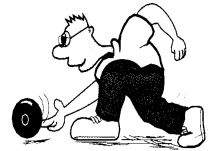


# Village Bulletin

December 2014 Issue 140

[www.westbergholt.net](http://www.westbergholt.net)

## West Bergholt Bowls Club



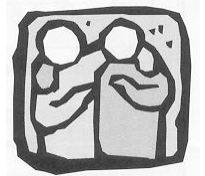
The darker nights bring hosts of competitions to the Bowls Club. The County Open Fours was held at Braintree with West Bergholt fielding two teams. The triples followed this with three teams. Although we did not have a winning rink, members gave a good account of themselves.

The star performance of the season so far is by Barbara Davis who won the 'Top of the Team Bowl' competition and as part of that the fours rink medal on the same day. Well done to her from all the members of the Bowls Club.

We are always pleased to welcome new bowlers to the club, if you come along to the Orpen Hall any Thursday or Sunday evening at seven o'clock or ring 01206 243301 for further information.



## West Bergholt Friendship Club



The Friendship Club met in the Orpen Hall in September after a summer break. At the first meeting members discussed future talks and outings. This was followed by a quiz. Two weeks later members heard an interesting talk with slides on 'India' by Mick Morrissey.

In October there was a talk by Arthur Brooks on 'Old Tyme Music Halls' also a very good talk on 'Great British Landmarks' by local resident Sue Leng.

In November we will have the children from Heathlands School to entertain us with their music and dance.

The Friendship Club meets every second and fourth Thursday afternoon between 2pm and 4pm at the Orpen Hall. We look forward to seeing you if you are over 55 years (men and women). For further information please telephone 240824.

# Village Bulletin *Information*

PROVIDED BY THE PARISH COUNCIL OF WEST BERGHOLT

## Chairman

John Gili-Ross  
67 Mumford Road,  
West Bergholt  
☎ 242 236



## Vice-Chairman

Harry Stone  
Vindens, Chapel Lane  
West Bergholt  
☎ 241 026

## PARISH COUNCILLORS

---

Jenny Church	Doran, Hall Road	☎	240 792
Murray Harlow	25 Valley Crescent	☎	242 007
Rachel Howard	1 Ormonde Close	☎	240 360
Rosemary James	98 Chitts Hill	☎	241038
Andrew Savage	6 Garling Walk	☎	242 015
David Short	60 Albany Road	☎	241 715
Chris Stevenson	74 Mumford Road	☎	241 708
Bob Tyrrell	43 Albany Road	☎	240 016
Phil Walby	2 The Hop House	☎	240 000

## PARISH WORKING COMMITTEES

---

<i>Premises and Recreation</i>	Phil Walby, Jenny Church, Murray Harlow, Rosemary James, Harry Stone, Rachel Young
<i>Environment and Highways</i>	David Short, Jenny Church, Murray Harlow, Rosemary James, Harry Stone, Phil Walby, Rachel Young
<i>Planning and Development</i>	Chris Stevenson, Andrew Savage, Bob Tyrrell
<i>Finance and Personnel Advisory</i>	Andrew Savage, John Gili-Ross, Chris Stevenson, Harry Stone

## CLERK TO THE PARISH COUNCIL

---

Val Walsom 17 Armoury Road, CO6 3JN ☎ 240 149  
*The Parish Clerk is available for Parish business at any reasonable time, but in particular on Tuesday evenings.*

## ORPEN HALL ADMINISTRATOR

---

Vicky Beckwith-Cole email: [hall-admin@westbergholt.net](mailto:hall-admin@westbergholt.net) ☎ 619 258  
*The Administrator is available to deal with enquiries at any reasonable time. Bookings should be made at the Hall on Thursdays between 7pm and 8pm. Please use the old side entrance.*

## BOROUGH COUNCILLORS

---

Marcus Harrington	Barn End, Cooks Hall Lane	☎	241 411
Dennis Willetts	<a href="mailto:dennis.willetts@btinternet.com">dennis.willetts@btinternet.com</a>	☎	240 314

## ESSEX COUNTY COUNCILLOR

---

Anne Brown email: [Cllr.Anne.Brown@essexcc.gov.uk](mailto:Cllr.Anne.Brown@essexcc.gov.uk)

Parish Council monthly meetings are held in the John Lampon Hall on the fourth Wednesday of every month starting at 7.30pm. Prior to the start of the meetings, between 7.15pm and 7.30pm, the public are invited to raise any item for consideration by the Parish Council at its next meeting.

The village bulletin is funded by the Parish Council as part of a community service. It is issued quarterly and distributed to every household in the Parish. The views expressed do not necessarily reflect those of the Parish Council.

## Colne Valley Flower Club



The club does not meet in December. Our next meeting will be held on Wednesday 21st January 2015. This will be our AGM.

The first demonstration of 2015 will be on Wednesday 18th February when Helen Sheard from Writtle College will be showing us her talent with flowers.

Come and join us. The club meets on the third Thursday of the month (Not August or December) at the Orpen Hall commencing at 7.30pm

Any further information please telephone the Chairman on 01787 227833

Pat Sharman

### A bit of Christmas advice

As Christmas approaches we are all busy rushing around to get everything done, presents to be purchased, office functions to attend and the house decorated. The thief loves Christmas too because it gives them the opportunity to have Christmas on you – Go on spoil their Christmas, do not give them the opportunity to spoil yours.

So here are a few tips for you and to pass on:

**Parking** – Choose a safe place to park (look for a [www.parkmark.co.uk](http://www.parkmark.co.uk) accredited car park), physically check your car is locked before you leave it and don't leave anything attractive to the thief on display within the car.

**Purse/wallet/handbag** – A handbag on the back of a chair, in a trolley, a purse sitting in an open bag, a wallet in the back pocket, a mobile phone on the table in a restaurant are calling out to the thief steal me. Don't make it easy for the thieves by providing them with the opportunity to steal it. If it's a crowded place or where you are distracted you are more at risk.

**Out for a drink?** – Enjoy a drink but don't make yourself vulnerable by drinking too much. Tell someone where you are going and when you expect to return, Don't be distracted by your environment whilst using a mobile phone or personal music device. Use a reputable taxi company don't jump into any car, and if you think your nominated driver has drunk too much discourage them from driving and in any case don't get in the car with him or her.

**Home** – When you are out make your house appear occupied (i.e. lights on timers, radio on), make sure your house, gates and shed/garage are secure. If storing drink or other items in an outbuilding don't have them in public view and don't leave presents under the Christmas tree in view from outside. After Christmas don't advertise your new goods by displaying the boxes for collection in front of your house. Turn the boxes inside out or tear them up or bag them.

