



The Mundens with Sacombe Church and Parish Newsletter



MARCH 2011

Sunday March 6th

*8.00am	Holy Communion	St Mary's, Standon
10.30am	United Morning Worship	All Saints', Little Munden
6.00pm	Taize Service	Little Munden

Wednesday March 9th (Ash Wednesday)

*8.00pm	Holy Communion	Standon
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Sunday March 13th

10.30am	Holy Communion	Standon
10.30am	Morning Worship	Little Munden
*3.00pm	Holy Communion	St Catherine's, Sacombe

Sunday March 20th

*8.00am	Holy Communion	Standon
10.30am	United Morning Worship	Standon
3.00pm	Evening Prayer	Sacombe

Sunday March 27th

10.30am	Morning Worship	Standon
10.30am	Holy Communion	Little Munden
6.00pm	Healing Service	Sacombe

(Note later time)

*service from Book of Common Prayer

A short service of Holy Communion is held every Tuesday morning at 9.30am at St Catherine's, Sacombe, and prayers are said every Thursday morning at 9.15am in the upper room at All Saints', Little Munden. You would be warmly welcomed at any of these services.

Rector: Revd David Payne, The Vicarage, Standon Tel. 01920 821390

Curate: Revd Lindsey Moss. Tel 01920 822077

Churchwardens:

The Mundens		Sacombe	
Jenny Macintosh	438286	Diane Gale	438493
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Bible Readings for March

March 6 th	Sunday next before Lent	2 Peter 1: 16-21, Matthew 17: 1-9
March 13 th	First Sunday of Lent	Genesis 2: 15-17, 3: 1-7, Matthew 4: 1-11
March 20 th	Second Sunday of Lent	Genesis 12: 1-4a, John 3: 1-17
March 27 th	Third Sunday of Lent	Exodus 17: 1-7, John 4: 5-42

Loose Ends

I found myself this week in a churchyard I used to look after, walking along the rows of graves and calling to mind the details of how and when people had died.

Whilst architects look with pride on buildings they've designed and teachers reflect on pupils they have taught, Vicars, it seems, have a more sobering connection with their past employment.

As I looked at the memorials I found myself asking, not for the first time, what makes for a good death. When the American comedian George Burns was asked on his 90th birthday how he would like to die, he replied that he would like to be shot by a jealous husband.

Whilst this may show commendable ambition and wry humour, we might want to add something more.

Your own thoughts may be better than mine, but I increasingly find myself asking three questions in the face of death. The first is whether the person concerned lived a rich life. I don't mean were they wealthy or filled with major achievements. I simply mean did they invest time in the good of others; did they laugh and love; did they pursue passions and interests; was their life memorable?

The second is have they left unfinished business? So many people die with things unsaid, disagreements unresolved, or, most tragically, love unexpressed. In a society that fears death, it isn't surprising that we are loathe to prepare for it - whether writing a will, leaving funeral instructions, or, most importantly, clearing up the things which could leave hurt, confusion or regret. I know from bitter personal experience that the hardest thing for those left behind is to think 'if only...'

The third, and final question (if you'll forgive the inadvertent allusion) is did this person have a living faith? Not just because the answer to this helps enormously with the first question, but because I know no other way of surviving death. Technological know-how or medical advance can't manage it, but faith in Jesus can and does. See Easter for details.

I know that some of our regular readers will have found all this unsettling. Others, and this may be wishful thinking on my part, may seek reassurance that I'm hoping and intending to be with you a little longer yet, and that I am not, as my Dad puts it, 'waiting in the departure lounge of life but hoping the flight will be delayed.'

I see no reason that I should not knock out a few more newsletters yet, but I have resolved to be ready in case I don't. And I firmly believe that if I attend to living life in all its fullness, then dying will take care of itself.

David Payne

Win Barnes

Everyone will have been saddened to hear of the death of the wonderful Win Barnes, who died peacefully on 16th February, although that sadness is tempered by the memories Win has left us, and her complete trust in Jesus Christ. Win had been organist at Little Munden, Great Munden and Sacombe, and her service stretched back some 66 years. We hope in the next edition of the newsletter to offer a full appreciation of Win's life, but in the meantime

invite you to remember her family in prayer and help us make sure that she will not be forgotten.

