

**The Mundens with Sacombe
Church and Parish
Newsletter
MAY 2019**

Every Tuesday

9.30am Holy Communion BCP Sacombe

Every Wednesday

9.15am Holy Communion CW Standon

Sunday 5th May

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

Sunday 12th May

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

Sunday 19th May

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

Sunday 26th May

9.15am Holy Communion CW Little Mundens
10.45am Family Worship CW Standon
6.00pm Choral Evensong BCP Standon

Prayers will be said in the Upper Room at Little Mundens on Thursdays at 9.15am, except in the week of the Village Lunch.

Rector: Revd John Chitham, The Vicarage, Standon 01920 739483

Churchwardens:

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

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Readings for May:

5 th May	3 rd Sunday of Easter	Acts 9: 1-20, John 21: 1-19
12 th May	4 th Sunday of Easter	Acts 9: 36-end, John 10: 22-30
19 th May	5 th Sunday of Easter	Acts 11: 1-18, John 13: 31-35
26 th May	6 th Sunday of Easter	Acts 16: 9-15, John 14: 23-29

Letter from the Rector

Dear Friends,

Although we have only been here a short time it already seems like this is "home". The common question is "how are you settling in?" and I have to say, as far as we are concerned, wonderfully. It is such a lovely place to be with such friendly people. It always helps to arrive in spring to wonderful weather (although, of course, we need more rain...), to see the blossom everywhere, hare in the fields, bluebells appearing in the woods and the Martins returning. One particular surprise is the sheer quantity of deer. I managed to count a herd of 150 Fallow deer on one occasion, as well as regular Muntjac.

Meanwhile, people have been so welcoming. There is patience over procedures I take time to learn and many names to remember. There is an overwhelming kindness and generosity in so many areas that it is difficult pick one out. At the same time there is a spiritual appetite which is stimulating and challenging. All in all, it is like a refreshment to the soul, and Basma and I are grateful to everyone and to God.

Of course, it is the "day job" that counts, and I have already seen the consolation that a church funeral can bring in the countryside, and the joy in preparing for a church wedding. However, the highlight in church life so far has been Easter. Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter Sunday were all special in different ways. The Maundy Thursday service in Sacombe was enchanting with a large congregation, a full choir and going out in silence into the dusk, just as Jesus and the disciples did long ago in Jerusalem as they went to the Garden of Gethsemane. Similarly, the two services for Good Friday were very moving. The service at Little Munden, with the dramatic rendition of the crucifixion, brought home to me yet again the horror and wonder of the crucifixion, of how Jesus was prepared to die for me personally. And then on Easter Sunday St. Mary's Standon was packed as we sung about and read about the wonders of the resurrection. The Easter story is truly amazing and something that can bring hope to us all.

As we go on and get more established, I hope that I can meet more and more of you. The Vicarage door is always open. I hope that we can start courses soon for anyone interested in exploring the Christian faith. Please feel free to ask, if you are interested. In the meantime, if you see me at the school gate or walking the dog, please feel free to say hello.

With much love **John Chitham**



COUNTRY MATTERS (12th April)

Grass is growing well and the cattle could soon be out, but it is still so cold, with a north and east wind plus frost at night. They'll be out just as soon as it's milder. I think everyone is well ahead with their field work, with no hold ups due to wet weather, this season. I've noticed plenty of blossoms on the fruit trees and the blackthorn, but most days too cold for the bees to work, so we'll have to wait to see the results later in the year. Our usual summer visitors, the blackcaps and chiffchaffs, are here. We hear them singing every day, and on April 9th a few swallows were seen flying round the sheep, but they didn't stay long. We've found four long-tailed tits' nests so far, all in brambles, not the usual blackthorn, possibly because the blossom was later than usual, therefore failing to hide a nest. I've seen a lot of brimstone butterflies lately, plus a tortoiseshell and a comma.

