

MUNDON PARISH



INFORMATION BOOKLET

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Introduction

A booklet of this type was first introduced by Mundon Parish Council 25 years ago in order to give information of the history, local organisations and activities that go on in the village and as several new residents had moved in and to act as a document to give a warm welcome to all those who have chosen Mundon as their place to live. This update is correct as at 2022 to the best of the knowledge and belief of Mundon Parish Council.

Mundon lies around two miles from Maldon starting at the North from Stud Hill heading towards the Dengie peninsula and East coast. The main village lies either side of the main road between Maldon to the North and Latchingdon to the South and extends to Roundbush Bungalows and Parsonage Farm to the West. To the East the boundary is the sea wall. Aside the through roads, New Hall Lane and Vicarage Lane to the East are a major part of the Parish and Blind Lane as far as Little Wick Farm is also under the jurisdiction of Mundon Parish Council. To the South the boundary is Deadaway Bridge on Burnham Road near Mapledean Industrial Estate. The other side of this bridge being Latchingdon and on the West side of the road is Purleigh.

At the Census of 2011, 355 people lived in the village, in comparison with 227 in 1901. In the centre of the village is the Victory Hall and next to the Hall is a small wood which was dedicated to the Parish Council in the autumn of 1990 known as the Furze.

A major footpath called St Peter's Way cuts through the village via Sparrow Wycke Farm, West Chase and through farm paths towards the tenth century chapel of St Peter's at Bradwell-on-Sea. St Peter's Way passes the 13th century Mundon church of St Mary which is no longer in service except for an Annual service held in September celebrating the church's patron.

Mundon is traditionally a rural village, but in recent times farmers and residents have found the need to diversify and there are now a number of small businesses which have been set up in redundant farm buildings. There are also a number of larger businesses, mainly around the part of Mundon on the main Latchingdon/Chelmsford route. It could be said Mundon is an ever changing village – proud of its history and rural tradition but encompassing change where necessary.

To find current village information, village notices, news from Essex Highways, 'What's On' and contact details for Mundon Parish Councillor's and Parish Clerk please see:

Village Notice Board
(located opposite the Victory Hall).

Mundon Parish Website at:
www.mundon.org



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Mundon Parish Council

Mundon Parish Council usually consists of 5 Councillors. To find out the current list of Mundon Parish Councillors, Clerk and Responsible Officer and District Councillors please visit www.mundon.org or call Maldon District Council on 01621 854477.

The website will also give you information regarding Meeting Dates, Agendas, Minutes, Finance, Parish Council Documents, Parish Council Responses and General Information.

The Parish Council meets on the third Tuesday bi-monthly (January/March/May/July/September/November) unless otherwise stated at 7.00pm in the Victory Hall. The Annual Parish Council Meeting is held in May (unless it is an election year). Each Councillor has a special area of expertise, for example: housing, policing, planning, horticultural matters and highways, but any village concern will be investigated.

If you have a problem or would like advice on village matters, please do not hesitate to contact any of the Councillors or the Clerk, but better still come along to a meeting when an opportunity can be made for you to speak. The first fifteen minutes of each meeting are reserved for public comments.

In addition, the Annual Parish Assembly is held between 1 March and 1 June each year. This is an open meeting of the Parish and not to be confused with the Annual Parish Council Meeting. The Parish Council traditionally facilitate the meeting and Agenda to include all representatives from organisations that have been contributing on the community's behalf. Residents are entitled to attend and take part in the meeting when there is a special opportunity to raise any matter concerning the work of the Council, or any aspect of life in the village.

The Annual Parish Assembly is the main meeting of the year and is usually the most interesting, with many residents putting forward ideas for the village.



Village History by Christine McDonald

What we refer to nowadays as Mundon was originally little more than a few dwellings probably situated on the marshland near the river. The river being a valuable source of food and the marsh providing rich grazing for stock.

The marsh, however, was also home to a type of mosquito who carried a deadly disease, called Ague, a form of Malaria. This was probably one reason for the shift of population towards higher ground, less attractive to the swamp-loving mosquitoes, and on the firmer ground of London clay to build more substantial homesteads.

The earliest building of note is the church, which with the Manor House, stand within a moated area. It could be this was a protection against the marauding invasion of Vikings.

The first documented study of Mundon, or Mundona, was The Domesday Survey, commissioned by King William (the Conqueror) in 1068. The purpose of which was to record the amount of land, the number of men and stock, as a way of measuring how much tax could be charged.

At the time of The Domesday, there was 1 manor and 10 hides the old English unit of land measurement originally intended to represent the amount of land sufficient to support a household, or manpower for the army.

In the entry Mundon was then worth £17 and is recorded as being home to 36 men serving with 10 ploughs, 4 horses, 5 head of cattle, 4 hives of bees, a vineyard, 354 sheep and 65 pigs.

