



**The Mundens with Sacombe  
Church and Parish  
Newsletter  
AUGUST 2025**



**Every Tuesday**

9.30am Holy Communion (BCP)  
and Bible Study Sacombe

**Every Wednesday**

9.30am Worship & Bible Study Standon

**Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> August (Trinity 7)**

8.00am Holy Communion Standon  
10.30am Morning Worship Lt Munden

**Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> August (Trinity 8)**

10.30am Holy Communion Standon

**Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> August (Trinity 9)**

8.00am Holy Communion Standon  
10.30am Holy Communion Lt Munden

**Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> August (Trinity 10)**

10.30am Morning Worship Standon  
6.00pm Choral Evensong Standon

**Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> August (Trinity 11)**

10.30am Morning Worship Sacombe  
*followed by a picnic in the churchyard*

**Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> September (Trinity 12)**

8.00am Holy Communion Standon  
10.30am Morning Worship Lt Munden

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**LETTER FROM THE RECTOR**

Dear Friends

The term is over, the holidays have begun. We had a lovely final school service for Little Munden School on the last day of term, and, as usual, the children were splendid (as, indeed, were the teachers!)

The term is over, the holidays have begun. A happy time! Well, it is true for our children and students (and teachers), but parents may not be quite so positive... Nonetheless, I expect we all

remember that delicious moment when exams are behind us and weeks of freedom and good weather lie ahead. Plans are made, hopes are built, and the time when we have to consider school again is put off.

Long ago C.S.Lewis used this as a metaphor for Christians looking forward to life after death, and I like it because it works for me. We all know that school can be fun as well as hard work. It is a little like life; there is good and bad. Some students hate school (for example, perhaps because of bullying); others love school, succeeding in exams and sports and friendship groups; many find it a mixture. But just about everyone looks forward to the holidays.

So it is with us as Christians as we consider the world to come. We look forward to that time when there are no longer restrictions, timetables, registers and exams; or illness, poverty, sadness, upsets or struggles with identity. Rather there will be a time when all is put to right, there will be a correct freedom, relationships will be good and we will all know exactly who we are.

This, according to Jesus, is because we can trust him to put things right and, because we trust him, he does it for us. A little like the parent planning the summer holiday, he does it for us. Our only job is to put our hand in his, like a trusting child, and let him lead.

The term is over, the holidays have begun. In life as well as death, let us trust in Christ to see us through.

*John Chitham*

**COUNTRY MATTERS (10<sup>th</sup> July)**

The rain we have just received was very welcome, and will help farms and gardens, but some more would be even better. Hay has finished. And we await the combines to start for our supply of straw. We might have to supplement the cattle with barley straw (we still have some from last season) as the grass is very short still.

Our fruit this year is also suffering; the gooseberries are not worth picking, and the blackcurrants are not much better. Some of the

apple trees have plenty of fruit, but how big they get remains to be seen.

When mowing our biggest field, it became apparent that a pair of Skylarks had reared three chicks, the first time for over twenty years, which is very good news. There's quite a lot of butterflies about, but they're nearly all Whites and Browns, very few of any other species. A good find was a Privet Hawk Moth.

### **BIRD OF THE MONTH GOLDEN ORIOLE**

The Golden Oriole was never common in this country; we're right on the edge of its range. The last pair were at Lakenheath RSPB Reserve. A shy summer visitor, nesting in Poplar plantations and spending its time in the canopy, it's about the size of a Blackbird, with a bright yellow body and black wings. Its cry is even more exotic, a fluid, ringing sound which carries a very long distance. Maybe with global warming it will return some day. Let's hope so!

*Tony Spackman*



### **From the Archives**

**LITTLE MUNDEN RECTORY July 30, 1909**

*MY DEAR FRIENDS*

*Through the kindness of Mr MacLeay the "Ringers and Singers" had a most enjoyable trip to Southend on Thursday July 22<sup>nd</sup>. It was the week of the Naval Review on the Thames. The long double line of battleships, cruisers and every description of man-of-war extended for miles. Tens of thousands of people flocked into the town. It was a matter of great difficulty to get on to the pier, and owing to the half-gale that was blowing it was scarcely safe for so large a party of landsmen to venture out in a boat. Thus a visit to the LORD NELSON was rendered impossible, although Mr MacLeay had*

*kindly made arrangements with his relative Sir Charles Arbuthnot (the Captain) for our party to be shown over this latest battleship. This was a real disappointment, as such an opportunity, for many, may never occur again. However, in every other respect the excursion was a great success. The town was gay with bunting, there was a large admixture of jolly-looking "Jack Tars" in the crowd, and we also saw many of the 800 naval officers on their way to lunch with the Lord Mayor at the Guildhall. We reached our homes in quiet Little Munden, "far from the madding crowd", at about midnight, with feelings of pride in respect of the British Navy, which protects our commerce and guards our shores.*

### **THE DAY SCHOOL**

*I am glad to be able to say that we again had excellent Reports, both from Mr Wix, H.M. Inspector, and also from the Rev.A.R.Buckland, the Diocesan Inspector. The School will break for the summer vacation on Friday, August 6, and I trust both teachers and children will thoroughly enjoy their well-deserved holidays.*

**Heather's bereavement group will be meeting next on Saturday 6th September in Little Munden church from 2pm til 4pm.**

If you have recently lost your partner or if it was many years ago you will receive a warm welcome. If you would like to attend and need transport please contact Heather on 07909065550 or if you would like more information please do not hesitate to call. We are a small friendly group who enjoy a chat a cup of tea and a piece of cake.

