



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

Mothering Sunday 6th March

*8.00am	Holy Communion	Standon
10.45am	United Morning Worship	Little Munden
4.45pm	Messy Church Mothering Sunday Service	Standon

Tuesday 8th March

*9.30am	Holy Communion	Sacombe
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Sunday 13th March

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

Tuesday 15th March

*9.30am	Holy Communion	Sacombe
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Palm Sunday 20th March

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

Tuesday 22nd March

*9.30am	Holy Communion	Sacombe
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Maundy Thursday 24th March

7.30pm	Holy Communion	Sacombe
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Good Friday 25th March

11.00am	Service at the Cross	Little Munden
2.00pm	Reflective Hour	Standon

Easter Day 27th March

9.15am	Holy Communion	Little Munden
10.45am	Family Communion	Standon

Tuesday 29th March

*9.30am	Holy Communion	Sacombe
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Sunday 3rd April

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

* service from Book of Common Prayer

Prayers will be said on Thursday mornings at 9.15am in the upper room at 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

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Bible Readings for March

6 th March	Mothering Sunday
13 th March	Passion Sunday
20 th March	Palm Sunday
24 th March	Maundy Thursday
27 th March	Easter Day
3 rd April	Second Sunday of Easter

2 Corinthians 1: 3-7,	Luke 2: 33-35
Philippians 3: 4b-14,	John 12: 1-8
Philippians 2: 5-11,	Luke 19: 28-40
1 Corinthians 11: 23-26,	John 13: 1-17, 31b-35
Acts 10: 34-43,	John 20: 1-18
Acts 5: 27-32,	John 20: 19-end

Letter from the Rector

Our soon to be married daughter returned home for a few days this week. Edinburgh is a long way away, and thankfully she seems so very happy, but forgive my rather grumpy 'I'm losing a daughter' moment; her life seems less connected to ours than ever before. Of course, this is to be expected, but letting go and trusting another is more difficult than I imagined. Change is never easy, is it? Our news is rightly full of another possible and huge change, with the upcoming EU referendum question. David Cameron has been earnestly negotiating a better deal for the UK, striving to convince us that staying in the EU will be better than leaving. Has he convinced you? I'm sure you have your opinion on this, but crunch time is coming when deciding 'in' or 'out' seems so final, as our Scottish friends know well from recent experience. Not fifty shades of grey, but black or white, in or out?

Direct questions that demand definite answers are more awkward now than I remember. The 'yes' or 'no' answer is more commonly replaced by the 'I believe' answer, meaning there is no right answer, just opinions, and mine is as good as anyone else's. Yet, 'I believe' answers too often fail to answer the important questions. Take Easter as the perfect example; the question Easter poses is not whether God loves us, the question is whether we love God, 'yes' or 'no'? The Easter message sees God offer everything for us. He doesn't place the weight of expectation on us, He has taken that fully upon Himself. He allowed His Son Jesus, an innocent man, to be wrongfully arrested, then beaten, convicted, despised, rejected, crucified, to die an horrific death, to wash away the worst of you and me and the world around us. Such sacrifice and forgiveness are often too difficult to comprehend, but through this sacrifice God offers us all the possibility of a new beginning, a second chance, new hope. The question is not whether God loves us; He has already answered. The question is whether our response to His love is 'yes' or 'no', whether we will trust in what Jesus did for us on that first Easter, or not. Matthew 7 v 13 says; 'Enter through the narrow gate; for the gate is wide and the way is broad that leads to destruction, and there are many who enter through it.' I prefer the 'I believe' answers, when my opinion is as valid as any other, but some questions only allow 'yes' or 'no' answers. What will it be? Alan Comfort

Churches' Lent Appeal

This year the churches' Lent Appeal is for Kisiizi Hospital in Uganda. St Mary's Standon has had links with the hospital since about 1980. It is supported by the Church of Uganda and serves a large rural area. Some people walk many miles for medical care in this hospital, which now has many wards, a maternity wing, an operating theatre and out-patient clinics. They also have a nurses' home and training centre, and their own school for children of the staff.

Dr Ian Spillman, the Medical Superintendent, writes: 'We still have great sorrow when we see patients arriving too late for us to help. A mother came recently having had a Caesarian section at a government clinic two days earlier. She arrived in Kisiizi with gross anaemia and in spite of full supportive treatment and transfusion she died the following day. We still see children coming in grossly wasted and malnourished and can only press on with our Nutrition, Family Planning and Community programmes to try and prevent these tragedies.'