**Social Media** – When using "Facebook" or other be wary of announcing to the world that you are away and your house is empty, or showing what you got for Christmas. Make sure your profile does not contain private information that would identify you or your address to a stranger.

**And the do?** Do have a wonderful crime free Christmas and Happy New Year!!

*Stephen Armson-Smith*

Essex Police Crime Prevention Officer

## West Bergholt Badminton Club



The Badminton Club meets at the Orpen Hall on Tuesday evenings between 7.45pm and 9.45pm. If you are over sixteen and would like to join us, please come along and play. We also have space for a limited number of players aged between fourteen and sixteen.

We don't play between 16th December and 6th January 2014.

Please contact Bernard on 240297 for more details.

**Copy for the March 2015 edition should be received by 1st February 2015.**

Late additions cannot be guaranteed entry  
Copy submissions to any of the Bulletin team.

Advertising:

Vicky Beckwith-Cole telephone 619258

[hall-admin@westbergholt.net](mailto:hall-admin@westbergholt.net)

Susan Swan - telephone 242319

Susan Leng - telephone 241748

Jane Williams - telephone 243636

Distribution:

John and Nora Bates telephone 240741

Editor: Bernard Colbron - telephone 240297

[bernardcolbron@btinternet.com](mailto:bernardcolbron@btinternet.com)

*All articles and letters are accepted on the condition that they may be edited.*

Printed on paper from a sustainable source by  
MAIL BOXES ETC. St. John's Street, Colchester - 01206 368881

# The Tree & Lawn Company



# T&L

One off treatments for yearly maintenance programmes available including:

- Lawn Cutting
- Turfing
- Scarification
- Fertilisation Programmes
- Lawn Repairs
- Aeration
- Weed Control

other services available are:

- Hedge Cutting and all aspects of tree surgery Fully insured

To arrange your free lawn appraisal and visit contact:

Tel. 01206 243 484 07775 762 242

# Norhurst Landscapes

All landscaping work undertaken

- \* Fencing \* Patios
- \* Turfing \* Block Paving
- \* Tree Work
- \* Free Estimates

Telephone. 242 349



# First Class Cleaners

DOMESTIC CLEANERS



ALL our staff are carefully selected, fully experienced and are fully insured against unlikely damage in your home.  
ALL our work is guaranteed and supervised.  
ALL materials are provided by us.

Our services include :

ONE OFF CLEANING JOBS \* REGULAR SERVICE CLEAN \* FULL SPRING CLEAN

Colchester 01206 242 349

**Bonus:** If you have a regular weekly clean, we will give you a free clean once every two months.



## M & N BOORN

### Carpenter & Property Maintenance,

Kitchens, wardrobes, doors,  
Laying wood and laminate flooring,  
Tiling, painting and decorating,  
Fencing, decking, erecting sheds etc  
Visit our website to view our work at  
[www.colchestercarpenter.com](http://www.colchestercarpenter.com)

Or call for a free no onligation quote  
**07527 427788 or 01206 842835**

## COLCHESTER COLLECTABLES

### Buying

Gold, Silver, Jewellery, Coins, Medals, Stamps  
Postcards, Clocks, Watches and other curios.

Regular contributor to

**BBC 'Flog It'**

**BBC Essex 'Sound Advice'**

Michael Bowles

[www.colchestercollectables.co.uk](http://www.colchestercollectables.co.uk)

Email: [michael-bowles@btconnect.com](mailto:michael-bowles@btconnect.com)

**01206 240998**

3 Lexden Road, West Bergholt  
Colchester CO6 3BT

When your house or carpets need cleaning ...  
... then come to us for a professional service!

## WEST BERGHOLT CLEANING SERVICES

(Owned by founder of Spic'N'Span)

We have over 20 year's experience of  
house cleaning and deep-cleaning  
carpets, so you're in safe hands.

Just give us a call on 01206 240184  
for a free estimate

## Jonathon McClelland Gardening Services

General gardening Services including:

Grass cutting

Hedge trimming/shaping

Tree pruning/felling

Turf laying

Fencing

Friendly professional and reliable  
service.

Free no obligation quotes.

Excellent references

Mobile: 07815 798 886

Email: [joffmcclelland@msn.com](mailto:joffmcclelland@msn.com)

## CARTER UPHOLSTERY

*Antique Modern and Traditional Furniture*

- \* Repairs \* Restoration \*
- \* Complete Re-upholstery \*
- \* Re-covering \* Loose Covers \*
- \* Cushions Replaced \*
- \* Made to Measure Sofas and Chairs \*
- \* Choice of Fabrics and Leather \*
- \* Free Estimates \*

**Tel: 01206 240858**

Armoury Farm, Armoury Road, West Bergholt, Colchester CO6 3JP



It's now twenty years since the Friends was formed and, since then, they have worked closely with the owners of this piece of ancient woodland, the Woodland Trust. It is therefore appropriate that the speaker at our forthcoming Annual General Meeting is Sally Hopher, the Woodland Trust's fund raising co-ordinator for our region. Her talk is entitled "The Work of the Woodland Trust - the UK leading charity for native trees and woodland".

As friendly 'friends' we are more than happy to welcome anyone to this event. Please therefore don't hesitate to turn up – you don't have to be a member to attend. (You'll just miss the pleasure of voting!)

The AGM is being held in the Orpen Hall on Wednesday 10th December 2014 commencing at 7.30pm. Light refreshments will be available from 7.00pm and also following the close of formal business while Sally is setting up for her talk.

So, why not try something different?

Andrew Savage, Chairman

<http://westbergholt.net/village-life/clubs/hillhouse-wood/>



## West Bergholt Concert Band – *Home For Christmas*



With Christmas almost upon us, excitement is building within the band at the prospect of our first Christmas Concert in the village since 2012. Last year's Christmas Concert at the West Cliff Theatre in Clacton was a very successful and special event, so we're really pulling out all the stops for this year's homecoming concert.

As our regular followers know, our Christmas Concert always includes a mix of new pieces and old favourites, together with lots of festive cheer. This year's programme includes classics such as

*White Christmas, The Christmas Song, Frosty The Snow Man, and I'll Be Home For Christmas* alongside premieres of *Walking In The Air, Oogie-Boogie's Song, The Polar Express* and *Do They Know It's Christmas*. We'll also be performing a selection of Carols, some of which you'll definitely be expected to join in with.

St Mary The Virgin on Saturday 13th December at 7.30pm.

