



**The Mundens with Sacombe  
Church and Parish  
Newsletter  
MAY 2017**



Please remember that St Mary's Church, Standon, will be closed from Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> May until late August, to enable important building work to be carried out to enhance the use of this beautiful and ancient church. During this period, services will be held at the normal times, but 8.00am services will be held in Standon Village Hall, and 10.45am services in Roger de Clare School.

**Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> May**

*8.00am	Holy Communion	Standon Village Hall
10.45am	United Worship	Little Mundens
4.45pm	St Mary's at the School	Roger de Clare School

**Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> May**

**No service at St Catherine's this week.**

**Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> May**

9.15am	Family Worship	Little Mundens
10.45am	Holy Communion	Roger de Clare School
4.45pm	St Mary's at the School	Roger de Clare School

**Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> May**

*9.30am	Holy Communion	Sacombe
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**Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> May**

*8.00am	Holy Communion	Little Mundens
10.45am	United Worship	Roger de Clare School
4.45pm	St Mary's at the School	Roger de Clare School

**Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> May**

*9.30am	Holy Communion	Sacombe
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**Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> May (Ascension Day)**

7.30pm	Holy Communion	Sacombe
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**Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> May**

9.15am	Holy Communion	Little Mundens
10.45am	Family Worship	Roger de Clare School

**Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> May**

*9.30am	Holy Communion	Sacombe
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**Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> June**

*8.00am	Holy Communion	Standon Village Hall
10.45am	United Worship	Little Mundens
4.45pm	St Mary's at the School	Roger de Clare School

\* service from Book of Common Prayer

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

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

**Churchwardens:**

Little Mundens	Jeremy White	438575		
Sacombe	Peter Hudson	438379	Derek Wheeler	438875

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[www.facebook.com/unitedbenefice3](https://www.facebook.com/unitedbenefice3)

Twitter: @unitedbenefice3

## Letter from the Rector

Alan writes:

Reading the letters printed in local newspapers is both revealing and interesting. Just this week I read one such letter regarding the Easter Story and whether it is possible to believe that it is true? He/she writes 'I understood that religious belief only required faith to support it. Surely it is reasonable to say that we believe what we want to believe, regardless of the need for the truth.' (Walden Local 20 April 2017.) Of course it is possible that some people 'believe' without being sure something is true, but this claim is not isolated to Christians only. Most of us believe what the experts say on a daily basis, for instance our doctor or electrician, even when we have no idea whether they are right. But having 'faith' in them does not mean there is no truth.

John Chapter 20 describes the moment when Jesus, who the Bible tells us was raised up from death, appeared to His disciples. Thomas was a trusted friend but he wasn't there when Jesus came to them. When they told him, Thomas said he could not believe unless he saw for himself, unless he put his hands where the wounds would have been. Did his 'doubts' change the 'truth' of what the others saw? Of course not. It happened. 1 Corinthians chapter 15 verse 6 tells us that the risen Jesus appeared to over 500 people before he ascended into heaven. Ever since, countless lives have been changed by meeting Jesus. Some need little proof, they just trust in Him; others have studied the scriptures asking the deep questions of life, and have concluded exactly the same. Truth is arrived at and understood in different ways whilst remaining unchanged!

Over the next five weeks our churches are trying to answer the 'true or not' question in different ways. We have a new ten week Alpha Course starting, that questions whether we can logically believe the central claims of the Christian faith. Why not come? Ask those questions that stand in the way of faith. (Ring Alan 01920 318864 to book a place.) Or why not come to hear 'Tough Talk' on 21st May, 3pm at Roger de Clare School. 'Tough Talk' was started many years ago by Arthur White. Arthur was a World Power Lifting Champion; a seriously dangerous guy and drug cheat who walked away from his family, before something incredible happened: he met Jesus, and was changed. Why not come and hear some amazing stories of how God can change lives? Lastly, our Pentecost Prayer Sunday is on 4th June. The Archbishop of Canterbury has challenged the churches to pray. Many are committing to pray for five people to overcome their struggles or put their trust in Jesus. So on 4th June at our services and throughout the day we will be offering different ways of praying, with a focus on the General Election on 8th June also. Prayer changes people. Whether you believe this or not doesn't change the fact that it is true. Why not come and get involved or question..... **Alan Comfort**



## St. Mary's is closing ....from 2nd May-25th August

As many already know, St. Mary's Church, Standon, is closing for re-ordering during this period. This is both exciting and daunting, as the familiar is lost for a short period, but welcome improvements are just around the corner. The new kitchen and toilet facilities will transform the experience of many; a new side chapel will offer a quiet space on a daily basis; a new dais will enhance our worship; and beautiful glass entrance doors will enable a more welcoming approach for visitors. We are so blessed to be able to do this without endless fundraising. Please note: 8am BCP Services on 1st and 5th Sundays of each month will take place in the Village Hall; 10.45am Services on 2nd, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4th Sundays will take place at Roger de Clare Church of England School.