Living God's Love

Living God's Love is a new initiative from the Diocese of St. Albans, encouraging everyone to become involved in the three themes of going deeper into God, transforming communities and making new disciples. As Lent approaches, some new resources have been made available on the Diocesan website, including the opportunity to receive a Bible verse each day in Lent for personal reflection. If you'd like to use your time creatively to go deeper into God you can find out more at www.livinggodslove.org and choosing the link to the Lent challenge.

From the Registers:

We offer our sympathy and prayers to those who mourn for: Brian Beadle

All Saints – Little Munden

SUNDAY CLUB

The 1st, 2nd and 4th

Sunday of every month

during school term time.

For ages 4 – 11 years old

From 10.30 – 11.30 am

in the school hall

For further information contact

Deborah Ovens on 01920 438286

(3rd Sunday at Standon)

OUT OF AFRICA

The Holiday Bible Club will take place

from Mon 11th – Thurs 14th April

at St Mary's Church, Standon

(for children from reception class to year 6)

**Further information will be available
next month.**

SMILE

**“church” for pre-school children,
their parents, or those who look after them.**

Tues 15th March

Tues 5th April

1.30 – 2.50

in the Village Hall, Standon

Contact: Jo Payne 01920 821390

Events at St Catherine's

You are warmly invited to a Lent Soup Lunch in the church **on Saturday 19th March, from 12 noon till 2pm.** Home-made soup and tasty breads will be served. This event is to raise money for Christian Aid.

On the next day, **Sunday 20th March**, the church's Annual Meeting will be held, following a shortened service of Evening Prayer. This service begins at 3pm, but from the following week, 27th March, our regular services will begin at 6pm, to mark the arrival of lighter evenings and (we hope) warmer days.

POSTCARDS

Please save these for the Sudan Church Association for work in the Sudan and take them to:

Barbara Springate, Little Munden School,
All Saints Church, St. Catherines Church or give them
to me: Jackie Morris. Thank you, keep them coming in!

Free Give and Take

We all have some good quality articles in our homes
that we do not use. We are planning an event which
aims to pass them on to people who will enjoy using
them.

Please come and join us on Saturday March 5th from 3
till 5pm at the Community Centre in Puckeridge.

Bring any items you would like to Give and enjoy the
opportunity to Take away items you would like to
have, all for no charge!

Anything in new or nearly new condition will be
acceptable however small and if you cannot think of
anything, come anyway and enjoy a cup of tea and
delicious cake.

Community safety public meeting:

Ask your safety questions

Have you ever wanted to find out what Herts police are
doing to keep your area safe? Or do you want to know
how East Herts Council works with Herts Police and
Fire and Rescue? Would you like to meet senior
officers from the Community Safety Partnership and
ask them almost anything?

If yes, here's your chance...

We're holding a public meeting open to everyone
where you can put your questions.

It's on Wednesday, **March 9 at 10am, Council
Chamber, Wallfields, Pegs Lane, Hertford.**

Online consultation available now!

The East Herts Community Safety partnership would
like to know what concerns you the most. Complete
the Community Safety Consultation 2010-11 online to
give us your views – www.safereastherts.org.uk

Beane Valley Children's Centre has a Family First
Aid course on Monday 7 March at Watton at Stone
Primary School Hall starting at 7.30pm until 9.30pm at
a cost of £5 per person. Please call the Centre to book
a place.

At our Saturday Stay and Play on 12 March, we will have
Beginner Biking sessions running to help young children
learn to ride bikes without stabilisers. The sessions are run
by qualified Early Years Cycle Trainers. Stabilisers must
be removed before the sessions and the children must wear
helmets. One child per parent/carer. The first session is
10am until 11am and the second session is 11am until 12
noon. The cost is £2 per pair (adult/child). Please call the
Centre to book a place.

Our Toy Library is open all year round with a large
selection of toys and games for children from babies up to
8 years old. Come along and browse the catalogue while
the children choose their toys and try them out. There is
a £3 annual membership and a small rental fee per item.
The library is open Mondays 10.30 until 12.30 and
Fridays 1pm until 3pm.

Our Holiday Club will be running during the Easter
Holidays on Watton at Stone School premises. Children
between the ages of 4 – 11 years are welcome. Details
can be found on the website or call the Centre.

