/roadworks/road-closures-for-roadworks/>

### Orwell Bridge

The Orwell Bridge will be fully closed between 10pm – 6am weeknights until Friday 12<sup>th</sup> March for safety reasons whilst new electronic signs are installed.

These signs will enable the bridge to subsequently stay open more often during high winds. For more information:

<https://highwaysengland.co.uk/our-work/east/orwell-bridge-new-speed-limits-during-high-winds>

### Flood warnings and flood alerts:

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

### Remember...

The B1127, Wrentham to Reydon road at Potter's Bridge is often very badly flooded. You are advised not to attempt to drive through floodwater.

### Police

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

## Waste Bin collection

Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> March – Black bin

Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> March – Blue & Green bins

Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> March – Black

Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> March - Blue & Green

Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> March – Black

[Many apologies for some errors with bin collection info in the last issue of this newsletter. I will be having stern words with the editorial team...!]

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 (opposite Screwfix) is still open but you must book a 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](http://www.eastsuffolk.gov.uk/waste/fly-tipping)

Or call East Suffolk Council:

**03330 162 000**

### 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

### Avian Flu

If you have pet birds, commercial flocks or just a few birds in a backyard flock, you are still required by law to keep them indoors.

For more info: <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/avian-influenza-bird-flu>

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