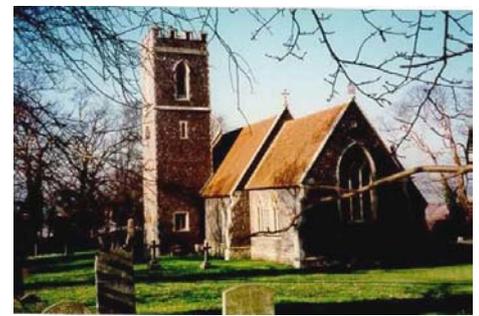


**The Mundens with Sacombe
Church and Parish
Newsletter
JANUARY 2016**



Sunday 10th January

9.15am	All Age Worship	Little Munden
10.45am	Holy Communion	Standon

Tuesday 12th January

*9.30am	Holy Communion	Sacombe
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Sunday 17th January

*8.00am	Holy Communion	Little Munden
10.45am	United Morning Worship	Standon

Tuesday 19th January

*9.30am	Holy Communion	Sacombe
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Sunday 24th January

9.15am	Holy Communion	Little Munden
10.45am	All Age Worship	Standon

Tuesday 26th January

*9.30am	Holy Communion	Sacombe
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Sunday 31st January

*8.00am	Holy Communion	Standon
10.45am	Holy Communion	Sacombe

Tuesday 2nd February

*9.30am	Holy Communion	Sacombe
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Sunday 7th February

*8.00am	Holy Communion	Standon
10.45am	United Morning Worship	Little Munden

Tuesday 9th February

*9.30am	Holy Communion	Sacombe
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* service from Book of Common Prayer

Prayers will be said on Thursday mornings at 9.15am in the upper room at All Saints', Little Munden.

Rector: Revd Alan Comfort, The Vicarage, Standon 01920 318864

Churchwardens:

Little Munden	Colin Jenkinson	438379	Jeremy White	438575
Sacombe	Peter Hudson	438379	Derek Wheeler	438875

Website: www.ubsms.org.uk

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Bible Readings for January

10 th January	The Baptism of Christ	Acts 8: 14-17, Luke 3: 15-17 & 21-22
17 th January	Second Sunday of Epiphany	1 Corinthians 12: 1-11, John 2: 1-11
24 th January	Third Sunday of Epiphany	1 Corinthians 12: 12-31a, Luke 4: 14-21
31 st January	Presentation of Christ	1 Corinthians 13, Luke 2: 22-40
7 th February	Next before Lent	2 Corinthians 3: 12 – 4: 2, Luke 9: 28-36

Letter from the Rector

Having cheerfully despatched a somewhat tired looking tree to the recycle centre, I can officially announce Christmas is over at the Vicarage! Don't get me wrong, I love Christmas, but I also love getting things back to 'normal'. That routine I know so well: walking the dog, taking Ollie to school, time to think, people to see, busyness to get under control. It's my 'normal' and I like it. What does 'normal' look like for you? Do you like it? However great our routine is, do you ever wonder what you might be missing? I found myself asking this question when reading about the Magi in Matthew Ch 2. They travelled hundreds of miles to find the one 'who has been born King of the Jews', yet the chief priests and teachers of the law who directed them on the final leg of their journey (v 5) didn't go to see for themselves. Can you imagine being so close to the most important event that would ever happen, and not going to see for yourself?

I remember a few years ago visiting a member of one of my churches. He happened to be a Leyton Orient fan like me, so we chatted about The O's for some time. Then, full of generosity, I asked him if he wanted to come with me to the match that weekend. Executive seats (yes, they do have them at Orient!), hospitality, my company, the offer of a lifetime you might think? (Only joking!) Well, you guessed it, he said no, but not for any particular reason. He did other things on a Saturday. It's so easy to miss great opportunities in this life for no particular reason, isn't it? I wonder if you and I will embrace the opportunities that 2016 will offer us? What about us and God in 2016? Philippians 4 v 5 tells us, 'the Lord is near', not the 7.1km the chief priests and teachers of the law could have walked from Jerusalem to Bethlehem to worship the Messiah they longed for. He's even nearer. Even nearer than our church buildings at All Saints or St Catherine's. In John 14 Jesus told us: (v23) 'If anyone loves me, he will obey my teaching. My Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our home with him.' The Christian faith is not about trying to be a good person, it's about knowing God and living a life that is transformed by knowing Him. I remember over thirty years ago meeting a Christian for the first time at Cambridge United football club. He was a fellow player and just seemed so different. He loved Jesus and was so normal at the same time. I couldn't

help but want to know how this could be. I didn't want to miss it! The routine of my life got changed back then, wonderfully. I can't imagine missing that. Could you be missing something?
Alan Comfort

"Created (Tearcraft) Coffee Morning Saturday 7th November 2015.