## All Saint's Cleaning Rota

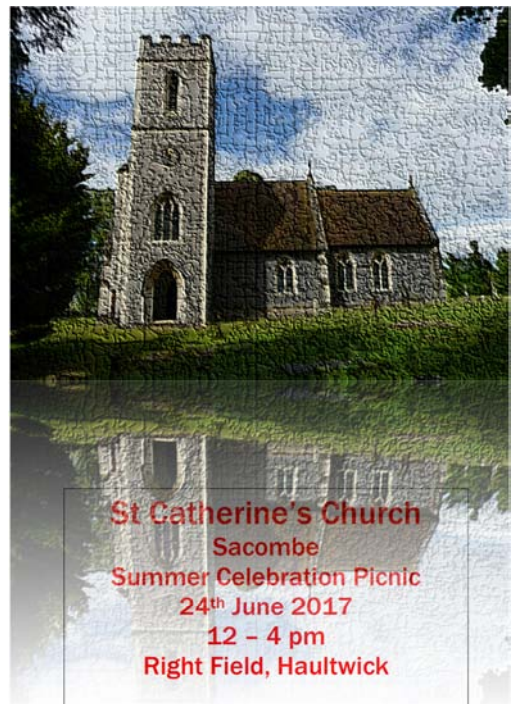
The rota seems to be working well and generally our loyal band of cleaners are doing a great job in keeping the Church clean and tidy! We could of course always do with more volunteers on the rota, especially as we have lost one or two recently, and may lose more this year.

We would therefore be grateful for any volunteers to contact either **Sara Szolcek by email: [sszolcek@btinternet.com](mailto:sszolcek@btinternet.com) or Pauline Last by phone (438518).**

It is a job that only needs doing 5 or 6 times a year, and volunteers can choose when to do the cleaning during their turn, so any day/time during the week which is convenient to them, and it is also possible to swap if any week is not convenient due to holidays etc. We have had a 2nd Hoover kindly donated by Sally and Peter Aknai which is much appreciated. But as our hoovers are really for domestic use, if anyone is able to donate a powerful Hoover, it would be much appreciated of course.

## Church Flowers at Little Munden

Christmas, Easter and Harvest seem to go well, folk are good at turning up and making the Church look glorious. My main struggle is every week trying to keep flowers in church. In the past we had a rota for flower arrangers taking on 2 weeks but that has lapsed and I would love to renew it. So please if you could help me put this back together by offering to take on flowers for 2 weeks a year maybe you would like to do this in memory of a loved one, a wedding anniversary or just because you enjoy doing flowers, do speak to me: **01920 438277** or email: [barbara.springate@gmail.com](mailto:barbara.springate@gmail.com)



**St Catherine's Church  
Sacombe  
Summer Celebration Picnic  
24<sup>th</sup> June 2017  
12 - 4 pm  
Right Field, Haultwick**

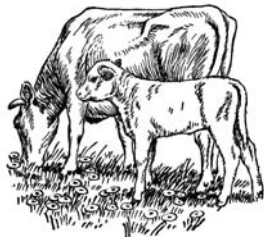
**Bring a picnic and come to  
celebrate 800 years of a rector at  
Sacombe.**

**Music, sports & competitions**

## Country Matters (April 10<sup>th</sup> 2017)

After an exceptionally mild winter, what an unusual spring we have experienced so far, with everything appearing so early and yet no rain of any consequence? The old proverb, "a pinch of dust in March is worth a king's ransom" certainly occurred this year, although I have not heard of any Royalty in this predicament lately.

One lot of our young cattle have been turned out to grass so far, with the rest going out shortly, we hope. There seems to be a fair bit of grass in most of our fields, but



without rain we don't know how it will recover after the first grazing. I can't say the sheep are short of grass, but they are certainly getting over the ground at a fair old rate. By the 29<sup>th</sup> March we had the odd Swallow and several Chiffchaffs, and now some Blackcaps as well, but whether we will ever see or hear a Cuckoo again remains to be seen. There have been a few butterflies about - Tortoiseshells, Peacocks and Brimstones, all out of hibernation, and some newly emerged Orange Tips.

**Bird of the Month:** Long-tailed Tit  
Every spring in late March and early April, I always keep a look out for Long-tailed Tits' nests. They are wonderfully constructed of pieces of moss, with cobwebs added for cohesion. The nest is covered on the outside with flakes of lichen, which help in its camouflage, and lined with many hundreds of feathers, more of Woodpigeons' breast feathers than anything else.

They lay nine to twelve eggs, which are smaller than a Wren's. As such a nest takes several weeks to build, there's no time for a second attempt, should a nest be predated on by a Jay or other corvid. A pair that loses a nest and its contents will usually divert their attention to a neighbouring pair, and join in feeding their young, thus giving an increased chance of that brood fledging.

They always build their nests in thorny hedges or shrubs, blackthorn being favoured, otherwise field rose, hawthorn or bramble. The family parties of them that we all see during the winter often consist of over twenty birds, so several families must join together.

*Tony Spackman*

## Saturday Sports

The Sports Club meets weekly on Saturday mornings in term time at Little Munden School 10-11am. There is touch rugby and football, for boys and girls aged 5-15 years. Why not come and give it a go? Dads are welcome to join in too, and it's all free.