There will be opportunities in all three of our churches during Lent to give to the appeal; please support this important work.

Defibrillator Training

As you are aware we now have a village defibrillator in the phone box next to Dane End Stores. We have arranged an awareness session with Community Heartbeat Trust on **Thursday 31st March, 7.15pm for 7.30pm start, at Little Munden Memorial Hall**. Please come along and familiarise yourself with the defibrillator and learn how to use it in an emergency.

Ollie Copey

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

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.

Profits will go towards repairs to the South Aisle which commence summer 2016

Howard and Sheila



GREAT MUNDEN PARISH COUNCIL

Next meeting: 21st March 7.30pm at
St. Nicholas Church, Great Munden

Hertford and Villages Children's Centre Group

Our timetable for 2016 is running well. We have had to drop our session in Dane End on Mondays due to such low numbers that it was not financially viable to run. Families are always welcome to Hertford Selections at that time to join in the **Stay and Play with Toy Library**.

We have several courses running between now and July so please check our latest leaflet for full details but there are a few examples below.

First Aid for Babies and Children has been arranged for Saturday 14 May at Beane Valley Children's Centre. The cost is £10

Baking Beans courses will be running in April and June for five weeks each time. They cost £10 for the course and they prove to be very popular.

Wellies in the Woods is for families with children from 2 ½ years old. It is a six week course held outside to have fun and learn in the natural environment. You would need to dress suitably for the weather. The course is free.

For expectant parents and new parents we have an **Antenatal Breastfeeding Workshop** on 18th March.

It is run by ourselves and a Breastfeeding Network Trainer to provide you with information to make a well informed decision about feeding your baby.

If you would like to book on any of the above sessions please call 01920 831053.



Our **Toy Library** is open on Wednesdays 11am until 12.30 at Beane Valley Children's Centre. There is also a **Toy Library** at Hertford Selections on Mondays 9.15 until 11.15 am. Please check with the Children's Centre as to what days the toy library is open during school holidays.

Our website is changing and we will give you the new address as soon as we can.

Our telephone number is 01920 831053 should you have any queries.

ISABEL HOSPICE

March 7-11th Make A Will Week

Local solicitors will prepare or amend your Will. Instead of charging a fee, they will invite you to make a donation to Isabel Hospice. Suggested minimum donations: basic will £100, a pair of basic Mirror Wills £150. More complex Wills may incur a charge.

To make an appointment contact any participating solicitor quoting 'Isabel Hospice Make a Will Week'. Book as early as possible as some solicitors are only able to offer a limited number of appointments. A list of all participating solicitors are on our website: www.isabelhospice.org.uk.

Saturday 19th – Jumble Sale Thundridge Hall
Saturday 12th Firewalk and Icewalk 7pm-10pm
Presdales School, Ware.

Take on the challenge of a firewall walk barefoot over red hot coals or over broken glass and amaze your friends and family. £30 entry fee for one walk, £50 if you take on both that evening. Raise a minimum of £70 in sponsorship on top of your entry fee. You can sign up at www.isabelhospice.org.uk – places are limited.

Saturday 19th Jumble Sale Thundridge Hall
Entry fee 20p. 2pm start. Details: 01920 462992

APRIL

Saturday 2nd Benington Lordship, High Elms Lane
1 True Grit 5.

See our website www.isabelhospice.org.uk for details of this fantastic charity, obstacle, challenge covering two courses of 5k or 10k.

Auction of Promises

Friday 15th 7pm-10.30pm at Wodson Park, Ware
Book tickets: 01920 467194.

Friday 22nd Square Dance
Presdales School 8-11.30pm

Royston Lions Club invites you to another great Pete Skiffins Square Dance.

Licensed bar and raffle. Ticket price of £13 includes fish and chip supper plus a choc ice.

For tickets: 01763 231492.

Sunday 24th – Charity Tennis Tournament, Norfolk Road Playing Fields, Buntingford, SG9 9BT
10am to midday.

All tennis players welcome. It will be doubles – just turn up then names go into a hat. There are three astro-turf courts and bring your own picnic for afterwards.

Details from buntingfordtennis@btinternet.com

Tuesday 26th Haileybury Gala Concert 7pm-10.30pm,
Haileybury School, Hertford Heath

Join us for a chilled and informal evening of jazz standards and solos performed by the fantastic and talented students at Haileybury.

