



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



Tuesday 4th October

*9.30am Holy Communion Sacombe

Sunday 9th October

9.15am Family Worship Little Munden
10.45am Holy Communion Standon

Tuesday 11th October

*9.30am Holy Communion Sacombe

Sunday 16th October

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

Tuesday 18th October

*9.30am Holy Communion Sacombe

Sunday 23rd October

9.15am Holy Communion Little Munden
10.45am Family Worship Standon

Tuesday 25th October

*9.30am Holy Communion Sacombe

Sunday 30th October

*8.00am Holy Communion Standon
10.45am United Holy Communion Sacombe
6.30pm Deanery Evensong Little Munden

Tuesday 1st November

*9.30am Holy Communion Sacombe

* 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

Website: www.ubsms.org.uk

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Bible Readings for October

9 th October	20 th Sunday after Trinity	1 Peter 1: 22 – 2: 12, Matthew 5: 43-48
16 th October	21 st Sunday after Trinity	1 Peter 2: 13 – 3: 7, Matthew 22: 15-22
23 rd October	Bible Sunday	1 Peter 3: 8-22, John 12: 37 & 42-50
30 th October	All Saints' Day	(a.m.) 1 Peter 4: 1-11, Matthew 11: 11-19 (p.m.) Lamentations 3: 22-33, John 11: 32-44

Letter from the Rector

If you love sport, this past summer has been heavenly. Even the expected failure of the England football team could not detract from the remarkable achievement of Chris Coleman and his passionate Wales team; the wonderful success of Andy Murray at Wimbledon; Mo Farah, Jason Kenny, Laura Trott and many others and their Olympic glory; and last but not least, the Para-Olympic heroes from Rio with many new and extraordinary stories being written.

Seeing the joyful face of success is inspiring, but the disappointed faces of those who do not achieve their dreams stay in our minds, don't they? Do you remember Barcelona 1992 and one of the most moving moments in Olympic history? Derek Redmond, the British 400m runner and great hope for a medal, reached the 150m mark narrowly ahead in his semi-final race when suddenly, devastatingly, he fell to the ground as if he had been shot, having suffered a cruel hamstring injury. All those years of hard work, focused on this one moment, and now his dream was over. Despite the pain, he struggled back to his feet and began to hobble around the track, determined to complete his race. At 200m a man ran from the crowd; it was his father. As soon as he recognised his father he wept uncontrollably, as they struggled towards the finish line to the cheers of a packed Olympic Stadium. Why not Google Derek Redmond and you will find it hard to hold back the tears, I assure you!

May I make a simple faith connection? This is such a vivid picture of what our heavenly father is like when we too are struggling; when everything seems to be going wrong, and answers seem difficult to find. Just as Redmond's father came to help his son, so our heavenly father stoops down to help us through the storms and struggles of our lives. He doesn't force his way into our lives, but He comes as we invite Him. Yes, we can invite Jesus to be by our side, even as we read this article. Perhaps you think Jesus might help others but never you? As you ponder the question, I'm sure this famous and much loved poem might help change your mind: 'Footprints in the Sand' by Mary Stevenson.

'One night I dreamed I was walking along the beach with the Lord. Many scenes from my life flashed across the sky. In each scene I noticed footprints in the sand. Sometimes there were two sets of footprints, at other times there was one only. This bothered me, because I noticed that during the low periods of my life, when I was suffering from anguish, sorrow or defeat, I could see only one set of footprints, so I said to the Lord, "You promised me, Lord, that if I followed you, you would walk with me always. But I have noticed that during the most trying periods of my life there has only been one set of footprints in the sand. Why, when I needed you most, have you not been there for me?" The Lord replied, "The years when you have seen only one set of footprints, my child, is when I carried you." '

Alan Comfort

LUNCHTIME RECITALS AT ST MARY'S, STANDON
8th October 12.30pm Music for Harp
Played by Rebecca Watts (harp) with Catherine Smith (soprano/recorder)

15th October 12.30pm Music for Bassoon
With Rosemary Richardson (bassoon), Michael Smith (piano) and bassoon students from Hertfordshire schools.
Concerts lasts approximately 45 minutes; lunch (soup, bread & cheese) is available from 12 noon. Suggested donation £4 to cover costs.
Following each concert there will be a collection in aid of the Friends of St Mary's, for their part in the maintenance of the fabric of the church.

SACOMBE PARISH MEETING
At St Catherine's Church on
Thursday 27th October.
Refreshments at 7.30pm and meeting at 8pm.
All Sacombe parish residents welcome.

VILLAGE LUNCH
for Dane End and around
hosted by Little Munden Church
Thursday 20th October
12 noon
Memorial Hall
Delicious main course, pudding and coffee.
Great fun and friendship,
and a short thought from the Rector,
maybe even another joke!
Suggested donation from £5
Lifts can be arranged
Call Deborah on 01920 438436
or email deborahovens27@gmail.com

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

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.