In the Middle Ages agricultural innovations allowed trade to flourish and crop yields to increase. The social structure divided the upper and lower classes with the latter owing rents and labour service to nobles.

We can see the changing demographic by virtue of maps that by the 16th century the homesteads were largely in two distinct areas of the village, recorded separately as Mundon and Mundon Hill.

Over the years the population gradually shifted away from the marshland to the higher ground. This also allowed for a more centralised community that could take advantage of the amenities, particularly the water pump, transport links and alehouse.

St Mary's Church



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There had probably been some form of a place of worship since Anglo Saxon times, especially since the church is situated on a likely pilgrimage path leading from St Peter's Chapel at Bradwell, one of Britain's 10 most ancient churches. Mundon could have even been a stopping point between the Roman fort of Othona towards the important Roman towns of Maldon, Colchester and the home counties.

Like many churches which have been in use for centuries, St Mary's has a chequered past and has been subject to much destruction, rebuilding, alteration, and reuse of materials so that today's picture is complicated and intriguing.

The church was to serve the people of Mundon, although the heart of the village gradually drifted away from the marshland to be centred on the area of the village inn (now the White Horse) post office and later the village pump.

The nave in plaster and rubble seems to be fourteenth century, the north doorway being distinctively decorated with stone roses, the emblem of Mary.

In Tudor times the commanding two storey western tower with bell stage was erected, with a skirt beyond the base of the tower to give space and buttressing. From this period probably date the brick window on the south side of the nave, and south chapel, now demolished.

Above the remaining outline of the brick-built south chapel and eighteenth-century wooden pulpit is a small window, seemingly repositioned at some stage of the church's history, and further evidence of adaptation to the building over periods of time.

It seems that the church has fallen into disrepair at various times throughout its life, often in tandem with the shifting population. A marked renovation of the church can be dated to the eighteenth century. The box pews and painted murals are of this period.

With the early twentieth-century rural decline, fewer parishioners proved willing to make the journey to the isolated unheated and barely lit church and although rededicated in 1949 after repairs, the church was virtually abandoned to its fate.

The last burial was in the 1950s and by 1957 the graveyard was overgrown and the roof and nave open to the elements. For a few years' services were held at the 'church room' in the village, but with St Mary's church remaining derelict, demolition seemed certain.

Thanks to the intervention of The Friends of Friendless Churches in 1975, and generous grants from English Heritage and other organisations, the building is now conserved for its heritage value for future generations as a Grade 1 listed building.

The church is classified Redundant by the Church Commissioners but lies, with the graveyard in Consecrated ground.

Currently the church has only one service each year in September, the annual celebration of the Patron St Mary.

The church is normally open for quiet contemplation. Volunteers are always welcomed to give the church some TLC, and specifically to help prepare for events. Leaflets are available, *please contact Christine McDonald as below.*

Church Contacts:

CHURCH AND GRAVEYARD CARE

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LOCAL MUNDON LINK & KEYHOLDER

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ECCLESIASTICAL QUERIES

Mundon church within the diocese of St Mary's Maldon with Mundon. The Priest in Charge of the parish is Father John Dickens, Tel: 01621 858136.

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Religious Services

An Annual Service is held in the old church to celebrate the Church's Patron on the Sunday nearest St Mary's day which is 8th September.

Extracts from the Visitor's Book held at the Church

"I have never been to such a wonderful place of worship. The walls ooze atmosphere, love and grace. God bless this church and all who worship here."

"What a beautiful find whilst walking St Peter's Way. Quite unexpected and a real joy to find."

"Good to collect your thoughts in such a wonderful cool place. Please keep the door open. I will be back."

"I grew up in Mundon, now I'm a grandmother. It was a comfort to see my family's graves and the record kept of them."



The Dead Oaks



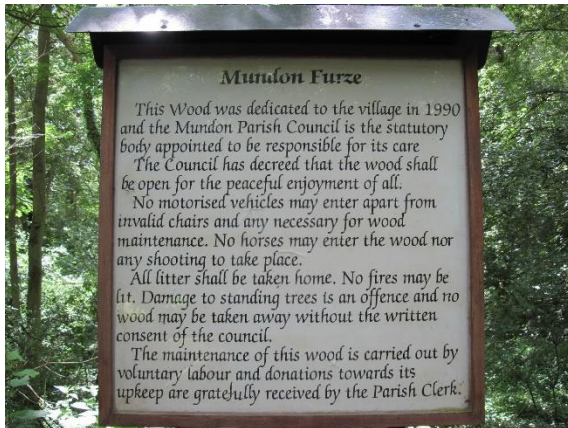
Behind St. Mary's Church, in a **PRIVATE** field, governed by Natural England (*when viewing please abide by the signage and keep to the footpath at all times*), there are about 14 dead oak trees, which are all that were left after supplying wood for battleships. They are however a legacy of Maldon's maritime past as Mundon supplied oak timber to Maldon, which under a Royal Charter of 1171 had to supply warships to the Monarchy. Timber was transported to Maldon Shipyards via Mundon Creek.