**SACOMBE PARISH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**  
At St Catherine's Church on Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> May.  
Refreshments at 7.30pm and meeting at 8pm  
All Sacombe parish residents welcome.

## NEWS FROM THE GARDENS OF EASTON LODGE

We have been busy improving the planting in the gardens. In the Italian garden the inner beds will be colour coordinated, pinks and blues, while the outer beds will be a riot of various colours. We have added some heritage roses, reshaped old shrubs and replaced the mini juniper trees where necessary, as they frame the beds as they were in Peto's original design. In the walled kitchen garden we are filling borders with flowers and herbs. In due course we will be planting out squashes and pumpkins and trying to grow melons in 'hot beds'. In the glade, we have started populating the new stumpery.

We have been really pleased to welcome many visitors to the garden already this year, including groups from Germany, Kent and Chelmsford. We have also started to welcome butterflies and indeed a hummingbird hawkmoth.

So, come and see for yourself on May 21, when the gardens will be open at the usual time, from 11.30 to 5.00 and we will be serving bacon rolls and homemade cakes.

Our Website and Facebook page provide our latest news – read our latest blog on Thursday's garden news <http://www.eastonlodge.co.uk/> If you would like to contact us to volunteer or arrange a talk about the gardens and our restoration work, contact us on [enquiries@eastonlodge.co.uk](mailto:enquiries@eastonlodge.co.uk); or 01371 876979.

## Hertford and Villages Children's Centre Group

We are very pleased to announce that we won an award recently from Hertford Regional College as the Apprentice Employer of the Year – Childcare. Since September 2016 we have had a trainee playleader with us as an apprentice whilst she works towards her Childcare qualification.

Also earlier this year we were awarded a Healthy Children's Centre accreditation because of the work we have been doing in several areas such as improving oral health, healthy weight – healthy lives, tobacco control and improving mental health.

We were sad to say goodbye to our Group Manager Lif Bishop at the end of March as she retired. She has been with Beane Valley Children's Centre since 2007 when she started as the Manager.

As always we have **Stay and Play** sessions on Wednesdays at Beane Valley in the morning and Hertford Selections in the afternoon. On Monday mornings at Beane Valley we have **Out to Play** session, where the whole time is spent in our garden playing whatever the weather so please come dressed appropriately.

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

**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.

Our sessions are aimed at children under 5 years old but during school holidays we can accept children up to the age of 8 years old.

Please have a look at: [www.hertfordandvillagescc.org.uk](http://www.hertfordandvillagescc.org.uk) to see what is happening in the area. Also like us on our Facebook page: Hertford & Villages Children's Centres to get any updates on what may be happening.

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

### LITTLE MUNDEN MEMORIAL HALL

We now have our own, stand alone, websites:

[www.daneendvillagehall.co.uk](http://www.daneendvillagehall.co.uk)

[www.littlemundenmemorialhall.co.uk](http://www.littlemundenmemorialhall.co.uk)

They are already bringing enquiries. Previously we have had a website under the Mundens website but that did not provide us with our own identity or bring us business. So look us up!

**Bob Kirkby - Chairman**

### 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.

### KATS (Knebworth Amateur Theatrical Society)

Present

*The Thrill of Love* by Amanda Whittington

Thursday 18th – Saturday 20th May 8pm

Knebworth Village Hall, Park Lane,

Knebworth, SG3 6PD

Tickets £8 (concessions £7)

Email: [tickets@katsdrama.info](mailto:tickets@katsdrama.info)

Telephone: 01438 814166 07952 199183

In person: Village News, Station Road, Knebworth

Amanda Whittington's gripping, funny and moving drama looks at the story of Ruth Ellis, the last woman to be hanged in England in 1955, largely through the eyes of Ruth and the other women involved.

### ISABEL HOSPICE

6th<sup>th</sup> May - 7pm

#### Charity Race Night

St John's Hall, Churchfields, Hertford, SG13 8AE,

Cariad Marketing are hosting a Charity Race Night, with a fish'n'chip supper in aid of the Hospice.

The night will follow a simple tote system:

All tickets will be £1 each

50% of the money collected will go straight to Isabel Hospice, the rest will be divided between the winners.

Raffle, Licenced bar – all proceeds to Isabel Hospice

Call Cariad on [01992 582824](tel:01992582824) for tickets.

### BENINGTON & WALKERN GARDENING CLUB

At a meeting held on 19<sup>th</sup> April, we welcomed back, Peter Walker with a talk called Photographers Year (especially in the garden). Peter has many hobbies now, Natural History, Gardening and Photography. Since 2005 he has 70,000 photographs and his talks concentrate on entertainment rather than education.

His year started with wintery photos. Snowy woodlands, birds and the Winter Garden at Anglesey Abbey.

We then saw spring awakening in the garden with beautiful pictures of his allotment and own garden as well as the 50,000 tulip bulbs planted at Waddesdon Manor and the bulb fields in Holland. The various Botanic gardens in Britain and abroad, the coast, garden shows were all spectacular in the Summer and Autumn. Peter is in the process of writing a book about Orchids. He is also an expert on fungi and always being asked "can I eat this".