Some of those classic and new Christmas pieces were composed for film soundtracks, which was the theme of our Autumn recruiting events with local schools. These events involve young musicians joining with the band for the first time, and after an afternoon rehearsal, performing a concert in aid of Children In Need. We get great feedback from these events, with teachers and parents saying how much fun the young players had, and what a great experience it was for them. This year's music was also very popular with both the musicians and audience, and ranged from John Williams (Star Wars, Superman, Raiders) through to James Bond, Pixar, Frozen, Grease, and The Lego Movie.

Whilst these events encourage tomorrow's musicians, we're also hoping that they encourage new players to join the band full time to help us maintain the band's mix of ages. As well as our schools events, new players of any age are always welcome to come and see us on Friday evenings at Heathlands School, including at our Open Rehearsal on 23rd January. Don't forget, it's not too late to ask for a musical instrument from Santa, and then you can come and share the enjoyment of making music amongst a great bunch of fellow musicians.

If you'd like any more information on the band, please either call Graham on 01206 824157 or visit our website [www.wbcb.org](http://www.wbcb.org). Finally...on behalf of the band...we look forward to seeing you at our Christmas Concert, and we wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.



Many thanks to those who came to the Embroidery Exhibition on September 27th.  
We were able to send £126 to *Action for Children*.  
Pat Kay



*Beautiful home-baked cakes*

**Created by the Fairies**

*freshly made & delivered to your door:*

*Celebration cakes, Cup-cake towers, Novelty cakes, Children's cakes – any type of cake.*

*Plain or iced & decorated.*

*All lovingly made to your own specification.*

*Tel: 01206 242111 or 07814469480*

*email: delbrasparkle@icloud.com*

# BB's

*Private car hire  
for all occasions*

*for long or short journeys*



69 Albany Road  
West Bergholt  
Colchester  
CO6 3LD

Phone. 01206 241 868 Mobile. 07801 824 083

email [bbs-privatehire@btconnect.com](mailto:bbs-privatehire@btconnect.com)

## Leisure Hire



**YOUR MARQUEE &  
EQUIPMENT HIRE  
SPECIALISTS**

*Marquees erected on most surfaces and in awkward areas*

*Excellent range suitable for the smallest to the largest occasions -*

*\* Parties \* Weddings \* Anniversaries \*  
\* Barbecues \* Corporate events*

*Extensions to Buildings - Awnings \* Flooring \* Staging \* Linings  
Furniture \* Heating \* Lighting \* Balloon Decorations*

*Telephone (01206) 242196*

*[www.leisurehiremarquees.co.uk](http://www.leisurehiremarquees.co.uk)*

*Brochure and Quotation on request*



*Now in Nayland!*  
Ceramics Painting  
Decopatch  
Gifts for all ages  
Tea/coffee/cakes

[www.blue-owl.co.uk](http://www.blue-owl.co.uk) - Tel: 01206 263350

The Mill, Mill Street, Nayland, CO6 4HU



**CARPET & UPHOLSTERY CLEANING**

**Steve Pennington, West Bergholt**

office: 01206 588548

mobile: 07825 633947

email: [info@anglian-eco-clean.com](mailto:info@anglian-eco-clean.com)

web: [www.anglian-eco-clean.com](http://www.anglian-eco-clean.com)

Ecologically friendly and healthy  
carpet cleaning

## WEST BERGHOLT PHARMACY

**FREE PRESCRIPTION COLLECTION & DELIVERY**

*Order your repeat prescription in person by phone or email - allow two working days for the prescription to be processed - then simply collect from the Pharmacy or arrange delivery.*

**PHONE/FAX: 01206 240352**

**EMAIL: [WESTBERGHOLTPHARMACY@GMAIL.COM](mailto:WESTBERGHOLTPHARMACY@GMAIL.COM)**

**39 CHAPEL ROAD, WEST BERGHOLT,  
COLCHESTER CO6 3JB**

**Monday - Friday 9am - 6pm - Saturday 9am - 1pm**

## TAMARISK BUILDERS LIMITED

**Local Builders based in West Bergholt since 1981**

**Tel: 01206 241500**

**email : [hall04@btinternet.com](mailto:hall04@btinternet.com)**



**New build  
Extensions  
Renovations  
Kitchens & bathrooms  
Patios & driveways**

## Is Your PC or Mac Sick?

Does it have viruses or run slow? Is your security up to date? What about your tablet or smartphone? Don't know?

Get it checked by an industry qualified, local expert.



Mobile service to your home or workplace  
Visit us online to see all our other services

**07900 000 666 | [www.dylanit.co.uk](http://www.dylanit.co.uk)**

# West Bergholt Gardeners' Association



Since the last village bulletin in September, we have started our new club year 2014/2015. At our meeting in September we had an illustrated presentation by Deborah Hart on Hanging Baskets and Winter Containers. This was followed by the AGM.

Rosemary James our club Secretary who kindly stood in as acting chair since Valerie Lofthouse left, handed over to the new chair David Withnall. We welcomed two new committee members Deena Moore and Shirley Noakes. We also thanked David Draper who has left the committee but remains an active member of the club.

Our meetings in Oct and Nov - speakers at these meetings were Darren Tansley on The Mammals of Essex and Bob Sherriff on Dahlias.

Our next meetings will be on December 8th, speaker will be Ric Staines doing "A Gardeners Question Time" - prior to this the club buffet - £4 ticket event. See contact details below. February 16th meeting speaker Jonathan Jukes is giving an illustrated talk on Marks Hall History and Progress. All meetings start at 19:30 at the Orpen Hall, West Bergholt.

Why not come along, all are welcome. Membership is £10, Visitors £3 including refreshments, also gardeners raffle. Please note at the December meeting an additional £4 ticket for the buffet. Tickets for this event call 01206 241256 or email [wbgardeners@gmail.com](mailto:wbgardeners@gmail.com).

## Allotments for All

Many residents consider that one of the attractions of our village is to have a thriving Allotment site at its centre. With about 140 plots there is a small turnover of plot holders each year and generally those whose names are on the waiting list do not have to wait too long.

As one year's growing season comes to an end and we begin to plan for the next a few plots do become available so now is the time to get your name down for the coming year. Many reasons are cited for having a plot from escaping from the kitchen, to meeting friends for a gossip, but not least growing fresh vegetables (organically if required) at a cost

which saves money. A word of warning is that making a success of a plot does require some effort and a regular commitment and does depend to some extent on the weather and beating the birds and the bugs. Most plot holders win these challenges and we have just experienced a very productive year.

For those new to gardening we recommend to begin with a starter plot of 2.5 rods (63 sq metres)\*. For the more experienced and ambitious a full plot of five rods (126 sq metres)\* might be more appropriate. As a result of the way plot holders volunteer to carry out much of the maintenance work on the site themselves, the Parish Council is able to offer a plot for a rent of £16 per year, a charge that will remain unchanged next year, and with concessions for those over 60.

