



The Mundens with Sacombe Church and Parish Newsletter AUGUST 2018



Sunday 5th August

10.45am United Worship CW Little Munden

Sunday 12th August

10.45am United Holy Communion CW Standon

Sunday 19th August

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

Sunday 26th August

10.45am United Holy Communion CW Little Munden

Sunday 2nd September

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

There will be no midweek Communion Services at Sacombe or Standon during August, nor Prayers on Thursdays at Little Munden. These will resume on 4th, 12th and 6th September, respectively. Please note also that St Mary's, Standon, will be closed from 28th August until 8th September, except for the 8.00am service on Sunday 2nd September.

Churchwardens:

Little Munden	Jeremy White	438575		
Sacombe	Peter Hudson	438379	Derek Wheeler	438875
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Readings for August:

5 th August	10 th Sunday after Trinity	Jeremiah 29: 1-11, John 16: 21-24 & 29-33
12 th August	11 th Sunday after Trinity	Ephesians 4: 25 – 5: 2, John 6: 35 & 41-51
19 th August	12 th Sunday after Trinity	Ephesians 5: 15-20, John 6: 51-58
26 th August	13 th Sunday after Trinity	Ephesians 6: 10-20, John 6: 56-69

YESTERYEAR - FARMING IN GREAT MUNDEN



Caroline writes:

As you read this, it's more than two months since Alan left us and we entered this period referred to by the Church of England as a vacancy. The truth is that, though the Rector's post is vacant, as the Church Wardens made clear last month, the benefice itself is by no means on some kind of 'go-slow'. We continue with all our activities, and as I go about the parishes, I find that, very often, the first comment I meet is, "You must be very busy, now that Alan has gone."

It's true that I am doing more at services, both regular Sunday and midweek ones, and occasional ones, such as funerals, and that is always the case for any licensed lay minister at these times. But we are all part of a team, and we are all finding that, with God's help, the impossible becomes possible.

I've found that to be true again and again, over many years. If I have a heavy workload one week, somehow, my diary seems to clear a bit. If I'm not sure what to do in a situation, God will send a sign to remind me that he's right there by my side, and will guide me through. In it all, I know that I can do anything that he asks of me, because I'm not doing it alone, in my own strength, but with the power of the Holy Spirit. The apostle Paul, writing to the young church at Philippi, told them, "I can do all things through Christ who gives me strength."

I may be the one who stands up at the front of the church in the strange clothes, but there are many in our churches who are taking on more responsibility during this time of vacancy. We all feel God's call, as does every member of his Church. We are all called by Jesus to leave selfish concerns behind and to work for God's kingdom. In return, he promises us a life that is more vibrant, more fulfilling, more alive than any we've known before.

St Augustine of Hippo, a Christian theologian in the first century, wrote this prayer:

"Eternal God, who art the light of the minds that know you, the joy of the hearts that love you, and the strength of the wills that serve you; grant us so to know you that we may truly love you, and so to love you that we may fully serve you, whom to serve is perfect freedom, in Jesus Christ our Lord."

If you would like to know how to find this perfect freedom, come along to any of our churches. We'd love to help you on that journey, and, busy or not, we're never too busy to share God's love.

Caroline Franks

COUNTRY MATTERS

The current heat-wave enabled us to complete hay and silage making within eighteen days, which is a record for us. The silage bales which are wrapped will be of good quality we hope, and the hay we know is first class. On the other hand, the lack of rain plus high temperatures means we are getting short of grass. In fact one group of cattle are having some of last year's hay. Not that they are keen; they would sooner eat what is left of the grass. It is too soon to use this year's crop, as it has to mature for a few months.

I've heard of some arable farmers in other areas having started combining already (11th July) and I think some round here won't be far behind, in which case we will not get much respite between haymaking and straw baling.

The hot sunny days we're experiencing at present have proved excellent for butterflies; I've recorded twenty species so far on the farm, including a couple of sightings of White-Letter Hairstreaks recently, which is a fairly uncommon species that I hadn't seen for several years. They are very small and quite a dull dark brown colour, but the underside of their wings are fantastic. The place to look for them is on bramble blossom, preferably near elms, which are the food plant for the caterpillars.

Bird of the Month YELLOW HAMMER

The Yellow Hammer, or more correctly Yellow Bunting, is a familiar countryside bird often heard singing its well-known "Little bit-o'-bread no cheese". The male's yellow plumage makes it easy to identify, but the female is less conspicuous. Records indicate that their numbers are down, but a walk along a country lane at this time of year will often prove that there are still a few about. They often sing in the heat of mid-day, when other birds become silent. The nest is built low in a hedge, or even on the ground, and should contain three to five eggs, which are white with some dots



and scribbles (hence its other country name Scribbling Lark), and which at first glance look black. However, closer scrutiny reveals that the markings are in fact very dark purple.

