



**THE MUNDENS WITH SACOMBE
CHURCH AND PARISH
NEWSLETTER
SEPTEMBER 2018**

Every Tuesday

9.30am Holy Communion BCP Sacombe

Every Wednesday (except 5th September)

9.15am Holy Communion CW Standon

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

Sunday 9th September

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

Sunday 16th September

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

Sunday 23rd September

9.15am Holy Communion (Harvest) CW Little Munden
10.45am Family Worship (Harvest) CW Standon
6.00pm Choral Evensong BCP Standon

Sunday 30th September

8.00am Holy Communion BCP Standon
10.45am Harvest Praise CW Sacombe
4.45pm St Mary's at the School Roger de Clare School

Sunday 7th October

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

Please note that St Mary's, Standon, will be closed until 8th September, except for the 8.00am service on Sunday 2nd September.

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

Churchwardens:

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

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Readings for September:

2 nd September	14 th Sunday after Trinity	James 1: 17-end, Mark 7: 1-8, 14-15, 21-23
9 th September	15 th Sunday after Trinity	James 2: 1-17, Mark 7: 24-end
16 th September	16 th Sunday after Trinity	James 3: 1-12, Mark 8: 27-end
23 rd September	17 th Sunday after Trinity	James 3: 13 – 4: 3 & 7-8a, Mark 9: 30-37
30 th September	18 th Sunday after Trinity	James 5: 13-end, Mark 9: 38-end
7 th October	19 th Sunday after Trinity	Hebrews 1: 1-4 & 2: 5-12, Mark 10: 2-16

David and Rebecca Wells write:

September 30th marks the 50th anniversary of the very first jumbo jet, the Boeing 747, rolling off the production line. Perhaps you've been fortunate enough to fly on one of these huge aircraft or their smaller cousins on holiday this year? Or maybe you took advantage of the UK's weather for a 'staycation'?

*Rebecca and I enjoyed a family holiday in a villa in Spain with three generations, a party of eleven, with three grandchildren all just over one year old. We couldn't say it was **truly** refreshing, with the young ones waking anytime from 5am...but it **was** a joy to spend precious time with the whole family.*

*It ended rather hectically though, by me misreading the time of our homebound flight. We had to run from the shuttle bus to the terminal with buggies, car seats and travel cots plus the usual luggage, praying that we would make it...We checked in with just one minute to spare!...Then a dash through security and passport control to the farthest possible gate **(of course)** to board just before the doors were closed...**phew!***

*But the refreshment of the holidays we look forward to so much, all too soon becomes just a memory and it's back to life as usual. It begs the question, **'Where then do we find our true refreshment?'***

*In the Bible, a woman drawing water at the well asked Jesus a similar question. Jesus answered her, "Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again, but whoever drinks the water I give them will never thirst. Indeed, the water I give them will become in them a spring of water welling up to eternal life. **(John 4:13-14)** Jesus uses the example of the refreshing water to help her understand the lasting spiritual refreshment that the Holy Spirit brings, when we put our faith in Jesus.*

Why not come along to a service at one of our churches? Or to our informal services, St Mary's at the School at Roger De Clare School on Sunday afternoons? You too may discover that Jesus will refresh the parts of your life that other things just cannot reach.....

**David & Rebecca Wells, Acting Leaders,
St Mary's at the School**

Harvest Appeal – Tearfund – Burundi

All money collected through our churches' Harvest Appeal this year will be sent to Tearfund to **help them lift millions of people out of poverty.**

Tearfund is marking 50 years of restoring lives, speaking out against injustice, and empowering churches to lead their communities out of poverty. Extreme poverty has halved in this time, but there is more to do.

Gordien walked for an hour and a half, up and down steep hills, carrying his two-year-old daughter on his back. He arrived at the temporary feeding centre in Songa to discover she was suffering from malnutrition. In Burundi, it's estimated one in every six children under five years of age is now suffering from chronic malnutrition.

Feeding centres are a ray of hope in a dark and turbulent time, a lifeline to thousands of vulnerable children. Tearfund is working alongside two partner organisations to bring much-needed food, supplies and training. For more information please visit

https://www.tearfund.org/en/latest/burundi_crisis_appeal

"WE WON'T STOP UNTIL POVERTY STOPS"

Tony Beames will be coming to the 10.45am United Worship service in St Mary's Standon on Sunday 16 September to speak about Tearfund's work to alleviate poverty.

The Worth of Water

*Take a second to listen to the water,
Its steady flow, sliding over each wave with a swoosh,*

In the depths below, you can find many treasures full of;

Gold necklaces and coins worth hundreds.

And to us the water is priceless.

*Freshens our mood and washes away the dirt
From our dirty bodies. Clears our minds And
clears our throats. So, we too can*

Sing the song of the stream. So, we too

*Can be the price of diamonds. So,
We all can be the worth of water.*

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VILLAGE LUNCH
for Dane End and around
hosted by Little Munden Church
Thursday 20th September
12 noon
Memorial Hall

Delicious main course, pudding and coffee.

Great fun and friendship.

Suggested donation from £5

Lifts can be arranged.