Whatever the experience there are always many seasoned plot holders on the site willing to offer advice and support and this can also be found along with guidelines and rules on our web page of the village website ([www.westbergholt.net/village-life/clubs/allotments/](http://www.westbergholt.net/village-life/clubs/allotments/)). The site is managed on behalf of the Parish Council by a committee of plot holders whose Chairman is Terry Claydon. If interested in obtaining a plot he can be contacted on 01206 241256 / 07902332085 by email at [terryclaydon@aol.com](mailto:terryclaydon@aol.com) or through the Parish Clerk.

*\* Individual plots sizes may vary.*

Harry Stone, Allotment Committee Secretary

If you live in the village and need help with transport for a medical or important appointment, please contact us on

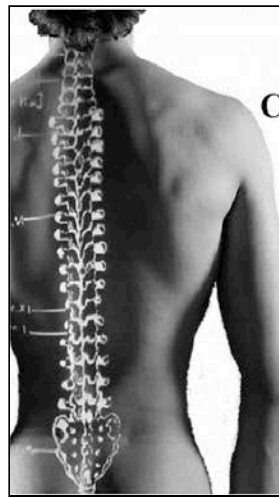
# 0300 777 3100

If you feel able to volunteer and offer some time as a driver please contact Harry Stone on 241026.

**WATERFORDS**  
**Bathroom Specialists**  
**From Conception to Completion**  
 Let us design and install your new bathroom  
 01206 240644 or 07779 637282  
[www.waterfordsbathrooms.co.uk](http://www.waterfordsbathrooms.co.uk)



**FREE**  
**Chiropractic Assessment**  
 (Offer valid till end of April 2014)  
**Find the Cause of Your Pain.**  
**Call us Today**  
**01206 625755**  
 Robert Bateman BSc DC  
 Doctor of Chiropractic,  
 97 Gosbecks Road  
 Colchester, CO2 9JT  
[www.batemanchiropractic.co.uk](http://www.batemanchiropractic.co.uk)



**ponder**construction  
 developers & building contractors

- Garden Rooms
- Refurbishment
- Extensions
- Timber Framed Buildings
- Conservatories
- Bespoke Joinery



Unit 1, Fiddle De Dee, The Crescent, West Bergholt, Colchester, Essex, CO6 3DA  
**T: 01206 240141 • M: 07768 000110**  
 E: ponderconstruct@btconnect.com • W: www.ponderconstruction.co.uk

**There.**  
 When you need legal and financial advice



**BirkettLong**  
**T: 01206 217300**  
**WWW.BIRKETTLONG.CO.UK**

Authorised and regulated by the Solicitors Regulation Authority (No. 488404)  
 Authorised and regulated by the Financial Services Authority (No. 481245)

**the wine centre**

Visit your local award winning Wine Merchant with over 500 wines from around the world and a wealth of knowledge.

We have a Deli section, contemporary giftroom and Riedel glassware.

 [thewinecentre.co.uk](http://thewinecentre.co.uk)  
 The Wine Centre, The Quay, West  
 Colchester, Colchester CO1 4EH

**EXTERIOR CARE ROOFING SPECIALIST**

- New Roofs and Repairs
- Leadwork
- Flat Roofs a Speciality
- Guttering and Facias
- Chimney Work and Pointing

**All Work Guaranteed**  
**Free Estimates and Survey**  
**20 Years Experience**

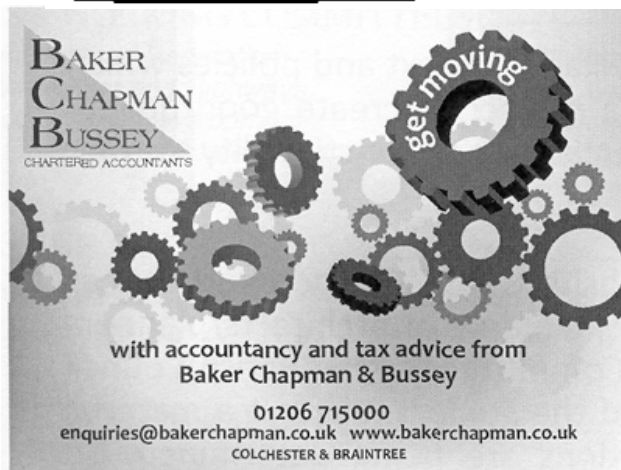
*For Quality, Reliability and Service Call*  
**Mobile 0797 001 6234**  
 5 Brook Cottages, Wet Lane, Boxted, Colchester  
[www.exteriorcareroofing.co.uk](http://www.exteriorcareroofing.co.uk)

**BAKER  
 CHAPMAN  
 BUSSEY**  
 CHARTERED ACCOUNTANTS

**get moving**

with accountancy and tax advice from  
 Baker Chapman & Bussey

01206 715000  
[enquiries@bakerchapman.co.uk](mailto:enquiries@bakerchapman.co.uk) [www.bakerchapman.co.uk](http://www.bakerchapman.co.uk)  
 COLCHESTER & BRAINTREE



**STC Contracts Ltd**

**Full Carpentry Work - Office Fit Outs**  
**Partitioning - Suspended Ceilings**  
**Extensions - General Building Work**

40 New Church Road, West Bergholt,  
 Colchester CO6 3JE

**Telephone: 01206 242240**  
**Mobile: 07770 845660**  
**email: stcarpentryltd@aol.co.uk**



## **WEA - West Bergholt Branch**

At a recent meeting in Chelmsford of the WEA (Workers Education Association) Ruth Spellman, general secretary and chief executive said that WEA could also stand for "We Educate Adults" and it is just that the WEA aims to do in an interesting and social way. Here in West Bergholt our next subject is "Inland Waterways" by Steven Worsley. It will cover our increasing leisure use of inland waterways, contrasting with their past as a transport medium during the industrial revolution.

The legacy of this past will be studied on this course.

Venue: Methodist Hall

Date: Beginning 13th January 2015

Cost: £48 for ten interesting evenings.

People on income under £15,276 net per annum of income based benefits/JSA free

Not sure? Then sample first evening for free.

For further information please contact Gill on 01206 240512.

## **St Mary's Church**

Our new Priest in Charge, Mandy Elmes, is becoming familiar with the life of the village. She has taken on the responsibility of being the Ex-Officio Foundation Governor at Heathlands School and is looking forward to getting involved with the life of the school. She does however have two other Church of England schools in the benefice so her time at each will be limited.

