



The Mundens with Sacombe Church and Parish Newsletter MAY 2018



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Join us for the annual Dane End Summer Festival to raise money for Little Munden Primary School.

ATTRACTIONS

- Magical pony rides with The Pony Ranch
- A 50ft Obstacle Course
- The Hertford & Ware Rock Choir @ 12pm
- Live music stage
- Bouncy Castle
- Bar and BBQ
- Lots of craft stalls
- And much more!

This year we have the support of our local business community and are proud to name the following sponsors of the festival.

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Volunteers needed to help run the festival! If you think you can spare us an hour or more on the 16th June, then please drop us a message on our Facebook page www.facebook.com/FriendsofLittleMunden or email friends@littlemunden.herts.sch.uk.

Thank you for your support!

Services for May 2018

Sunday 6th May

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

Tuesday 8th May

9.30am	Holy Communion	BCP	Sacombe
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Wednesday 9th May

9.15am	Holy Communion	CW	Standon
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Thursday 10th May Ascension Day

7.30pm	Holy Communion	CW	Sacombe
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Sunday 13th May

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

Tuesday 15th May

9.15am	Holy Communion	BCP	Sacombe (Note the earlier time)
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Wednesday 16th May

9.15am	Holy Communion	CW	Standon
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Sunday 20th May Pentecost

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

Tuesday 22nd May

9.30am	Holy Communion	BCP	Sacombe
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Wednesday 23rd May

9.15am	Holy Communion	CW	Standon
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Sunday 27th May Trinity Sunday

9.15am	Holy Communion	CW	Little Munden
10.45am	Family Worship	CW	Standon

Tuesday May 29th

9.30am	Holy Communion	BCP	Sacombe
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Wednesday 30th May

9.15am	Holy Communion	CW	Standon
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Prayers will be said on Thursdays at 9.15am in the Upper Room at All Saints, except in the week of the Village lunch.

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 May:

6 th May	6 th Sunday of Easter	Jeremiah 3: 1-13, Mark 7: 1-8
13 th May	7 th Sunday of Easter	Jeremiah 5: 1-19, Matthew 3: 1-12
20 th May	Pentecost	Acts 2: 1-21, John 15: 26-27 & 16: 4b-15
27 th May	Trinity Sunday	Galatians 5: 16-end, John 15: 1-17

The Rector writes:

By the time you read this, our local churches will have elected our Churchwardens and Church Councils for the coming year. We as churches thrive as a direct result of the many volunteers who rarely want praise or even to be noticed, but always do their best to support what is important to them and many others within our communities. Thank you, everyone, for what you do to enhance the work of St. Mary's, All Saints' and St. Catherine's Churches.

Experience tells me the backstory to why people do what they do is often inspiring. Let me tell you about Nic and Clare: Nic is an insurance broker and keen golfer who married the most delightful and incredibly organised woman you could ever meet - normal people, with a son named Ben in his last year at University, but behind their normal life is an inspiring story. Every year they seek to raise thousands of pounds to help women and babies at risk in pregnancy. In fact, over the past twenty years they have helped to raise over £500,000 to fund, support and research this critical area. Follow their story: in 1998 Nic and Clare became the proud parents of Lauren born prematurely after just twenty-four weeks. I had the privilege of baptising little Lauren in Kings College Hospital soon after, and she survived against all the odds for nineteen weeks before she tragically lost her life. This beyond tragic loss inspired Nic and Clare to give a huge part of their lives to raising money and helping others (The Lauren Page Trust). The volunteers' story is often inspired and inspiring. Many of us have a story to tell, a cause that means everything to us, like the Snowdrop Walk in Standon on 15th April that raised funds for Child Bereavement UK. Such occasions mean so much more than the event itself.