Call Deborah on 01920 438436

or email deborahovens27@gmail.com

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.

Christmas with a difference!

Can you make some room for an international student to learn what true British Festive hospitality can mean? Should you like to add that international element to your Christmas, learning another countries traditions and enjoying the connection and friendship that such sharing brings?

HOST UK arranges for international students to enjoy brief homestays with UK hosts, one day, a weekend or, over the festive period-a three day visit. We need more hosts so that a smile such as Marine's can spread across many more faces...and across our fragile world.

If you should like to know more, please go to our website www.hostuk.org or leave us a message on

<http://visits.hostuk.org/Public/ApplyToBecomeAHost>

COUNTRY MATTERS (August 9th)

The hot dry weather we've had up to now certainly controls what we do as farmers. On the plus side, we've never had such an easy haymaking and silage making as this year, and even finished carting straw bales on August 3rd. However, on the other hand we've been feeding silage or hay to the cattle for nearly three weeks. Thankfully we have a fair bit over from the previous winter. People without a reserve are in real trouble.

With the grass situation as it is, the lambs are not finishing as they should, and won't make as much money until the rains come. An economic level of supplementary feed just isn't the same as good grazing.

As I write this, it is raining; not a lot, but I'll keep my fingers crossed.

This has been the best year for butterflies that I have known. I have recorded 25 species on the farm, including a few I don't often see, best of all being a Silver-Washed Fritillary which I have only seen once before.

In our orchard, two of the younger trees, a pear and a plum, have been badly damaged by badgers. They climb the trees to reach the fruit, damaging the branches and trunks in the process. They've also had apples off the lower branches of several trees, and helped themselves to a laying hen that stayed out one night.

Bird of the Month STARLING

An excellent photo of a starling in last month's *Village Life* magazine started me thinking about this once very common bird. There's not so many of them about now; we haven't had one nest on the farm for many years. The huge flocks in the winter, when they roost in reed beds or woods, are made up of many additional starlings from the continent, where the winters are much harder. In towns and villages they nest in the eaves of buildings, while in the countryside they use tree-holes, especially old woodpeckers' nest holes. They lay three or four eggs, which are pale blue with no spots, and they sometimes have a second brood. Their song is made up of other birds' notes and calls, which are remarkably accurate, interspersed with their own chattering.

Tony Spackman



Little Munden Cafe

The Café will re-open on 5th September, then every Wednesday until 24th October, 3.00-4.30pm 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.

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

If you're looking to change career and want to make a positive difference, why not join us at an event to find out more about the role of a Police Community Support Officer (PCSO)?

PCSOs work in Safer Neighbourhood Teams which work to improve the quality of life for residents and make their area safer, by proactively tackling crime and anti-social behaviour (ASB).

The role of a Police Community Support Officers is paid and there are opportunities for people who wish to work part-time or flexible hours. The role involves shift work, including working some weekends and evenings to 11pm.

Anyone who is interested in finding out more about the role can visit www.hertspolicepcso.co.uk.

Update on Unauthorised Travellers Development at Wheelwrights Farm, Rowney Lane, Dane End

LATEST NEWS: PUBLIC INQUIRY 22ND – 25TH OCTOBER.

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 are gearing up for the final push during the coming weeks and rely on your continued support.

The actions of EHDC with regards to their inept handling of this case are cause for concern and we would like to encourage as many of you to attend the Inquiry in October as possible to demonstrate that the community remain fully engaged and concerned about what happens in our locality. It's really important for people to attend, even if you can only attend for one day, or even an hour or two. Local attendance will be seen by the Inspector as a demonstration of the strength of local feeling on the matter.

If you would like further details, or to enquire about transport to and from the Inquiry, 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. If you are disabled and would like to attend the Inquiry, please contact Simon Dunn-Lwin East Herts District Council on 01992 531578.

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

Friends of Rowney Lane (FORL)

COFFEE MORNING

Posy Williams is holding her annual coffee morning in aid of Macmillan Cancer Support at Broad oak Manor, Hertford, SG14 2JA on Friday 28th September 10am-1pm. It would be lovely to see you there.

BENINGTON & WALKERN GARDEN CLUB

At our meeting on Wednesday 15th August, Ms J. Aviolet made a return visit to talk about Asters. As this has been a bad year for plants she had only brought along a few asters and had made up the numbers with hardy geraniums and roses. She told us she used to grow everything but over the years had become a specialist on hardy geraniums. She had spoken on these plants when she visited us previously.

Asters are ideal plants for autumn flowering. There are about 150 different varieties which were mostly collected from the American prairies years ago. Asters can be perennial or annual, tall or short and as the name suggests all have star shaped flowers. Neutral to acid soil is what they prefer.

Someone mentioned Michaelmas daisies. These of course, are asters and people used to wear these daisies on Michaelmas Day. For anyone who is interested the National collection is in Malvern.

Ms Aviolet then told us about her experiences at flower shows and is so enthusiastic about her subject. She kindly donated 3 of her asters for our raffle.

The next meeting in the Hall is on Wednesday 17th October when Mr R. Pople will speak on What's in the Garden. Janet Giblenn