At Harvest the church was open for everyone to see the harvest decorations, enjoy some refreshments and join in craft activities. It was also great to see the children of Heathlands and their parents at St. Mary's for the school harvest celebrations. Thank you to everyone who contributed in any way. Non-perishable foods were donated to Open Door, a Colchester based charity, and donations from the open afternoons to Colchester Food Bank.

Our thoughts are rapidly turning to Advent and the Christmas season. Christmas events start with the West Bergholt Concert Band performance on December 13th at 7.30pm.

Carol singing outside the Co-op on Friday 19th December at 6.15pm. Everyone welcome.

The Carol Service at the Old Church will be on Sunday 21st December at 2.30pm.

Christmas Eve services are the Crib Service at 3.00pm and the Carol Service at 6.45pm.

We shall celebrate the birth of Jesus on Christmas morning with a Family Service to which all family members are welcome at 9.30am. Mandy has asked that children bring any new presents that they may have opened!

In the new year the next Senior Citizens' lunch is on Saturday 24th January. If you would like to attend, please contact Murray Harlow on 07989720256 or Kate Penrose on 210225. Places are limited so please book early! Transport can be provided if required.

Our website [www.sites.google.com/site/stmaryswebbergholt](http://www.sites.google.com/site/stmaryswebbergholt) includes details of activities at St. Mary's or if you would like a copy of Good News St. Mary's bi-monthly newsletter delivered to your home, please contact Kate Wilson on 752056.

## **West Bergholt Football Club**



After a shaky start to the season, both teams now seem to be up and running, the first team having gone on an eight match unbeaten run, and moving up to third place in the league with a game in hand on the leaders. The reserves have had similar success, and are currently in sixth place in their league. Both teams have new managers for this season, and it is a tribute to them that the teams have found form so quickly. The first team have also progressed in the Essex Senior Cup, with a resounding 5-1 victory over Ryan FC.

Junior training continues on Saturday mornings after a few problems with availability of supervision, and hopefully will now continue uninterrupted.

On the social front we held a Quiz night in October, and are hoping to hold a Christmas Draw night the Saturday before Christmas. Membership fees are now due for this season, and new applicants are welcome.

Keep up to date with club news and results on our website [www.westberghottfc.co.uk](http://www.westberghottfc.co.uk)

Michael R Bell

# West Bergholt Cricket Club



With the season well and truly over and the cold weather closing in, it is time to reflect on what has been a great year for the club. The Two Counties side played well all year and stayed unbeaten throughout the season, an excellent achievement. This success was founded on consistent performances from a number of key players, and it has been pleasing to see the blend of experience and youth combining so well. Such is the strength in depth now available at the club, the club will be entering a second team into the Two Counties competition, which will represent an excellent opportunity for younger members of the club to experience senior cricket. I would like to wish both teams luck and continued success for the new season. Our other senior side have found life slightly more challenging in the Piri Piri competition, with a lack of regular games and some quality competition preventing any momentum from being built. However the team were able to play well in stages, and earned the right to remain in our league, which was a significant achievement in its own right. On a final note, the Evening League side had a very successful season, proving too strong for most opposition with their exciting and powerful style of play.

The success at the club has been mirrored in the youth teams, with both the u-14 and u-16 sides posting strong seasons. Developing our younger players is a key goal of the club, and it was great to see a number of these individuals representing our senior side. With the decision to enter a second team in the Two Counties competition, I would hope to encourage as many of these younger players as possible to get involved in senior cricket and develop their skills. Continuing this theme, as part of the clubs successful festival, it was fantastic to see so many young people at the Kwik Cricket festival. Not only was this a huge display of support for the club, but hopefully we will have found some budding future senior players! We are now working in partnership with Heathlands Primary School by running an after school cricket club. This is an excellent way of introducing the sport to children and has an emphasis on fun and inclusion. If you think this would be something your son or daughter would be interested in, or if you would like more information, please get in touch with the club.

Having touched on it previously, it would be wrong not to mention the club's cricket festival held in the summer. This was a highly successful event, and was well supported both by club members and the village as a whole. The quiz night in particular was extremely entertaining, not least with some of the team names on show! I must say, and I know this will be echoed by the club as a whole, that the festival would not have been possible without the incredible hard work and dedication displayed by our Chairman Peter Twydell, as well as his wife Wendy and their team. Their efforts both over the course of the season and over the festival period in particular are greatly appreciated. As with many clubs, their success relies on the contribution of not only a few, but the club as a whole. Therefore the club would encourage any support or fundraising ideas when it comes to organising our annual festival.



To finish it has been a fantastic season all round for WBCC, both on and off the playing field. Although the playing season is at the end, I would encourage all those thinking of joining the club to get in contact with us via our website at [www.westbergholtcc.co.uk](http://www.westbergholtcc.co.uk). We are always looking for fresh faces and playing time would be guaranteed given the number of fronts we will be challenging on. Bring on the new season!

James Gallagher

## Library Times

The Mobile Library visits the village  
**fortnightly on a Tuesday.**

The stops and times for West Bergholt are:

Albany Road	13.55 – 14.20
Scout Hut, Lexden Road	14.45 – 15.30
Queens Road	15.35 – 15.55
Chapel Road	16.00 – 16.45

*Queries about the service-telephone  
Answers Direct 0845 6037628*

## A Blissful New Year's Eve



Do you know what you are doing on New Year's Eve yet? Want to celebrate, but don't want the hassle, and cost of going into town? Come to the Orpen Hall to celebrate a Blissful New Years Eve in aid of Bliss – the charity for babies born too soon, too small and too sick.

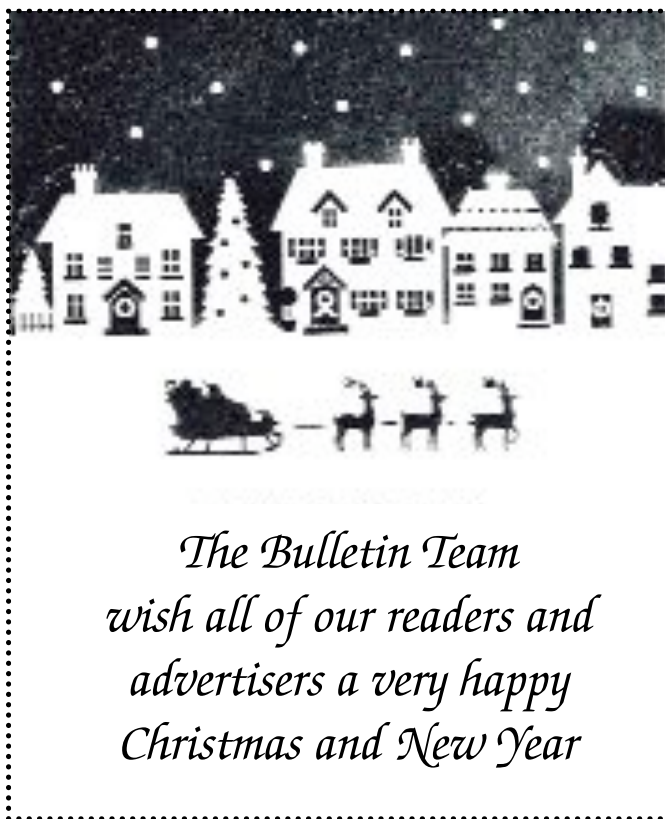
Tim and Lucy West are arranging a family orientated party, for the village, as nearly 16 years ago their daughter Poppy was born at 27 weeks weighing just 1lb 12oz and was in hospital for 97 days! In 2015 Lucy is undergoing 97 days of hell by running the Colchester Half Marathon, the London Marathon and a 20-mile giant Obstacle and Mud race.

