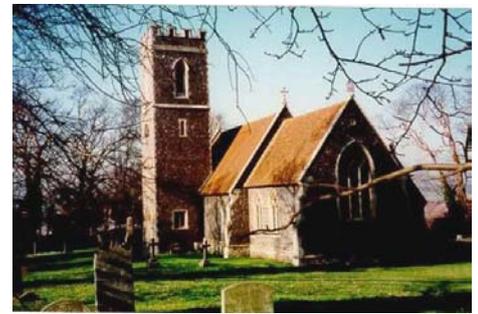


**The Mundens with Sacombe
Church and Parish
Newsletter
AUGUST 2017**



Sunday 6th August

10.45am	United Holy Communion	Little Munden
4.45pm	St Mary's at the School	Roger de Clare School

Sunday 13th August

10.45am	United Worship	Roger de Clare School
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Sunday 20th August

10.45am	United Worship	Little Munden
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Sunday 27th August

10.45am	United Holy Communion	Roger de Clare School
4.45pm	St Mary's at the School	Roger de Clare School

Sunday 3rd September

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

Tuesday 5th September

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

There will be no Tuesday Communion Services at Sacombe during August, nor Prayers on Thursdays at Little Munden. These will resume at 9.30am on 5th September, and at 9.15am on 7th September, respectively.

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

Churchwardens:

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

Website: www.ubsms.org.uk

www.facebook.com/unitedbenefice3 Twitter: @unitedbenefice3

Readings for August:

6 th August	Transfiguration of our Lord	2 Peter 1: 16-19, Luke 9: 28-36
13 th August	9 th Sunday after Trinity	Romans 10: 5-15, Matthew 14: 22-33
20 th August	10 th Sunday after Trinity	Romans 11: 1-2a & 29-32, Matthew 15: 21-28
27 th August	11 th Sunday after Trinity	Romans 12: 1-8, Matthew 16: 13-20
3 rd September	12 th Sunday after Trinity	James 5: 13-18, Luke 18: 1-8

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

SEPTEMBER DEADLINE 25TH AUGUST

**WE HAVE THINNED OUT OUR POND LILIES AND HAVE SOME SPARE PLANTS
IF ANYBODY WOULD LIKE THEM IF SO, PLEASE RING ME: 438551 - Jackie**

Letter from the Rector

As I was sitting down to write my newsletter piece this morning, the BBC announced the salaries of all those earning over £150,000 per year. Topping the list was Chris Evans earning a cool £2.2 million, with the highest paid woman, Claudia Winkleman, earning just below £500,000. Unsurprisingly, the debate since has focussed on the gender pay gap, but my mind wandered..... I remember over ten years ago being asked to attend a delicate employment meeting in my capacity as a Parish Vicar. I asked my Churchwarden to come with me as she was far better equipped to handle the meeting as a longstanding Solicitor, and a particularly sensitive and able person. At the end of the meeting I thought it only right for the church to offer to pay her for two hours of her time, a thought she laughed at. I asked why she laughed? She then told me she earned £600 per hour!

Perhaps the question regarding what we value is key to this debate. We value the stars who entertain us, both men and women, but how do we value the ordinary men and women just like us? I agree we should all earn a reasonable amount for whatever job we do, and the new living wage must surely be helping in this, but is the answer all about money? If it is, I think it shouldn't be. Jesus never seemed to earn or have any money. Of course, his needs were being met by others, and in ways we do not read, but the focus of his life rested on more important things. We never read how blessed Jesus felt, how happy he was with his life, but we do read over and over how he helped others. Not just the poor and needy but also the rich and mighty, for everyone has challenges in this life, no matter how rich or poor we are. I believe the things that truly matter are often found in friendship, care and timing. I remember the people who have helped me when I most needed it as if it was just yesterday. I remember the Vicar of the neighbouring parish in Loughton, who understood church in a very different way to me, and yet when I was ill for a few months, he was the first person to knock on the door, and he kept coming until I was well. There are things that truly matter. Perhaps we should value these things more.

