

MUTFORD NEWS

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Mutford Parish Council Meeting

The next meeting of Mutford Parish Council is scheduled to take place on Thursday 27th January, starting at 7pm in Mutford Village Hall. Residents are welcome to attend. Social distancing will be in place.

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

The Parish Council voted at its December meeting to raise precept - the portion of the Council Tax that is paid by householders as a contribution to the work of the Parish Council, by £500 to £6,500 to meet increased costs.

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.

The salary depends on experience, but will be in the range £2,500-£3,500.

For full details of the duties and how to apply, please call John 01502 476418 or email jamutfordpc@btinternet.com

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

St. Andrew's, Mutford

Next services:

Sunday 2nd Jan. 9am - Holy Communion

Sunday 16th Jan. 11am - Holy Communion

Sunday 6th Feb. 9am - Holy Communion

A plea for help

You may have seen various bits of vegetation growing out of the church tower. The upper levels were patched with brick in the 18th Century, but this now needs urgent repair; a safety cordon is currently in place in case of falling masonry.

A local builder specialising in ecclesiastical repairs estimates the repairs will cost £28,000 (excluding VAT).

Since being put on the 'Heritage at Risk register', we've been able to secure substantial grants of £23,700 towards this repair. With other donations and savings, we are still £2,300 short of our target.

We intend to start from the top of the tower and work down until we run out of money, but given the cost of the scaffolding (c.£6,000) we would like to get as much done as possible while this is in place. Hence this plea for donations from you.

The church has been here almost 1,000 years and is an important part of the character of the village. When the tower is safe, we plan to open up the Galilee porch as a hub for information on local walks to explore the history, flora and fauna of the surrounding countryside, and provide access to the churchyard which is being maintained as a wildlife haven.

To make a donation: please contact Martin on 07919 855726 or mlwarnes@gmail.com (anonymity can be maintained if desired) or you can make a donation by BACS to 'PCC Mutford': Account 07407107 Sort Code 30-95-24.

Thank you...

- to the wonderful volunteers who help distribute this newsletter every month. We couldn't do it without you.

Did you know...

The B1127 between Wrentham and Reydon re-opened just before Christmas. The road had been closed due to significant flooding with salt water at Potters Bridge. There is still some flooding so please take care.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Applications within the parish of Mutford
Info. correct as of 31st December 2021
Full details of all East Suffolk Council (ESC) planning applications:
<https://publicaccess.eastsuffolk.gov.uk/online-applications/>

CURRENT PLANNING APPLICATIONS

None

RECENT DECISIONS

- Retrospective Application - Construction of stables.
Manor Farm Barns, Church Road. Mutford
ESC status: Permitted

Avian Flu

At the time of writing, the whole of England is an Avian Influenza Prevention Zone (AIPZ).

'All bird keepers in England (whether they have pet birds, commercial flocks or just a few birds in a backyard flock) are required by law to take a range of biosecurity precautions including keeping their birds indoors except in very specific circumstances.'

'If you find dead wild waterfowl (swans, geese or ducks) or other dead wild birds, such as gulls or birds of prey, you should report them to the Defra helpline (03459 33 55 77 - please select option 7).

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

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

Monday Club

Next meeting:

Monday 7th February at 1pm.

Lunch + quiz

Mutford Village Hall.

For more information call Jean 476707

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).

Try Parkrun

(several people in Mutford already have!)
Free weekly 5km timed events organised by local volunteers.

Walk, jog or run – or volunteer.

9am every Saturday

Nearest Parkrun: Claremont Pier, Lowestoft

<https://www.parkrun.org.uk/register/>
Parkrun is a not-for-profit organisation

Thank you

A dog called Poppy was reported lost near the Broads Equestrian Centre in Barnby on 15th November.



Poppy was spotted in several location in and around Mutford and several villagers helped with the search. Food and water was placed in the Galilee porch of St Andrews, with a sensor camera to record if the dog visited the site.

The dog was eventually found in Barnby after almost a week.