Tickets £25 : 01707 382500

30th April & 1st May

Charity Abseil at Church Langley Water Tower Harlow
Info: 07711982671.

HERTFORDSHIRE CONSTABULARY

Heating oil security: Now a high value commodity, heating oil is often stolen at night

MOVE IT: if the tank is located away from the house, move it closer where you can keep a better eye on it.

SCREEN IT: If the tank can be seen from the road, then screen it with fencing or hedging.

CAGE IT: Consider building a metal cage around it with a secure entrance gate.

CONCEAL PIPE WORK: Reduce the locations that it can be attacked. Conceal external pipework.

CUT THE POWER SUPPLY: Ensure that any electrical control boxes or switches are in a secure environment.

BLOCK VEHICLE ACCESS: Keep vehicles as far away from your tank as possible, use locked gates, parking posts or hooped barriers. Install a driveway alert monitor.



INVEST IN GOOD LIGHTING: Fit movement activated lighting and consider the type that activates a buzzer in the house when it switches on. Adjust the sensitivity to prevent false alarms.

CHECK YOUR HOME INSURANCE: Ensure that your home insurance covers you for the loss/theft of your heating oil.

Hertfordshire Trading Standards have received a number of calls today, regarding a letter that has been received by residents of East Herts from a company claiming to be a debt recovery agency - QDC Collection Agents of Macclesfield, asking for a payment of £67.50 due to council tax arrears.

This is a scam and nothing to do with East Herts District Council.

If you receive such a letter, do not make any payment and please contact Action Fraud on 0300 123 2040 or Email ; www.actionfraud.police.uk
Please check on any elderly or vulnerable relatives who live in the East Herts area to ensure that they do not make any payments.

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

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.

EMERGENCY/CRIME OCCURRING NOW 999

Non-emergency number 101

Or 01707 354000

Crime Stoppers 0800 555 111

Call anonymously with information about crime.



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.

DANE END STORES AND POST OFFICE 01920 438984

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.

THE MUNDENS WEBSITES

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

Don't wait until it's too late – get your dog microchipped now for free

The law is changing – from April 6th, all dogs aged eight weeks old and over must be microchipped and their keeper's details must be up to date or owners may face a fine.

To help dog owners comply with the law, East Herts Council is offering residents a final chance to get their pet microchipped for free.

The council is offering free chipping and advice in March at:

Bishop's Stortford – Grange Paddocks, Football
March 2nd, 10am-12 noon

Buntingford – Police Station, Baldock Road,
March 9th, 10am-12 noon



Hertford – Hartham Leisure centre,
March 16th, 10am-12 noon

Ware – Police Station, Burgage Lane

March 23rd, 10am-12 noon

Presdales Football Pavilion, Walnut Tree Walk,

March 23, 1-3pm.

There is no need to book – just turn up with your pet.

For more details see:

www.eastherts.gov.uk/straydogs

LITTLE MUNDEN PARISH COUNCIL The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Thursday 17th March At 8 pm in Dane End Memorial Hall Munden Road Dane End

If in the meantime you wish to contact the Parish Council please call the Clerk on 01920 438145 or email g.osullivan789@gmail.com

GARDENS OF EASTON LODGE

March 6th - Snowdrop Sunday

Easter at the Gardens of Easton Lodge will be a double delight this year, not only will children be able to take part in their very own Easter Fun Trail, but at the same time they will be raising money to help restore an historic tree house.

The tree house, designed and built for the Countess of Warwick by Harold Peto at the turn of the last century, requires thousands of pounds for restoration and the Gardens' trustees have embarked on a Treehouse Project.

To support this, we are having a special opening on Easter Sunday, March 27th, for a children's **Easter Fun Trail**. Our young visitors can work their way around the gardens, finding and solving the clues to the Easter puzzle and then return with it completed to claim their prize from the Easter Grotto.

There will also be an Easter croquet challenge and the chance to "be a bunny".

The gardens will be open from 11.30am to 3.30pm, with last entry at 2.30pm. Entry to the gardens will be £3 per adult; children come in free. There is a £1 charge for taking part in the Easter Fun Trail.

Daisy's will be open until 3pm selling homemade soup, bacon rolls, hot and cold drinks and delicious homemade cakes.

For more information, visit our website

www.eastonlodge.co.uk, call 01371 876979, or email

enquiries@eastonlodge.co.uk.