*1 John 3 v 16; "This is how we know what love is: Jesus Christ laid down his life for us. And we ought to lay down our lives for our brothers and sisters."
Have a blessed summer break. **Alan Comfort***

COUNTRY MATTERS (July 9th)

We're just over halfway with the silage, which is good quality but very low yield, six round bales per acre instead of the usual ten. I fully expected this sort of result owing to the dry winter, followed by mainly dry weather and recently high temperatures. We are lucky, however, in as much that we have a good carryover of silage, hay and straw, otherwise we would be really worried indeed. Today (9th) or tomorrow we will have to start feeding hay to some of the cattle, as the grass has stopped its usual recovery after being grazed. I expect that arable farmers will experience a drop in yield of most combinable crops this harvest owing to conditions. Winter sown winter barley has been started on already nearby.

It certainly has been a good summer so far for butterflies; I've seen twenty species on the farm recently. However, I don't seem to see too many young birds about as I should do. I wish more people would co-operate in the control of Corvid (Crows, Magpies and Jackdaws), it would make such a difference. As far as the weather conditions go, I should think this is proving a good season for bee-keepers. There can't have been many days so far this year when bees couldn't operate. However, many farmers have stopped growing oilseed rape, it being too risky to manage it with the ban on certain sprays they need. It had been the most important of crops for the bee-keeper.

BIRD OF THE MONTH PIED WAGTAIL

There can't be many farms in this country that haven't got a pair of Pied Wagtails, especially if they are stock farms. They find plenty of flies around livestock, snatching insects from between the feet of grazing animals. They appreciate water, whether its puddles, ponds or water courses, paddling in the shallows, earning their country name of "Polly Dishwasher". Their nest can be anywhere; open-fronted nest boxes are sometimes used, but the variety of other sites is endless---straw stacks, odd corners of buildings, stationary vehicles to name but a few. People often see them on their cars, as they see their reflection in wing mirrors. To a male Wagtail, he's being upset by the handsome intruder that has entered his territory.



Tony Spackman

VILLAGE LUNCH

for Dane End and around

hosted by Little Munden Church

Thursday 21st September

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

For One Night Only, the annual concert extravaganza at All Saints will not be held this September. A date will instead be announced probably in late autumn/early winter instead. WATCH THIS SPACE!

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

littlemundenmemorialhall.co.uk

LITTLE MUNDEN MEMORIAL HALL

Children's parties : £10 per hour (up to 6.30pm)
Other functions : £15 per hour
For further information: David Hart 438976
email: 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

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

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LITTLE MUNDEN CRICKET CLUB

June 3rd	home	vs	Abridge
June 10th	away	vs	Cloghams
June 17th	home	vs	Potter Street
June 24th	away	vs	Essendon
July 1st	home	vs	Nazeing Com II
July 2nd	Chairmans Day (TBC)		
July 8th	away	vs	Lt. Hallingbury
July 15th	home	vs	Hockerill II
July 22nd	away	vs	Willingale
July 29th	home	vs	Thaxted
August 5th	away	vs	Abridge
August 12th	home	vs	Cloghams
August 19th	away	vs	Potter Street
August 26th	home	vs	Essendon
September 2nd	away	vs	Nazeing Com II

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** including who is needed: Police, Fire or Ambulance, where they are needed and what the problem is.

Funny Misprints: '.....attend and you will hear an excellent speaker and heave a healthy lunch'.

'The Fasting and Prayer Conference includes meals'.

'Please place your donation in the envelope along with the deceased person you want remembered'.

Thank you Audrey!

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What a joyful sight.....

It is to see the children from our village school, running every morning!

They have been doing this regularly first thing in the morning, for the past several weeks running at least half a mile around our beautiful corn fields.



They are accompanied, of course, by a few of their teachers, and the whole school seems to be involved including the very little ones - wonderful !

Jean and Norman Sylvester

BENINGTON AND WALKERN GARDENING CLUB

July is the month when we do not have a meeting but visit a member's garden. This time we were spoilt, as we visited two gardens in Benington, on the evening of Wednesday 19th. The first one was a large new garden as Robert and Sue had only moved to Benington two years ago. They have done wonders with the help of hard landscapers, a designer and their own expertise to create an immaculate and very interesting space. There are raised wooden beds for vegetables and large low maintenance flower beds containing some unusual plants.

