

MUTFORD NEWS

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Mutford Parish Council Meeting

The next Parish Council meeting is due to be Monday 5th July at 7pm, in the main room of Mutford Village Hall. This is a provisional date.

For more info, contact John Armstrong, Parish Clerk: 01502 476418 jamutfordpc@btinternet.com

CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19)

The government is due to announce on Monday 5th July whether all COVID restrictions will be lifted on Monday 19th July.

The current rules in England include:

- Pubs, theatres, hotels and other venues can open indoors.
- You can meet indoors in a group of up to 6 people or a group of any size from 2 households
- You can meet outside in a group of up to 30 people

Anyone 18 or over can book a vaccination: www.nhs.uk/covid-vaccination or call 119

St Andrew's, Mutford

Next dates of services:

Sunday 4th July. 9am. Holy Communion

Sunday 18th July. 11am. Morning Worship

Sunday 1st August. 9am. Holy Communion

Please note: If COVID restrictions continue, masks have to be worn, books cannot be used and there can be no singing. Within the church, social distancing will be required between households or social 'bubbles'; members of the congregation will need to sign in on entry to comply with the Government requirements for 'Contact & Trace'.

These records will be held for a period of 21 days and then destroyed. Hand sanitizer is available at the entrance and all people will be asked to use it.

For more info. please contact Martin on 07919 855726

Mutford Village Hall – new dates

Village Hall Committee AGM

Wednesday 21st July. 7.30pm

Cheese & wine will be served after the AGM

Out of COVID Party

Sunday 25th July. 12noon – 4pm

Family games on the playing field.

Barbecue, soft drinks and snacks.

These events will be subject to current Government restrictions (if any).

Please check the noticeboard outside the village hall for any changes to these plans, or call Roy Hurrell 01502 476707 (Chair, Village Hall Committee)

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 – 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 or 07944 728900 for WhatsApp

Keep fit – but stay safe

Please wear bright clothing when you are walking/ cycling/ running around the lanes

Please drive carefully through the village.

Respect all road users



PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Applications within the parish of Mutford

Info. correct as of 27th June 2021

Full details of all East Suffolk Council (ESC)

planning applications:

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

CURRENT PLANNING APPLICATIONS

- Erection of Summerhouse.
Stony Hill Cottage, Hulver Road. Mutford
Beccles Suffolk NR34 7UL
ESC status: Awaiting decision

RECENT DECISIONS

- Non Material Amendment of
DC/21/0438/FUL - Extensions & Alterations -
Increase footprint of family room
Fenns Barn, Dairy Lane. Mutford NR34 7PL
ESC status: Refused

APPEALS

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

Planning update

As reported in last month's newsletter, a mixed-use development of up to 950 new homes has been proposed on land off Ellough Road. Larkfleet Homes has said that it will 'consider all feedback' before submitting an outline planning application to East Suffolk Council. For more information: <https://larkfleethomes.co.uk/beccles/>

Neil Glendinning OBE

Neil Glendinning, the recently elected Chair of Mutford Parish Council, was awarded an OBE (Order of the British Empire) in the Queen's Birthday Honours list last month.

Neil is Chief Executive of Harwich Haven Authority, and Chair of the British Ports Association. He received the prestigious recognition for his services to the transport of essential supplies into the country – particularly during the pandemic.

Congratulations Neil!

Do you remember...



In the February 2019 issue of this newsletter, there was an article about Martin Wimbolt-Lewis, who had been rector of St Andrews in Mutford, St Michaels in Rushmere and St Peters in Carlton Colville between 1982 and 1989.

He had competed for Great Britain in the 400m and 4x400m relay at the 1968 Olympics in Mexico City. And, rumour had it, used to run from church to church to complete the services.

Martin recently got in touch, having read the newsletter online. Sadly, he denied the tales of his sprints between churches, but did say that he used a scooter for a while and once had to turn back in a car due to a snow drift.

He and his family moved to Leeds, where he was a rector at St Matthias for 8 years and then a hospital chaplain for a further 14. He retired in 2011.

They have recently moved from Bramhope to Boston Spa with their springer spaniel Pip and cats Phebe and Freddie to be nearer Hannah, the eldest of their children.

Martin and his wife Sue have fond memories of Suffolk, and have visited the county many times over the years. "We may have left Suffolk, but Suffolk hasn't left us. It is securely under our skin."

Make a note in your diary...

The Mutford Scarecrow Hunt Weekend is BACK.