I was pleased to watch a female stoat recently when it was hunting for rabbits. There's nothing like a stoat for controlling them. The other animal which needs control is the mole; I've had five in my traps lately but there's plenty left.

BIRD OF THE MONTH **MAGPIE**

Although I've killed dozens of magpies that were caught in our traps, I can't help having a sneaking regard for them; they are very clever as birds go. As well as their deplorable habit of taking the nestlings out of songbirds' nests, they feed on a wide range of insects etc., and always seem to be first at any available road-kill. Their nests, containing five to eight grey-brown eggs, are not only well built of twigs with a good deep lining, but also have a roof of mainly thorn twigs. Added to this they are usually situated high up in blackthorn, protecting them from other predators and humans..

VILLAGE LUNCH

for Dane End and around

hosted by Little Munden Church

Thursday 16th May

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

SACOMBE PARISH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

At St Catherine's Church on Thursday 23rd May

Refreshments at 7.30pm and meeting at 8pm.

All Sacombe parish residents welcome.

Little Munden Cafe

The Café will open every Wednesday until 17th July except for half-term week 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 welcome. We serve fairly traded products wherever possible.

THE BOOT

Bingo

The next meeting will be **Monday 13th May**, starting at 7pm



Boot Coffee Mornings

Our next coffee mornings will be **Friday 3rd May and Friday 7th June 10.30am - 12.30pm**. Come along and enjoy a selection of homemade cakes with your tea/coffee, and some great company.

Steve Forward – Rock Guitarist – Live at The Boot Saturday 18th May

Come and have a great evening listening to this solid classic rock tribute show playing great guitar tracks from all eras.

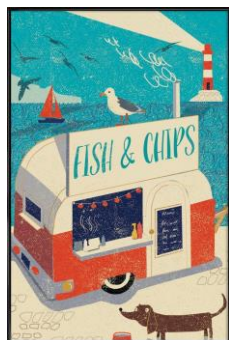
Sunday Lunches

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

Fish & Chips

Don't forget Fish & Chips Friday – eat in or takeaway 6 – 9pm.

Food is served Friday 6-9pm, Saturday 1-4pm and Sunday 1-4pm.



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

Mick & Sandra

BENINGTON & WALKERN GARDEN CLUB

Our meeting this month was by Ms B. Bond talking and illustrating the Swiss Garden at Old Warden. She worked at this garden for 10 years and was very keen on the history of the place. The 9 acre garden is part of an estate that was owned by Lord Ongley whose family had bought the estate in the 1690s. He went to Switzerland and saw their gardens and wanted one of his own. The original garden was pulled down and he had a new one built. Now it is valued as a historical garden, that is part of the Shuttleworth Estate. At one time 30 gardeners were employed to keep it tidy, now two and a half do the same.

The soil was originally a mixture of green sand, Bedfordshire clay and pockets of peat, which meant many different plants could be grown in it. Thirty years ago, the garden was opened to the public after safety measures were undertaken. A grant was received and restoration started on the buildings and landscape. Woodlands, earthworks, shrubberies, paths, bridges, little lakes and follies now transform the garden. The thatched cottage was restored and became the centre of the garden. There are beautiful trees, sequoias, oaks 600 years old, Cedars of Lebanon, large hollies and pines. This looks a very picturesque garden which is open daily and also used for weddings. A very interesting talk by a knowledgeable speaker.

Our next meeting is on Wednesday 15th May in Benington Village Hall at 7.30pm when Dave & Marie Bailey will talk on Bees and Beehives. Why not come along.

COMING SOON to DANE END STORES on Thursdays ARJI-BHAJI Indian Street Food



The next Parish Council meeting Will be held on

16th May 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

LITTLE MUNDEN MEMORIAL HALL COMMITTEE

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

To be held on

2nd May At 7.30 pm

In The Boot, Munden Road, Dane End

If you want to get involved with your local community please come along and find out how you can help.

We are planning to expand the use of the hall for a number of activities for children and adults and would welcome your ideas and suggestions.

