



MUTFORD NEWS

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Mutford Parish Council Meeting

Due to other bookings, the next scheduled Parish Council meeting will now take place on **Monday 13th December at Hulver Village Hall**. The meeting will start at 7pm.

Mutford residents are welcome to attend this and other Parish meetings. Social distancing will be observed.

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

Vacancy for Parish Clerk

We are still seeking someone to take on the role of Parish Clerk.

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. Average 4 hours per week. 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

Monday Club

Next meeting:

Monday 6th December at 1pm.

Buffet + games + quiz + raffle
Mutford Village Hall.

For more information call Jean 476707

Corn Hole Game

Sunday 23rd January 2022. 2pm
Mutford Village Hall

Good prizes for winners & runners up.

Raffle. Tickets £6

Contact Jan Pallet 01502 475278

On-road parking – a reminder

Several residents have contacted Mutford Parish Council regarding on-road parking in the vicinity of the Mill Road/ Hulver Road cross-roads.

The Highway Code (Rule 243) states that you must not 'stop or park... opposite or within 10 metres (32 feet) of a junction'. Obstructing the junction makes it potentially dangerous for other road-users who may be unsighted when turning in to or out of the side roads into Hulver Road.

Could I please ask all parishioners to help alleviate this danger and ensure that all vehicles – including those of visitors, are parked off-road or away from the cross-roads.

Thank you for your help in this important matter.

Neil Glendinning
(Chair, Mutford Parish Council)

St. Andrew's, Mutford

Next services:

Sunday 5th Dec: Holy Communion. 9am.

Sunday 19th Dec: Carol Service 3pm
(if we can find a covid-secure way of serving Mulled Wine after the service we will).

For access to the Church at other times or for Tower Tours, contact Martin:
07919 855726 or mlwarnes@gmail.com

Happy Christmas!

This issue of the newsletter is the last one before Christmas – so Happy Christmas! Stay well. Stay safe.



PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Applications within the parish of Mutford
Info. correct as of 24th November 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

Mutford Village Hall Committee

The Horse Racing (on film) event on 7th November was a great success, with 50 people attending. Over £200 was raised for the Village Hall Funds.

We will be putting up Christmas decorations for the Monday Club, WI, Woodturners and Dog training Christmas parties.

We have decided not to hold a Family Christmas Party this year. We feel that it is not the right thing to do to have close contact games etc. at the present time. Hopefully next year will be better.

The next event at the Village Hall will be a 'Corn Hole Game' on 23rd January [see advert on front page].

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

Would you use a weekly bus service?

East Suffolk Council's Community Partnership group has recently funded a weekly bus service to help people from surrounding villages get to Bungay market on Thursday mornings.

Would you be interested in using a similar weekly service, if it was available, to take you in to Beccles on a Friday morning for the market, or to meet friends?

We are trying to assess the possible level of support & use of the service. There is no guarantee that the service will actually go ahead.

Please email MutfordNews@gmail.com or call Jenny on 01502 476518 if interested.

Did you know?

Tuesday 21st December is the Winter Solstice, with the fewest hours of sunlight of the year. After that, the days are getting longer ☺

Take care...

The B1127 between Wrentham and Reydon has now been closed until further notice due to the road regularly flooding with salt water at Potters Bridge.

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

Beccles Farmers Market (beside airfield)

1st and 3rd Saturday in the month.

9am – 1pm

Next markets: 4th & 18th December

Fancy a swim?

The Lowestoft Christmas Swim is back....
The Christmas Dip will take place on Saturday 25th December 10am

Limited Changing facilities will be provided for Registered Swimmers Only.

£5 application fee (100% of monies raised will go to beneficiaries including James Paget Charity Trust, Lowestoft Lions; Lowestoft Lifeguard Volunteer Corp; St John Ambulance and Changing Lives Scheme)

For more info: www.sltgroup.org/xmasswim

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 vaccine dose online. And all young people aged 16 and 17 can now get their second dose from 12 weeks after their first one.

Booster jabs are now available for people aged 40+ six months after their second dose. Book your vaccination appointment online or find a walk-in clinic.

For more info. on booking the COVID jab:
<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/coronavirus-vaccination/book-coronavirus-vaccination/>

For info on testing:

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

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

For more info. go to:

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

Community Chain

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

Sotterley Chapel



- Friday 3rd December 6-8pm
Chapel Winter Music.
Seasonal refreshments at the interval.
- Wednesday 15th December 6.30-8pm
Chapel Candlelit Carols
- Christmas Day Communion Service
St Margaret's Church, Sotterley 9.30-10.30am

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

Do you remember...?

The Mutford Neighbourhood Plan (MNP) was formally 'made' (approved) by East Suffolk Council in December 2019, following extensive consultation with residents.

The 10 planning policies contained in the MNP reflect the strongly held community aspiration to retain the rural identity of Mutford.

To read the MNP, go to:

<http://mutford.suffolk.cloud/neighbourhood-plan/>

Slow down!

Suffolk Police undertook covert monitoring of speeds on Church Road between 8th – 15th October 2021.

Over 3,500 vehicles passed the device (in both directions) in the sample week, of which 44% exceeded the 30mph speed limit.

The Parish Council-operated Vehicle Activated Sign (VAS) has recorded speeds in excess of 50mph.

The Mill Road/ Hulver Road cross-roads is a dangerous junction – please slow down!

Please drive carefully through the village.
Respect all road users



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

Suffolk Mobile Library

Next visit of mobile library to Mutford:

Thursday 23rd 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



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).



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 overgrown hedges, 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 1st Dec. - Blue & Green bins

Wednesday 8th Dec. - Black

Wednesday 15th Dec. - Blue & Green

Wednesday 22nd Dec. - Black

Bins should be out by 6am

For missed bins

call 03330 162000

8.45am-5pm Mon-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

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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