The answer is nearly always "Yes".

The speaker was thanked for his entertaining programme and we then had refreshments.

Our next meeting will be on the 17<sup>th</sup> May at Benington Village Hall 7.30pm. Mr G. Lockwood will talk on Seasonal Bulbs.

All are welcome to come along.

Our outing this summer is to **Kew Gardens on Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> June. The cost is £25 which covers the coach and entry fee.**

This open to anyone so if interested, please contact:

**Pauline Davey 01438 869869**

**We meet on the third Wednesday of the month at:  
Benington Village Hall 7.30pm.**



### FIXTURES 2017

Saturday	06 May	Home vs	Lt Hallingbury
Saturday	13 May	Aw ay vs	Hockerill II
Saturday	20 May	Home vs	Willingale
Saturday	27 May	Aw ay vs	Thaxted
Saturday	03 June	Home vs	Abridge
Saturday	10 June	Aw ay vs	Cloghams
Saturday	17 June	Home vs	Potter Street
Saturday	24 June	Aw ay vs	Essendon
Saturday	01 July	Home vs	Nazeing Com II
Sunday	02 July	Chairman's Day (TBC)	
Saturday	08 July	Aw ay vs	Lt Hallingbury
Saturday	15 July	Home vs	Hockerill II
Saturday	22 July	Aw ay vs	Willingale
Saturday	29 July	Home vs	Thaxted
Saturday	05 August	Aw ay vs	Abridge
Saturday	12 August	Home vs	Cloghams
Saturday	19 August	Aw ay vs	Potter Street
Saturday	26 August	Home vs	Essendon
Saturday	02 Sept	Aw ay vs	Nazeing Com II

**LITTLE MUNDEN PARISH COUNCIL –  
Annual Parish Meeting 20th April 2017  
CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

**Chairman**

Lizzie Bacon resigned as Chairman of the Parish Council at last year's May PC meeting and I agreed to take on the chairmanship until the close of this meeting. The PC will appoint a replacement Chairman at the start of the next PC meeting in May.

**The parish year has been dominated by the proposed storage lagoon at Home Farm.**

I wrote an end of term report which was published in the April newsletter, so I don't intend to add further to that this evening.

I would, though, like to put on record my thanks to my fellow councillors whose discussions over 18 months during and between meetings resulted in our reasoned and, I would like to think, persuasive communications with East Herts Council planning department and ultimately in our all-embracing 23-page letter of representation made to the Appeals' Inspector. Although I personally was uncomfortable with the triumphalist tone and certain inaccuracies of SLADE's reaction to the dismissal of the appeal, I think we should acknowledge the time and efforts of those involved in the Stop Lagoon At Dane End campaign and of those who campaigned for the preservation of 'historic' Sacombe Bridge. Thanks, also, to our District Councillor, Paul Kenealy, for his support throughout.

**Mobile phone mast**

Permission has been granted for the installation within a fenced compound at High View Farm of a 21m mast which hopefully will result in improvement in mobile phone reception in Dane End. No timetable has yet been firmed up, but matters are proceeding.



**Little Munden Memorial Hall**

Bob Kirkby, the 'reluctant' chairman of the management committee of the village hall, has apologised for not being here this evening; he has sent in a written report. Thanks to Bob, Gerry Ward and previous committee members who stood in when the new committee agreed at the Hall's AGM in March 2016 fell apart.

**Friends of Little Munden (FoLM)**

Little Munden school has always been at the heart of the local community and our villages. Anyone who cares about the school - parents, children, grandparents, ex-pupils, villagers – and who wants to work to make Little Munden an even better place for our children can be a Friend of Little Munden.

**Parish notice board**

We had to be patient, but I would like to repeat our thanks to David Metcalf for constructing the replacement parish notice board in Dane End.

**Football**

Although they no longer play matches on Horses Meadow, our congratulations go to Dane End United, 2016/17 champions of Division 1 of the East Herts Corinthian Sunday Football League. They lost only one match in the season.

**Cricket**

Chris Jones has sent his apologies, together with a brief update on Little Munden Cricket Club. It may encourage support for our local cricket team if 'home' fixtures were published monthly in the newsletter.

**Church and Parish newsletter**

A hobby horse of mine. During the year I proposed changes to the monthly newsletter, which would, in my opinion, have preserved the Church's lead role in the newsletter's publication, whilst making it a more interesting read. The idea fell on stony ground, but I still hope that the PC and Church can get together with the editor in the not too distant future and agree on revisions to the format.

**Litterpicker**

We received applications from six young people for the position of village litter picker, all of whom had, in our opinion, the right credentials. We therefore decided the fairest way to select was by ballot and Harvey Coles was the lucky winner.

Thanks to Liam Bartlett for his efforts over the last three years.

**Village Lunch**

Well done and thank you to the organisers of the village lunches hosted by All Saints' Church on the third Thursday of each month at the Memorial Hall.