**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

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

There will be an EGM on 13th October at 7.30pm in the Village Hall to consider the proposal that the previous Committee be re-formed.

Derek Wheeler Treasurer

LITTLE MUNDEN PARISH COUNCIL

LITTER PICKER VACANCY

A Litter Picker is required to keep our Parish clean and litter free. The round includes Dane End, (including Horses' Meadow), Haultwick and Green End.



You will have to work approximately 6.5 hours per month for a payment of £6.68 per hour.

All equipment necessary to carry out the work will be supplied by the Parish Council.

We welcome applications from teenagers 14 years of age or above, although the position would also suit a retired person.

If you would like to apply please send your CV to:

Geraldine Ward

Little Munden Parish Council

East View Cottage

Munden Road

Dane End SG12 0LH

Email: g.osullivan789@gmail.com

Tel: 01920 438145

**THE NEXT MEETING OF THE
PARISH COUNCIL
WILL BE HELD AT LITTLE MUNDEN
MEMORIAL HALL**

AT 8 PM

ON

THURSDAY 17TH NOVEMBER

All Parishioners are welcome

Draft minutes of the September meeting will be available on www.mundens.net shortly.

THE BOOT

The official opening on Friday 2nd September was a huge success, a big thank you to everyone who came in on that evening – the turnout was amazing. We would like to mention a few people who without their hard work the evening would not have run so smoothly.



Rachel and Giorgia who worked so hard behind the bar. Josh, David and Chris who constantly collected and washed the glasses. Debbie & Heather who helped with the buffet, and Rachel who made 'The Boot' celebration cake.

The raffle winners were Michael Fitch, Wendy Lambert and Hazel Penn – congratulations to you all. The proceeds from the raffle were £225, and this was donated to one of our regulars, Rick who has been very ill and is now recuperating at home in Newcastle.

Bingo has now restarted, and will be held on the 2nd Monday of each month at 7pm. **The next date will be Monday 10th October.**



A Quiz Night in conjunction with Little Munden School will be held on **Saturday 15th October commencing at 8pm.** Please come along and support this event, proceeds from entry and raffle will go to the School. Tickets are available from The Boot and Little Munden School.

We are also going to start holding regular Coffee Mornings on the first Friday of each month. Come along between 10am and 12noon and have a cup of coffee and a slice of cake for £2.50, and have a good chat with friends and neighbours. **The first event will be Friday 4th November.**

We hope to be able to tell you more news on the opening of the kitchen in next month's newsletter.

If you are interested in holding a party or any event in the pub please either call Matt on 01920 438770 or pop in. **Mick & Matt**

Opening Hours:

Monday 5pm – 10pm

Tuesday – Thursday 5pm – 11pm

Friday & Saturday 12noon – 11pm

Sunday 12noon – 10pm



NO MORE TRAINS AT WATTON-AT-STONE?

Great Northern Trains are consulting about changes to their timetable coming into effect May 2018. They are proposing to curtail trains to and from Watton-at-Stone and replace them with a rail replacement bus service between Hertford North/Watton-at-Stone/Stevenage. The Timetable Consultation Document is available on their Website and the relevant page is no 66.

www.thameslinkrailway.com/your-journey/timetable-consultation

Consultation responses are invited from passengers by 8th December 2016.

VETS

Our community now has a VETS (Volunteer Emergency Telephone System), service to complement our community defibrillator. VETS is a community run project that enables up to 10 "good neighbours" to assist pending the arrival of the emergency services. Our VETS number is 01920 282999. The system can also be used for any emergency where additional help is required from neighbours.

Little Munden Cafe

The Café takes place on Wednesdays 3.00-4.30pm in Little Munden Church until 19th October (half term).

All are very welcome, to enjoy fresh coffee, tea, home-made cakes and squash.

The Café is free, but donations are welcome. We serve fairly traded products wherever possible.

October at the Gardens of Easton Lodge

Our open day on Sunday 16th October is last one of the season and sees the return of the very popular "Spooky Fun Trail" to the gardens. The trails takes children round the Gardens searching for clues which will allow them to collect a spooky treat – a small charge of £1 per child is made and there will be extra treats for any child who comes along in fancy dress and maybe the odd trick or two! There will also be free craft and nature activities available.

The gardens won't be open again until we welcome visitors back for our "Snowdrop Sundays" in February and March next year so come along and enjoy a final wander around this beautiful place.

Our very popular guided tours which cost only £1.50 will be running at 12.30pm & 2.30pm and cover all aspects of the garden's history, plus there is much more historic information to browse through in our Archive Building. Homemade soup, bacon rolls and cheese rolls will be on sale at "Daisy's" until 2.15pm with hot and cold drinks and delicious homemade cakes available until 4.30pm. Gates open at 11.30am and the gardens close at 5pm with last entry at 4pm. Entrance is only £4 for adults and children come in free of charge making it a very affordable day out, especially for families. Dog lovers are reminded that their pets are more than welcome as long as they are kept on a lead.