On Tuesday mornings between 10 and 11.30am, we have
a Breastfeeding Cafe for breastfeeding mothers. This is a
drop in session for a cup of tea and slice of cake with
support, tips and information thrown in for free.

Our telephone number for any information is

01920 831053 and our website can be found on
www.beanevalley.org.uk

ISABEL HOSPICE - MARCH

Tue 8th

Pancake Flipping Competition

12:00 - 13:00

To be held at Coopers of Stortford.

Thu 17th

Net Working Lunch

12:30 - 14:00

To be held at LUSSMANN'S, Bishop's Stortford.

Details: 01707 382547.

Sat 26th

Midnight Swim 22:00

Information: 01707 382500

APRIL

Sat 16th

Jumble Sale - Thundridge

14:30 - 16:30

Thundridge Village Hall. Details 01920 462992

MAY

Sun 22nd

On Your Bike - Sponsored Cycle Ride

09:30 - 13:00

Join us on this circular route around the Bishop's
Stortford countryside.

Enquiries: 01707 382500

TENNIS

At the public meeting held on 16 September 2010 to
consider an appropriate action plan to be
recommended to Little Munden Parish Council, it was
concluded that demand in Dane End is insufficient to
consider the creation of a Tennis Club either alone or
in conjunction with another local village such as
Benington. It was agreed that Watton-at-Stone
Tennis Club should be approached with a view to the
promoting of their facilities through our
Newsletter/Website, thereby making local people
aware of the two floodlit courts available for use there
through membership of that Club.

Contact has been made with **Watton-at-Stone Tennis
Club**, who have provided the following information for
those who may consider playing tennis there.

Annual Membership Subscription

The subscriptions for 2011 are:

Adults	£60
Family	£90
7-18 Juniors	£20
Younger than 7 years	free

The club will continue to offer a high standard of
support for members in the context of equipment
replacement, training additional assistant coaches and
coaching generally. The assistant coaches are needed
to allow the club to comply with Child Protection
guidelines during coaching sessions.

**If you have an "under 7" child who will have free
membership, please ensure the child's name is still
on a membership form for our records**

Social Tennis

Thursday evenings will continue to be the main social
tennis occasion and there is also the opportunity for
social tennis after coaching on Sunday mornings.

You are reminded that as members of the Tennis Club you have priority over members of the general public at the following times:

Monday 2pm to 9.30 pm May to August
9am to 1 pm September to April
Tuesday 9am to 1 pm May to August
2pm to 9.30 pm September to April
(Football priority)
Wednesday 2pm to 9.30 pm
Thursday 2pm to 9.30 pm
Saturday 2pm to 9.30 pm
Sunday 9am to 1 pm

Coaching

Coaching under the expert guidance of Ian Vosper will again be a feature of our programme – please contact him for further information – 01920 830794

The cost of group coaching will be £7.00 per hour for adults and £4.00 per hour for juniors Charges for any use of floodlights is included. Some coaching for ladies is planned during the day during Term Time. There is the facility for individual coaching if needed, contact Ian Vosper for more information.

Junior Coaching

Normally on Wednesday and Thursday afternoons for Juniors and “under 7s”

Adult Coaching 9am on Sunday mornings and at 8.30pm on Wednesday evenings

Coaching can be arranged at other times if there is a demand for it.

Child Protection Policy

The club has a Child Protection Officer – Jackie Gear. The Club operates a policy reflecting LTA guidelines on Child Protection matters. If more information is needed please make contact with Jackie on 01920 413625.

If you are interested in joining Watton-at-Stone Tennis Club, please contact the Membership Secretary Karen Wing at 44 Rivershill, Watton-at-Stone, SG14 3SD, tel 01920 830440 who will be pleased to mail you a membership application form.

LITTLE MUNDEN MEMORIAL HALL

Children's parties : £9 per hour (up to 6.30pm)

Other functions : £12 per hour

For further information: Clio Bromley at 5, Kingfield Road, Dane End - **01920 438902**

BRAUGHING MUSIC SOCIETY

PRIME BRASS

An evening of classical and lighter music by a 10 piece brass ensemble

Saturday 19th March - 7:30 pm

St Mary's Church, Standon

(Please note change of venue)

TICKET PRICES

£12 Premium; £10 Standard

Tickets: 01763 289073

www.braughingmusicsociety.co.uk

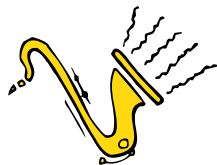
The DameEnders womens group meet on the first

Thursday of each month for details:

Linda Young 438560,

Sharon Johnson 438468,

Josie Barnard 438700



Ladies Pamper Evening

Friday 1st April

Back by popular demand – Busy Bees Pre-School and Little Munden School PTA are hosting this fund-raising event from 7pm onwards at Little Munden School, Church Lane.