**Common Land – The Old Chalk Pit**

We have agreed to meet with Lord Carter, the landowner adjacent to the Old Chalk Pit, to find out whether title was passed to him when he bought Lordship Farm or whether the common land is still registered in the name of the late HS Smith. Until we have established the legal position, any plans we may have to develop this common land for the benefit of the community are on hold.

**The Boot**

An important part of Dane End, we were very happy when the pub reopened at the beginning of September. Good luck to Mick and Matt!

**Rest & Welcome, Haultwick**

I understand that it is still the intention of the new owners to reopen the Rest & Welcome as a pub/restaurant. Most recently, though, they have been hampered by the need for a bat survey - they have been told they need to wait for two roosting seasons before they can start work! How long before Haultwick has its pub back and running, we don't know.

**Community defibrillator**

At Oliver Copsey's instigation, it has been agreed to hold another Village Emergency Telephone System (VETS) scheme / Awareness session. Two months' notice of the session will be given to encourage as many people to come to it as possible. The session will also be advertised in the Great Munden area to get people from outlying villages to come.

We have also agreed that it would be a good idea to set up a second defibrillator in the local area, perhaps in Sacombe or Great Munden. The cost to set up another one is about £1,800; there is third-party funding available to do this and also money left in the kitty. Thank you, Ollie, for your continued enthusiasm.

## Electoral division boundary changes

New division arrangements for Hertfordshire come into force at the local elections in May and we will become part of the Hertford Rural Division. Ken Crofton, current member for Hertford Rural and present chairman of East Herts Council, is here to give the meeting background information.

## East Herts District Plan – pre submission version

The District Plan, submitted for independent examination on 31st March, sets out the vision, policies and proposals to guide future development and use of land across East Herts up to 2033.

Dane End is a Group 2 village in the rural area beyond the green belt.

Within Group 2 villages, limited infill development will be permitted. In addition, small scale development in an adopted Neighbourhood Plan would be permitted.

## Neighbourhood Plans

Parish Councils are encouraged to prepare a Neighbourhood Plan, the preparation of which is an expensive and time consuming process and, if undertaken, is best done with the PC's support, not led by the PC. A Neighbourhood Plan should have the aim of balancing the need to ensure a vital and viable ongoing rural community, with the desire to conserve the countryside.

However, the PC has concluded that there is no particular requirement for a Neighbourhood Plan in a Category 2 village such as Dane End unless the village, now or at some time in the future, were positively to identify a need for more housing – for example, if it helped to boost pupil numbers at the school.

Our thoughts, though, do not preclude a steering group being formed to embark on the preparation of a Neighbourhood Plan; if this were to happen, the PC would give positive encouragement and support.

## . . . which leads on to a Parish Plan

The main aims of the 2010 Parish Action Plan were to create a programme to guide the parish during the following five years and beyond. Over six years on, I think it is again time to find out what parishioners want now within their community. The previous village appraisal was carried out by the Parish Council, but, as with Neighbourhood Plans, its findings are likely better to be accepted if the appraisal is organised by a committee of parishioners not directly involved with the PC, albeit with the PC's backing, financial and otherwise.

A primary aim of the Parish Plan would be to find out whether the community thinks there is a need for more housing and, if so, where they would want new homes to be built, what those new buildings should look like and what infrastructure should be provided. In other words, that a Neighbourhood Plan should be prepared and by whom.

If you are willing, or know someone who may be willing, to put together a committee to carry out a new appraisal, let us know.



## FROM THE EDITOR

*It was with interest I read in the Parish Council Chairmans Report that the Parish Newsletter is the Chairmans 'hobby horse' and had proposed changes to make it 'a more interesting read' but apparently they 'fell on stony ground'.*

*As Editor, I should like to assure the Chairman that if I were invited to join in such discussions, I should be happy to attend.*

*Equally, I would welcome any contributions from the Chairman to be included in the monthly publications - along with the occasional forwarded Neighbourhood Watch articles.*

*Over the 20 plus years I have been editing the monthly Newsletter, I make sporadic appeals for ideas, photos and contributions. I am delighted the Newsletter will now benefit from Tony Spackmans bountiful country knowledge and I have received many positive comments about his first most interesting piece.*

*The Church of course wish to continue with their involvement and do already contribute considerably each month. I am sure the Newsletter would benefit greatly if the Chairman and possibly the councilors were able to come up with something to be included each month to make it a more interesting read.*

## LITTLE MUNDEN PARISH COUNCIL

The next meeting will be held on

18<sup>th</sup> May

At

DANE END MEMORIAL HALL

8 pm

If you have anything you would like to discuss with the Parish Council please contact the

Clerk:

Geraldine Ward

Tel: 01920 438145

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

## VACANCY – PARISH COUNCILLOR

Do you want to help your community?

Become a Parish Councillor.

For information on responsibilities, what's involved, etc., in the first instance please

contact Geraldine Ward at

[g.osullivan789@gmail.com](mailto:g.osullivan789@gmail.com); 01920 438145.

## THE MUNDENS WEBSITES

[www.mundens.net](http://www.mundens.net)

[webmaster@mundens.net](mailto:webmaster@mundens.net).