Tony Spackman

Village Lunch

For Dane End and around, hosted by All Saints Church 12 noon Memorial Hall

Although the village lunch team are taking a break in August we will be back on September 20th.

We will be serving our usual delicious main course, dessert and coffee.

Although we miss Alan very much, we have managed to fill his short talk with singing from the children at Little Munden School and a testimony.

We will be entertained again in September by the school children.

If you haven't joined us before, please consider it, we have about 40 people dining each month, but we still have room for some more. We would love to see you. Lifts can be arranged.

Call Deborah on 01920438436 or email

deborahovens27@gmail.com

Little Munden Cafe

The Café will re-open on 5th September, then every Wednesday until 24th October, 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 invited.

We serve fairly traded products wherever possible.

BENINGTON & WALKERN GARDEN CLUB

Our July meeting was a visit to a member's garden. This year we went to Don's garden in Town Lane, Benington. We were welcomed by Don and his family. Don's family were already known by some of the Benington members obviously. We were offered a choice of drinks, very welcome on this lovely warm evening and plates of delicious canapes were handed round. We sat on a lovely patio in the front of the house looking out to the fields opposite. There was a delightful water feature which I admired greatly. We then walked round to the back garden past some beautiful roses and saw the pond and apple tree and round to the side was two lovely sweet smelling jasmine climbers. Around the garden were pots of geraniums and other colourful plants. Don and his family had worked hard to get the garden in such a beautiful state considering the drought conditions.

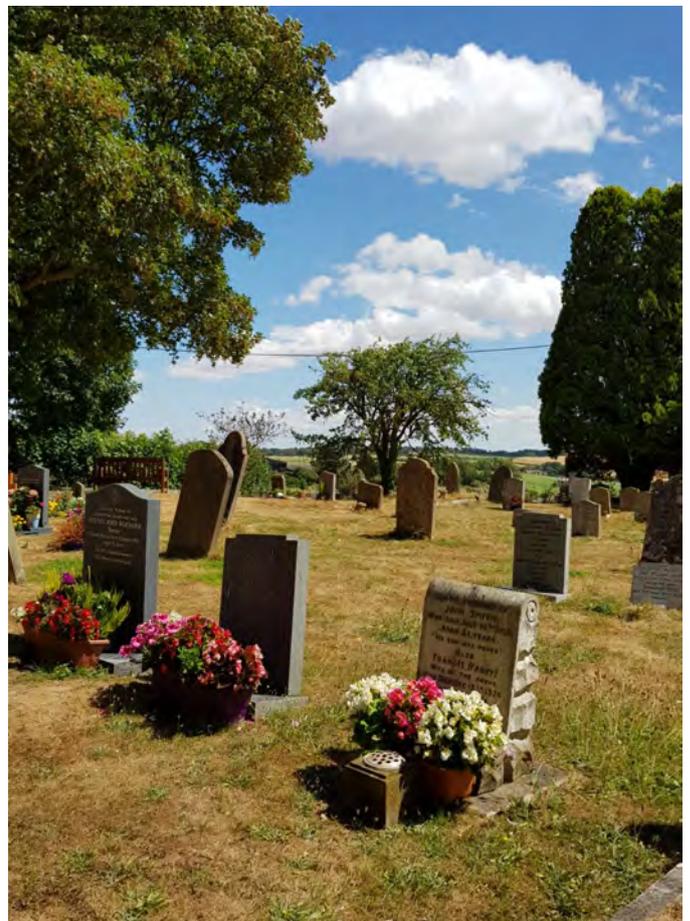
Next meeting is on August 15th 7.30 in Benington Village Hall. A talk on Asters.

Annual Show in Village Hall is on 1st September.

OPEN TO ALL. Classes for Flowers, Vegetables, Fruit, Cookery, Photography and Craft. Schedules from Pauline Davey Tel. 01438 869869. or just come and see what others can do at 2pm to 4.30pm. Teas - Raffle - Plants for Sale.

CHURCH YARD CLEAR UP

Thank you to all those who have helped with the monthly church yard clear up. We are taking a break in August but will be back **on September 22nd, 10am-12 noon**. Refreshments will be available.



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

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.](#)



LOCAL CONSTABULARY

Buntingford Rural West includes: Dane End, Green End, Haultwick, Little Munden, Great Munden, Levens Green, Nasty and are covered by PC 553 Les Bridger and PCSO 6135 Steve Blanks Contact: 01992 533329 or 101

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

Hertfordshire Trading Standards is warning residents to be vigilant as a result of a novel approach being used currently by rogue traders.

Instead of asking for work in your garden, these rogues tell you that they are working next door/ at the bottom of the garden on a hedge or trees that are on the boundary and that the clippings may fall into your garden. To save you any bother, can they access your garden to collect the branches or clippings? Once they are in your garden, they offer to do work on your side and because you think that they are working at a neighbour's house, you think that they must be ok and agree.