Treatments on offer include Reiki, Reflexology, Threading, Indian Head Massage, Manicures, Pedicures, Facials and Back Massage.

We have a range of stalls including hand designed bags, Jamie at Home and beautifully crafted jewellery.

Tickets are £4 and include a free drink and a goody bag so why not come along and treat yourself?

For further info please call Kim on 01920 480090 or email kim.christopher@btinternet.com

First Youth Projects Meeting 15th Feb

First I must apologise for putting the wrong date for the meeting in the last newsletter, it was held on the 15th February at the Memorial hall. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss the future provision of youth amenities in this Parish. (something rather lacking at present) all to be as decided in the VAQ and set out in the Parish Plan. The meeting was well attended by both adults and teenagers. Several points were discussed in depth, the input from youngsters present being very welcomed, and informative.

As we already know, main item requested is a skate boarding “Half-pipe” and after some discussion it was decided that a steel structure with enclosed seating under the raised platform ends was the type required. It was also decided that the best location would be at the top half of Horses Meadow between the football pitch and the play equipment.

Long discussions were also held on youth club/meeting place. The Memorial Hall will not available for any help to projects. Perhaps on the land behind the Memorial Hall a similar community village hall could be erected for use by all parishioners of all ages? Discussions also took place on financing the projects, this could be the tricky part of our plans!

It was decided to push ahead by forming a committee of parishioners who's task will be to evaluate, fund raise & promote the various youth projects, the initial volunteers were Kevin & Sandy Davis, Tony Bartels, Jim Hyland, Liz Bacon & myself. The teenagers present would try to form a “youth council” to discuss ideas and be represented on the committee. The full minutes will soon be posted on the Mundens website.

We have kept a list off the ‘e-mail’ addresses of all those adults who turned up, we will keep in contact with regular e-mails, if you would like to be added to this list please contact me at metcalf.mouldings@virgin.net. Or let me have your address and we will use Royal Mail, the best conventional postal service in the world.

The first committee meeting/open meeting will be held on Tuesday 15th. March at The Memorial Hall, Dane End, starting at 7:30pm. All interested parishioners. Old & young are invited.

I would finally pass on a comment made to me at the meeting. "Why is it that we are happy to supply as much help with equipment and clubs as we can to our pre-teens, yet as soon as they become teenager's we treat them as threatening social outcasts who have sprouted horns, and are to be avoided at all cost! If our own family's teenagers are alright, why are all others not?"

Discussion at LMPC meeting on 17th February

The PC meeting was due to be started at 8pm.

Unfortunately, owing to illness and other commitments, there was not enough councillors present to form a quorum. After a short discussion the three councillors present (Cllrs: L. Bacon, K. Williams & D. Metcalf) decided to hold a small informal meeting to run through January minutes and February's agenda to see if there is anything urgent that must be acted on.

Unfortunately a letter of resignation has been received from LMPC Vice-chairman Cllr. Tony Brown. Tony first joined the PC over 40 years ago and has always put in diligent and caring service to the Parish. I know in my time as Chairman he has not missed a meeting. Tony was born, educated, married and living in this Parish all his life, his input on all matters has been absolutely invaluable to the council, his local knowledge & memories of times gone, as well as his droll sense of humour, will make Tony a hard man to replace at our meetings. Thankfully he has agreed to keep on his association with the combined charities.

Drop Kerbs. These were mentioned in the last newsletter and someone asked me what a "Drop kerb" was? These are the kerbs that drop down to the road level and usually occur at junctions of paths crossing roads. Again please do not park your car where you block them, try to be a bit more considerate please.