[www.themundenssource.myfreeforum.org](http://www.themundenssource.myfreeforum.org)

[www.hertsmemories.org.uk](http://www.hertsmemories.org.uk)

Walking in Herts [www.walkinginherts.co.uk](http://www.walkinginherts.co.uk)

[www.hertsdirect.org/highwayfaults](http://www.hertsdirect.org/highwayfaults)

[littlemundenmemorialhall.co.uk](http://littlemundenmemorialhall.co.uk)

### Midweek Meditation

every Wednesday 7.30 – 8.30pm  
only £5 per session limited spaces available.

Also 1 hour one to one  
meditation sessions available.

**call Kim on 07400 546 246**

for more information or to book your place

### VILLAGE LUNCH

*for Dane End and around*

hosted by Little Munden Church

**Thursday 18th May**

**12 noon**

**Memorial Hall**

Delicious main course, pudding and coffee.

Great fun and friendship,  
and a short thought from the Rector.

Suggested donation from £5

Lifts can be arranged

Call Deborah on 01920 438436

or email [deborahovens27@gmail.com](mailto:deborahovens27@gmail.com)

### LADIES WOT LUNCH!

Heather and Sheila enjoying the Monthly Village Lunch



*We would like to thank all those ( 40-50) villagers who have been joining us for over a year in the village hall. We as helpers have really enjoyed spending time with you and seeing new friendships starting and old ones continuing.*

*The Village Lunch will be taking a break in August.*

*BUT we look forward to seeing you all again on 21st September.*

*If you haven't joined us yet , it isn't too late just give Deborah Ovens a call on 01920438436 or email me on [deborahovens27@gmail.com](mailto:deborahovens27@gmail.com) We would love to see you.*

### LITTLE MUNDEN MEMORIAL HALL

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

Other functions : £15 per hour

For further information: Gerry Ward 438145

email: [dane-endhallbookings@outlook.com](mailto:dane-endhallbookings@outlook.com)

To find out more about the hall, it's current activities and how to hire it, please visit the website:

[www.littlemundenmemorialhall.co.uk](http://www.littlemundenmemorialhall.co.uk)

### 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.



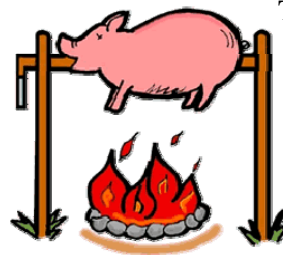
### THE BARN DANCE 2017

**The place to be on Saturday 10th of June**  
**Lordship Farm, Dane End, Nr Ware, SG12 0NS**  
**7pm until midnight.**

Last years Barn Dance was our 10th anniversary so it was an extra special night and what a night it was what a party. It was celebrated in style with over 270 people having a great time. A fantastic party atmosphere, lots of great dancing, great food and a good bar! It was lovely to see so many come to party, young and old, to dance to the brilliant live band, to eat the great food or just hang out at the bar and socialise.

On top of a great night of partying was the fantastic amount raised for our charities.

The total amount raised through ticket sales, donations, raffle, auction of promises and our generous sponsors at the end of the evening was £15,031. Fantastic amount.



This year we are raising money for Cancer Research UK and Herts Air Ambulance. As usual this is a ticketed event, which includes a live band with caller, licensed bar, hog roast auction of promises and a raffle.

**Tickets are £17 payable in advance**

**To buy tickets, please ring:**

**Chris Campbell 07989331396**

**Margaret Stanley 01920830641**

**Alison Young 07972430347**

**Tickets are also on sale at Dane End Stores**

### LOCAL SERVICES

*As you will see, the back page has a list of useful services, this has not been updated for quite sometime so if your contact details are on here and are either incorrect or you no longer offer the service, please do let me know.*

*On the other hand, if you do offer a service and would like to be included, the same applies.... please do let me know!*

**Update on Unauthorised Development at Wheelwrights Farm, Rowney Lane, Dane End Planning Application Ref: 3/17/0781/FUL Wheelwrights Farm, Rowney Lane, Dane End, SG12 0JY. (Retrospective Application).**

As many of you may be aware, on 25<sup>th</sup> March, a Gypsy family set up an encampment on land known as Wheelwrights Farm on Rowney Lane, which had recently been purchased by the family. On the same day, the Police attended following an allegation of illegal abstraction of electricity from a pylon. The decision was made to make an arrest and the subject of that arrest was, as of the 29<sup>th</sup> March, on bail pending a full investigation.

Works had also commenced to excavate the land to provide hardstanding for caravans that had been brought on to site. Councillors attended the site and a Temporary Stop Notice (TSN) was issued requiring the cessation of all works and the cessation of use of the land for residential purposes. Despite this notice, there were further attempts to re-commence works in breach of the TSN, which were intercepted. On the 5<sup>th</sup> April, a further Stop Notice was issued on the site in order to update and clarify matters in relation to the unauthorised caravan and mobile home on the site. This again requires the cessation of the use of the land for the stationing of caravans/mobile homes for residential use and prevents any further engineering works being undertaken in relation to hard surfacing and drainage. This TSN will remain in effect for 28 days.

