

MUTFORD NEWS

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Mutford Parish Council Meeting

The next meeting of Mutford Parish Council is scheduled to take place on Thursday 24th February, 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

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/ 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.

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Avian Flu

The whole of England is still designated as 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.'

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

St. Andrew's, Mutford

Next services:

Sunday 6th Feb. 9am. Holy Communion

Sunday 20th Feb. 11am. Morning Prayer

Thank you...

...To the residents who responded to the request for donations to fund repairs to the church tower.

And thank you...

...To the volunteers who have been helping to clear the over-grown areas of the graveyard, including a section on the corner of Church Road and Chapel Road which had hidden many old headstones. Why don't you take a walk through the graveyard and have a look?

Do you know...?

A resident has an old newspaper from 1926 with the following short article:

'War-damaged repairs to St Andrew's church, Mutford, Suffolk, have revealed a window in the chancel believed to have been bricked up three centuries ago.'

The war-damage presumably refers to an event during the First World War (1914-18).

Does anyone know what happened to cause damage to the church and how extensive it was?

If you have any info. please call Tim 01502 476375 or via MutfordNews@gmail.com

Please drive carefully through the village.
Respect all road users



PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Applications within the parish of Mutford

Info. correct as of 25th January

Full details of all East Suffolk Council (ESC)

planning applications:

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

CURRENT PLANNING APPLICATIONS

None

RECENT DECISIONS

None

On-road parking – a reminder

Please do not park near the cross-roads of Hulver Road/ Mill Road/ Beccles Road.

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 crossroads 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.

Can all parishioners please ensure that all vehicles – including those of visitors, are parked off-road or away from the cross-roads. Thank you.

Community Chain

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

Litter picking

Could you take a bag with you on your next walk around the village, and collect a few bits of litter to help keep the village clean?

Thank you!

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).

Art Group

The new Art Group meets every Thursday at Mutford Village Hall.

9.30-12.30am.

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.

Soup + quiz

Mutford Village Hall.

For more information call Jean 476707

Try Parkrun

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

Beccles Farmers Market

(beside airfield)

1st and 3rd Saturday in the month.

9am – 1pm

Next markets: 5th & 19th February

Changes to Highway Code

Changes to the Highway Code came in to force at the start of February.

Guidance to drivers includes leaving a minimum 1.5 metres when overtaking motorcyclists, cyclists and horse riders. You should pass horse riders and horse-drawn vehicles at speeds under 15 mph and allow at least 2 metres space.

You should wait behind the motorcyclist, cyclist, horse rider, horse drawn vehicle or pedestrian and not overtake if it is unsafe or not possible to meet these clearances.

For more info: www.gov.uk/guidance/the-highway-code/updates

CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19)

At the time of writing – 26th January - the advice for people living in England is...

Whilst the numbers of people catching COVID-19 is reducing, you are still advised to take care:

- Get vaccinated and get your booster dose
- Whilst the wearing of face masks is not now mandatory, it is recommended in crowded and enclosed spaces.
- Hospitals, doctors surgeries and pharmacies in Norfolk and Waveney still require the wearing of face coverings.
- If you have symptoms, get tested and self-isolate for five full days. If you test negative on days 6 and 7, you can end self-isolation

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

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

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

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

Don't despair...

Spring is on its way.

On 1st February, there were 9 hours 3 mins of daylight.

By the end of the month, there will be 10 hours 46 minutes (not necessarily sunshine, though...)



What have you heard...

Do you sometimes wonder what bird is singing? Go to this site for the songs of over a dozen garden birds:

www.rspb.org.uk/birds-and-wildlife/bird-songs/what-bird-is-that/



Anything to say?

We are always interested to receive articles for this newsletter. They should ideally be short (max. 350 words) and be relevant to Mutford.

Please send copy to MutfordNews@gmail.com by the 20th of each month. Thank you!

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

Snowdrops

Many people regard snowdrops as the first sign of spring. They are most often found growing in damp ground in woodland and along riverbanks, although they but can also be seen in parks and gardens.

You may be able to see snowdrops in Mutford Big Wood – remember to stay on the public footpath.

Snowdrop walks are taking place on Sunday 27th Feb and Sunday 6th March in the grounds of Sotterley Hall Estate (11am - 3pm). Dogs welcome on leads.

£4 per head, children under 14 go free. All proceeds go to St Margaret's Church, for the tower repair project. 'cash only'.

Sotterley Hall, Near Beccles, NR34 7TU

Did you know...?

It is an offence under Section 1 of the Wildlife and Countryside Act of 1981 to intentionally take, damage or destroy the nest of any wild bird while it is in use or being built, or to intentionally kill, injure or take chicks or adults, or intentionally take or destroy any eggs.

Try to trim any hedges before the end of February. The RSPB recommend that you don't prune hedges or shrubs between March and end of August, to avoid disturbing nesting birds.

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

Activities at Beccles library include:

- **Top Time Open House Book Group** (2-3pm. first Thursday in the month)
- **Baby Bounce.** Gentle songs & nursery rhymes. 10.30am or 11am start every Friday
- **Stay and Play Group**, for parents & babies 10-11am every Wednesday

Suffolk Mobile Library

Next visits of mobile library to Mutford:

Thursday 17th February; 17th March; 14th April

10.30-10.45am Lindenette (near Land Rover garage)

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

11.10-11.25am - Village Hall

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 2nd Feb. - Black bin

Wednesday 9th Feb. – Blue & Green bins

Wednesday 16th Feb. - Black

Wednesday 23rd Feb. – Blue & Green

Wednesday 2nd March – 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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