Dog Fouling. Please clear up after your dog has defecated, whether it is on the fields or footpaths. There are dog dirt & ordinary bins provided. If you see anyone not bothering don't hesitate to reported them to *East Herts Environmental Service Team @ 01279 655361* ('e-mail' *operations.admin@eastherts.gov.uk*)

Local Traders. Again a reminder to local traders that the Mundens web site is available for them to enter their details/links on so they can hopefully further their business contacts locally, either contact myself of Carol Bartels – webmaster@mundens.net

Parish Council Election. A reminder that **Elections are due on 5th. May this year.** These will be for the **Parish Council, District council** and the national referendum on the "**Alternative Vote**" (bill passed through commons on 16/2/2011) preferential voting system.

If you would like to stand for office please contact the Clerk to the Parish Council who will be able to let you the have details, when they become available. You may also attend a "Want to be a councillor" event on the 3rd.March 2011 @ the Council Chamber. Wallfields, Pegs Lane, Hertford. Starting @ 7pm.If you are interested contact : Ceri Pettit, Head of Strategic Direction (shared) & Performance Manager at

ceri.pettit@eastherts.gov.uk or call 01279 502240. Or look on www.eastherts.gov.uk

The Deadly Falls. We have received a full colour brochure and details from Barry Fenton. Senior commissioning Manager Herts Equipment Services telling us that every year in Hertfordshire there are over 52,000 falls involving people over the age of 65. Of these, 5,000 result in hospitalisation and 50 are fatal. Many of these falls can be avoided. A booklet "Ageing well in Hertfordshire" is available from HCS Communications, Room 238, County Hall, Pegs Lane, Hertford. SG13 8D. 'e-mail' hcs.comms@hertscc.gov.uk

LITTLE MUNDEN SCHOOL

Again, time has had the better of me and I am writing a summary of events from October. This time we really have had such an amazingly busy few months, that we are only now starting to catch up with ourselves. I was on the verge of putting pen to paper for the November issue of the Parish Magazine, when we received 'THE' call!

The school was last inspected in April 2008 and was judged to be satisfactory. Since that time, the OFSTED criteria have been changed and have become far more rigorous, taking issues such as safeguarding, site security and child protection to a new level. They are also incredibly focused on performance data and expect to see detailed records and evidence to prove that each individual child is making 'good' or 'outstanding' progress. Since the 2008 inspection, the entire teaching staff has changed and there have been a huge number of other adjustments as well for everyone to get used to, so we were more than a little apprehensive!

After a frantic weekend of preparation and a rigorous 2 days of inspection, we were thrilled to receive an overall judgement of 'good'. The report praised the strong leadership and teamwork of the staff and the inspectors recognised the improvements in assessment, target setting and the quality of teaching which has had a massive impact on the achievement of pupils. They were extremely complimentary about our curriculum, including the strong links we have built up with Thundridge, Benington and Graveley schools and the team appreciated the impact of all our work on pupils' learning.

As you will know, the site has always been very open and accessible, especially with the footpath running between the two buildings. Over the past two years, we have tried to address issues regarding site security and all other aspects of safeguarding and child protection and we have made a number of significant changes. OFSTED were extremely pleased with the measures put in place and were able to commend us on the plans we have to further address site security and safeguarding. It is remarkable to realise, that had these actions not been taken, OFSTED would have given us notice to improve and may even have closed the school until the site could be made secure! How times change.

What we were most proud of though, was the recognition of the positive atmosphere and the pupils' enthusiastic approach to learning. The inspectors found the children to be friendly, polite and supportive of others. I am extremely proud of the children and the staff for all that they have done to make Little Munden such a warm and inviting place to learn and work in.

Once OFSTED have visited, all church schools then have the diocesan inspection to prepare for. This is not quite as intense, but is still a very important part of our school's ethos and culture. Again, the previous inspection had been satisfactory, and we were anxious to ensure that we had made progress in this area as well. Thanks to the church, we have received a number of hand-crafted crosses which are displayed in each classroom and in the hall and we have also been given a wide selection of children's bibles for use in class. Mrs Salmons, our R.E. subject leader, has been teaching R.E. to the younger children and has also been leading bible story assemblies, so the children are familiar with Christian teachings. Our assemblies (now called collective worship in education circles!) have been well planned and cover a number of pertinent issues as well as following the Christian calendar. We are now trying hard to ensure that we are as inclusive as possible and cover all the major religions to ensure our children have a broad and balanced understanding of the wider world. The diocesan inspector again remarked on how pupils cared for one another and how the children enjoyed learning and being at school. All inspections really do focus on the 'pupil voice' and spend a lot of time chatting to the children (and not just those hand-picked by the staff!), so it is particularly pleasing to know that the pupils themselves have communicated that they are happy and thriving at school. Overall, though stressful at the time, we all feel that the inspection process was helpful and rewarding. With OFSTED safely out of the way, our next hurdle has been staff health. Miss Franks is undergoing long term treatment for a back problem and other staff, as well as many children, have been off with various 'bugs' which has meant classes being covered by our part-time staff and myself. Despite the changes the children are continuing to make remarkable progress.

