

# MUTFORD NEWS

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## Mutford Parish Council Meeting

The next scheduled Parish Council meeting is **Monday 8<sup>th</sup> November**.

Please note that the December meeting will now take place on **Friday 10<sup>th</sup> December**.

Meetings will take place in the main room of Mutford Village Hall, and start at 7pm.

Residents are welcome to attend these meetings. Social distancing will be observed.

For more info, contact:

John Armstrong, Parish Clerk: 01502 476418  
[jamutfordpc@btinternet.com](mailto:jamutfordpc@btinternet.com)

## Vacancy for Parish Clerk

We are still seeking someone to take on the role of Parish Clerk, following the resignation of John Armstrong after 10 years of service.

The role includes council administration (the preparation of agendas & minutes and financial reports), representing the council at external meetings, and offering councillors guidance and advice on matters of procedure. Training will be provided.

There is financial remuneration for this post.

For full details of the duties and how to apply, please call John 01502 476418 or email [jamutfordpc@btinternet.com](mailto:jamutfordpc@btinternet.com)

## Horse Racing on Film

**Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> November. 2pm**

**Mutford Village Hall**

Tickets £6.

- includes 'funny money' to bet with, and Afternoon Tea.

Good prizes and raffle.

Admission by ticket only.

Contact Jean 01502 476707



## St. Andrew's, Mutford

Next services:

Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> Nov. 9am. - Holy Communion

Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> Nov. 11am. – United Benefice Holy Communion service, with St. Peter's, Carlton Colville, for the visitation of the Archdeacon of Norfolk, The Venerable Steven Betts.

Tours of the tower at St Andrews are still available, for those with a head for heights. Any donation for the tower fund would be much appreciated.

To book a tour, please contact Martin.

## Volunteers needed

The churchyard at St Andrews is managed as a sanctuary for wildlife and wildflowers, with advice provided by Suffolk Wildlife Trust. The church is looking for volunteers to help with strimming and raking in November and/or December. Can you help?

Please contact Martin (Church Warden) [mlwarnes@gmail.com](mailto:mlwarnes@gmail.com) or 07919 855726

## Monday Club

Next meeting:

**Monday 6<sup>th</sup> December at 1pm.**

Food + quiz + raffle

Mutford Village Hall.

For more information call Jean 476707

Please drive carefully through the village.

Respect all road users



Suffolk Police recently undertook covert monitoring of speeds on Church Road. We will hopefully be able to report on this in the next issue of this newsletter.

## PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Applications within the parish of Mutford  
*Info. correct as of 27<sup>th</sup> October 2021*

Full details of all East Suffolk Council (ESC)  
planning applications:

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

### CURRENT PLANNING APPLICATIONS

- Retrospective Application - Construction of stables.

Manor Farm Barns, Church Road. Mutford  
ESC status: Awaiting decision

### RECENT DECISIONS

- To convert double garage into a one bedroom annexe brick up garage doors incorporating 465 x 1950 double glazed windows each side of central brick pier.  
10 Holly Lane Mutford. NR34 7UX  
ESC status: Permitted

### Dark skies

During public engagement whilst preparing the Mutford Neighbourhood Plan, many residents proactively expressed their enjoyment of the dark skies in and around the village, and stressed the importance of protecting them.

Now that the clocks have gone back, it is darker in the evenings but perhaps consider a timer or motion-sensor on your external lights rather than leave them on overnight.

This will help maintain the rural character of the village, which is so valued by residents.

### Beccles Farmers Market (beside airfield)

1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday in the month

Next markets: 6<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup> November

4<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup> December

### Take Care!

Potters Bridge, on Southwold Road (B1127) between Wrentham and Reydon, regularly floods with sea water which is very bad for your car.

### Beccles Christmas Lights

Friday 26<sup>th</sup> November

Street entertainment, food stalls,  
stage and entertainment with choirs.

## Mutford Village Hall Committee

The Village Hall Committee has purchased a new cooker and fridge from the £1,500 raised by the Scarecrow Hunt. We are also considering other improvements to the hall.

There are still a few tickets available for the next event - the Filmed Horse Racing on Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> November, starting at 2pm.

We are still considering a Christmas Family Party, with party games for the children, but it will depend on the situation with the COVID pandemic nearer the time.

It is more likely that the next event will be a 'Corn Hole' game, which has been provisionally booked for Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> January.

More details of all events in the next newsletter.