With Fiona and John Hyde, an excellent total of **£448** was taken for sales of cards and goods and refreshments. It was a much smaller event this year, and the last in this format, but we shall continue to support **Tearfund** with our prayers and contact in other ways. **Many thanks to all who supported this coffee morning**, and also our similar events in earlier years.
Sally and Peter Aknai."



Our next Alpha Course starts this Tuesday 12th January 7.30pm at the Vicarage

Many of us start a new year with clear aims: to eat and drink less; to get fit; to find time for things that are truly important? With this in mind, why not spend 10 weeks thinking about your faith in God? A chance to listen, to question, to be part of a group where everyone wants to find out more. This is a relaxed and friendly way of digging deeper in faith. Coffee & cake kick things off at 7.30pm, and each evening will finish by 9.30pm. Ring Alan if you want more information. 318864.

Confirmation Service in our Benefice Sunday 21st February 10.45am St. Mary's

We are so excited to announce the Bishop of St. Alban's will be coming to our Benefice to confirm candidates into the Christian faith. These are often memorable services as we celebrate the decision of each candidate to trust in God through His Son Jesus; to publicly acknowledge the faith they were baptised into, often many years ago; for all of us to recommit ourselves to God as we share in Communion on this special day. This service is for all of us, so please put the date and time in your diary right now, and let's fill St. Mary's in Standon. Could you be one of these candidates? Have you been baptised/confirmed? Do you want to take a next step in your faith? Preparation will include starting the Alpha Course if possible, but definitely attending three Sunday afternoon preparation slots: Sundays 24th & 31st January and 14th February 3-4pm at the Vicarage. Speak to Alan if you think this should be you: 318864.

"The VYC"

Don't forget The Village Youth Club, which meets every Sunday in term time from 4.30 to 6.30pm in Standon & Puckeridge Community Centre, when young people, from Year 6 upwards, can meet together to play games such as table tennis, table football, console games etc. and, if they wish, to explore big questions about God, life, the universe and everything, in a relaxed environment. Entry is free; refreshments are available for a small charge. Local parents taking their children offer lifts from the top of Gladstone Road at about 4.20pm. Contact Gaby Jenkinson for more information on 07821 546518.

Messy Church with Sports

Also with children in mind, but closer to home, we have "Messy Church with Sports" from 10 to 11am on Saturday mornings in term time, meeting now in **Dane End Village Hall**. We start with hot chocolate and biscuits, followed by crafts, football or rugby. Mums and Dads join in the fun and, yes, we do have great fun. The age range is very broad with the oldest boys being 14!



THE DAME ENDERS womens group meet on the first Thursday of each month for details: Sharon Johnson 438468, Josie Barnard 438700

As we have a flexible programme please contact Sharon or Josie for details of what is happening each month.



Volunteers wanted to help young disabled people to ride at Contessa stables, Colliers End.
9.15 – 11.15 am on Wednesdays during term time only.
No previous riding experience required.
Lift can be arranged. **Contact Paul Grange on 07973 879052 for more details.**

LOCAL CONSTABULARY

Buntingford Rural West includes: Dane End, Green End, Haultwick, Little Munden, Great Munden, Levens Green, Nasty and are covered by PC 553 Les Bridger and PCSO 6135 Steve Blanks Contact: 01992 533329 or 101

St Nicholas Church Great Munden Presents on March 19th Lady Connie and the Suffragettes

I was fortunate to attend the premier of **Ros Connelly's** play at Knebworth House last year and when a Spring Tour was announced for 2016 I jumped at the opportunity to bring this remarkable production to St Nicholas.