Perhaps we can join together to thank God for every person inspired to volunteer, to give up their time to make someone else's life better, of faith or no faith, young and older, who deserve to be noticed. We say "thank you" for what you do. What inspires you? When I became a Christian thirty-four years ago, God stirred in me a love for other people. I would like to tell you it had always been there, but it hadn't. But things changed when Jesus became the centre of my life and I wanted to love God and others as never before. Ephesians 2 v 10 says; 'For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.' Be encouraged. **Alan**

VILLAGE LUNCH
for Dane End and around
hosted by Little Munden Church
Thursday 17th 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

SACOMBE PARISH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
At St Catherine's Church on Thursday 24th May
Refreshments at 7.30pm and meeting at 8pm
All Sacombe parish residents welcome.

ISABEL HOSPICE 19th May Jumble Sale 2pm Thundridge
Village Hall For more details: Adavey99@waitrose.com

COUNTRY MATTERS (April 11th)

Any hopes of an early spring have long since gone; the fields are still water-logged and will need about two weeks to dry out enough for cattle. The sheep will still need supplementary feeding for a while yet, as they waste so much potential grazing by just walking on the grass. I've noticed that many arable farmers are leaving a certain acreage un-ploughed, or sown in the autumn, in their battle against the scourge of Blackgrass. The thinking behind this is that autumn-sown cereals give the weed a good start, getting well established throughout the winter, but with this late spring the fields they left will come in too late to grow a decent crop. There's always something in farming to catch you out.

Walking round the farm today I've found two long-tailed tits' nests, something I always look forward to seeing. We had a blackbird's nest in the garden containing four eggs, but the hen had only been sitting for a day or two when she disappeared, almost definitely a victim of the sparrow hawk that often visits us. I know they say it's only nature, but it's still a hard pill to swallow.

A chiffchaff was singing in our wood on April 4th, a week or two later than usual, as might be expected. It didn't stop for long, possibly because the deer have browsed the understorey, leaving nowhere suitable for it to nest. Despite the poor weather we've endured in the last six weeks, there's a very good showing of many of the wildflowers. We have had more wild daffodils blooming this year than ever before, and the wood anemones in the ride along the side of our small wood are magnificent.

Bird of the Month CHIFFCHAFF

People who aren't really into birds think that the swallow is the harbinger of spring, but to me it's the chiffchaff, always the first summer migrant to arrive here, in this area anyway. There's no mistaking its song, which it is named after, but it is not easy to spot in the tree tops, where it will be searching for the tiny newly-hatched caterpillars on the leaf-buds. It will build its domed nest a few inches off the ground, where there's a mixture of brambles and dead grass. Even when you flush a female sitting on her six eggs, it can take you several minutes to actually find the nest, it is so well hidden. Not only is this little bird the first to arrive, but it is one of the last to leave in the autumn, heading back to the Med., with just a very few stopping over for the winter.

Tony Spackman



Little Munden Cafe

The Café will be back on 2nd May

then every Wednesday until 18th July

except for half-term week,

3pm-4.30pm in Little Munden Church.

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.

LITTLE MUNDEN MEMORIAL HALL

NOTICE OF THE

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

TO BE HELD ON THURSDAY 10TH MAY
AT LITTLE MUNDEN MEMORIAL HALL

At 7.30 pm

ALL PARISHIONERS ARE WELCOME
TO ATTEND

Geraldine Ward

Secretary

Email: g.osullivan789@gmail.com

LITTLE MUNDEN PARISH COUNCIL

The next meeting will be held on

Thursday 17th 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

**Update on Unauthorised Travellers Development at
Wheelwrights Farm, Rowney Lane, Dane End, SG12 0JY.**

Planning Application Ref: 3/17/0781/FUL

(Retrospective Application).

DATE OF PUBLIC INQUIRY 15TH-17TH MAY 2018 at 10am

PLEASE JOIN US.

**VENUE: East Herts District Council, Wallfields, Pegs Lane, Hertford
SG13 8EQ**

As you will be aware, the date for the Public Inquiry is fast
approaching (15th-17th May). FORL has obtained Rule 6 Status,
which will allow us to represent the community on an equal
level with the Appellant, their Agents and East Herts District
Council.