Roy Hurrell (Chair, Mutford Village Hall Committee) 01502 76707

### Art Group

The new Art Group will meet  
every Thursday at Mutford Village Hall.  
9.30-12.30.

Bring your own equipment

New members welcome

but numbers will be restricted.

For more details, please call Pam

07900 438545

### Table Tennis Club

Mutford Table Tennis Club, based in the Village Hall, will shortly start playing again in the Lowestoft League after a break due to the COVID restrictions.

We have, unfortunately, lost two of our teams but will still enter three teams in the league, which will run from November to April. We will try to reform more teams for the 2022/23 season, as long as all goes well this year.

Anyone who thinks that they may be a league standard is welcome to contact me. There are also sessions on a Monday morning for casual players.

Contact Roy - 01502 76707

## CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19)

- Let fresh air in if you meet indoors. Meeting outdoors is safer
- Wear a face covering in crowded and enclosed spaces where you come into contact with people you do not normally meet
- Get tested and self-isolate if required
- If you haven't already, get vaccinated

All young people aged 12-15 can now book their first dose online.

At the time of writing, booster jabs are available for people aged 50+; health and social care workers; and people aged 16+ with a health condition that puts them at high risk.

For more info go to:

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

The **flu vaccine** is also now available free from the NHS to everyone aged 50+, and others with certain health conditions.

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/vaccinations/flu-influenza-vaccine/>

## Community Chain

Please contact [mutfordnews@gmail.com](mailto:mutfordnews@gmail.com) if you'd like to join the Community Chain email alert: updates on Covid-19, crimes etc.

## Have you heard an Owl?

Have you heard an owl calling?

Barn owls (33-39cm) with a heart-shaped face, screech. A Little Owl (21-23cm) make a hissing sound. And a Tawny Owl (37-39cm) – about the size of a woodpigeon; the female Tawny Owl calls 'Too-wit!' and the male responds 'Too-woo!'.

## Did you know...

In East Anglia, October is on average the wettest month of the year, with 65mm of rain. This has increased by 22% over the past 30 years - the largest change in rainfall of any month.

Source: Dan Holley, Meteorologist, using Met Office data.

## 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

## Sotterley Chapel

Have you visited the chapel at the crossroads where the roads to Hulver, Shadingfield, Stoven and Wrentham all meet?

Sotterley Chapel Preservation Trust organises a variety of events and services:

Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> November 10am-12noon  
The Rural Coffee Caravan, a charity which offers friendship and an information service, will be offering free tea, coffee, biscuits – and a chat, from its mobile community café.

Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> November. 10.50am  
Remembrance Service at war memorial

Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> December 6-8pm  
Chapel Winter Music.

## Public Firework displays

- Sotterley Estate  
Friday 5<sup>th</sup> November. From 5pm
- Lilly Lane, Aldeby  
Friday 5<sup>th</sup> November. From 5pm.  
Drive-in fireworks display at 7pm
- Lowestoft & Yarmouth Rugby Union Football Club, Corton  
Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> November. From 6.30pm
- Hevingham Hall  
Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> November.  
Pre-book (limited tickets on gate)

[No info available on events in Beccles]

## Beccles Library

Opening hours:

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](http://www.suffolklibraries.co.uk/visit/locations-and-times/beccles-library)

## Suffolk Mobile Library

Next visits of mobile library to Mutford:

Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> October

Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> November

Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> December

10.30-10.45am Lindenette (near Land Rover garage)

10.50-11.05am - Old Post Office (Hulver Road)

11.10-11.25am - Village Hall



### Don't forget

Please check for hedgehogs before lighting a bonfire.

### Did you know...

The Nat West mobile bank is now located in Tesco's carpark

George Westwood Way, Beccles  
Every Thursday. 10.30am-12.30pm

### Please - don't forget...

Please clean up after your dog(s).

Dog mess can transmit diseases including parvo (lung/eye infection dangerous to children & pregnant women).



Please clean up after your dog

### 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/>

### To report fallen trees or pot-holes

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

Try to wear bright clothes if you are walking or cycling on the lanes around the village

## Waste Bin collection

Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> Nov. - Blue & Green bins

Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> Nov. - Black

Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> Nov. - Blue & Green

Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> Nov. - Black

Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> Dec. - 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

## RECYCLING CENTRE ('Council tip')

You still need to book a slot to use the recycling centre in Hadenham Road, Lowestoft. But here is now no limit to how many times a week you use the facility.

Free to use for household waste. 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>

### 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**

Don't see it and just grumble. Report it!

### 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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