Tickets cost just £5 per head for the evening which is from 8pm to 12.30am, There will be music, nubbles, a chill out space for the kids and a big screen to watch the fireworks. All you need to bring are your own soft or alcoholic drinks (no alcoho; can be sold as there is no licence) and money to buy tickets for the fabulous raffle prizes and for snacks at midnight.

The best thing is that you can walk down to the Orpen Hall – no need to drive or get a pricey taxi, bring your kids and relax with your friends and family. Get a group together and celebrate in Blissful style. By the way Tim is playing an Ugly Sister in Cinderella at the Mercury Theatre this Christmas, so if you're going along make sure you give him an extra special Bergholt Boo.

Tickets are being sold in Kitty Rose (10a Bergholt Road), so you can buy them as you buy all your festive gifts. Or email [tlpdwest@btinternet.com](mailto:tlpdwest@btinternet.com) or call Lucy on 07795 671776

If you cannot come, but would like to support this worthy cause, please visit our Just giving page [www.justgiving.com/Lucy-West13](http://www.justgiving.com/Lucy-West13) or text TLPD97 £10 to 70070 to donate £10.



*The Bulletin Team  
wish all of our readers and  
advertisers a very happy  
Christmas and New Year*



## St Helena Hospice Tree of Memories



St Helena Hospice's Tree of Memories Christmas appeal is now open for anyone wishing to make dedications to someone special at this special time.

Tree of Memories involves donors receiving a bauble-shaped card to hang on their Christmas tree, personalised with their own dedication to a loved one. Duplicate cards can be hung on trees at either the Tendring Day Centre in Clacton or Myland Hall in Colchester, open for viewings between 15th December and 3rd January.

The hospice will also be holding two Tree of Memories Services at the Tendring Day Centre on Wednesday 17th December and at Myland Hall on Thursday 18th December. Both services start at 6.30pm. To make a dedication and for more information, please visit

[sthelenahospice.org.uk/treeofmemories14](http://sthelenahospice.org.uk/treeofmemories14)  
or contact the Fundraising Office on 01206 791740.



## Ark Veterinary Centre

14 Church Lane, Lexden, Colchester CO3 4AF  
Email. admin@ark-vets.co.uk Web. www.arkvets.co.uk

Telephone. 01206 572 410

Marcus G Harrington BVetMed MRCVS  
Peter Busfield BVetMed MRCVS  
Julie Mair BVetMed MRCVS  
Elaine Fox MA VetMB MRCVS  
Kate Simm BVMS MRCVS

*"Your local Veterinary Centre"*

Award Winning Quality Landscape Installation



OAK VIEW LANDSCAPES

Offering the complete design, construction and maintenance service by experienced and qualified professionals

PLEASE CALL 01206 243300

Scarletts Chase Offices, Nayland Road, West Bergholt, CO6 3DH  
www.oakviewlandscapes.co.uk  
info@oakviewlandscapes.co.uk



## Printing | Copying | Design

plancopying, newsletters, bulletins, leaflets, flyers, **If it's ink on paper- we can produce it.** magazines, letters, mailers, posters, business cards...

Ask for our special prices! code WBB



MAIL BOXES ETC.

Mail Boxes Etc., Colchester  
9 St. John's Street, Colchester, Essex CO2 7BN  
tel: 01206 388881 email: info@mbecolchester.co.uk  
www.mbe.co.uk/colchester



**ARMOURY AUTOS**  
OF  
**WEST BERGHOLT**  
**01206 242144**

- ❖ SERVICING AND MOT REPAIRS UNDERTAKEN
- ❖ AIR CONDITIONING SERVICING
- ❖ ALL MAKES AND MODELS WELCOME

ARMOURY FARM ARMOURY ROAD  
[www.armouryautos.co.uk](http://www.armouryautos.co.uk)



## MSS GARDEN MACHINERY CENTRE

*"Where Service & Reliability Count"*

**SALES SERVICE SPARES**



**FOR ALL YOUR  
GARDEN  
MACHINERY  
REQUIREMENTS**



[www.mowerandsaw.co.uk](http://www.mowerandsaw.co.uk)

**CROWN LANE SOUTH (Off John De Bois Hill)**  
**ARDLEIGH COLCHESTER CO7 7PL**  
Tel: 01206 230180

## Encantada-Vacation



Your Holiday home awaits, just 5 miles from Disney, on a secluded secure gated resort.



Modern open lounge, Full A/C throughout.

Sleeps 6 People in comfort  
TV's in all Rooms  
Full A/C throughout  
Master with En-Suite  
Private Heated Splashpool

For details contact Kevin & Susan on 07946555647 or visit  
<http://www.encantada-vacation.com> for comprehensive details & guest reviews,  
Prices start from just £350 per week



## Firmin's Maintenance Ltd

**FLAT ROOF SPECIALIST**  
(New and Refurbishment)

**HOUSE MAINTENANCE**

Garden Works and Grass Cutting  
Patos - Fencing - Hedges

**BUILDING WORKS** including Brick Walls

For a **FREE QUOTATION** please ring

**JIM FIRMIN**

Office: 01206 579879

Mobile: 07899930454

Email: [ericafirmin@aol.com](mailto:ericafirmin@aol.com)

# Girlguiding

Congratulations to two hard-working ladies from West Bergholt are due.

They are Sandra Gates, Guide Leader of the 1st West Bergholt Guides, who was awarded a Jack Petchey Foundation Medal and Award recently. Sandra was one of only four leaders to get this prestigious award in North East Essex this year and it was duly deserved for all the hard work and effort she gives to her Guides and Girlguiding in the county.