The last one known to be built from Mundon Oaks was the battleship 'HMS Jersey', a 40-gun fourth rate frigate of the English Navy and was launched in 1654. By 1677 her armament had been increased to 48 guns. In 1669, the diarist Samuel Pepys, while a member of the Navy Board, was temporarily named Captain of Jersey as a legal manoeuvre to make him eligible to sit on a court-martial.

In March 1689 Jersey, together with the merchantman Deliverance brought stores to the city of Derry which allowed it to sustain the Siege of Derry.

Although becoming fondly named by some as the petrified oaks, they are sadly just dead and dangerously rotten, so are now safely fenced off.

Mundon Furze



In the centre of the village, next to the Victory Hall is Mundon Furze. It is an Oak Woodland with a network of paths to explore. In the 1100's it was part of the King's Forest, which covered much of the Dengie Peninsula and is marked on the 1777 Andre map as a wood of around 40 acres.

In the 1960's the wood was in private ownership and used to house a piggery. Then in 1990 the owner donated around twenty acres of the wood to Mundon Parish Council under whose stewardship it remains.

Mundon Parish Council is one of the very few to own a wood, which was kindly dedicated to the village by Mr W Roe.

The Parish Council decrees that: "The wood shall be open for the peaceful enjoyment of all. No motorised vehicles or horses may enter the wood, or any shooting take place. All litter shall be taken home. No fires may be lit. Damage to standing trees is an offence and no wood may be taken away without written consent of Mundon Parish Council".

There are various wood management systems in place. The maintenance of the wood is carried out by voluntary labour. Should you come across a fallen tree or see anything that needs attention, please contact the Clerk who will contact one of the wood wardens.

Public House – The White Horse



The White Horse Pub is around 300 years old. The building itself was originally built as two cottages with back-to-back fireplaces.

Victory Hall (Village Hall)



The land on which the original and the new Victory Hall stands was donated by the Rowsell family for the benefit of the village. The new Victory Hall was erected in 1993, thanks to the tremendous efforts of the Management Committee under the direction of the late Chairman Peter Newton and Vice Chairman the late Bert Binder. The Committee is responsible for the maintenance and upkeep of the hall and is run by a Management Committee that is elected at the Annual Parish Council Meeting held in May (unless it is an election year) each year, to which all residents are invited.

For bookings and enquiries please contact:

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Please visit www.mundon.org to find out what activities currently take place at the village hall.

Hire charges (at time of print): £8 per hour for Mundon residents and regular users
£15 per hour for all others.

Plume Educational Trust

A benefactor of the village was Thomas Plume (1630-1704) who owned White House Manor and is also remembered in Maldon for the secondary school and the library. He left money in trust to encourage children to attain scholarships. The Plume Educational Trust is still active and enables small grants to be given to local Plume School children to further their education.

This charitable organisation now encompasses the Wills and Testaments of several benefactors – Ralph Breeder, Thomas Plume, Henrietta Sadd, Arnold Keeble and George Courtauld. Mundon Parish Council is entitled to nominate a trustee (every 4 years), alongside representatives from Essex County Council, Maldon District Council, Maldon Town Council, Thomas Plume Library and Plume School. Applications for the grants are reviewed each November.

Millennium Commemorations



A beacon was commissioned and made by Les Potts to hold a specially designed village sign under which was lodged a Time Capsule containing a copy of the electoral roll, Mundon Information Leaflet 2001, a copy of the Maldon and Burnham Standard from the date of buying the capsule, a menu and price list from The White Horse, a Mundon Millennium commemorative mug (as distributed to every child in the village during millennium year), photographs of activities in the village in the year 2000 – including the Millennium Fete and children's party, the ladies of the WI with their picture depicting Mundon in the year 2000 and a letter to future residents opening the Time Capsule. At the time two of Mundon's longest standing residents – Mabel Wells and Violet Slee, both of whom had lived in the village for around eighty years, unveiled the sign.

Another major project funded by the Millennium sub-committee was the new fence at Woodside. In the Victory Hall hangs the embroidery worked by members of Mundon WI.

Mundon Archive

A personal collection of Mundon and Dengie memorabilia is kept by Christine McDonald who is pleased to share information.

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Some of the items included are:

St Mary's Church information on structural reports and repairs since 1968.

Survey of all monumental inscriptions.

St Mary's Church -visitor book entries since 1992.

Clippings from Maldon & Burnham Standard 1993 – 2000.

Mundon Geography – maps, archaeology, oak plantation, property sales, church room, canal, Mundon barge.

People and Village Life – events, people, Mundon school records and photos, memories from our older residents, village groups, trades and businesses, chronicle of events over the last millennium.

