

# MUTFORD NEWS

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## Parish Clerk - update

John Armstrong, Clerk to Mutford Parish Council for 12 years, formally resigned from the post on 31st March. The Council wish to thank John for his service and commitment over the years.

Jenny Sheahan, previously Vice Chair, will take over the role on 1st April, following an interview process and ratification by the MPC. Jenny will initially undertake the role on an unpaid basis, in accordance with local council rules that disallow Councillors taking paid employment with the same parish council within 12 months.

All future enquiries to the Parish Clerk should be sent to [clerk.mutfordpc@outlook.com](mailto:clerk.mutfordpc@outlook.com) or call 01502 476518

## Mutford Parish Council Meeting

The next scheduled meeting of Mutford Parish Council is due to take place on Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> April, starting at 7pm, in Mutford Village Hall. All residents are welcome to attend. Social distancing will be in place.

For more info. contact Jenny Sheahan – see contact details above.

## Annual Parish Meeting

**Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> May. 7pm – Book the date!**

All residents of Mutford are invited to attend the Annual Parish Meeting, to be held at the Village Hall on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> May, starting at 7pm.

Representatives of the Parish Council, Village Hall Committee and Welfare Trust will give short updates including a summary of their financial accounts. There will be an opportunity for residents to raise issues of direct relevance to Mutford.

Full details in next month's newsletter.

## St. Andrew's, Mutford

Next services – both Holy Communion:  
Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> April 9am.  
Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> April 11am.

## Walk & Talk. Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> April. 2pm.

A walking tour will start with a history of the church followed by a walk through Mutford Wood explaining the landscape & natural history of Mutford over time.

A cup of tea will be available at the end. Dogs on leads welcome. The event is free but donations to the tower fund will be welcome. For more information, please call Martin: 07919 855726

## The Queen's Platinum Jubilee

On 6<sup>th</sup> February 2022, the Queen became the first British Monarch to celebrate a Platinum Jubilee, after 70 years of service. There will be a national 4 day bank holiday weekend (Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> – Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> June) to mark the event

## Village Party! Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> June

Mutford Village Hall Committee will celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee on Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> June with an event in the Village Hall and on the playing field for all villagers, their friends and families.

More details to follow next month.



*Happy  
Easter!*

## PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Applications within the parish of Mutford  
*Info. correct as of 24<sup>th</sup> March*

Full details of all East Suffolk Council (ESC) planning applications:  
<https://publicaccess.eastsuffolk.gov.uk/online-applications/>

### CURRENT PLANNING APPLICATIONS

- Installation of ground mounted (PV) photovoltaic array of 40 no panels and post and wire fencing of 900mm high. Oakland Lodge, Mutford Wood. Mutford. NR33 8HG. (Ref No: DC/22/0709/FUL)

### RECENT DECISIONS

None

### Dates for your diary:

Friday 15<sup>th</sup> April - Good Friday  
Monday 18<sup>th</sup> April - Easter Monday  
Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> May - May Day Bank Holiday  
Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> June - Spring Bank Holiday  
Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> June - Platinum Jubilee

### 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/>

### Did you know...

First and second class stamps are being phased out on 31<sup>st</sup> January 2023.

If you have books of 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> class stamps, you should use them before the end of January next year.

Royal Mail is operating a 'Swap Out' scheme, which will open on 31<sup>st</sup> March 2022. Further details will be announced shortly.

The new stamps will have a barcode. For more info. go to [www.royalmail.com/sending/barcoded-stamps](http://www.royalmail.com/sending/barcoded-stamps)



## 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 4<sup>th</sup> April. 2pm.**

Afternoon tea, quiz + raffle  
Mutford Village Hall.

For more information call Jean 476707

## Beccles Farmers Market

(beside airfield)

1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday in the month.  
9am – 1pm

Next markets: 2<sup>nd</sup> & 16<sup>th</sup> April

## Nesting

All wild birds, their nests and eggs are protected by law. It's important not to disturb them. Please leave hedge-trimming until the autumn.

## The Festival of Suffolk May – October 2022

Events & activities across several months. 'The county's biggest community event ever and everyone's invited'. Events include

- 13<sup>th</sup> May – 1<sup>st</sup> June – Torch Relay: a Festival Torch will be carried around the county, to celebrate local communities and to honour local heroes. The Festival torch will pass through Mutford on 27<sup>th</sup> May.
- 31<sup>st</sup> May – 1<sup>st</sup> June: Suffolk Show, Trinity Park. Ipswich
- 17<sup>th</sup> - 19<sup>th</sup> June: Festival of the Sea
- 21<sup>st</sup> June: Suffolk Day

For more info:

<https://www.festivalofsuffolk.org/>

# CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19)

## The current Government guidance:

- To reduce the chance of catching COVID and passing it on, you are still advised to get vaccinated.
- The NHS has started contacting everyone aged 75+ and those aged 12+ who are severely immunosuppressed to get their 'Spring booster'.
- The general public will need to pay for lateral flow test kits from 1<sup>st</sup> April. Most vulnerable people will continue to get free tests if they are symptomatic.
- It is recommended that you continue to wear a face covering in crowded/ enclosed spaces, especially where you come into contact with people you do not usually meet. Health facilities including doctors' surgeries and hospitals will still require you to wear face masks, unless you are exempt.

For full info, go to [www.gov.uk/coronavirus](http://www.gov.uk/coronavirus)

## 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>

## Anything to say?

We are always interested to receive articles for this newsletter. They should, ideally, be short (max. 350 words) and relevant to Mutford. Please send copy to [mutfordnews@gmail.com](mailto:mutfordnews@gmail.com) by the 20<sup>th</sup> 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

## Suffolk Walking Festival

14<sup>th</sup> – 29<sup>th</sup> May

This year's programme covers a total of 400 miles over 70 walks - including several in and around Lowestoft.

'A great way to discover parts of Suffolk you perhaps never knew existed, learn about the county's fascinating and ancient history, and make new friends whilst walking and talking!

There is something for everyone, from short walks to long walks, family walks to history walks, even a night walk.'

All walks must be pre-booked and paid for in advance.

For full information, go to: [www.suffolkwalkingfestival.co.uk](http://www.suffolkwalkingfestival.co.uk)

## 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 drive carefully through the village.  
Respect all road users



## Beccles Library

Opening hours:

9.30am – 5pm Mon-Thurs, Saturday

9.30am – **6pm** Friday ← **NEW EARLIER**

10am – 4pm Sunday

**TIME!**

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 14<sup>th</sup> April and 12<sup>th</sup> May.

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 a power cut or to report damaged power cable/ poles

Call **105** to report a power cut; this is a free-of-charge call from any network. Do not call your electricity supplier. Electricity suppliers are not responsible for the power lines that connect to homes or businesses.

### 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 30<sup>th</sup> March – Black bin

Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> April – Blue & green bins

Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> April – Black

Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> April – Blue & green

Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> April – 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...

Clean & dry items including:

- 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](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!

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