There are a number of Government grants out there (particularly for sporting activities) which would help back any suitable projects.

If you are interested in getting involved and becoming a Committee Member, please come along to

The Boot on Thursday.

Geraldine Ward **Secretary**

You are invited to our birthday party!
Friends of Little Munden
Present:



Save the date!
Saturday 8th June
12pm – 4pm

That's right, our village school turns 200 this year!
What an amazing milestone and we'd love to invite you
to celebrate with us at our Summer Festival.

With live music, pony rides, inflatable's, licensed bar, BBQ
and up to 100 members of the Classical Chorus performing,
it's going to be a very special community event.

We need your help!

As with any event, we need volunteers to help us on the
day. Whether it's running a stall for an hour or helping
to set up, we really need as much help as we can get so
we can make sure it is a day for us all to remember.
If you would like to get involved then please drop us an
email: info@folm.org.uk

Calling all Little Munden Alumni!

Were you a pupil or teacher of Little Munden Primary
School? Do know someone that was?
Please do let them know about the festival. And if they
want to get in touch with memories or photos then the
email is: info@folm.org.uk

DANE END DEFIBRILLATOR & VETS NUMBER

Please be aware there is a Public Access
Defibrillator situated in the telephone box in a
locked cabinet next to Dane End Stores. **The code
for the cabinet can be obtained by ringing 999.**
However there is also Village Emergency
Telephone System (VETS) that enables up to 10
"good neighbours" to assist pending the arrival of
the emergency services. VETS uses a simple
memorable number unique to the village **(01920
282999)**. This system can also be used for any
emergency where additional help is required from
neighbours, whether Cardiac Arrest or not. VETS
volunteers are also aware of the code to access the
cabinet if it is required. VETS does not replace 999
calls. **Always ring 999 first in an emergency.**

**Maths and English
One to One Tuition
Call Jenny on 07960 119977**

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

LOCAL CONSTABULARY Buntingford Rural West
includes: Dane End, Green End, Haultwick, Little Munden,
Great Munden, Levens Green, Nasty and are covered by:
The local PC is PC 1853 Paul Chapman and the local PCSO is 6672
Karen Broad and PCSO 6633 Neil Major
Contact: 01992 533329 - non emergency or 101
Emergency always call 999

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.

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

St Mary's at the School (with Messy Church)

Roger de Clare School, Station Road, Puckeridge 4.45 to
6pm every Sunday, except the fourth Sunday of the
month when we meet at 10.45am in St Mary's Church,
Standon. Informal sessions for all ages, with modern
Christian worship songs, Messy Church fun for the
children, a short talk for the adults, and great cakes and
refreshments. www.stmarysattheschool.co.uk

Writers Block

Pink pads coat my room,
Ticking time stretches till the assignments due.
I shiver as dust shoots from flaky dunes,
And I think, "passions never used to be this hard..."

A swelling heat erupts from the boiler room below,
My Breath holds still, hell's furnace tuned to a tired mow.
I should open the glass,
Try to hear a bell.
But my mind so clustered, bankrupt ideas swell.

My gaze drifts to bottles of wine-turned-soap,
Drunk-dry shattered it turns into smoke.
Wood-walled ceilings burst into flame,
And I plea towards nature to show a sign again-

The window holds the answers.
I look for inspiration.
Frustration upon frustration,
Becomes motivation.

My hands bash away the pads in just one swoop,
Thousands of Dust clogging life forms turned mute.
The desk is bare, my mind a' clear,
Finally! Fresh sounds flicker in the quiet of here. ***AH***

Little Munden School is
200 years old.