Miscellaneous photos and drawings.

Mundon People Records – 1841-1911 Census, Family History of Mundon People, War Graves information.

Items to enhance the collection for future generations are always welcome. Memoirs of years gone by, old photos and reminiscences are particularly valuable. If you or a family member or friend would like to help, please contact Christine McDonald.

Facebook: Mundon Facts and Fables : an eclectic assortment of historical, social & geographic information, Mundon Church Volunteers and followers.



CHRONICLE OF MUNDON FROM YEAR 1000 TO PRESENT

Researched by Christine McDonald for 2005 Information Booklet and reproduced with her permission.

- 1000s Mundon in the ownership of Godwin, one of Edward the Confessor's senior noblemen.
- 1000s Probable planting of the oak trees behind Mundon Hall and the Church.
- 1086 Domesday book mentions a vineyard in Mundon – the earliest vineyard in Essex.
Mundon was held by Eudo Dapifer, founder of The Abbey of St John in Colchester for over 400 years.
- 1171 Maldon gains its Royal Charter for supplying a warships for the Monarchy. The timber for these is thought to be supplied by Mundon Oaks.
- 1332 First recorded incumbent of St Mary church – Ric. Coet.
- 14thC Nave of Church built on the original foundations – evidenced by architecture of North door and window and material used in walls.
- 15thC Date of original bell in Church
- 16thC Timber framed hexagonal belfry added to Church and a chapel to the south.
- 1517 Church was left 33 one year old ewes to maintain the lamps and candles of the chancel.
- 1550 Iltney Farm owned by William Harry Esq.
- 1552 Royal Commission inventory of church goods showed the Church was 'well supplied with plate and vestments'. Most were taken into King's (Edward VI) hands. Includes 3 bells.
- 1570 White House Farmhouse, (now known as White House Manor) New Hall Lane built.
- 1572 Church described as 'in great decay'.
- 17thC Original part of Limbourne Park built. Moated Site.
- 1608 Iltney Farm owned by Ralph Breeder. Thought to be site of historic vineyard mentioned in Domesday Book.
- 1643 Clergyman, Thomas Staples, removed from Church for 'drunkenness and keeping lewd company'.
- 1650 Last ship to be built of Mundon oak was Battleship "HMS Jersey", a 556 ton ship built at Maldon and launched in 1654 to serve with the Royal Navy of Charles II in the Dutch wars.
- 1660 Manor of Mundon passed to Thomas Cromwell, then after his execution, to the Duchy of Lancaster.
- 1684 Church chancel 'most shamefully out of repair and is ready to fall'.
- 18thC Chancel re-built using brick on original foundations. Box pews and painted texts from this period.
- 18thC Dormer Cottage and Clematis built.

- 1704 Dr Thomas Plume, one-time owner of White House Manor, left 5000 books for public use (now in Plume library in Maldon) and money for various charitable purposes including schooling. Mundon Parish Council still delegates a representative to Plume Educational Trust).
- 1705 Garlands known as Wright's Farm, after name of tenant.
- 1712 Date of first headstone in churchyard, Richard Eve.
- 1716 Mundon Hall Estate records list Stud Farm at Hill House.
- 1740 Entry in Salmon's History of Essex – 'all gravestones in the Church are defaced'.
- 1741 Earliest Church registers for Baptisms and Burials. Available from Essex Records Office.
- 1755 Earliest Church records for Marriages.
- 1768 Mundon Parish fined £250 for having poor roads.
- 1777 Andre Chapman published map of Mundon. Properties mentioned are: North House, New Hall, Iltney, Brick House, Mundon Hall, Coppet Catching (now Cop Kitchens), White House and Parsonage (at site where White Gate Farm is currently) and Limdon (now Limbourne Park).
- 1790 Sparrow Wick on Andre map with access via Blind Lane.
- 19thC Shop added to Dormer Cottage.
- Early 19th C – Canal constructed to carry hay, straw, grain etc by Lighter to the River Blackwater. The Lighters turned at the back of White House Manor where there is a large turning pond.
- 1805 Shepherds Farm marked on OS map between Mundon Creek and Mundon Hall. Shepherds (no longer standing) Mundon Hall and New Hall were first three farms to be shown on maps.
- 1818 Farm called Maletts noted on deeds of Brookmead. Also known as Molletts, no longer standing.
- 1818 1818-1835 present house on site of Garlands built. Previously known as Bourne's Farm.
- 1822 A well was bored in the brewhouse at Limbourne.
- 1830 1830-1839 Robson's directories published.
Hoys sailing from Payne's Wharf to Mundon every Tuesday, also from New Fresh Wharf.
- 1832 Creek dredged between Northey Island and Bramble Hall Farm, Mundon.
- 1832 White House Farm Canal/Cut opened constructed to carry hay, straw and grain etc. to Maldon.
- 1834 Rogers Farm, Vicarage Lane built (renamed Cammas Farm by 1916).
- 1848 William White's Directory of Essex published with names of shoemakers, smith, wheelwright, farmers and others.
- 1868 Vicarage House, Vicarage Lane built.
- 1868 Sprintsail Barge called Mundon built. Registered at Maldon. Remains at Wallasea Island.
- 1874 Board School for 60 children was built on the lane leading to the church and Mundon Hall at a cost of £400. Miss Kate Flux – mistress paid 3/- week wage.