We do however, have one piece of wonderful staffing news to pass on. Mrs Penney, our Class 2 teacher is expecting a baby in June. We are thrilled for her and her husband and wish them every joy a new child can bring. Mrs Salmons will cover Class 2 until the end of the summer term, which I know the children are very happy about as they are already familiar with her and are taught by her each week.

So to other news!

Following Mrs Darling's retirement, Mrs Tracey Marsh was appointed to take on the role of Learning Support Assistant for Class 4 and to help support those children on intervention programmes. Mrs Marsh has settled in well and has also taken on some administrative roles in the school office. The office is manned daily from 8.30am (staff illness permitting!).

We supported Children in Need, Operation Christmas Child and Keech Cottage throughout the Autumn Term. The children made their own decorations for the Christmas tree and the younger children performed a magical nativity to members of the local community as well as to their parents and friends. Pupils from Chauncy came to deliver their own Christmas Pantomime and also a dance performance.

Again the choir took part on the Christmas Carol concert in Ware and, although you may think me biased, outshone all the other schools with their beautiful unaccompanied singing including harmonies. The Christmas service at the church was truly beautiful and many visitors commented on the quality of the music and singing.

Assessment week came and went and the children have continued to make good progress; the staff have worked with the teachers from our small schools group and are bringing and sharing ideas with each other all the time. The school council have met to discuss ideas the children put to them, including how playtime is organised, how we should be decorating the hall and the use of P.E. equipment!

The Governing Body have a new member following the departure of Steve Linton. Mrs Lucy Agland has been appointed as parent governor. OFSTED also grade the Governing Body and they were awarded a 'good' for their role in monitoring and supporting the school. All governors attended training before ½ term and are currently in the process of asking parents for their views on the school- an annual process which we consider to be of vital importance for ensuring the school is catering for the needs of all pupils and their parents.

As you are no doubt aware, government cuts have already impacted on schools and plans for the future have had to be put on hold for the time being. We are fortunate to have a PTA that has raised substantial amounts of money over the years and the pupils have benefitted greatly from subsequent purchases. This term our piano finally gave up the ghost and the PTA have bought us a new hi-tech keyboard which will be used throughout the school. As it is portable, we are now able to move it into classrooms, hook it up to computers and use it across all areas of the curriculum. At the moment Miss Steed is still 'learning' about all its functions, but the plan is to have it as an integral part of learning, particularly in her music lessons.

We are also looking in to updating our Early Years provision although some elements of this will be affected by the government cutbacks. Over the years, Mrs Warman crafted an incredibly creative environment from the surrounding area, developing the outside space and modeling the inside area in to small work 'zones'. Much of the equipment she accumulated had been donated by parents whose children had outgrown it, or she had collected from forages at Boot Sales etc. We felt that it was about time this space deserved some capital input and we have been discussing how we can do this. Unfortunately, we now have to put these plans on hold as the whole project is likely to cost in the region of £20,000 and the funding is no longer available to us. It now becomes another 'long term' project which we will be fundraising for.

As always, I could carry on wittering on about 101 different things affecting Little Munden School, but suffice to say, the past few months have been extremely hard work and incredibly challenging, yet we are thrilled to have received recognition both from OFSTED and from the diocese for the progress we have made. Most of all though, we are all delighted that the people that matter the most- the children- enjoy school, enjoy learning and are a pleasure to be with every day.

If you would like to learn more about the school or to come and visit us, do contact the school office or visit our website www.littlemunden.herts.sch.uk

Mrs J. Balado - Head Teacher

GREAT MUNDEN PARISH COUNCIL
Next meeting: Tuesday 15th March
7.30pm Great Munden Church

Job advertisement!