'200 year Quiz Night' (adults only)
**Saturday 18th May 7.00pm in
the school hall**

**Tickets £15.00 per person includes
fish and chip supper
(vegetarian option also available).**

**Teams of up to 8
people; bring an
entire team or
join with others on
the night.**

**Bring your own
choice of drinks
and nibbles**



For tickets call 01920 438271 (Option 3)
or email 200years@littlemunden.herts.sch.uk

Customer Services Assistants Required

Your local Jet petrol station and Spar convenience store, are offering the opportunity for local people to be part of our team, committed to providing an excellent service to our community, in the beautiful village of High Cross, Ware, in Hertfordshire.

As a customer services assistant, you need to be polite, helpful, and enjoy dealing directly with customers by serving fuel, groceries, coffee and lottery tickets from our petrol station and convenience store. You'll spend a lot of time on your feet stocking shelves, running the till, cleaning the store and keeping the place looking tidy at all times. You need to be able to work quickly and accurately during the busier periods of the day. It's a demanding job that will keep you fully occupied at all times, but you'll be working in a friendly environment as part of a dedicated team, serving the local community.

You do not need previous retail experience, as training will be given, but you do need to be polite, hard-working, willing to learn and maintain the high standards of service and cleanliness within the shop that our customers expect.

Shift hours vary and are available from:
6am – 2pm or 2pm – 9pm Monday to Saturday.

We also require a Sunday Assistant from:

8am – 2pm or 2pm – 8pm.

Rates of pay are £8.40 per hour.

If you wish to apply, please call Robert Jordine on 01920 462024, or collect an application form from High Cross Service Station, High Road, Ware, Herts SG11 1AZ.

LITTLE MUNDEN PARISH COUNCIL ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

The annual Parish Meeting was held on 4th April in Little Munden Memorial Hall. The Minutes will be available shortly on the Website: www.mundens.net
The Chairman delivered the following Report which is a useful summary of Parish Council matters over the last year:-

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

“In the absence of other nominations, at the May PC meeting I agreed to stay on for another year.

I will not be standing for re-election to the Parish Council at the local election to be held on 2nd May, so this is my last, hurrah, both as Chairman and as Parish Councillor.

Local Elections 2nd May

Talking of the local elections, I am pleased to report that two or three people showed interest in standing for the Parish Council and that, with those present councillors who are willing to stand for re-election, there should be a full Council. However, an email received by the Clerk earlier today gave notice of an uncontested election, meaning that no more than seven – the maximum - valid nominations were submitted to EHC.

East Herts District Plan

East Herts Council adopted the District Plan, which sets out the *planning* framework for the *District* for the period to 2033, at an Extraordinary Council on the 23 October 2018.

The District Plan now holds full weight in the determination of planning applications.

Neighbourhood Planning

The result of the YES/NO ballot held on 8th and 9th of July last year on whether to develop a Neighbourhood Plan was a landslide NO vote – 105 NO, just 6 YES. This means that the PC has no mandate to initiate or to finance the process.

If residents subsequently decide that they want a Neighbourhood Plan, they will need to set up a Neighbourhood Forum, involving a minimum of 21 people from the community.

Possible Development of Home Farm Farmyard

At the request of a resident at the Parish Council meeting last month, I have given an update in the April newsletter. So I won't elaborate any further now.

The Parish Council is not anti-development in principle. We recognise that villages can, and probably should, evolve over the years and that it is important for our local facilities – school, church, shop, village hall, pub – to thrive; if the right development in the right place is proposed, then we would give it positive consideration. But 39 houses and an unspecified amount of commercial space on a 3½ acre site fronting Munden Road and Whempstead Lane is not it.

Unauthorised development at Wheelwrights Farm

An Inspector appointed by the Secretary of State held a (deferred) Public Inquiry on 11th January. We understand that the decision is expected any time now.

Horses' Meadow Play Equipment

The PC's original intention was to look into the possibility of providing additional play equipment suitable for the younger children who are not catered for at present. A 'complete' redevelopment of Horses Meadow, as proposed by the playground equipment supplier contacted, into a comprehensive play area occupying half the football pitch was not what we were thinking of. Accordingly, we have drawn up alternative plans incorporating perhaps a third of the equipment in the first proposal and are in the process of getting accurate costings so that both proposals can be considered side by side.