The Inquiry is scheduled to last three days and we would like
to encourage as many of you as possible to attend in order to
demonstrate to the Inspector the strength of local feeling on
this issue. We would also like to reiterate our offer of
providing transport for those who would not otherwise be
able to attend the Inquiry. If you would like further details,
please email friendsofrowneylane@yahoo.com or give Gary
Abbott a call on 07763 127719. If you would like to view
documents regarding the planning application, please visit
<https://publicaccess.eastherts.gov.uk> and in the search
criteria, type in the Application Ref: 3/17/0781/FUL.

Once again, FORL would like to thank everyone for their
continued support.

You are welcome to attend for either part or the entirety of
the Inquiry. It is scheduled to start at 10am on each of the
three days and there will be breaks when people can come
and go. We hope to see you there!

Friends of Rowney Lane (FORL)

Little Munden Cricket Club

The season started with a friendly against Rosaneri (from
Enfield) on Sunday 22nd April. Following the recent rain, the
wicket at Green End was low and slow, as was
the scoring. Ashley Boyce batted well for 42
and all of the Little Munden bowling was good
with wickets evenly distributed among the six



bowlers used.

Scores: Little Munden 145 all out; Rosaneri 38 all out.

Nets are now held at the Green End ground on Thursday
evenings from about 6.30. Come and join us if you want to
have a bat or bowl.

Fixtures for May are:

05 May – Home vs Hockerill II

12 May – Away vs Bishop's Stortford IV

19 May – Home vs Wormley II

26 May – Away vs Ilford Catholics III

See our website for more information:

<https://mundencricket.wordpress.com>

THE BOOT

Supper Club

The next Supper Club will
be held on **Thursday 24th**

May. The theme will be

'England, Ireland & Wales'. Please book your place
by calling 01920 438770 or behind the bar. Food to
be served from 7.30pm.



Boot Coffee Mornings

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

Stars in Their Eyes - Saturday

16th June, 7.30pm

If you sound like or look like
your favourite showbiz star
then come along and show off
your talents - singing, dancing
or even telling jokes. Prizes will
be awarded for the best look-a-like or sound-a-like.



Sunday Lunches

Served every Sunday 1 – 4pm, booking essential as
limited availability.

Food is served on Friday's 6-9pm, Saturday 1-5pm and Sunday 1-4pm. Don't forget Fish & Chips to eat in or take away on Friday nights.



If you are interested in holding an event in the pub please either call Mick or Sandra on **01920 438770** or pop in during opening times. Events either during the day or evenings can be catered for.

Memorial Hall Front and Back Doors.

Unfortunately the problems with the front door of village hall have got worse, to such a point they can no longer be used. They will be repaired or replaced yet again.

The problem with the back door locking mechanism have been fixed by a new lock and handle system being fitted. It is now much better than earlier.

So for the moment the only way **IN** and **OUT** of the hall is by the back door. Key information from David Hart 01920 438976.

Bob Kirkby - Chairman of Hall Committee.

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

Hertfordshire Constabulary is launching its annual spring crime prevention campaign, Operation Gnome, to help residents to keep their gardens, sheds and allotments secure.

We generally see an increase in thefts from gardens, sheds and garages, so we are recommending that everyone takes some basic security measure to make their property secure:

- 1. Always** lock your shed, preferably with two 'hasp and staple' locks (one near the top and one near the bottom of the door) or use an alarmed padlock
- 2. Secure** your rear garden by locking entry gates with a padlock Burglars can use garden tools to break in, so make sure you securely lock away any tools after use
- 3. Ensure** boundary fences are secure and in good condition. Spiky plants along garden boundaries are good additional deterrents
- 4. Tools** and gardening equipment should be visibly marked with your postcode and house number - this can deter thieves and help police identify the rightful owner
- 5. Remember** to lock your garage door securely. Metal 'up and over' doors can be secured with extra locks fitted either side and/or a floor-mounted locking 'T' bar with a closed shackle padlock. Wooden garage doors can be secured with two substantial 'hasps and staple' locks and closed shackle padlocks (your local DIY store can advise on the most secure options)

Recent crime spike in theft from motor vehicles has shown over 50% were left unlocked! Please check you have locked your car and removed valuable property.