Behind all this was a wildflower meadow, not specially sown, but left to nature leading to a natural pond. Robert and Sue are very keen to attract wildlife to this meadow.

We then went next door to Tony and Dot's 'wrap around' garden. This garden has a lovely cottage garden feel to it. With fruit trees and herbaceous borders it felt so restful. Tony's fuchsias were a sight to behold in the front garden. A beautiful dahlia impressed everyone as well in the back.

We wandered around and admired his vegetable garden and his prize winning onions. Both gardens were spectacular and their owners had obviously worked hard to prepare for our visit.



Our sincere thanks go to both couples for letting us enjoy their special gardens and telling us about them.

We finished off our evening with delicious refreshments provided by Dot and Tony, enjoying the atmosphere on their patio. We were so lucky to have a lovely evening with good weather and company.

Our next meeting in Benington Village Hall on 16th August 7.30pm, will be Ms. J. Aviolet talking about Hardy Geraniums. All welcome.

Our annual show of Garden Produce and Crafts is on Saturday 2nd September in the Village Hall. This is open to all, with classes for fruit, vegetables, flower arranging, cut flowers, cookery, photography and craft. Just 30p for each item entered by members or 60p for non members.

For a schedule please ring Pauline Davey on 01438 869869. It would be lovely to see some new participants. If not come along and have a cup of tea and a piece of cake and see what others can produce. Open for viewing 2pm – 4.30pm.

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

We are receiving numerous reports from local residents who have received telephone calls from fraudsters who have claimed to be from the HMRC, Tax Office or Inland Revenue Office. If the resident has been out, the callers have left messages urging the resident to contact them urgently, as they could be faced with legal fees.

The fraudsters have known some details about the residents and have told them that they owe a tax bill from several years ago. The fraudsters have claimed to have legal documents and have even claimed that they have a warrant for the resident's arrest. This has caused some distress to elderly or vulnerable residents who have been threatened in this way. The callers have tried several methods of obtaining monies from their victims, including asking them to make the payment by i-Tunes vouchers or money transfers. The tax office would not contact people in this manner and would never request payments by these methods.

Please be aware of this scam and we would encourage you to alert friends and neighbours, particularly those who may be at home in the daytime.

As always, if you receive a telephone call from someone you do not know, please be sceptical, as they may not be who they claim. Don't allow yourself to be rushed into a decision and never send money to someone who has only contacted you by phone, as you cannot be sure they are who they say.

If you have received an unexpected call from someone claiming to be from the tax office, it is unlikely to be genuine. However, if you are unsure, Action Fraud will be able to assist. Their telephone number is 0300 123 2040.

Dozens of mopeds are being stolen across Hertfordshire make sure yours is not the next one to be targeted. The thefts do not seem to be linked. Some are being used for joy riding and low level anti-social behaviour whilst more expensive bikes are used for their parts or are being shipped elsewhere. Some offenders are even breaking the steering locking mechanisms.

If possible, keep your mopeds, preferably out of sight, in a garage or shed. If you are unable to do this, make sure you invest in good locks, fit a tracking device, an alarm or immobiliser, an ignition cut-out switch, ensure your shed or garage is effectively secured, if kept outside, cover your bike and try to park near CCTV.

If you see anyone acting suspiciously near mopeds, call police with any descriptions of the people, including their clothing,

as they are often wearing helmets. If possible, note down registration numbers of vans being used to take mopeds away. Photos would be also helpful, if it is safe to do so, but do not make yourself vulnerable.



If you see a crime in progress, dial 999. If you are reporting a stolen moped or have information about stolen mopeds, please call 101 or the independent crime-fighting charity Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111 or through their anonymous online form at www.crimestoppers-uk.org. No personal details are taken, information cannot be traced or recorded and you will not go to court. Alternatively, you can report a crime online or report information online at www.contacthertspolice.uk/Report/Crime

We are currently experiencing an increased demand of non-emergency 101 calls to our control room.

In order to improve our service and make it easier for you to report crime and other incidents, you can now report incidents and damage only road traffic collisions online at www.contacthertspolice.uk.