Lady Constance Lytton was the shy grand daughter of the great Victorian novelist Bulwer Lytton, who coined such phrases as "the pen is mightier than the sword", "the almighty dollar" and "it was a dark and stormy night". Her father was Viceroy of India and she was brought up at Knebworth House. Forbidden to marry the man she loved because her parents judged him to be beneath her, she became a dedicated suffragette. In a reflection of the harsh political and social world she inhabited she set out to expose the barbaric treatment that suffragettes suffered in prison. Disguised as a factory worker she was arrested several times, refusing to use her title to avoid imprisonment. Her actions did much to gain publicity for the cause, but hunger strikes in prison ruined her health and she died an untimely death.

Lady Connie is played by **Emma Spearing** and we are fortunate to have **Lyndsey Jenkins**, Lady Constance's biographer, who will give a short talk before the performance, so it will be a double treat. Lyndsey is a writer, biographer and historian of the British women's movement, whose book, *Lady Constance Lytton: Aristocrat, Suffragette, Martyr* (2015) was shortlisted for the Slightly Foxed Best First Biography prize and named one of the biographies of the year by the Sunday Times.

Ros Connelly writes devised theatre projects about iconic women and her piece on Lady Constance follows her successes with Ellen Terry, Emily Davison and Ruskin's Women. The play this evening will feature in the Women of the World Festival in Cambridge in 2016.

Candles and St Nicholas's usual warm welcome await you. Tickets are £20 – please apply to wendy@netherwylde.com. This is a magical production of great local interest - if the evening performance sells out, there is a possibility that we could stage a Matinee as well on Saturday 19th although we will only arrange this after we have sold out for the evening. Profits will go towards repairs to the South Aisle which commence summer 2016

We very much hope to see you on the 19th and send our best wishes for 2016, **Howard and Sheila**

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

DEAF, HARD OF HEARING?

Please text [07786 207 091](tel:07786207091) including who is needed: Police, Fire or Ambulance, where they are needed and what the problem is.

In 2006 the Council developed an Environmental Crime Enforcement Policy, which sets out how the Council will ensure that any enforcement action is carried out in a fair and proportionate way. It also supports the work of the East Herts Community Safety Partnership; helping to keep East Herts a safe place to live, work and visit.

The Council are now consulting on the revised version of this policy (the Draft Environmental Crime Enforcement Policy 2015) and would like your comments before the final version is adopted by the Council in 2016.

The consultation runs until 24th January 2016.

Information about the Policy and the online consultation form can be found on the Council's website

www.eastherts.gov.uk/environmentalcrime

WINTER: If you are struggling to stay warm in your home this winter, or you are worried about a friend, neighbour or relative who might be at risk HertsHelp can help you find out about support that may be available.

Call HertsHelp on 0300 123 4044 or email

info@hertshelp.net

It's also important to go to the right place for help. A

Pharmacy is a good first stop for many complaints such as colds or flu. **Minor Injuries Units** treat a range of injuries like sprains, cuts, minor burns and scalds. For an illness that won't go away, contact your GP or practice nurse, or phone the NHS on 111 for advice.

A&E is for life-threatening situations such as heart attack or stroke and for people with symptoms of serious illness or who are badly injured. In an emergency dial 999.

For general advice on staying well this winter visit

www.nhs.uk/staywell More information and advice on

winter health can be found at

www.hertsdirect.org/winterhealth

Please consider registering any mobiles, tablets, cameras, electronic kit, bicycles, jewellery, etc. on the free website www.immobilise.com. If you are unlucky enough to lose or have the item stolen, it is much easier for the Police to reunite you with your property.

Benefits of Registration

- Immobilise helps Police identify the owners of recovered property thousands of times everyday.
- Property updates you make are immediately available to the Police nationally.
- Combat the sale of stolen gadgets & valuables;

You can add serial numbers of your items to the website, or take pictures of your items and upload them to the website following the straightforward instructions.

No one else can see your items - it is your account to which only you have access.

SCOOTERS: Well it seems some lucky youngsters have received an electric scooter from Santa, however the sad news is that under Section 185 of the Road Traffic Act 1988 their use is governed by the same legislation that applies to motorcycles and mopeds, since there is no criteria for minimum power or speed output. Therefore it is illegal to use them on paths and pavements or any road other than private property. Riders potentially face a fine and points on their driving

licence. Young riders could face having their future licence hit with points and immediately banned from driving.