In addition to that notice, a further two Enforcement Notices were also issued, which come into effect on 5<sup>th</sup> May 2017, and which require:-

- the removal of the unauthorised hardstanding and installation of drainage works, and
- the cessation of the use of the land for residential purposes.

Many of you may also be aware that a retrospective planning application has been submitted in relation to the use of the site for residential accommodation; see (3/17/0781/FUL). That application is currently subject to public consultation and will be determined as soon as possible following the completion of that consultation process on 4<sup>th</sup> May.

During the Little Munden Parish Council meeting held on 20<sup>th</sup> April, the Chairman of the Parish Council stated that a letter had been drafted, and subject to approval of the Councillors, would be sent to EHDC on behalf of the Parish. District Councillor Paul Kenealy was also in attendance; he updated all those present and stated that he would be happy to forward on to EHDC any comments that residents wished to make anonymously in respect of the application.

A copy of the application, associated documents and list of comments received thus far may be viewed via this link: <https://publicaccess.eastherts.gov.uk> and then entering the application reference 3/17/0781/FUL in the search criteria.

**STOP PRESS: As of 28<sup>th</sup> May, the authority has been advised that the agent acting on behalf of the owner of the site has submitted an appeal against both the enforcement notices that have already been served with The Planning Inspectorate.**

Once the Inspectorate has validated the appeals, which may take a few weeks, we will be notified of the of the start date at which point letters will go out to local residents advising them of the appeal and the date by which any comments you may wish to make should be submitted.

**Liz Gregg-Smith**

**THE BOOT**

Now that the warmer weather is here we will not be serving Roast Dinner's on Sunday, but our full menu will be available from 12-4pm. Beer Battered Fish & Chips has become a firm favourite, available eat in or takeaway on Friday's for £8.50 from 6-9pm.

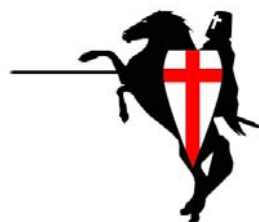


**Food is served Wednesday, Thursday and Friday 6-9pm, Saturday 12-5pm and Sunday 12-4pm.** If you have any special occasions you would like to celebrate in The Boot please contact us.



The next **Coffee morning will be Friday 5<sup>th</sup> May** – come along and bring a friend or neighbour and enjoy some friendly conversation, homemade cakes and coffee or tea. The coffee mornings are proving to be really popular so come along and join our 'regulars'.

The next date for **Bingo will be Monday 8<sup>th</sup> May**, fun starts at 7pm. Everyone welcome.



St George's Day was a great success and the sun shone brightly all afternoon, Pie, Mash & Liquor and Fish & Chips were consumed in large quantities. The group Jaya & Ron were excellent and sang in the garden in the afternoon then inside in

the evening. Thanks to everyone's hard work - especially Keith for the great food.

**Dates for future events to hold on you calendars:**

**Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> June:**

**Cocktail Night....**

**DJ & Beach party theme**

**Get your floral shirts and flip flops ready!**

**Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> July – Pub Olympics**

**August 25<sup>th</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup> : Beer Festival live music and a selection of beers and cider.**



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



Opening Hours:

Monday

5pm – 10pm

Tuesday – Thursday

5pm – 11pm

Friday & Saturday

12noon – 11pm

Sunday

12noon – 10pm

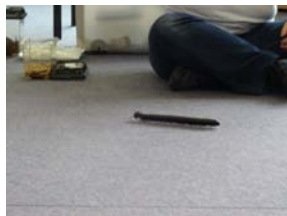
**Mick & Matt**



## LITTLE MUNDEN SCHOOL

On Thursday 27th April, we had a special visitor come to Little Munden School and the visitor was called Jungle Jo. She brought in unusual animals to show us. Now we are going to tell you about the different animals she brought in. The first animal she brought in was the snail, we were not expecting it to be as large as it was. Many of us held the snail and some didn't but it was very slimy!

The second animal we saw was millipede. It had over 200 legs! When it is younger it is usually 20-40 legs depending on how much older or younger it is. This millipede is all the way from Africa so we were really lucky to actually see it.



Indi and I both really liked the tree frog because it was our favourite colour and it was sooo squishy and cute! Tree frogs, can't swallow their food so they use their eyes to go in to the mouth and push down their food.



Like us humans, when we eat something not good for us we are sick whereas, tree frogs push their whole stomach out of their mouth and then once they have cleared the bad food, they then blink their eyes and push their stomach back down. Listening to this, we were pretty grossed out.

We also saw a gecko it was the second time she took it to show schools. This gecko was a baby and if it was full size it would be as long as our arms! We wasn't very sure where the gecko was because it was under the wood and it was completely camouflaged. The last animal we saw was the snake this one was our favourite, it had a really cool scaly pattern. When it was curled up it looked small but when it stretched out it looked really long.