We also have a web chat facility where you can contact an operator online:

**www.contacthertspolice.uk/Contact/NonEmergency.aspx
Please always dial 999 in an emergency. Thank you.**

THANK YOU whoever is responsible for cutting the edges of the fields in the village to allow people to continue walking and dog walking around them, particularly the ones around the Baulk fields. The grass was becoming very long and causing problems, fortunately a kind farmer (I don't know who) has cut the grass making it much easier for everyone. There are some kind and good people out there thankfully and it would be nice to recognise the help that they give. **H.P.**

ISABEL HOSPICE

Grand Draw – Win £1,000 with Isabel Hospice
Books of tickets are available in all our shops. Each book costs £10 and each ticket is £1. We would welcome you to buy a ticket or a book and you will be in with the chance of winning £1,000 which will be drawn at our In-Patient Unit on Friday 8th September. Ring 01707 382500 if you would like to be sent a book.

11th & 12th August

Picnic at the Petite Prom for Isabel Hospice

Bring a picnic with friends and family and enjoy a truly English summer event!

Redstocks, Malting Lane, Much Hadham, Herts, SG10 6AN,
A wonderful open air concert in beautiful gardens on two summer evenings.

A programme of classical pieces and songs from the shows will be performed by renowned West End artists.

Bring a picnic with friends and family and enjoy a truly English Summer Event!

A wine bar and a raffle will be held on both nights.

Doors open at 6pm.

Tickets are £25 each. Please contact Sue Carver 01279 843427 or Sue Wetherall 01279 842315 for ticket enquiries.

25th – 28th August

Goatfest Music Festival, Bury Lane, Codicote, SG4 8XY,
Back for another year, Goatfest is a Live Music Festival in Hertfordshire over a beautiful, summer weekend in August. Tickets and more information are available on the GoatFest website.

NEWS FROM THE GARDENS OF EASTON LODGE

Alongside tending the gardens and enabling more visitors than ever to enjoy a lovely day out with us, we have been working to chart the biodiversity we have in the gardens.

Many of our volunteers are keen naturalists, so like to spot and identify birds, wild flowers, fungi and insects. We have a long list of birds seen in the gardens. We also have a historic record of a sighting of a golden eagle there in 1877, at a time before the Countess of Warwick built up her aviaries, which at her death contained 330 species of birds. Recently we identified a chicken of the woods (a fungi, not a bird!). We have also seen a grass vetchling alongside our bank of common spotted orchids; had visits from a hummingbird hawkmoth and a kite; and found a lovely contorted skeleton of a grass snake.

But what we have needed help with was bats. So we invited Essex Bat Group to set up some detectors in the garden and they identified seven species in 4 days. At our Open Day on 20th August the Group will be at the gardens to tell visitors more about these species. The gardens will open at 11.30 and we will be welcoming for the first time Woodwind from Stortford. As usual we will provide our locally sourced bacon rolls and seasonal homemade cakes.

Our Website can be found at www.eastonlodge.co.uk and has links to our Facebook page.

LITTLE MUNDEN PARISH COUNCIL

The next Parish Council meeting

Will be held on
SEPTEMBER 21st
at 8 pm

in
DANE END MEMORIAL HALL
Munden Road
Dane End

ALL PARISHIONERS
ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND

If you are unable to attend the meeting and would like the Parish Council to consider any concerns or comments you may have, please contact the Clerk who will be happy to put these forward at the meeting.

Geraldine Ward (Clerk) : 01920 438145

Email: g.osullivan789@gmail.com

YOUR PARISH COUNCIL ARE HERE TO HELP



From left to right: Darren Jones, Jenny Macintosh, Lizzie Bacon, Geraldine Ward (Clerk), Jonathan Pool (Chairman), David Hart, Tracey Harding & Keith Williams



A chance for the whole family to enjoy breakfast with Linvoy Primus MBE, former Premiership Footballer.

Come and hear the fascinating story of Linvoy's footballing career, coming to faith and his ongoing charitable work over a cooked breakfast (vegetarian option available on request).

Saturday 4th November
8:30 am

Roger de Clare School, Station Road, Puckeridge, SG11 1TF

The event including breakfast is free of charge, donations are welcome at your own discretion.