If an electric scooter rider meets with a grumpy copper, the rider may receive a ticket for no insurance, no driving licence, no tax and no crash helmet. If you have one of these scooters or know someone who has one, please let them know how they may fall foul of the law when riding them.

For more information please follow this link.

<https://www.askthe.police.uk/content/Q361.htm>

News from the Gardens of Easton Lodge Happy New Year from all the Trustees and Volunteers at the Gardens of Easton Lodge

We aim to get our project to build a replica of Peto's Tree House in the garden under way. This historic structure was built for the Countess of Warwick by Edwardian architect and landscape designer Harold Peto in 1902.

We kick off our year by welcoming visitors to our hugely popular Snowdrop Sundays which this year are on February 21 and March 6 – we are **not** open on the Sunday in between; opening times are from 11.30am until 4pm, with last entry at 3pm.

Delicious and warming homemade soup and bacon rolls will be on sale until 2.15pm; hot drinks and homemade cakes will be available until 3.30pm. There will be one guided tour at 1pm and, as always, dogs are welcome on leads.

Entrance fees are £4 for adults, with 50p per person going directly to our Tree House Appeal; entry for children under 16 FREE. We have two sessions working in the gardens each week and opportunities to volunteer on open days. Information from the website, get in touch on 01371 876979 or email enquiries@eastonlodge.co.uk

LITTLE MUNDEN PARISH COUNCIL PRECIS OF THE MEETING HELD ON 19TH NOVEMBER 2015

Present: Councillors: Lizzie Bacon (Chair); Jonathan Pool; Keith Williams; Hannah Charvill; Darren Jones

In attendance: Geraldine Ward (Clerk); Russell Parkins and David Hart

Members of the Public: 4

Planning

5.1 New Applications

3/15/1818/HH Proposed double and single storey extension incorporating a rear dormer. Lordship Cottage, Green End, Dane End.

3/15/2064/HH Change of flat roof to pitched at front (retrospective). 31 Kingsfield Road, Dane End, Ware, Herts SG12 0LY.

5.2 Decisions

3/15/1819/LB Proposed double and single storey extension incorporating a rear dormer. Lordship Cottage, Green End, Dane End. Consent granted subject to conditions.

Co-option of new Councillor

Two candidates were present, Russell Parkins and David Hart. Both gave a brief summary of why they wanted to join the Parish Council. It was agreed that a decision would be made in January.

Other business discussed included:

The Precept amount for 2016/17

It was agreed that the Precept amount should remain the same as there were no major changes to expenditures or income.

Skateboard Ramp

Jimmy Theo, a resident of the village, attended the meeting with his two children to discuss the possibility of installing a skateboard ramp on Horses' Meadow. The previous application for a ramp was also discussed and it was agreed to pass on the restrictions imposed on this application to Mr Theo who indicated that he would do further research on this and inform the Council of costings and practicality at a later date.

The next Meeting of the Parish Council will be held on 21st January at 8 pm, Dane End Memorial Hall

**If you are 50+ Adult Swim Sessions
Starting January 14th**

**Grange Paddocks Leisure Centre
9.30 - 1030 am - 01279 652332**

Hartham Leisure Centre

14.30 - 15.30 pm - 01992 584000

**Come and learn to swim, free tea and coffee
after each session!**

**First session is free; subsequent lessons
£2 each session.**

Dog Fouling continues to be a problem. Please pick up your dog mess, particularly on the Baulk up to the School. Please be reminded that **THIS IS AN OFFENCE**. If caught you will be issued with a fixed Penalty Notice of up to £100 or prosecuted.



**DANE END STORES
AND POST OFFICE
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Monday to Friday 7am to 6pm

Closed Wednesday afternoons

Saturday 8am to 6pm

Sunday 8.30am to 12.30pm

Bank Holidays 9am – 12pm

Magazines and newspapers can be ordered.

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www.mundens.net

webmaster@mundens.net

www.themundenssource.myfreeforum.org

www.hertsmemories.org.uk

Walking in Herts www.walkinginherts.co.uk

www.hertsdirect.org/highwayfaults



Little Munden School New Outdoor Classroom

LITTLE MUNDEN MEMORIAL HALL

Children's parties : £10 per hour
(up to 6.30pm)

Other functions : £15 per hour

For further information: Jo Wheeler 438875
email: dane-endhallbookings@outlook.com

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Non-emergency number 101

Or 01707 354000

Crime Stoppers 0800 555 111

Call anonymously with information about crime.