Saturday 4th & Sunday 5th September will see lots of people wandering the village looking for scarecrows that we hope YOU will be putting in your front garden.

Watch out for more information soon...

Suffolk Family Carers

Are you looking after someone? You might be an unpaid family carer.

For more information, go to www.suffolkfamilycarers.org
call 01473 835477
or email hello@suffolkfamilycarers.org

Connected Communities

If you are over 65, feeling low, isolated or concerned about practical life issues then Connected Communities can help.

The organisation can offer one to one appointments with a trained local Community Connector. It is a free confidential service available to everyone over the age of 65 who lives in rural Waveney (and several other areas of Suffolk).

Call 01473 8354477

Email connectedcommunities@suffolkfamilycarers.org

Or visit www.suffolkfamilycarers.org

Did you know...

Common Buzzards are the commonest and most widespread UK bird of prey. They are quite large (wingspan of just over 1 metre) with broad, rounded wings, and a short neck and tail.

They eat small mammals, birds and carrion. Even earthworms and large insects when other prey is in short supply.

Red kites have a wingspan of 1.75 – 2 metres, and have a distinctive forked tail. Their diet includes small mammals such as mice, shrews, weasels, young rabbits and hares, birds including magpies and pigeons as well as frogs, lizards and fish. In spring earthworms are an important part of their diet.



Countryside Code

Respect other people

- consider the local community and other people enjoying the outdoors
- leave gates and property as you find them and follow paths unless wider access is available

Protect the natural environment:

- leave no trace of your visit and take your litter home
- keep dogs under effective control

Enjoy the outdoors:

- plan ahead and be prepared
- follow advice and local signs

Would you like to take part...

The Big Butterfly Count - Friday 16th July to Sunday 8th August - is a nationwide citizen science survey aimed at helping to assess the health of our environment.

It was launched in 2010 and has rapidly become the world's biggest survey of butterflies. Over 111,500 citizen scientists took part in 2020, submitting 145,249 counts of butterflies and day-flying moths from across the UK.

Go to more information, including how to take part:

<https://bigbutterflycount.butterfly-conservation.org/about>

Waveney Walks

Waveney Ramblers have put a series of Rural Rambles online.

You can 'download whole books, complete map sets and GPX files with every walk in the guide.'

There are 14 walks in the Lowestoft area range from 3.4 miles (Blundeston) to 10 miles (Somerleyton and Blundeston).

One of the walks (6 miles) starts at Mufford Village Hall, and goes near Rushmere Hall, Mufford Hall, Hulver (via the marshes), and back via Tinkers Lane and Rushmere Hall.
<http://waveneyramblers.org.uk/walks/walk/453>

For information on all the walks, go to:
http://waveneyramblers.org.uk/walks/walk_guides/Lowestoft#walks

Beccles Library

Beccles library now has increased its' hours of opening:

9.30am – 5pm Mon-Thurs, Saturday

9.30am – 7.30pm Friday

10am – 4pm Sunday

For more info: www.suffolklibraries.co.uk/visit/locations-and-times/beccles-library

Home But Not Alone

East Suffolk Council's Home, But Not Alone scheme is a free phonenumber 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, Monday to Friday).

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 fallen trees or pot-holes

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

To report issues with local footpaths

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

Waste Bin collection

Wednesday 30th June – Blue & Green bins

Wednesday 7th July – Black bin

Wednesday 14th July - Blue & Green

Wednesday 21st July – Black

Wednesday 28th July - Blue & Green

Bins should be out by **6am**

For missed bins call 03330 162000

8.45am-5pm Mon/ Tues/ Wed/ Fridays

9.30am – 5pm Thursdays

You are reminded not to put nappies or glass in to the blue recycling bins.

RECYCLING CENTRE ('Council tip')

You must book a slot to use the recycling centre in Hadenham Road, Lowestoft. Bookable up to 7 days in advance, it's quick & easy – and free. Open 9-5pm six days a week. Closed on Wednesdays.

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>

Bulky waste collection

East Suffolk Council has resumed its' bulky waste collection and disposal service.
<https://www.eastsuffolk.gov.uk/waste/waste-collection-and-disposal/bulky-waste/>

To report fly-tipping:

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

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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ANNUAL REPORTS

Due to the current restrictions relating to COVID, it is not possible to hold the Annual Parish Meeting in person. Written reports of activities in the Parish during 2020/21 can be seen below.