- 1874 Land for Post Office purchased from Mundon Hall by Mr Albert Cooper's father. Original Post Office on west side of main road.
- 1884 Tolstoy published 'War and Peace', part of which was rumoured to be written at Stud Farm during the author's stay there whilst visiting the Russian Colony at neighbouring parish at Purleigh.
- 1884 Dengie Hundred shaken by an earth tremor.
- 1888 County Councils began to be elected by Act of Parliament.
- 1889 Vicarage and 10 acres of glebe owned by Rev. Edward George Andrew BA.
- 1890 Brookmead Farm House built, owned by Mr Brooks.
- 1894 Rural and Urban districts divided into Parishes.
- 1895 Mr Cooper erected fence at village school to separate boys and girls playgrounds.
- 1897 Flood in Dengie area.
- 1901 Population of Mundon stood at 227.
- 1910 Wood Cottages sold for £300.
- 1920s Limbourne Beagles were formed and kept by Mrs Davies (Mrs Simpson)
- 1919 1916-1919 men from Mundon lost in First World War.
- 1924 6 bungalows call Westfield built.
- 1924 Six bungalows built at Roundbush.
- 1927 Thomas Herbert Solly sold Manor of Mundon Hall with 1251 acres.
- 1929 Prior to 1930, New Hall Farm house was burnt down on the site where 'Freshfields' now stands.
- 1929 Last admission to school 4th March 1929. School closed down 27th March 1929. In 1999, chimney breast, chimney, some rusted railings remained. By 2009, little or no evidence of a previous building.
- 1930 Church in very poor state and unusable. S A Solly conveyed a land area of 0.0275 acre of Little West field, (now West Chase) on trust to a set of trustees. A small hall was built for services to be held. This was to become known as the 'Church Room', or 'The Parish Room'. It was granted a license by the Diocese.
- 1920s/early 1930s Charles Mead owned Sparrow Wick and also farmed White House Farm and New Hall Farm.
- 1930 New Hall Farm stockman used to live in a weatherboarded bungalow on the left at the start of the track to Brickhouse Farm.
- 1930 Airstrip planned to run from Mundon Furze to Mundon Hall Farm, owned at the time by Mr Finch, and onwards to Brookmead Farm, owned by Baker brothers.
- 1931 Mundon Hall and other properties and land bought by Rowsell brothers. Sale documents include the listing of Mundon Furze as a lot of '39 acres, 1 rood and 33 poles of valuable and well-sited enclosure of wood and pasture'.

- 1932 Post Office was owned by Albert Cooper and his wife. He was also the local wheelwright, cartwright and undertaker. Two of his original workshops still stand at 'The Old Post Office'. One contains the original Mundon Bier, used to transport coffins to the church.
- 1934 Mundon Women's Institute started.
- 1934 In the 1930's there was no water supply to New Hall Lane. Water had to be fetched from the pump at the junction of New Hall Lane and the main road.
- 1939 During WW2 there was a possibility of a military aircraft being kept in The Furze with a runway across the road to Mundon Hall. Nothing materialised.
- 1940 September 3. Messerschmitt 110 fell at Stud Farm. Bert Binder remembered the pilot asking for a cigarette. He got a negative reply! Another bomb hit 'Palmer's Place', a small holding at the junction of New Hall Lane.
- 1945 VE Celebrations behind White House Farm in an old Essex Barn owned by Roy Carr.
- 1945 'Wrenthorpe', at the bottom of Mundon Hill was the 1st house built after WW2.
- 1946 Catchment (water) Board realigned the ditches.
- 1946 Victory Hall built by Stan Grover, a builder living at Wood Cottage. The land on which it was built was gifted to the village by the Rowsell Family.
- 1947 Essex Farmer's hounds kennelled at Hook Farm at the top of Stud Hill. Beagles for drag hunting were already kennelled at Limbourne Park.
- 1947 Ten houses built at Woodside.
- 1948 Town Planning started.
- 1949 Church rededicated after repairs.
- 1949 Mundon Horticultural Society formed, first Show in 1953.
- 1949 Mundon Parish Council set up with Stanley Grover as Chairman, Don Tuckett as Clerk.
- 1950 Peter Newton became Clerk to Mundon Parish Council, a position he held for nearly 50 years, in addition to being involved in very many activities in the village from the time he arrived. He was affectionately given the title of The Mayor of Mundon by many villagers.
- 1950 Mundon Little Theatre Company set up by Dorothy Jeppe.
- 1950 Last recorded burial at Church.
- 1951 Parish boundary changes.
- 1951 Trustees of 'The Village Room' transferred it to the Diocese for £5.
- 1953 Coronation celebration organised by Parish Council. Every child in Mundon given a half crown in a presentation packet. Mr Hendry's horse and cart paraded through the village with Miss Weston dressed as the Coronation Queen and the children wore fancy dress.
- 1953 East Coast floods. Gypsum spread on fields close to the sea to counteract the salt.
- 1954 St Mary's parish amalgamated with Christ Church Latchingdon to where the font and vestments were also moved.
- 1955 Mundon Horticultural Society closed down.