Of course, these traders aren't working next door and in the latest incident in Hertfordshire, they took £100 cash and then disappeared, not even doing the work.

Trading Standards advise that you don't deal with any cold callers and don't believe any story of working next door – on trees, on an adjoining roof, anywhere. Reputable traders will not approach a resident in this way, without the neighbour being present. In this latest incident, the gentleman is 87 years old. Please look out for your elderly family members and neighbours and warn them about this latest scam.

Please call the police on 101 to report any trader using this approach or 999 if there is a crime in progress.

**Why do bankruptcy lawyers expect to be paid?
What happens if you get scared half to death twice?**

LITTLE MUNDEN PARISH COUNCIL

The next Parish Council meeting

Will be held on

20th September

at 8pm in

LITTLE MUNDEN MEMORIAL HALL

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)

Email: g.osullivan789@gmail.com

Tel: 01920 438145

TUESDAY EVENING YOGA CLASS

As from September 2018 (date to be confirmed)

I will be starting up the Yoga class again in the village hall, start time [7.15pm until 8.45pm](#).

All welcome. If you wish to join the class please contact me on Mobile 07519 165121 or email

jacqdurgama@gmail.com Jacqui Robinson

ISABEL HOSPICE

Jumble Sale - 15th September 2pm - 5pm

Thundridge Hall, Thundridge

Adults and children Cost: 20p

Information: Adavey99@waitrose.com.

THE BOOT

Supper Club

There will be no Super Club in August, the next one will be in September, date to be agreed.



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Boot Coffee Mornings

Our next two coffee mornings will be **Friday 7th September and Friday 5th October 10.30am - 12.30pm**. Come along and enjoy a selection of homemade cakes with your tea/coffee, and some great company.



Bingo

There will be no Bingo in August, but will resume again on **Monday 10th September**.

The Boot Beer Festival

Friday 24th August – Beer Festival starts at 5pm, Rhys Messenger will be singing from 7.30pm

Sunday 26th August - Charity Cricket Match

between The Boot and Little Munden Cricket Club. Play commences at 11am at the cricket field, Green End. Come along and give some support and enjoy seeing the locals try to win against our local cricket club. After the cricket it's back to The Boot for a BBQ and Bex singing in the afternoon hopefully outside if the weather is good, there will also be face painting and games for children and in the evening Sarah Mac (from The Hoops) will be singing for us. We will be holding an Auction at approximately 8.30pm, among the items being auctioned is a week's holiday (accommodation only) at a Gold Crown resort, Anfi Del Mar in Gran Canaria. Also, if you have jobs that need doing at home and don't have the time - some of our locals are giving up their time to do them for you – come and bid for their services!! This year we will be raising money for The Sick Children's Trust who provide free 'home from home' accommodation to families with sick children being treated in hospitals in the UK. Please note The Boot will not be open until 2.30pm on **Sunday 26th**.



Sunday Lunches

Due to the very hot weather and holidays we will not be serving Roast Dinners for a few weeks, but our normal menu and specials will be available.

**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.



Last years harvest - photo courtesy of David Tomlin

Update on Unauthorised Travellers Development at Wheelwrights Farm, Rowney Lane, Dane End LATEST NEWS - INQUIRY ADJOURNED UNTIL 22ND OCTOBER 2018.

As local residents will be aware, the re-scheduled Inquiry is now anticipated to last four days instead of the original three and will take place from 9.30am to approximately 4pm each day from the **Monday 22nd Thursday 25th October inclusive**. FORL will be gearing up for the final push during the coming weeks and rely on your continued support. The Inquiry was postponed due to East Herts District Council's failure to submit proofs of evidence in a timely manner for consideration. It further transpired the Council did not serve an accurately worded Enforcement Notice in the first instance, regarding the removal of the hardstanding and drainage installed by the Travellers. The Council was instructed by Government Planning Inspector, Mr Andrew Hammond, to amend and re-issue the Enforcement Notice.

The actions of EHDC in this case are a cause for worry, and we would like to encourage as many of you to attend the Inquiry in October as possible to demonstrate that the local community remain fully engaged and concerned about what happens in our locality.

Some of you may find the following recent article in the Herts Mercury an interesting read – this could be a real prospect at Wheelwrights Farm or even coming to a plot of land near you!