Thank you to everyone who helped with the search.

CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19)

At the time of writing, the advice for people living in England is...

- Get vaccinated and get your booster dose
- Wear a face covering in most indoor public places and on public transport
- Work from home, if you can
- Let fresh air in if you meet indoors. Meeting outdoors is safer
- Get tested and self-isolate if required

For info on testing, including how to get Lateral Flow Tests (LFTs):

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

If you've tested positive or have symptoms, you can stop self-isolating after 7 days instead of 10 days if you get 2 negative lateral flow test results on day 6 and 7.

For info. on booking the COVID jab/ booster dose:

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

Community Chain

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

Did you know...

If you had a real Christmas tree for Christmas, you can chop it up and dispose of it in the Green waste bin, if no piece is more than 4cm thick.

Remember to remove all the decorations first. If you don't have a green bin, you can take it to the recycling centre in Lowestoft (making sure that you have booked a slot first).

You can only recycle paper-based wrapping paper (you cannot recycle glittery or foil types). Remove any tapes, ribbons and bows before recycling. To check if your wrapping paper is recyclable, try the scrunch test: if you scrunch up the paper into a ball & it stays scrunched, it can be recycled.

Extract from description of Mutford, written in 1855

'Mutford is a straggling village & parish 4 miles SSW of Mutford Bridge, 5 miles ESE of Beccles & 6½ miles SW of Lowestoft and is situated on the southwest angle of the southern division of the hundred [to] which it gives [its] name.

It has 435 inhabitants and 1,574 acres of land forming a champaign⁽¹⁾ but fertile tract. J.M.Peto Esq is lord of the manor but the chief part of the soil belongs to the Rev.C.Clark, Robert Gilbert, Samuel Robinson & E Chalker Esq & a few smaller owners.

The church is a small antique fabric with a tower round in its lower parts & octagonal at the top. At the west end is an ancient penitential 'galilee' & in the south aisle is a piscina with a highly wrought canopy. The vicarage valued in HB (sic) at £7.17.1⁽²⁾ is consolidated with the rectories of Barnby & Wheatacre All Saints. The patronage & the great tithes of Mutford belong to Gonville & Caius College, Cambridge. The present estimated yearly rental of the parish is £2198.15 & the tithes have been commuted for £280 per annum. Here is a small Wesleyan Chapel built in 1828 & a National School erected in 1843 by the Rev.William Oakes the rector who resides in Wheatacre in Norfolk. The Rev Wm Brown of the North Cove is the curate.

The Poor Allotment about 15 acres was awarded at the enclosure of the common about the year 1800 & it let for about £25 per year which is distributed in coals among the poor parishioners who have also interest of £10 left by John King.

(1) 'Champaign' means open level countryside

(2) Pounds, shillings & pence in 'old' money

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 visits of mobile library to Mutford:

Thursday 20th January & 17th February

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...

Books on mobile libraries can be borrowed for 8 weeks.

Remember...

Since 21st December, the days are now getting longer, with more daylight 😊

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**

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

Waste Bin collection

Wednesday 5th January – Black bin

Wednesday 12th Jan. – Blue & Green bins

Wednesday 19th Jan. - Black

Wednesday 26th Jan. – Blue & Green

Wednesday 2nd Feb. – Black

Bins should be out by 6am

For missed bins call 03330 162000

8.45am-5pm Mon-Wed/ Fridays

9.30am – 5pm Thursdays

What to put in Blue (recycling) bin...

Items include:

- Plastic bottles, washed, with the lid on
- Plastic tubs, washed
- Food & drink cans
- Newspapers, magazines, junk mail
- Cardboard

But...

- No black sacks/ plastic bags
- No glass/ No textiles
- No nappies
- No polystyrene
- No food scraps
- No shredded paper

<https://www.eastsuffolk.gov.uk/assets/Waste/Recycling-bin-guide.pdf>

RECYCLING CENTRE ('Council tip')

Book a slot to use the recycling centre in Hadenham Road, Lowestoft. There is 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!

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