SLADE GROUP UPDATE:

Latest news on the application by Indegro Ltd regarding the Proposed Agricultural Lagoon at Dane End.

In mid- December East Herts District Council informed us that Indegro Ltd had failed to provide the required further information pertaining to their application by 30th November

deadline. Given the lack of basic information in their Planning Application, and in response to SLADE's persistent demands for proper consideration, Indegro had been requested by East Herts Planning to resubmit their application and to include the following:-

- A Flood Risk Assessment
- A Topographic Survey of Site Entrance & Splay Lines
- A Lighting Scheme
- Drainage details
- Lagoon & Access Road Design & Specifications
- A Traffic Management Plan
- Distribution information for 600 hectares of land to be fertilized

Indegro Ltd has now been given a new, **tentative** deadline of 29th January by EHDC to provide this information. This means that the earliest anticipated dates for the Development Committee meeting at which this application may be tabled would be 24thFeb or 23rd March. We are at a loss as to why so much leeway has been extended to Indegro Ltd by EHDC and questions are being asked. We have also contacted local councillors Paul Kenealy and Michael McMullen, requesting they speak to the relevant contact at East Herts Planning on this matter.

SLADE'S community mailing list now has an incredible 514 supporters. If you are not yet receiving our Community Updates and would like to be kept informed, please do email us to be included on the mailing list. Our database is strictly confidential and your email address will not be shared with any third parties. Alternatively please do come and join us on Facebook.

Email stoplagoonatdaneend@outlook.com to be included on our mailing list for updates.

Search for us on Facebook: SLADE (STOP LAGOON AT DANE END) or copy and paste the following link into your web browser: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/1611752615775085/?pnref=story>

Liz Gregg-Smith, Carolyn Marlow: Chair SLADE Group Tel: 01920 438303 email:

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Please take your news to Barbara Springate at: Horseshoe Villa, Munden Road or email jackiemorris@tesco.net



Little Munden Church of England (VC) Primary School
The perfect start to your child's education!

Little Munden Nursery and Primary School in Dane End provides children with a welcoming, stimulating and supportive learning environment in an idyllic countryside setting. Caring teachers work with each child, tailoring work to their individual ability within an exciting Creative Curriculum.

Apply for your September 2016 Reception place now!

If you have a child who was born between **1st September 2011 and 31st August 2012** you need to apply for a Reception place in a primary, infant or first school now. Applications for admissions opened on **Monday 9th November 2015** and the deadline for applications is **Friday 15th January 2016**.

At Little Munden School we welcome children from Dane End and all surrounding hamlets, villages and towns.



"This is a **good** school... Achievement is good."

"Teachers are highly dedicated to their pupils; they model enthusiasm for learning and share a strong rapport with them."

Ofsted - February 2014

Why not arrange to **visit our school**, meet our Headteacher, Mrs Breeze, and find out what Little Munden School can offer your Reception aged child?

To find out more about our school please visit our website or, to arrange a school visit, please telephone us on **01920 438271**.

We look forward to hearing from you

www.littlemunden.herts.sch.uk



LOCAL SERVICES

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HAIRDRESSING: Salon in house, 17, Kennedy Road, Dane End Jeanette 01920 438668

WANT TO LEARN TO COOK? Melinda: 07704 101631.

LOGS FOR SALE, log splitter for hire and tree work undertaken:
William: 07881 615385, 01920 438564 email wg@tbspoly.com

4x4 RESPONSE: Stuck in snow or in a ditch or need to get somewhere in an emergency:
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SLADE SERVICES: AGRICULTURAL CONTRACTOR 01920 438489 07764616955

EAZY FEEDS: Equine feed and supplements delivered to your stables: info@eazyfeeds.com or 07833667272

DOG WALKING AND PET FEEDING: Bev Callaby 01920 438674 07977 617640 petcarer7@gmail.com

HOUSE CLEARANCE, PROBATE VALUATIONS AND AUCTIONS:
Jackie Morris: 01920 438551/07870 817060

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AND GENERAL BUILDER: Tony: 01920 438551 / 07870 817060