The second person to be congratulated is Carol Clarke also of West Bergholt, and former Brownie Leader. Carol has been the Jack Petchey Co-ordinator for Girlguiding Essex North East since it started here four years ago. She is responsible for the organisation throughout the year – encouraging and facilitating the awards – and also in organising the magnificent ceremony held annually at the Charter Hall, Colchester. This year, 54 girls and four leaders were honoured and attended along with their families and other members of Girlguiding.

Well done to you both.



*Carol Clarke*



*Sandra Gates*



We went to camp 3rd to 7th August at Belchamps in Hockley. We had an excellent time. The weather was great and we stayed in a tented village for a change. The Guides took part in various activities and crafts including crate stacking, fencing and water walking. Our theme was Despicable Me and the guides made Minion Hama badges and little fondant Minions.

Six new girls have joined us this term and we now have six patrols. There are eleven guides working

on their BP Challenge. One of our Young Leaders, Eleanor Ringrose who gained her BP Challenge, is working with the Guides each week to help them with their Challenge.

At the beginning of term we had two patrol run evenings. Each patrol was asked to put together activities to do with the whole unit which would last for 20 minutes. We then divided the patrols into three doing activities on each of the weeks. It worked really well. We finished the second week with a game called chocolate Joey.

Chloe Taylor ran a games evening for part of her BP and Jasmine Lewis ran a cooking evening and is running a 'bring a friend party' for part of her BP.

On 23rd October we went to the Charter Hall, Colchester to celebrate winning Jack Petchey Awards for personal achievement. Emily Ringrose, Jasmine Lewis and Emma Rogers were all awarded with medals and I was awarded the Jack Petchey Award for Outstanding Service to Young People. It was a brilliant evening with many dignitaries including Nicholas Charrington DL, High Sheriff of Essex.

We took part in the Remembrance Sunday service and the Gift Aid Service in December with the rest of the units within the village.

We have a few more activities before the end of term including a night walk and a Christmas wide game.

We hope you all have a very good Christmas.

We return to Guides on 15th January 2015

Sandra Gates, Guide Guider

## Library Times

The Mobile Library visits the village  
**fortnightly on a Tuesday.**

The stops and times for West Bergholt are:

Albany Road	13.55 – 14.20
Scout Hut, Lexden Road	14.45 – 15.30
Queens Road	15.35 – 15.55
Chapel Road	16.00 – 16.45

*Queries about the service-telephone  
Answers Direct 0845 6037628*


Saint Quiney The Florist  
Fully Qualified, Original Designs



**Flowers  
For  
All  
Occasions**

High Quality Modest Prices  
Tel: 01206 242399 / 07985 496959  
West Henghelt Resident

In case of breakdown or in need of service  
**GAS Appliance Maintenance Service Ltd**  
(Established 1976)



- COMPLETE HEATING/HOT WATER INSTALLATIONS
- UPDATES TO MODERN FUEL EFFICIENT SYSTEMS
- BOILER CHANGES/REPOSITIONING
- COLCHESTER'S ORIGINAL POWER FLUSHING SPECIALISTS
- SOLAR WATER HEATING INSTALLERS

JOHN REEVE                      24 Hour Answer phone  
**01206 366306**                      Mob: **07860 197 927**

Company No. 4554505      Registered in England



**Matt Brundle**  
ELECTRICAL

Re-wiring & alterations                      New consumer units  
Fault finding & repairs                      New Installations  
Condition Reports                              Outside lighting

**Mobile 07734 603202**  
**Tel 01206 851878**  
23 Bolsin Drive, Colchester, Essex, CO4 5FD  
**info@mbelectricalssex.co.uk**

**Big Clean Little Clean Ltd**

**Domestic or Commercial:**  
**A different kind of cleaning business...**

- A local cleaning company run by perfectionists!
- A quality reliable fully insured service
- We reward our staff on quality and pay bonuses directly related to client satisfaction feedback
- No job is too big or little...
- We will clean what you want, when you want and as frequently as you want
- All cleaning materials and equipment provided
- Competitive rates on request

**01206 273125 07786 087585**  
**michelle@bigcleanlittleclean.co.uk**  
**www.bigcleanlittleclean.co.uk**



**Montrose**  
Carpentry & Joinery

For all your carpentry & joinery requirements

For a free no obligation quote, please contact Ian Dickson on:

**Tel 01206 241458 Mob. 07887 995807**  
**www.montrosecarpentry.co.uk**

**Neil D Parker Ltd.**  
*Plumbing and Heating Engineers*

Central Heating	Neil Parker
Bathroom Suites	24 Keepers Green
Lead Work	Braiswick
All Domestic	Colchester
Plumbing	Essex
	CO4 5UT



Registered Number 23786

Telephone 01206 853 934  
Mobile 07771 851536  
E-mail [ndparker@btinternet.com](mailto:ndparker@btinternet.com)




**Robert Forsythe**  
Painter and Decorator

*Gutters cleaned out  
UPVC fascias and soffits washed down*

**Telephone: 01206 561261**  
**Mobile: 07751018008**

**JOHN TOKELY**  
Painter & Decorator

*Interior & Exterior Work Undertaken  
Free Estimates  
No Job too large or too small*



9 Nayland Road, Colchester, Essex CO4 5EG  
**Telephone: 01206 845665**  
**Mobile: 07976 848310**  
**john@tokely.net**

# Methodist Church News

Our Harvest Festival Weekend in September enabled us to again donate produce to Colchester Night Shelter, Beacon House and the Womens' Refuge. Letters of thanks have been received in appreciation for these gifts which we hope bring some joy into the lives of people with very little to help them from day to day.

The Holiday Family Coffee and Craft events have continued and are growing in popularity with more new families joining us in October half term. The next date will be Monday December 22nd with a Christmas Theme. Further details from Andrew on 242511.

We had a wonderful Exhibition of Embroidery and Textiles displayed in the church in September. Such delicate detailed work which really could be admired closely and appreciated for the hours of work needed to produce such works of art. Donations were made to continue our fund raising for Action for Children and added to our Village Door to Door Collections this year. We continue to support Action for Children with our Carol Singing outside the Co-op on Friday 19th December from 6.00pm. Please join us to sing your favourite Carols or just listen.

Womens Fellowship meetings began in September with an increase in members. Why not join us on the 3rd Wednesday of each month in the Hall at 2.30pm - 4.00pm. We have a full programme of interesting speakers and time for a chat and a cup of tea. You will be most welcome.

Our Traditional Candlelight Carol Service takes place on Sunday December 21 at 6.30pm followed by Mince Pies and Coffee in the Hall. Christmas Day Services will be held at Lexden and Eight Ash Green Methodist Churches.