Litter

Recently there has been a considerable amount of litter, including nitrous oxide canisters and balloons, fast food wrappers, bottles and cans, left on Horses Meadow and in the car park. There have also been complaints about noise at night. We have been shutting the outer gate at night to try and discourage youngsters' cars from going into the car park, with no success. It is therefore proposed to transfer the padlock from the inner gate to the outer gate and to lock this gate between 5.00pm and 7.00 am Monday to Thursday and for the whole weekend from 5.00pm Friday to 7.00 am Monday.

Dog poo

Dog poo is still an issue around the parish, particularly on Horses' Meadow. To encourage dog owners to be more responsible, we put up a sign asking that dogs be kept on a lead, that dog mess be cleaned up and we installed a dog poo bin at the bottom of Horses' Meadow next to the general litter bin. Sadly the sign, together with that asking for the inner gate to be left clear of vehicles, has been torn down; and wilful damage has been done to the fencing. 'Clear up your dogs' mess' signs have been posted round the village, but to little avail.

Traffic Calming / Village Signage

We are in discussion with Hertfordshire Highways about moving the 30mph restriction sign at the southern entrance to Dane End to the far side of the bridge and with other interested parties about erecting attractive village gateway signage at both ends of Dane End better to present our village to visitors and those passing through.

I would like to see this done in conjunction with steps to keep the village tidy, particularly along Munden Road, the Dane End Tributary and Whempstead Lane where it borders Horses' Meadow.

Grass Verge outside Nos. 2 & 4 Easington Road

We accept that the grass verge outside no. 2 Easington Road is a mess. HCC quoted £3,000 to install bollards outside nos. 2 & 4 Easington Road. Although we consider the problem to be HCC's, and despite the fact that we think the quote unreasonable and made suggestions as to how it may be reduced, the PC did offer to contribute to the cost.

The resident at no. 4 Easington has put in 3 bollards (cost around £60), which seem to be doing the trick for him. Once the shop extension has been completed, we

will recontact HCC and, if they still do not accept responsibility to pay for the bollards, than the PC may reseed outside no.2 and put in bollards (perhaps 4) the same as those outside no. 4.

Transparency Code 2016

Councillors noted that, to comply with the Transparency Code, there is an obligation on smaller authorities to publish (on the website) all items of expenditure over £100, end of year accounts, annual governance statement, internal audit report; list of Councillors' responsibilities and minutes, agendas and meeting papers of formal meetings.

Steps have been taken to ensure the PC complies with the code and Councillors are aware, through the Risk Assessment Schedule (updated annually), of their ongoing responsibilities under the code.

Church and Parish newsletter

Discussions between the PC, the Church and the editor with a view to considering revisions to the format, including the possibility of paid-for ads to help fund its publication, have been on hold pending the arrival of the new vicar. Now John Chitham is in post, the PC will be talking again with its partners.

Common Land – The Old Chalk Pit

It seems clear that this area of common land is indeed under the control of the Carters, but they are happy to cooperate with us to turn it into something 'natural' of benefit to the community, perhaps an orchard, native trees, nature reserve, et cetera.

The Council will continue to explore possibilities with the Carters and communicate with parishioners when we have agreed suitable options.

Rest & Welcome, Haultwick

A planning application was submitted in November last year for the part demolition of the pub, erection of single storey extension with canopy, alterations to roof and to windows, and parking provision. The proposals are designed to provide a fully refurbished village pub with a new bar and restaurant area.

East Herts Council advised yesterday that both planning permission and listed building consent has been refused.

Jonathan Pool, Chairman

04 April 2019

The following Councillors did not submit their nomination papers and are retiring from the Parish Council:

Jonanthan Pool, Keith Williams and Darren Jones

Little Munden Parish Council would like to thank Jonathan, Keith and Darren for their many years of service to our Parish Council. They have all in different ways offered outstanding contributions to our Parish Council and the Community of Little Munden. You will all be greatly missed!