- 1956 Mundon Vics Football Team started. President – Wallace Binder. Chairman – Peter Havelin, Secretary - Peter Newton, Referee - Percy Lock.
- 1956 Electricity laid on to New Hall Lane.
- 1957 'Graveyard overgrown, roof and nave windows open to the elements'.
- 1963 Methodist tin chapel, next to Sparrow Wick Cottages was closed (now demolished).
- 1964 Freshfields built to replace old farm house at New Hall Farm.
- 1970 Natural Gas laid on through Mundon (closure of gas works in Maldon).
- 1970 St Peter's Way walk inaugurated by the Council for the Protection of Rural Essex.
- 1970 Brick bus shelter built opposite Woodside, at a cost of £100.
- 1970s Mundon consisted of 14 farms.
- 1971 Bert Binder became President of Mundon Vics Football Team.
- 1972 Mundon Little Theatre Company disbanded.
- 1972 Sale of stables which were the HQ of Essex Farmers Hunt to market gardeners.
- 1974 Bungalow replaced by house at Stud Farm.
- 1974 New seawall constructed at Bramble Hall.
- 1974 New farm house built at Cop Kitchens to replace old bungalow.
- 1975 Church adopted and made safe by efforts of The Friends of Friendless Churches, who had been granted a 999 year lease by the Churches Commission on condition it conserved the church.
- 1975 The Furze sold by W J Rowsell to Mr W Roe.
- 1975 Anglia Water Authority put old Mundon canal to use as a high-level water course.
- 1977 Queen's Silver Jubilee celebrations. The Street closed for two hours, except for access. Children's Tea Party in The Furze. Old Time Music Hall and buffet in evening.
- 1977 Street lights installed in The Street after campaign by Parish Council.
- 1977 West Chase House built for Maldon District Council.
- 1978 House built at Hook Farm.
- 1982 Shop and Post Office sold. Sub Post Office closed. Site became car sales business and is now a private house.
- 1983 New house built opposite shop.
- 1985 Annual Service at Church started.
- 1986 The first Mundon Fun-Day. Included Normandy Band of the Royal Green Jackets and the Trail Blazers Free Fall Parachute Team of the Light Division organised by Peter Newton.
- 1987 30mph speed limit installed in The Street.

- 1987 The South East Storms. The biggest casualty in the village was the collapse of the Old Forge.
- 1988 Blackwater Flower Arrangement Club started at Victory Hall.
- 1989 Peter Newton was Mundon Parish Clerk from 1950-1989.
- 1989 Licence issued to legalise religious services in the Victory Hall. Communion was given weekly for several years.
- 1990 Mundon Furze dedicated to the village. Mundon Parish Council appointed for its care. It is the largest remaining area of the Royal Forests which originally spread through the Dengie area.
- 1992 April. Garden Waste Collection and recycling scheme started in village.
- 1993 Maldon Archeological Group publish results of Mundon Graveyard Survey. Every monument mapped and inscriptions recorded.
- 1993 New Victory Hall completed after building under the direction of Chairman Peter Newton and Vice Chairman Bert Binder who had been involved in the building of both village halls.
- 1993 December 11. New Village Hall opened by Chairman of Essex County Council Mrs Kathleen Nolan DL.
- 1993 Christine McDonald took over as Mundon correspondent for Maldon & Burnham Standard on condition any money raised would be spent on village enhancements.
- 1993 Verges and The Furze planted with daffodil bulbs provided by Maldon District Council and the Carr family.
- 1994 Sign erected outside Church by Friends of Friendless Churches.
- 1994 1993/4 Parish Precept set at £2400
- 1994 Council tax of £515 for Band D property including Parish Precept of £18.60.
- 1994 June. Demolition of old Victory Hall.
- 1994 September. Carpet Bowls started in the Victory Hall.
- 1995 First Mundon Easter Egg Hunt in The Furze.
- 1995 Adult and Children's Christmas parties in the Victory Hall, organised by Christine McDonald, Adrienne Thorogood and Ann Hutchinson.
- 1995 Building started on new houses in The Furze.
- 1997 February. Coffee Mornings started in the Victory Hall.
- 2000 Millennium Picture by Mundon WI created.
- 2000 Mundon Millennium committee created to run events throughout year.
- 2001 Beacon and Village Sign erected. Time Capsule placed deep under sign.
- 2001 The Furze closed due to Foot and Mouth precautions.
- 2002 Embroidery depicting Mundon in Millennium year worked by Mundon WI members hung in Victory Hall.