We welcome any comments, questions or suggestions from all residents, young and old, that you may have on these reports. Please contact the Parish Clerk in the first instance, who will forward them to the appropriate group.

John Armstrong. Parish Clerk. Call 01502 476418 or email jamuffordpc@btinternet.com

Mutford Parish Council

The Parish Council has again had a busy year, despite the various restrictions imposed due to COVID. This included having to conduct the monthly Parish Council meetings 'virtually' via Zoom rather than meeting face-to-face in the Village Hall. It was good to see several residents choose to join us at one or more of these virtual meetings.

We plan to hold future Parish Council meetings in person at the Village Hall, with social distancing in place. **If you would like to join us, please contact the Parish Clerk John Armstrong in advance to check the latest arrangements. Call John on 01502 476418 or email jamuffordpc@btinternet.com.**

The Mutford News continues to be produced and distributed by volunteers to every home in Mutford. During our discussions on deciding our expenditure for the year, it was agreed that the newsletter was an important source of local news and support. A Community Chain email list was set up during the first lockdown to provide information on the latest COVID restrictions.

There were 15 planning applications in Mutford in 2020/21. The most significant application was for outline planning permission for three pairs of semi-detached homes north of Chapel Road, near the junction with Mill Road. The site had previously been identified for potential development by Waveney District Council (which later amalgamated with Suffolk Coastal to become East Suffolk Council), as part of the Local Plan finalised in March 2019. The Parish Council cannot object in principle to development on the site. We have, however, recommended various changes to the original plans including the removal of an access road to land to the rear of the site; reconfiguring the plots to enable more effective parking spaces including visitor parking; minimising the removal of the existing hedging; and for sewage and surface water issues to be attended to. Outline planning was approved by ESC in January 2021, with several of our recommendations taken on board; the land is currently for sale.

The children's play-area behind the village hall continues to be popular with families both from Mutford and the surrounding area; we undertake a continuous programme of maintenance work to ensure that the equipment is safe to use. Essential work to replace the rubberised flooring beneath the equipment, funded by a grant from East Suffolk Council, will shortly be completed.

There have been issues with dog-fouling around the village, particularly on the playing field behind the village hall and on the local footpaths. Please can all dog owners clear up after their dogs (and dispose of the bagged waste into the bins provided or take it

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home and put it into your own black bin).

Speeding vehicles also continues to be an issue. Residents living in Holly Lane acted together and put up '20's Plenty' signs to encourage drivers to slow down. There was a serious accident recently near the crossroads of Mill Road, Hulver Road and Beccles Road, and several near-misses. Please respect other users – including horse-riders, cyclists, walkers and runners, and drive within the speed limit.

The Parish Council was successful in its' bid for 'Talking Benches', funded by East Suffolk Council. These benches, one of which is now in the play-area and two near the front of the Village Hall, aim to encourage people to stop and chat with other residents.

New families have moved in to the village during the last year so it is worth repeating that everyone is welcome to attend the monthly Parish Council meetings – usually held on the first Monday in the month. Due to the ever-changing restrictions please contact the Parish Clerk to confirm details.

Accounts for 2020/21 can be viewed on <http://mutford.suffolk.cloud/finance/>

Neil Glendinning. OBE. Chair, Mutford Parish Council

Mutford Village Hall Committee

The last year has been one of hope of opening the hall and then having to be closed, or have restricted opening for limited gatherings of six people for table tennis or dog training.

We have continued to try and plan for the future and hope to hold our AGM as soon as we can – hopefully **Wednesday 21st July**. We also hope to hold an 'Out of COVID party' on **Sunday 25th July**. If the restriction stay, it seems as though the Scarecrow Hunt in September will be our first event.

We have had to do various maintenance jobs at the Hall. We have had our 5-yearly electrical inspection and the fire extinguisher updates have been carried out. It has also been a good opportunity to have a defibrillator fitted outside the main door of the Hall.

So we await the time when we can open again and involve the village community in the Hall.

Roy Hurrell. Chair. Mutford Village Hall Committee

Mutford Welfare Trust

The Welfare Trust was formed when a small parcel of land was gifted to the Parish to provide funds to support the poor and needy of the Parish.

The land is divided into allotments which provides the Trust's income. The Trust is administered by a Board of Trustees. There are no vacant allotments at the present time. The income is used to provide a Christmas voucher for parishioners over retirement age and recovering from illness.

John Armstrong. Clerk to the Trust