### **PICNIC TIME**

The people of St Catherine's Church, Sacombe, invite you to a picnic in the churchyard after the service on **Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> August**. The service starts at 10.30am and it would be great if you could join us, but come along anyway for the picnic which will start at about 11.30am.

Please bring your own food, though, if you can't, there will be some to share. We will provide all sorts of drinks! It's sure not to rain, so we won't need to have it in the church. Good gracious!

## MONTHLY COFFEE MORNING

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## 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.**

## A LIVE GAME SHOW EXPERIENCE! SATURDAY 13<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER LITTLE MUNDEN PRIMARY SCHOOL

Doors open 7pm Quiz starts 7.30pm

Ticket £15 each and includes a Ploughmans supper, a licensed bar will be available.

An ideal team size would be 6 – 8 people, all ages welcome.

This is a fund raising event for Little Munden Church Roof Repair Fund

You may bring your own snacks but please, the school is nut free.

**To book email:** [christinebrown02@icloud.com](mailto:christinebrown02@icloud.com)

## GREAT MUNDEN RECREATIONAL GARDEN

### Other activities at the Garden

#### **Fruit basket weaving workshop with Judi**

Saturday 13th September - 11am to 5pm

£38 per person, maximum 8 participants.

Please book early to avoid disappointment.

#### **Bird Feeder weaving workshop with Judi**

Saturday 6th September.

The Bird feeder class is already fully booked.

#### **Yoga with Josie**

Josie will be waiting for you in the Garden on Saturday mornings at 10am to catch the early sun.

Classes at the Garden cost £7 based on a booking of 4 sessions or £8.50 PAYG.

### **Le French Club**

If you want to brush up on your French before your next holiday, join the French club and meet French speakers locally, learn new vocabulary and improve on your grammar. £1.50 per person, or £1 for concessions. Now back at the Garden unless the weather worsens.

### **Polyphonic – Jamming session – bi-monthly – Sunday 10th August**

Come along with your guitar, ukulele, drums, bongos, flute, violin along, put on your best singing voice, clap or sing along to and join in the fun!!

### **Community Picnic - 3<sup>rd</sup> August from 1pm**

We look forward to welcoming you to our community picnic. Join us for a relaxed afternoon with various activities to keep you entertained.

Susan from Woodys Wildlife Rescue is no stranger to the Garden, she has been a great friend and supporter and returning to advise how to care for hedgehogs and other wildlife and also to tell us all about the work she has been carrying out since we last saw her.

Simon from Owls and About Rescue will be telling us about our nocturnal neighbours and also bringing a few of his rescued feathered friends.

Tim, our local beekeeper will be talking to us about the life of bees and their importance for our very own future.

Finally, our very own Jackie Morris will be hosting her own alternative "Antiques Roadshow" please feel free to bring your treasured heirloom or lucky car boot bargain (or a picture) to learn about its history and potentially be put in touch with experts to find out its value.

Please remember to bring change for our raffle and also for donations to charities as well as for ice creams.

### **LITTLE MUNDEN PARISH COUNCIL A PARISH COUNCIL MEETING**

*Will be held on*

**TUESDAY 16<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER**

**in LITTLE MUNDEN VILLAGE HALL**

**AT 7 PM**

[Clerk@littlemundenplc.org.uk](mailto:Clerk@littlemundenplc.org.uk)

**ALL ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND**

### **AND FINALLY A WORD FROM THE EDITOR!**

Now I have semi-retired we are fortunate enough to be able to go travelling as and when and where our nose takes us, having only one very aged cat left of a once large menagerie, she comes everywhere with us! We only travel within this country I hasten to add!

Not only is she very easy to accompany us, she is also diabetic and has to have two insulin injections a day therefore, we cant expect friends to take on such a responsibility if we were to leave her with someone.

Our trips to friends, Wales or Emily in Devon, she sleeps happily in her cage and on reaching our destination, gets out, recognises her surroundings and settles in as though she owns the place! But her favourite holidays are when we are away in the motorhome, she travels on the bed enjoying the rhythmic motion and all being together 24/7 not to mention she isn't allowed on the bed at home and not even upstairs so this mode of transport and living accommodation is a real treat!

When parking up for the night not ones for using 'sites', we find ourselves quiet secluded spots to settle down. This is the time Topsy enjoys the most, she stands at the door waiting for us to open up! She steps out and stands taking in the smells then goes under the van for safety whilst she looks at her surroundings until eventually she feels the coast is clear then goes for an explore! Her boundary gets wider and wider as the evening goes on with her popping back indoors from time to time to check all is as it should be!

There was an occasion we stayed on Cowes sea front, she promenaded along the promenade smelling each lamppost where the dogs had been weeing, we half expected her to cock her leg!

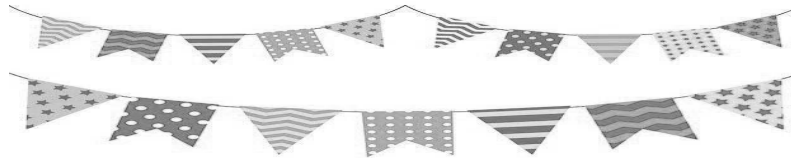
**Happy Days!**

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**SEPTEMBER DEADLINE  
AUGUST 29th**





# LITTLE MUNDEN LATE SUMMER FETE

**SATURDAY 6th SEPTEMBER  
AT HORSES' MEADOW, DANE END  
12 MIDDAY TIL LATE**

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