- 2002 Church Room sold and proceeds, by kind permission of Diocese, form a fund specifically to be used for capital items that would enhance the village.
- 2002 Golden Jubilee dances in Victory Hall to commemorate HM Queen Elizabeth's 50th year of reign.
- 2002 Repairs to chancel roof and underpinning of St Mary's Church at a cost of £30,000.
- 2002 Wooden bench seat purchased from Village Enhancements Fund sited outside St Mary's Church.
- 2002 Definitive Map, the only legal guide to the County's rights of way (last issue 1963) updated. Copies held by Maldon District Council Planning Department and Mundon Parish Council.
- 2003 Further damage to St Mary's Church caused by extreme weather conditions of recent years and shifting of plots and crypts under church within the poor foundations.
- 2004 Speeding and traffic flow though village a major concern for Parish Council.
- 2004 Blackwater Flower Club win Silver Award at Chelsea Flower Show.
- 2004 Bus shelter refurbished.
- 2005 Grant of 70% of £75,000 from English Heritage towards renovation work at St Mary's Church.
- 2019 Mundon Wash bridge replaced April-December causing lengthy road closure.
- 2019 May. Ann Hutchinson retires from being Parish Clerk after nearly 30 years.
- 2019 September. Mundon Village starts own Facebook page.
- 2019 The Third Day starring Jude Law filming in The Furze and by the old Oaks.
- 2019 Corona Virus (Covid-19) worldwide outbreak. First 3 month National Lockdown started 23 March 2020.
- 2020 Bradwell B, start of stage one Public Consultation.
- 2021 Parish Precept set at £4750. Band D property of Parish precept set at £30.74.

If you have any comments on the Chronicle up to 2005, please contact the compiler direct, otherwise please contact Mundon Parish Council Clerk.



LOCAL SERVICES / USEFUL NUMBERS

Citizens Advice (Independent Charity)

Free, confidential & impartial advice. Citizens Advice shall help you find a way forward, whatever your problem (money, benefit, housing, employment, crisis in some way).

Council Offices Princes Road, Maldon, Essex CM9 5DL

Tel: 01621 875774 - Open Monday to Friday 1am – 4pm

www.citizensadvice.org.uk/maldoncab E-mail: bureau@maldoncab.cabnet.org.uk

Defibrillator

A defibrillator can be found to the left of the main entrance doors to the Victory Hall. You will need to call 999 and ask for the ambulance service, before they will give you the code to open the locker. Instructions for use are found on it, but the 999 operator will also talk you through.

Doctors

Blackwater Medical Centre, Princes Road, Maldon, Essex CM9 5GP

Tel: 01621 876760

www.blackwatermedicalcentre.co.uk

Longfield Medical Centre, Princes Road, Maldon, Essex CM9 5DF

Tel: 01621 876433

www.longfieldmedicalcentre.nhs.uk

Education

The 'Catchment Schools' for Mundon are:

Maldon Primary School (Headteacher Mrs Thorn)

Wantz Chase, Maldon, Essex CM9 5DQ

01621 853409 www.maldonprimaryschool.co.uk

Plume Academy, Maldon, Essex (Headteacher Mr Wakefield)

Mill Road Campus (years 7 & 8) CM9 5DU Tel: 01621 879803

Fambridge Road Campus (years 9-11, 6th form college) CM9 6AB Tel: 01621 854681 www.plume-essex.sch.uk

Flooding – Floodline 0345 988 1188

Health Authority – Maldon & South Chelmsford Primary Care Trust

St Peter's Hospital, 22A Spital Road, Maldon, Essex CM9 6EG

Maldon District Council

Council Offices, Princes Road, Maldon, Essex CM9 5DL

Tel: 01621 854477 www.maldon.gov.uk

Member of Parliament

Rt. Hon. John Whittingdale OBE MP

The House of Commons, Westminster, London SW1A 0AA

Moat Housing Association

Fairfield House, Fambridge Road, Maldon CM9 6AD

0300 323 0011 - Text on 07786 202505 www.moat.co.uk

Neighbourhood Watch Scheme

This scheme is organised in conjunction with the Police to help prevent crime in the village. Please look at www.mundon.org for the village coordinators contact details.

There is a Police base at Maldon District Council offices.

Police/Ambulance/Fire – Emergency 999

Non-Emergency 101

Crimestoppers – to anonymously report a crime or suspicious behaviour
crimestoppers-uk.org 0800 555 111

Newspapers

Local papers with an emphasis on the local area are the Maldon Standard, the Burnham Standard and the Essex Chronicle.