Midday Supervisory Assistant Wanted!

Would you like to be involved with your local school?

Do you enjoy spending time with children?

Do you like fresh air and being outside?

If you are available week days between 12.15-1.30pm we would be delighted to hear from you.

We welcome applicants who would like to work every day or just 2 or 3 days a week.

Please contact the school office on 01920 438271 for further details and for an application form .

Interviews: Friday 25th March.

Start date: Tuesday 26th April 2011

Our school is committed to the safeguarding agendas and as such the position is subject to an enhanced CRB check, satisfactory references and medical clearance.

THE MUNDENS WEBSITES

www.mundens.net

If you have any updates, comments or suggestions for the website please contact Carol Bartels

webmaster@mundens.net).

www.themundenssource.myfreeforum.org

A place for the residents of The Mundens and surrounding area to find a friend, sell some stuff or skills. Post forthcoming events or just gossip and news.

www.hertsmemories.org.uk

Take a look at this most interesting website.

Walking in Herts www.walkinginherts.co.uk

POLICE CONTACT DETAILS

EMERGENCY/CRIME OCCURRING NOW 999

Non-emergency number 0845 33 00 222

Inspector 1274 Chris HUNT

Sergeant 1714 Duncan WALLACE

PC 334 Nicola HUNT

PC 553 Les BRIDGER

PC 1017 Sarah LIDDARD

PCSO 6135 Steve BLANKS

Your neighbourhood team can be contacted on:

01992 533329 or 0845 33 00 222

Crime Stoppers 0800 555 111

Call anonymously with information about crime.



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.

POLICE SURGERY

Every Saturday 2-4pm in

The Police Station, Buntingford.

NOTICE of MEETING of LITTLE MUNDEN

PARISH COUNCIL.

The next meeting will be held at:

Little Munden JMI School

Thursday 17th March starting at 8pm.

All parishioners are welcome.

DANE END STORES

AND POST OFFICE

01920 438984

Monday to Friday 7am to 6pm

Closed Wednesday afternoons

Saturday 8am to 6pm

Sunday 8.30am to 12.30pm

Bank Holidays 9am – 12pm

Magazines and newspapers can be ordered.

Local products including bread, cakes, honey, free range eggs, pies etc.

Munden cakes and biscuits.

Farmers Market produce and

We stock Euros!

Busy Bees Pre-School (Little Munden)

The Memorial Hall, Munden Road, Dane End

We aim to provide children with stimulating

learning opportunities in a warm,

friendly environment, Ofsted registered

Nursery education funding for children the term

after their third birthday

Sessions held Monday – Friday

(with optional lunch club)

For further information or to arrange a visit please

contact pre-school leader Miss Anthea Cook

Tel: 01920 438727 or 438544

KNOW YOUR LOCALITY

PARISH WALK Saturday 5th March

10 am Rest & Welcome

In conjunction with the Countryside Management Service (CMS) 'Walks and More' programme, I shall be leading a

walk from the Rest & Welcome in Haultwick

through parts of our parish and

Great Munden over a distance of about 5 miles.

Terrain fairly undulating but generally good underfoot.

No need to book: just turn up.

John Grisbrooke 438378

Playdays Toddler Group (Dane End)

Contacts: Jo Willis and Isabel Teare

Phone: 01920 438633

email: jo.willishome@googlemail.com,

isabel.teare@gmail.com

Venue: Little Munden Memorial Hall, Dane End

Times: Mondays during term time from 9.45 to

11.45am. Cost: £2 for an adult and first child,

plus 50p for each subsequent child.

INFO: Sandy Heath TV transmitter will switch over to digital on the 30th March 2011.

This means that those who have their aerials pointing towards Sandy will have to re tune their TV receivers.

The website is <http://www.digitaluk.co.uk/home>

But if you put a Dane End postcode in then the switch over is not until 2012 and is from the

Crystal palace transmitter.

This is to warn those who have only a normal roof aerial and TV (without Sky or BT home hub)

that they will need to adjust soon if theirs is

pointing towards Sandy.

Great British Fish and Chip Supper Friday 20th May

For more information: 0845 678 6633 xtn 229 or
email fishandchips@spinal.co.uk or visit
www.spinal.co.uk

DANE END UNITED

Fixtures - March

6th DE Utd v Spread Eagle home

13th DE Utd v Goffs Gremlins home

20th ?