If you need further information then please get in touch on 01371 876979 (unattended but if you leave a message we will get back to you), enquiries@eastonlodge.co.uk or visit www.eastonlodge.co.uk.



As you probably know, Indegro have lodged an appeal against the DMC planning committee's Refusal of the lagoon application. Attached is a Community Update and Financial Report.

Once the Appeal is put onto the Inspectorate's website we have just 5 weeks to remake our case. Thankfully there have been admin delays which gave us extra time to prepare and develop a strategy which is ready to go. But we do need the money to pay for it. We won the first round - a resounding 100% refusal from the planning committee. Now we have to win again - for the last time.

Please consider how important it is to you and what it's worth.

To employ the consultant expertise we need for a fighting Appeal will cost £15,000

We will do everything we can to win again. But, without a fighting fund we can do nothing. So, please make the donation you can.

In the past few days we've received generous donations now totalling £3,500.

Thank you to those who have been so quick to act. The clock is ticking now and after 5 weeks it will be too late.

This is the end of the line...

SLADE (Stop Lagoon at Dane End) Account Number:

61325477 Sort Code: 40-45-42

Paypal to our account at **stoplagoonatdaneend@outlook.com**

Post/Deliver to **SLADE c/o 5 Pearman Drive, Dane End, Herts SG12 0LW**

SLADE WAR CHEST STAGE 1 - Summary Accounts (to 25th May 2016)

Expenditure £ 29,376

1. Specialist Consultants: £ 16,369
2. Planning / Legal Expertise: £ 7,960
3. SLADE Objection Packs: £ 1,818 Packs contained our detailed case for rejection of Indegro's planning application & provided Planning Policy basis for rejection. Copies were hand delivered to EHDC Planning Dept and to every Development Management Committee (DMC) member in advance of their planning meeting **Contents:**
SLADE Formal Objection Letter Map - Seasonal flooding on Munden Road and proposed site Map - Affected Views Map - Distribution of farmland associated with this planning application Map - Land Registry Title Deeds re Home Farm, Dane End **Expert Consultant Reports: Roads & Transport** by WSP Ltd **Environmental & Ecology** by AA Environmental Ltd **Landscape Impact** by The Landscape Partnership **Planning Policy Legal Report** by Attwaters Jameson Hill Solicitors **Farming & Agriculture** by Paul Spackman **USB Stick containing SLADE's Road Movie & digital version of all**
4. Stationary, Community Coach to DMC & Communications: £ 823
5. Mapping & Land Registry: £ 692
6. Road Movie Production: £ 1714

Donations £ 29,377

Other Gifts: A4 leaflets, Objection Postcards, Postage : value £2500

Hertford and Villages Children's Centre Group
Our new leaflet detailing our programme of activities is available from either Beane Valley or Hertford Selections Children's Centres. Alternatively please look on our website: www.hertfordandvillagescc.org.uk.

There has been some small changes to our programme but we still have **Stay and Play** sessions on Wednesdays at Beane Valley in the morning and Hertford Selections in the afternoon. There is still a session at Hornsmill Community Centre on Tuesday morning.

Baby Sensory sessions are on Thursday morning at Beane Valley Children's Centre and Friday morning at Hertford Selections Children's Centre.

There is plenty of different courses to choose from including **Baby Massage, Baking Beans** and **Introduction to Solids**. There are various parenting courses on Tuesday mornings such as **Parenting Girls, Parenting Boys** and **Parenting Puzzle**. Please call the number below to book a place.

Dad's Club still runs on the first Saturday of the month at Beane Valley and there is a **Saturday Stay and Play** on the third Saturday of the month at Beane Valley and on the fourth Saturday of the month at Hertford Selections.

Please have a look at: www.hertfordandvillagescc.org.uk to see what is happening in the area. Also like us on our Facebook page: Hertford & Villages Children's Centres

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

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

Our partners at Get Safe Online have this week issued a warning to the UK public to be careful when accessing private data on public Wi-Fi hotspots. The UK now over 300,000 public Wi-Fi hotspots, with more people than ever becoming the target of cyber criminals simply because they don't know if the networks they're using are secure. It may sound like a spy thriller, but cyber criminals can hijack public networks to try to steal our money and information – in some cases, even our identity.

Wi-Fi networks are found in public places like cafes, airports, pubs and hotels. If not fully secure, these networks could potentially be hijacked by cyber criminals.