Hosted by
St. Mary's at the School

Part of the church community of The United Benefice of Standon and The Mundens with Sacombe

For catering purposes, please let us know how many adults and children are coming and how many require the vegetarian option, by email to: benefice.administrator@ubsms.org.uk Thank You.

Update on Unauthorised Development at Wheelwrights Farm, Rowney Lane, Dane End, Herts SG12 0JY. Planning Application Ref: 3/17/0781/FUL (Retrospective Application). THIS APPLICATION, TOGETHER WITH THE TWO ENFORCEMENT NOTICES HAS BEEN APPEALED THE PLANNING INSPECTORATE.

Most of you will now be aware that the above Retrospective Application was refused by East Herts District Council. However, this has, as anticipated, been appealed, (in addition to the two previous Enforcement Appeals that were served in April).

EHDC has also withdrawn legal proceedings for the breach of the Temporary Stop Notices due to "lack of evidence for residential use." There is however clear evidence that the site is being used for residential use and there is further evidence to suggest that a business is being run from the site, which is not permitted.

All comments on the appealed retrospective planning application were due in to the Planning Inspectorate by 2nd of August, and we are now awaiting a date for the Hearing. If it is deemed that there is significant public interest, the Inspectorate may contemplate escalating the

matter to a Public Inquiry. The timeframe for either is likely to be sometime in the New Year.
 You may also have seen the recent article in the Hertfordshire Mercury, which may be accessed via the following link:
<http://www.hertfordshiremercury.co.uk/ware-residents-object-to-permanent-traveller-site-over-fears-number-of-caravans-could-increase/story-30454031-detail/story.html>

If permission were granted on Appeal, we believe it is likely that further caravans will be brought onto site and then permission retrospectively applied for. This will negatively impact on our rural countryside and way of life, and may well affect local property prices in the neighbouring villages.

Some of you may be aware that we have formed a local residents group, The Friends of Rowney Lane, (known as FORL). This group is open to anyone and everyone from who would like to join, or for further information, please email Gary Abbott, in complete confidence, at friendsofrowneylane@yahoo.com. All residents from the surrounding villages are most welcome to join. FORL would like to extend our grateful thanks to all those in the local community for their resounding support in opposing this development. We will of course continue to update you.
 Liz Gregg-Smith, FORL.

THE BOOT

Pub Olympics

The pub Olympics took place on the 22nd July, a great evening was enjoyed by all, many congratulations to the winning team of Andy Springett, Jason Dexter, David Beardsley and Matt Allan. Thank you to everyone who came along and made the evening so enjoyable.



Coffee Morning

The next two coffee mornings will be **Friday 1st September and Friday 6th October 10.30am - 12.30pm**. Come along and enjoy a selection of homemade cakes with your tea/coffee, and some great company.



Supper Club

The next Supper Club will be held on **Thursday 31st August** and the theme for the evening will be Spanish Tapas. Please book your place by calling **01920 438770** or behind the bar. Food to be served from 7.30pm.

August 25th – 27th

Beer Festival and live music.

Come along and sample a great selection of beers & cider.
 Friday 25th - David Mills will be singing Swing & Big Band covers from 8pm with a warm up act before. Sunday 27th – The Hoops A fun lively band singing anything from Bruno Mars to Guns n' Roses Starting 7pm with warm up acts from 4pm.



Bingo There will be no Bingo in August.

Charity Cricket Match

Sunday 27th August The Boot versus Little Munden Cricket Club. Match starts at 11am at the cricket ground Green End. Afterwards there will be a BBQ and Raffle from 4pm at The Boot, all proceeds are to go to the **Herts & Essex Air Ambulance**. Please come along and support this amazing cause, if you are unable to attend on the day raffle tickets will be on sale in The Boot from the 13th August.

Food is served:

Wednesday, Thursday and Friday 6-9pm, Saturday 1-5pm and Sunday 1-4pm.

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



A couple of weeks ago, we visited this very special couple, dear Bert and Audrey Morton. As you can see, although Emily has changed somewhat and is holding her own baby, Bert has barely changed in the 34 years since he baptised her!