### Bonni and Indi

**LITTLE MUNDEN MEMORIAL HALL  
AGM  
TO BE HELD IN THE VILLAGE HALL  
16<sup>TH</sup> MAY AT 7.30 pm  
ALL PARISIONERS WELCOME**

#### **NEW BOOKINGS SECRETARY**

David Hart has agreed to take over as Bookings Secretary for the Hall. The email address remains the same: [dane-endhallbookings@outlook.com](mailto:dane-endhallbookings@outlook.com)  
Telephone: 01920 438976  
Thank you David!

## Friends of Little Munden (FOLM)

Raising money for Little Munden Primary School

# THE DANE END Summer Festival Saturday, 24th June

**Please save the date and join us to  
celebrate summer in Dane End!**

#### **Want to be part of the festival?**

We are looking for talented singers and musicians to play a set (no full bands – just duo's and / or acoustic)

Do you know anyone who would like to have a stall? (independent sellers only please).

#### **Want to donate?**

We're looking for local businesses who might want to sponsor something e.g. our BBQ or entertainment in return for advertising space at the festival and in our festival guide.

Raffle donations; we're looking for quality, unwanted gifts that you'd be happy to donate. Just drop them off at Little Munden Primary School for the attention of FOLM

**Help us raise some pennies for our wonderful little village school  
and have a fabulous day in the process!**

Please contact Lisa Stalley: [lisa.stalley80@gmail.com](mailto:lisa.stalley80@gmail.com)

Follow us on Facebook!



Friends of Little Munden

## **MANY CONGRATULATIONS to.....**

Wendy Lambert and  
Cindy Sullivan who  
completed the Brighton  
Marathon on  
Sunday 9th April.  
We are **SO** proud of you!  
Lots of love mum  
and family.....  
*Margaret Casbard*



*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:  
Horseshoe Villa, Munden Road or  
email [jackiemorris@tesco.net](mailto:jackiemorris@tesco.net)

June Deadline  
26th May



## LOCAL SERVICES

CURTAINS, BLINDS, CUSHIONS AND REUPHOLSTERY: Gilly Hedges 07964 895350 lhinteriors@live.co.uk

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](mailto:wg@tbspoly.com)

4x4 RESPONSE: Stuck in snow or in a ditch or need to get somewhere in an emergency:  
William: 07881 615385, 01920 438564 email [wg@tbspoly.com](mailto:wg@tbspoly.com)

UPVC WINDOWS, DOORS & CONSERVATORIES:  
ABSOLUTE UPVC WINDOWS LTD: 01920 438166 / 07976 808808 mickbeardsley@btinternet.com

LOCAL WEB DESIGNERS WHO HELP COMPANIES AND INDIVIDUALS GET MORE BUSINESS FROM THE INTERNET: Lewis: 01482 940765 <http://www.beonpoint.co.uk>

GRAHAMS TAXIS: 01920 212223

AM-PM PEST CONTROL: 01920 438719 07971 683162 ampmpest@btinternet.com

METCALF MOULDINGS: MODEL BOATS AND A LOT MORE! [www.metcalf-mouldings.co.uk](http://www.metcalf-mouldings.co.uk)

FRENCH LESSONS: GISELE 07825 737983

LIBBYS MARKET PLACE: 01920 438995

SOUTHERN FAMILY CARE: 01920 871414

PRINTING & STATIONERY: HERTFORDSHIRE DISPLAY 01920 461191

MATHS TUITION: MARTIN 01920 438760/ 07715 206362

BEAUTICIAN: 01920 438565/07943 534059 emmsthebeautician@gmail.com

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ANDREW DEXTER PROPERTY MAINTENANCE SERVICES: 01920 438746/07971 973067

TRACEYS TRAVEL: 01920 438432/07966 392444

J&S DRIVEWAY AND PATIO CLEANING: 01920 438043

D. G. STEPHENS GENERAL BUILDING AND PROPERTY MAINTENANCE  
01920 438682/07970 269191 d.g.stephens@btinternet.com

J.P. OIL BOILERS: 01920 438483

G. B. LONG PLUMBING AND HEATING: 01920 438734/07976 753313

DANE END TAXIS: 01920 438137

CUP CAKES AND LARGE CAKES: JO WILLIS [jo@cupcakes2you.co.uk](mailto:jo@cupcakes2you.co.uk) [www.Cupcakes2you.co.uk](http://www.Cupcakes2you.co.uk)

R. W. BENNETT & SON: 01920 438781/07585 817352  
Ground Clearance; Use of Mini-Digger; Preparation of driveways.

THE BOOT: Take away food available 01920 438770

SLADE SERVICES: AGRICULTURAL CONTRACTOR 01920 438489 07764616955

EAZY FEEDS: Equine feed and supplements delivered to your stables: [info@eazyfeeds.com](mailto:info@eazyfeeds.com) or 07833667272

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

Qualified mobile foot health care professional. Contact: Zara Bailey 07809434446  
£35 per visit. 10% off first appointment which includes a free neurovascular assessment.

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

GARDENING, GARDEN CLEARANCE AND GENERAL CLEANING, OVEN CLEANING  
AND GENERAL BUILDER: Tony: 01920 438551 / 07870 817060