NHS Helpline – 111

Post Boxes

Post boxes are situated in the village centre opposite the Victory Hall, another is at the south end of the village at Pillar Box corner and another (currently awaiting a replacement) by Stud Lodge at the north end of the village.

Public Transport

Buses First Bus Route 31, 31B, 31C, 31D, 31X. Hourly service to and from Maldon. Mundon is en-route for buses to Dengie and Chelmsford via Maldon. Time tables in bus shelter. www.firstbus.co.uk

Bus stops are located either side of the road at Stud Farm, Victory Hall, Old Coal Yard and just beyond Pillar Box corner on Burnham Road.

Dengie DaRT (Demand Responsive Transport) Number 99. It is part bus, part taxi. It is a dial-and-ride service running between the Dengie Peninsula, Maldon, St Peter's Hospital, Heybridge, Hatfield Peverel train station and Broomfield Hospital. Your place must be booked a minimum of 2 hours before departure (outbound and return). It runs 6am – 8pm Monday to Saturday.

It has 2 parts – a fixed part between Broomfield and St Peter's and a pre-book section to run forward between any address in certain Dengie Parishes (including Mundon), Maldon and Heybridge.

Tel: 01621 874410 www.arrowtaxi.co.uk/dart99

Recycling Centre

Park Drive, Maldon CM9 5UR

Winter opening hours – Mid October to end of February 9am – 4pm every day

Summer opening hours – 1st March to Mid October 9am – 5pm every day

Christmas Eve and New Years Eve open until 1pm

Christmas Day, Boxing Day & New Years Day closed

Refuse & Recycling Collection

Rubbish is collected on Thursdays (unless altered following a Bank Holiday).

Refuse – every other week, *recycling* including glass – every other week,

Food waste – every week, *green waste* – by subscription with Maldon District Council.

For further information contact Maldon District Council Tel: 01621 854477

www.maldon.gov.uk

Salt Box

A green salt box is situated next to the post box in the village centre, this is for the use of Mundon residents for pathways in the village. If you wish to collect a bag in a vehicle, please take one from the pallet at the back of the village hall.

Please ensure usage is proportionate and relevant to the safety of Mundon residents. If stock does become low, please contact the Parish Clerk immediately.

Social Services

Maldon Social Services Department, Carmelite House, White Horse Lane,
Maldon CM9 5FU
Tel: 0845 603 7630

Tourist Information Service

Maeldune Centre, 2 Market Hill, Maldon CM9 4PZ
Open Tuesday to Saturday between 11am – 4pm.

www.visitmaldon.co.uk

Places to Go: Promenade Park, Hythe Quay, Heybridge Basin.

Things to Do: Boat trips, Splash Park, Events listing, Heritage Walks.

Places to Visit: Beeleigh Abbey Gardens, The Moot Hall, Maeldune Centre, Maldon Museums.

Annual Events: Maldon Mud Race, Promenade Park Fireworks, Christmas Fayre, Blackwater Country Show, Maldon Festival of Arts, Maldon Carnival, Heritage Open Days, Maldon Art Trail, Maldon Little Ship Club Sponsored Row, Maldon Town Regatta, Maldon Motor Show.

Local Information: Where to stay, Where to eat, Maldon High Street guide, Markets, Where to park.

Utilities:

Electric

UK Power Network – Electric distributor for East of England
Emergencies call 105 or 0800 316 3105

Gas

National Gas Emergency Service – 0800 111 999
Non-emergency number 0800 389 8000

Water

Anglian Water Leak Line – 0800 771 881
Essex & Suffolk Water – Leak in street 0800 526 337

Blackwater Flower Arrangement Society

The Flower Club meets on the first Tuesday of the month from March through to December in the Victory Hall at 7.30p.m. The meetings are varied and include invited flower arranging demonstrators as well as work-ins/workshops, social events and garden visits.

The members are all very friendly and anyone is welcome to come along & enjoy the world of flowers. We are particularly looking forward to celebrating our 35th Anniversary next year (2023).

Please contact Diane Leggett - 01621 742569 for further information.

Women's Institute

Mundon WI meet on the second Tuesday of the month at the Victory Hall. The meeting begins with a guest speaker giving a presentation on a variety of topics, followed by refreshments and some chat. Next is the business side of the meeting to discuss events, future days out and WI campaigns. This is sometimes followed by a light-hearted quiz.

They are a very friendly group, some members live in Mundon, but others members come from neighbouring villages as well as further afield.

Please contact Joy Rogers - 01621 741223 for further information.

www.mundon.org



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We hope you have found this information of interest and that you will continue to find it of use over the coming months. If you have any comments that could be taken into account for possible future editions, please contact The Clerk.

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