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

ROAD IMPROVEMENTS

As you may be aware, Hertfordshire County Council (HCC) is progressing plans for a road bypass of Little Hadham. This is part of the existing policy for this A120 corridor between the A10 and the M11, agreed in 2006. Also part of this policy in 2006 was the consideration of potential improvements at Standon.

As part of this consideration of potential improvements at Standon we are currently finalising an initial assessment to understand better the opportunities and constraints of the A120 corridor in this area. The outcome of this will feed directly into the wider Transport Visioning work that is being undertaken by Hertfordshire County Council to prioritise transport work between now and 2050.

As public acceptability of any option will form an important part of the decision making process we will shortly be undertaking a public consultation on the options considered in our initial assessment report. It is planned that the public consultation will run between Monday 29th February and Monday 28th March.

An information leaflet will be available online, and a consultation portal will be available for you to share your views via hertsdirect.org/a120standon. If you would like a hard copy, please call 0300 123 4040; email A120standon@hertfordshire.gov.uk; or write to Highways Major Projects Group, First Floor NW Block, County Hall, Pegs Lane, Hertford, SG13 8BR. A limited number of additional copies will be sent to your Parish Council representatives.

**LITTLE MUNDEN PARISH COUNCIL
PRECIS OF THE MEETING
HELD ON 21st JANUARY**

In Little Munden Memorial Hall

It was agreed at this meeting that future Parish Council Minutes would be posted on the website in **draft** form before the following meeting when they will be officially approved.

Derek Wheeler, the treasurer of Little Munden Memorial Hall was present and provided attendees with an update on the changes to the Memorial Hall's constitution. Following a meeting with the existing Trustees and a specialist Solicitor, it was agreed that the holding trustees would be superseded by investing their powers under an official custodian, the Charity Commission who would in effect own title to the building. Daily affairs of the Hall would however be run by the Village Hall Committee. He reassured those present that issues around Title only comes into being if the Hall ceases to operate and becomes derelict.

The replacement for Councillor Boulton, David Hart was duly co-opted onto the Parish Council.

PLANNING

New Applications

3/15/2304/HH - 6, Easington Road, Dane End

Proposed two storey side extension.

3/15/2296/LBC - Orchard Cottage, Little Munden

Demolition of existing conservatory, erection of single storey extension incorporating a pitched roof dormer window, removal of ground floor internal walls to dining room, creation of enlarged en-suite, creation of vaulted ceiling to master bedroom, positioning of oil

tank in front garden and replacement external doors and windows.

3/15/2376/HH - Cherrymead, Frogs Hall Lane, Haultwick
Alterations, extensions and raising the roof height to create first floor accommodation and single storey rear extension. Alterations to scheme previously allowed on appeal, ref 3/14/2014/FP.

3/16/0029/HH - Burnside Cottage, Munden Road, Dane End
Single storey rear extension, replacement door/window and blocking up of window in south west elevation, removal of ground floor internal walls to create enlarged kitchen and erection of new partition wall to create first floor w.c. Insertion of 2 roof lights in existing ground floor roof.

3/15/2384/LBC - Whempstead Barn, Whempstead
Amendments to windows and external doors following approval under ref 3/14/1475/LB.

New lantern roof light on approved extension.

New/enlarged windows to main hall, Bedrooms 4, 5 & 6.

6.2 Decisions

3/15/2064/HH - 31, Kingsfield Road, Dane End
Change of flat roof to pitched at front – retrospective. Planning Permission granted subject to conditions.

3/15/2005/CLP - Fellowsfield, Mill Lane, Dane End,
Re-open an old disused entrance from Mill Lane at the extreme east corner of the plot. Excavation to form a porous driveway and erection of a gate. Certificate of proposed lawful use/development refused.

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on 17th March at 8 pm.

Advance warning: **The Annual Parish Meeting** will be held on Thursday 21st April at 8 pm.

This will be preceded by a Parish Council meeting at 7.30 pm.

Please contact the Clerk if you have any issues you wish to raise with the Parish Council:

Geraldine Ward: 01920 438145

Email: g.osullivan789@gmail.com

**LITTLE MUNDEN MEMORIAL HALL
NOTICE OF FORTHCOMING AGM**

To be held in the Back Room of the Hall

At 8 pm on Wednesday 23rd March

***Preceded by the Village Hall Committee Meeting
at 7.30 pm***

***All Parishioners are welcome to attend – this is
your Hall. Any suggestions or ideas will be
welcomed by the Committee so please come along!***

For more information

Please contact Geraldine Ward (Secretary)

01920 438145

[www. g.osullivan789@gmail.com](mailto:g.osullivan789@gmail.com)

Facebook: Little Munden Memorial Hall

Clean for the Queen – 4th to 6th March

This campaign was launched by Country Life magazine, in partnership with Keep Britain Tidy, to clear up Britain in time for the Queen's 90th birthday on 21st April, and to celebrate her long service and dedication to this country.