27th ?

Results – February

6th DE Utd 2 v Townsend Arms 4

Scorers: D.Thurgood, B.Margett

13th DE Utd 1 v Hailybury 3

Scorer: A.Presland

20th DE Utd 2 v P.S.V. Shades 3

Scorers: L.Oakman, D.Thurgood



The Barn Dance in aid of Cancer Research UK

The year 2010, the date June 5th, the time 7pm, the place Lordship Farm. What a night had by all, as the Barn came alive with music and dance, with some spectacular dancers amongst us!! With excellent food and real ale on tap a wild and wicked night was had by all.

We would like to thank again Lord and Lady Carter for the use of their barn, the little army of people who worked hard to put it all together, everyone who donated their time to support the event, setting up, preparing and running around for a great night.

The total amount raised through tickets, donations and auction of promises at the end of the evening was £2171. Thank you for everyone who came and supported the event to raise this wonderful amount of money and making it such a fantastic evening for Cancer Research UK.

The Barn Dance 2011 – A date for your diary.

After the great success of our fundraising Barn Dance last year in aid of Cancer Research UK, we are putting on another Barn Dance this year. We would like to thank Lord and Lady Carter for the generous use of their barn again. The Barn Dance will be held at Lordship Farm, Dane End, Nr Ware, SG12 0NS, on the 11th June from 7pm until midnight. This is a ticket event, which includes a live band with caller, licensed bar, Hog Roast and an auction of promises. Tickets are £16.50 payable in advance.

To buy please ring: Chris Campbell 01920 438994 or Margaret Stanley 01920 830641.

**Would you like an early Easter
present?**

**Come along to get your car washed for
free by members of the church!**

Saturday 2nd April

2-4pm

at Little Munden school

Hope to see you there.

More details from Gaby Jenkinson

01920 438379

COMPARING THE PRICE OF PETROL

Think a gallon of petrol is expensive?

This makes one think, and also puts things in perspective:

Diet Snapple 16 oz £1.29 £10.32 per gallon

Lipton Ice Tea 16 oz £1.19 £9.52 per gallon

Ocean Spray 16 oz £1.25 £10.00 per gallon

Brake Fluid 12 oz £3.15 £33.60 per gallon

Vick's Nyquil 6 oz £8.35 £178.13 per gallon.

Pepto Bismol 4 oz £3.85 £123.20 per gallon

Tippex 7 oz £1.39 £5.42 per gallon.

Evian water 9 oz £1.49 £21.19 per gallon

£21.19 for WATER and the buyers don't even know the source!

(Evian spelled backwards is Naive.)

And the worst one....

Printer Ink.....£5,200 per gal

So, the next time you're at the pump, be glad your car doesn't run on water, or Tippex, Pepto Bismol, Nyquil or, heaven forbid, Printer Ink!

AND FINALLY

A WORD FROM THE EDITOR!

You may have read in the Hertfordshire Mercury, post had been withheld by a local postman.

This was first brought to my attention when Royal Mail wrote to me enclosing post from Tesco that should have been delivered last November. My enclosed Tesco vouchers arrived in cellophane bags....or at least the remnants and perforations of where my vouchers **had** been, were delivered!

Somewhat annoyed, I telephoned the Royal Mail helpline number and explained what had happened.

I was informed that as they had not been sent via recorded or special delivery they were unable to help and told me to contact Tesco.

Tesco were extremely helpful telling me there had been **many** missing vouchers reported.

They looked through my account and found a considerable amount of unused vouchers, they could also see if my vouchers had been used with another persons club card.

As I always use my vouchers within a few days of receiving them, one must assume these unused ones had been part of the 'withheld mail'.

Tesco confirmed by letter that mail had been withheld over a two year period and would reimburse me for all unused vouchers.

Since the Mercury article, I have received many e-mails from other people who discovered their vouchers had 'gone missing' and asking what they should do....

Don't waste your time with Royal Mail (it took me 45 minutes to get through their automated system), ring Tesco on 0800 59 16 88 and ask them to check your Clubcard account.

Tesco stressed the importance of informing them of any loss or suspicion of loss to help as it helps them collate information for their investigations.

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

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April Deadline
25th March