In some cases, criminals have set up fake hotspots in public places to fool people into logging onto them. Our advice is *not* to use public networks to browse confidential information; log into an account; or make a payment. Doing so on a public network comes with risk – particularly if you don't know how secure the network is. Get Safe Online has produced some top tips for staying safe when using Wi-Fi networks:

=Don't use public Wi-Fi in places like cafes and hotels if doing anything confidential online, including logging into online accounts

=Being given an access code or being asked for your email doesn't mean a Wi-Fi connection is secure.

=Instead of premises' hotspots, use a mobile broadband dongle that is set to secure, your 3G or 4G data connection – or wait to use a router you know is secure.

=Consider using a VPN (Virtual Private Network) to access your company network.

=Ensure your home and office wireless networks are secure.

=It's OK to use public Wi-Fi hotspots for things you don't need to log into or aren't confidential, like checking the news or weather. If possible, use well-known hotspot providers like BT OpenZone or T-Mobile.

=For more information, visit: www.getsafeonline.org

ISABEL HOSPICE

Thursday 13th October 7pm. Charity Curry Night in aid of Isabel Hospice. Amwell Tandoori Restaurant, 14, High Street, Ware, SG12 9BX.

Join Amwell Tandoori in a fundraising evening at their restaurant for delicious food, where they are donating £10 of each ticket to the Hospice.

To book a place, please contact Mr Haque on 01920 462026.

THANK YOU

Posy Williams would like to give a very big thank you to all who helped raise £1,120 at the Macmillan coffee morning.

Thank you again for all of your support over the years.

Quiz Night

The Boot and The Friends of Little Munden School are pleased to announce a quiz night on

Saturday 15th October

Venue: The Boot, Munden Road

Starting at 8pm

£4 entry per person, to include food

Teams maximum of 6 players

Raffle

Tickets available from The Boot and Little Munden School



Friends of Little Munden

C/o Little Munden CofE (VC) Primary School,
Tel: 01920 438271 Fax: 01920 438055
Email C/o: admin@littlemunden.herts.sch.uk
Registered Charity Number: 1055690

**AND FINALLY
A WORD FROM THE EDITOR!**

Recently, Pete and I went to Scotland to look after Henry whilst Emily and Aidan canoed the River Spey. Emily had planned the route and camping locations for them and two chaps from her canoe club. They enjoyed 'wild camping'; setting up camp along the riverbank for the night and cooking by a camp fire etc. but Pete and I, not enamoured by that at all, stayed at bed and breakfast establishments along the route!

It has been many years since Pete and I have visited Scotland and we had forgotten just how remote the remote areas are and in our pursuit of following the canoeists, it could take us all day to find anywhere to get a cup of tea!

We flew to Inverness from Luton and then caught the train to Newtonmore, somewhere in the Cairngorms! We felt like Paddington Bears as it was a teeny tiny station in the middle of nowhere and there we were, carrying our bags (not wheeled ones!) along the lane to find our B & B which had to be accessed by walking across a golf course!! Emily and co. were staying at a hostel, they had driven up. We all met up for a debriefing after which we left them and returned to the comfort of our B & B!

The next day the gang set off on their journey along the River Spey and we took charge of our lovely Henry, he is an absolute delight. We were of course the doting grandparents and basked in the glory of having **such** a beautiful grandson!!



We followed them each day using their car hence flying up. We picked Henry in the mornings where he had been happily 'wild camping' with mummy and daddy overnight, the three of them shoe horned into a tiny two man tent, but they were as snug as bugs in rugs!

We saw red squirrels on our travels and the morning we were staying on the seafront at Port Gordon on the Moray Firth, we were treated to watching a pod of dolphins feeding in the bay right outside our bedroom window.

It is a somewhat uninspiring fishing village but with the spectacle of the dolphins and the colonies of seals cruising around feeding, it made an interesting stay.

There where many whisky distilleries nestling in the hills and along the riverbanks with the air smelling very alluring to Pete but it was the discovery of the Walkers shortbread biscuit factory that did it for me!!

They completed their 80 mile journey arriving four days later in Spey Bay, we did about four times that from chasing them along for photo shoots and 'plug ons' (Emily is still breast feeding!).

Sadly, Emily had a huge upset on her return to Devon, a matter of hours after she arrived home, Milly her beloved pony died.

She had started going down hill the day before and was very poorly by the time Emily got back.

The vet was summoned but all she could be given was pain relief. She had suspected colic.

We are all very sad but Emily was devastated....

Milly was 30 years old, she had been Emily's buddy for 22 years and had shared so much fun and excitement with her over the time.....

Horse shows, pony club events, gymkhanas, hacking....she was such a huge part of our family.

She still has Solo but he too is 'getting on' at 28 years old but he still enjoys a good hack or ride along the beach....and long may he continue to do so....

Milly meeting Henry for the first time.....



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

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Horseshoe Villa, Munden Road or email
jackiemorris@tesco.net**

November deadline
29th October