<https://www.hertfordshiremercury.co.uk/news/hertfordshire-news/birchanger-residents-fear-permanent-traveller-1822832>

This is why the ongoing work of Friends of Rowney Lane is critical, so as to ensure that local residents are fully and professionally represented in the Wheelwrights Farm Case. 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. **Friends of Rowney Lane (FORL)**

The second funding round of East Herts Council's Community Grants Programme for voluntary and community groups proposing projects in the East Herts district area will open for applications on the 20 August. We are looking for projects that promote the health and wellbeing of residents, especially those that are vulnerable or disadvantaged in some way. We are also keen to fund community events that commemorate the 100th Anniversary of the end of WW1. Go to www.eastherts.gov.uk/communitygrants to view the list of our priorities and an online application. Contact Claire Pullen on claire.pullen@eastherts.gov.uk or 01992 531459 if you have an idea you'd like to discuss. **Deadline for applications is the 15 October 2018.**

Trained

*19 hours till Saturday's rise,
A long trail of railway lines stretch till it steams into nothing.
I go to the window of my carriage,
Watching the other trains go by,
Like shooting stars.
I wonder where the train ends. Where it starts. Caught captive by a
ticket that leads to nowhere.
The ticket that promised all their ends would be rewarded by only
their doing.
A life where you can develop and change your train to fight with
your desires....
Mine holding three carriages. I'm on the second...do you see me?*

*I want to go faster. Its boring just watching the world go by.
Put more and more fuel in wanting a reaction. More and more time
shoved in to speed up the process, to be the best and biggest train
out there.
To ride along at my own pace and transfer my hard-earned money
into living a regret-less end.*

*But you are too caught in glory to notice the damage of those left
behind.
Those unfortunate whose paths led onto yours. With the same goals
at heart.
Those who you've battled to dominate and win... a job. A want. A
desire that ached in both your hearts.
You blast your horns whilst passing those fallen... not caring for
those faces. The ones who are hung in disappointment. Life seemed
to drain from their puncture to glory. Your shadow dominating
their light.
You chase and chase. Scared to lose and fall like the rusty old
steam trains toppled over forgotten.
You are a king at the top of a hill... it's good, right? Your house.
Your excellent job. Your expensive TV and thousands of desires
ticked off.*

*But rewards change. I hate to break it to you. You can't live that
life. You will regret. You will learn.
I didn't realise that.*

*I never took my eyes off the path, my heart corrupted by who I
should shadow instead of who I should be.
I lead my sister away. My mother. My brother. My father. My
cousins. My friends...
I look down at these withered hands. Old. Haunted by fear. Tasting
it melt down my throat.
I never got the chance to open the window and taste the beauty of
air whizzing past with loving memories.
I kept myself caged in to only listen to the trains thundering
engines. Giving more knowledge and fuel and hunger to do well
and not be a disappointment.
But I've disappointed myself. My life's now flown by with two
engines blown.
Golden lights shine off the green coating. Blinding.
An old train in a new sunlight.*

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or email jacqueline.ann.morris.1956@gmail.com**



AND FINALLY A WORD FROM THE EDITOR!

July has been a busy month especially as we had Henry join us on Gower for two weeks. Emily and four other members of her Bideford Canoe Club were attempting the epic kayak from Appledore in Devon to Anglesey, north Wales; a whopping 300 mile journey with big open crossings, strong tides, rocky coastline and camping! They took everything they needed with them; food and camping gear so were self sufficient. I had thought that that maybe she had got tackling challenges out of her system...how silly was I?!

Day 1 they paddled around the Devon coast to Ilfracombe then day 2 they set off at 5.30am to cross the Bristol Channel. *The weather and sea conditions were kind to us giving us a bit of wind assistance and small swell at times. The early morning brought sea birds flying and gliding among us and then mid morning a pod of at least 10 dolphins swam by.* This took them seven hours, they arrived at Port Eynon (Gower) ready for a well earned rest! Emily took the opportunity to stay with us that night to sleep in a proper bed and have a shower!

From her journal:

Day 3 was a very long day. We paddled 29 nautical miles (32 miles) from Port Eynon to Manibier. It started with another big crossing of 5 hours. This crossing was mentally very challenging as we weren't aiming for land, we were aiming for buoys that only became visible after about 2 hours. It was a tough paddling on a bearing into the vast blue ocean. It takes a lot of concentration too keeping to various bearings for 5 hours. We made it across Carmarthen bay and had a quick lunch break at Caldey island. It was quick due to changing tides potentially making things tricky for us. We got to our planned campsite but felt ok so decided to push on. Suddenly the coastline showed off Pembrokeshire's coastal beauty. The cliffs were breath taking with caves and arches to paddle through. We spent a short time rock hopping in clear turquoise waters before seeing Manorbier beach. This was perfect. It had dunes we could camp in, toilets and a freshwater stream to wash in. Everyone was tired but happy.

They completed the challenge in just under two weeks, sadly, one of the group had to give up due to an injury. More from Emilys journal next month.

They did this as a personal challenge but also as a way to raise much needed funds for the RNLI, if you would like to make a donation please visit: <https://mydonate.bt.com/fundraisers/a2a>

Henry helping carry the kayak at Port Eynon!