Tips to prevent vehicle crime:

- 1. Ensure** you lock doors and shut windows/sunroof when leaving your vehicle unattended.
- 2. Always** remove keys from the ignition even if you're just stopping to buy a newspaper.
- 3. When** parking, remember to set your immobiliser or alarm if you have them, or use an approved steering lock or gear lever clamp.

- 4. Never** leave valuables in your vehicle – not even in the glove box or boot – and keep all possessions out of sight – even coats, sunglasses and carrier bags.
- 5. Remove** your satnav and holder and wipe away suction marks which could indicate that a satnav is stored in your vehicle.
- 6. Be aware** of your keys. Don't leave them lying around, visible or in pockets in changing rooms where they could be taken. Don't leave them visible on a window sill or near to your front door, where they could be "hooked" through the letterbox.
- 7. Register** your stereo and other valuables on www.immobilise.com.
- 8. Store** car ownership documents at home, not in your car. Secure number plates with anti-theft screws.

The Barn Dance 2018

**The place to be on Saturday 16th of June
Lordship Farm, Dane End, Ware, SG12 0NS
7pm until midnight**

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

Tickets are £17.50 payable in advance.

To buy tickets please ring:

Chris Campbell 07989331396, or

Margaret Stanley 01920 830 641

Alison Young 07972430347

Tickets are also on sale at Dane End Stores

BENINGTON & WALKERN GARDENING CLUB APRIL MEETING

On Wednesday 18th April, Nigel Slater visited us to talk on Self Sufficiency in the Garden. He said he had no interest in gardening,, until he and his wife bought their first house, which had a large rear garden. He was given some chickens and told these would clear the ground. Chickens are an integral part of gardening he still claims.

In Medieval times, all villages were closed communities and completely self-sufficient. Things changed over the years and in 1790, common land disappeared and people no longer had plots for growing vegetables. William Cobbett in 1821 started the notion of growing potatoes and other vegetables on small plots. People then wanted gardens and an Act was passed to allow allotments and leisure gardens. An allotment would 10 poles (30ft wide x 100ft long).

Nigel then went on to talking about Food Safety. There have been many scares regarding bought food, whereas growing your own is chemical free, convenient, good exercise and healthy. Bought potatoes have had at least 8 lots of pesticide applied. Raised beds are becoming more popular with people and are more productive. He stressed that it was so important to feed the soil. Ground used for chickens is ideal, that is if you have a large enough piece of ground to keep them. And/or make your own compost. "The Good Life" with Tom and Barbara Good could be for you! This was a very informative and interesting talk so Thank you Nigel.

Our next meeting is on **Wednesday 16th May** when Mr G. Lockwood will talk on Seasonal Bulbs at Benington Village Hall 7.30pm.

COACH OUTING. OPEN TO ALL. TO WATERPERRY GARDENS, OXFORDSHIRE ON SATURDAY 16TH JUNE.
ONLY £25 for coach and entrance. If interested phone Pauline on 01438 869869

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HERTFORD DRAMATIC & OPERATIC SOCIETY
'FAME' : The Musical
Hertford Theatre, The Wash, Hertford
Wednesday 16th to Saturday 19th May
Tickets: 01992 531500
A star studded cast including our very own
ELLA LAMBERT!



AND FINALLY
A WORD FROM THE EDITOR!

Not enough space again for any news of the 'Morris Mishaps', some may be saying 'thank goodness' but I thank those of you who tell me they miss the stories and enquire after my welfare wondering if I am unwell as they have noticed no news! There are many and varied tales to tell, the latest being Petes 'eventful' 70th birthday celebrations but that will have to wait for another month! Until then; Pete would most certainly be rejected by Little Munden Cricket Club! As you can see, he is not very good at catching!

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

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JUNE DEADLINE
8TH JUNE