We now welcome our new Parish Councillors as follows:-
Julie Hursey, Claire Monk, Billy Summerson
Congratulations to Julie, Claire and Billy

THE NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Will be held on 16th May at 8 pm in

Little Munden Memorial Hall

Munden Road

Dane End, Ware, SG12

Geraldine Ward: g.osullivan789@gmail.com

King and Co. Public Exhibition for the proposal of the redevelopment of Home Farm:

Friday 10th May 2019 2pm - 5:15pm

Saturday 11th May 2019 11am - 3pm

Dane End Memorial Hall

Letter to the Editor:

I would like to see such a development of houses because I believe it would create more business for our shop/post office: our school need a flow of new pupils: our buses would get more passengers. It is a better option than having a smelly lagoon. More people more influence with the local council to get essential work carried out



SPACES AVAILABLE

from July 2019

Available hours:
7.30am - 6.00pm

Ages:

From birth upwards
After-school care

Funding

30hrs funding accepted
Childcare vouchers accepted



Safe, countryside village setting surrounded by open fields and two parks



Spacious flat with lovely, private garden



Relaxed, happy environment



"Cheryl's home is always full of laughter and happy kids."
Amy B. mum to Josh

Dane End
near Ware

078 0923 3005
cheryl_fairchild22@yahoo.co.uk



After 50 years as the church organist. Gladys made a genuine effort to adjust to the new worship format.

AND FINALLY A WORD FROM THE EDITOR!

We do so enjoy watching the TV documentary series on the RNLI 'Saving Lives at Sea' and marvel at their bravery when attending to some hair raising call outs.

I am sure you will agree, they are very special people who put their own lives at risk to save others **and** not only are they volunteers, but rely totally on donations and fund raising however, my thoughts went to them when on Gower last week, Storm Hannah blew in and the sea was like a cauldron, they were tasked to an incident along with the Coastguards in Rhossilli Bay to a kite surfer who had endangered his life by thrill seeking during the storm, needless to say, he had to be rescued and thankfully only sustained a broken leg.

This made me remember a far less foolhardy incident but nonetheless, the outcome could have been extremely serious. A couple of years ago, whilst enjoying a trip along the Gower coastline in our boat, ahead in the distance we spotted four kayakers kayaking the coastline but one of them was quite a way out to sea. As we continued along, we watched the lone kayaker and noticed his paddle strokes were irregular and faltering, on spotting us approaching, one of the other three kayakers waved madly at us and pointed to their friend.

We of course had realised by then there was an emergency situation so we sped across the waves to the distressed kayaker who we found to be completely disorientated, exhausted and sea sick. I held onto the kayak whilst Pete and Tony (our friend) hauled him out and into our boat. The chap lay on the bottom whilst we secured his kayak. He slowly came round and his fellow kayakers arrived at our boat.

They were all mature men and experienced kayakers however, the chap we rescued had never sea kayaked before and had only kayaked on rivers. The wind and the currents had exhausted him. We turned back to the bay we had set off from and by the time we arrived, he was recovered enough to wade ashore and wait for his wife to collect him by car.

The others continued on to Mumbles as planned.

Just as we had got the kayaker on board and had set off back to terra firma, the Coastguard helicopter came swooping over, hovered a little then flew off.

We learned from one of our neighbours, who is a Coastguard, whilst we were making our 'rescue' the Gower Coast Explorer boat had passed by with their passengers on board (quite a bit further out to sea) unbeknownst to us, they saw there was obviously a rescue being executed and had called the Coastguards for assistance, the helicopter on seeing we had everything under control (!) had along with our 'shout' also been called to rescue some walkers from the Worms Head, an island that gets cut off at high tide.

After dispatching our kayaker, we were able to return along the coast and watch the next rescue! Never a dull moment!

A lesson to remember:

Never underestimate the power of the sea!

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

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