About 2.25 million pieces of litter are dropped on the streets of the UK every day. 30 million tons of rubbish are collected from England's streets every year – enough to fill Wembley Stadium four times over - and this costs taxpayers almost £1 billion every year. The RSPCA receives 7,000 calls a year about animals injured by litter.

We all have a responsibility to keep our community tidy, and this campaign provides us with a great chance to do our bit to protect our wildlife and to improve the quality of our roads and public spaces. There is a country-wide push for "the most monumental of litter clear-ups" from **Friday 4th to Sunday 6th March**. Conveniently (perhaps?) this coincides with the proposed closure of sections of the Munden Road.

The Highways Agency clears about 180,000 sacks of litter from motorways and A-roads alone. Little Munden and Great Munden Parish Councils both employ litter-pickers, and we have to be very grateful for what they do, but we can't leave it all to them. So why not don *your* boots and Marigolds, grab a bin-bag, and make a difference in and around our beautiful villages?

This campaign has the support of Little Munden Parish Council, and David Hart (438976 or daveh45@gmail.com) can help with any co-ordination that may be needed within the parish.



Wouldn't it be wonderful if nobody dropped any litter in the first place?

BADMINTON

It has been a very busy month for the badminton players of Dane End and surrounding villages. Carolyn Windibank reports:-

Two junior members of the club, Alistair Bennett and Charlie Windebank, took part in the Herts Schools U10 Boys Singles Tournament on 7th February. Both boys played extremely well with Ali winning the plate competition comfortably 15-6, and Charlie reaching the final of the main event where he played a tremendous game but was eventually beaten 15-12.

Charlie also played for the Hertfordshire County squad in a friendly tournament against Warwickshire on 14th February. Charlie contributed three wins to the final result which was a suitably friendly 23 matches each!

Both boys have improved hugely and would like to thank Brian for his coaching and support. This will stand them both in good stead when they represent Herts in their first international tournament in Antwerp at Easter. Good luck boys!

I would like to add my congratulations to Ali and Charlie and to wish them well in Antwerp.

I could not be at the event Carolyn reported on as the East Herts Community Badminton Network's parent and child tournament was happening at the same time in Ware Drill Hall. Four pairs from the Dane End Club played and were all outstanding. Kit and Jonathan Martin didn't lose a game but did not progress to the semi-finals as other pairs had scored more points. Evie and Trevor Petts both played very well; Evie moving and hitting the shuttle as hard as I've seen her hit. Ciaran and Michelle Galvin both played well though Michelle has only recently started playing with the club and we need to increase her shots and tactics. Troy and Warren Sullivan were very impressive. I hadn't seen Warren play before. He played very well and should play some more! Troy flew around the court, getting back shots I thought he would never reach. Although some parents (not ours) were taking it a bit too seriously, it was a very enjoyable afternoon and I will put on a similar tournament within the Club in the near future. Well done everybody!

The following weekend James Monk and Ciaran Galvin played in the second round of Badminton England's National Junior League. Hertfordshire's part of this tournament involves all the districts of the County playing each other. They both played above themselves and Ciaran astounded me, and the other East Herts coaches, with a beautifully executed drop shot to win a point when all money was on another big hit. Absolutely brilliant!! We are currently fourth, but in the next and final round, on Sunday 8th May, we are up against some of the stronger teams in the County. We hope to find some court-time to coach a squad of players for this event.

Towards the end of the afternoon, Gail Emms (Olympic silver medallist at Athens 2004) came to talk to the players and hit with them. I think she forgot herself at one point and smashed at James, who took it in good grace. After that many of the boys were inviting her to smash at them in the vain hope that they might return it! It was a wonderful afternoon and a great experience for all the players to meet and play with Gail.



Although we have been very busy, there is always time for more badminton. If anybody of any age and ability would like to join us, I can promise plenty of exercise and fun.

Brian: 438561 fullmasher@freeuk.com

Any views or opinions presented are solely those of the author and do not necessarily represent those of the Editor.

**Please take your news to Barbara Springate at:
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or email jackiemorris@tesco.net**

April Deadline
March 25th