An afternoon Social and Tea is being arranged in the Hall on Saturday 24th January from 3.00 - 5.00pm. All are welcome for an afternoon of fun. It will be a Bring and Share Tea so no need to book just come along and join us,

Have you heard about SILVER DAY. We are planning an afternoon tea for the housebound and lonely on March 1st. We would like to hear from anyone who would appreciate an outing and the

company of others for the afternoon from 3.00 pm. Do you know of a neighbour or friend who we could contact to invite and if necessary arrange a lift for. Please contact Andrew on 242511 or Judith on 241969 for further information.

## Diary

### December

7th	GIFT & PARADE SERVICE	11.00am
9th	Shared Village Communion	11.00am
10th	Coffee Morning in Hall	10.00am
17th	Womens Fellowship - Carols and Tea in Hall	2.30pm
18th	Bible Study - the Manse	7.30pm
19th	CAROL SINGING - at Co-op	6.00pm
21st	CANDLELIGHT CAROLS in Church - followed by Mince Pies and Coffee in the Hall	6.30pm
22nd	Family Coffee and Craft - in Hall	10.30am

### January

13th	Shared Village Communion	11.00am
14th	Coffee Morning in Hall	10.00am
15th	Bible Study - the Manse	7.30pm
21st	Womens Fellowship - in Hall Rev. Catherine Bowstead	2.30pm
24th	NEW YEAR SOCIAL in Hall	3.00-5.00pm

### February

10th	Shared Village Communion	11.00am
11th	Coffee Morning in Hall	10.00am
18th	Womens Fellowship - in Hall The Childrens Hospice	2.30pm
19th	Bible Study - the Manse	7.30pm

### March

1st	SILVER SUNDAY TEA Special tea and company for Housebound and Lonely	3.00pm
-----	---	--------

All regular Sunday Services at 11 .00am  
Please check the Notice Board for any special or  
combined services and change of times.

Rev. Ruth Ridge is available in the Church  
on Saturday Mornings from 9.30 - 10.00am  
for a time of quiet prayer and support, or  
can be contacted on 242183 at other times

## Woman's Institute

The vice-president, Bea Girkin, opened the September meeting with a minute's silence in remembrance of Liz Alexander. Many members wore hats as we were reminded that during her first employment in the accounts department in Newcastle the store asked Liz to model hats, and so began her love of them. Liz contributed to the community and often brought to the meeting the various garments and blankets she had knitted for the premature baby unit at Colchester General Hospital. She also prepared memory boxes for bereaved parents which contained a knitted three inch teddy, a blanket and items of clothing.

The evening continued with a talk by Frances Sparrow on "*The Black Death*" and how it spread across Europe to England and all the superstitions associated with it. October was an 'Open Meeting' with our president, Susan Leng, welcoming members from six WI's from the surrounding area. We also had visitors from West Bergholt attending along with our own members making an audience of over ninety ladies. The Fashion Show was from the *Edinburgh Woollen Mill* shop with ten of our members modelling the autumn collection from Honor Milburn, Isle, Country Rose and EWM. Home-made refreshments with tea and coffee were enjoyed by all and the evening ended with a grand raffle.

On the morning of the November meeting, we discovered that the speaker was unable to come. Fortunately Mr David Padwick from Great Horkesley was free to step in and members enjoyed hearing about the life of Vera Lynn with some of her best known songs being sung by him. Following a refreshment break the president of Colne Valley Flower Club showed the items which members will use in December to make a decorative Christmas wreath.

A number of new members have joined recently and we now have over 50 in our W.I. but would still be pleased to welcome more ladies. In January we have two slide shows - *St Petersburg and its Treasures* and *West Bergholt WI in 2014*. Guests are invited to come along in January and/or February to try the W.I. and see if they would like to join. Meetings begin at 7.15pm in the Orpen Memorial Hall on the first Wednesday of each month.



This year we have had outings including lunches, walks, a visit around a fruit farm by tractor drawn trailer and a croquet taster evening. Every month there is a coffee morning at the Treble Tile, a play-reading group and a fortnightly Scrabble and Rummikub session.

## Orpen Players



The Orpen Players presents  
**Ali Baba**

a traditional family pantomime  
with a brand new script by Peter Cox.

This is Peter's fourth pantomime with the group so the audiences can expect the usual highly colourful show with plenty of slapstick and humour, balanced with a little romance, dancing and spectacle. As is Peter's custom, there will be a link to a contemporary TV show and the audience is encouraged to be actively involved.

Performance dates

Friday 30th January 2015 7.30pm  
£7 adult £5 child  
Saturday 31st January 2015 2pm and 7.30pm  
£7 adult £5 child  
Friday 6th February 2015 7.30pm  
£7 adult £5 child  
Saturday 7th February 2015 2pm and 7.30pm  
£7 adult £5 child  
Doors open 30 minutes before performance.

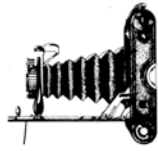
*Venue:* The Orpen Memorial Hall, West Bergholt.  
Tickets available by calling Roger Milne 01206 241048 NOW! also available at Ash's Store from 17th January, online and on the door subject to availability. [www.orpenplayers.co.uk](http://www.orpenplayers.co.uk)

### SUPPER AND SHOW OFFER

Supper and Show in conjunction with The Treble Tile of West Bergholt - £20 (£10 child under 11) buys you a show ticket and supper from special menu - for details contact The Treble Tile 01206 241712 [www.thetrebletile.co.uk](http://www.thetrebletile.co.uk)



# West Bergholt History Group



In September we started back at the Orpen Hall, after a summer of visits, with a talk by Roger Green on 'Green Men'. He told us where to look in churches and other old buildings for a green face. There are some in the Sudbury Church in the High Street.

In October we had a talk by Paul Rusiecki on WWI. He spoke about the relationship between the village and the troops that arrived here as war preparations started. We also heard about the 'explosion' of the population of Colchester.

The last talk in our 2014 season was given by David Austin about The Vikings and their culture and influence. Many people's understanding of the race has been based on Hollywood's interpretation which is a long way from the truth. For example Viking warrior's did not have helmets with horns on and despite their warlike reputation were surprisingly cultured and civilised.

From 865 Essex was subject to increasing raids by Vikings who eventually gained control of the eastern half of the country including Essex, which became subject to Danelaw. Colchester was under the control of the invaders from 879 until Edward the Elder recaptured it in 921.

We saw examples of Viking/Danish weapons, armour and jewellery and heard about how the long boats were built and the amazing extent of the Danish influence around the world. How they managed to cross the Atlantic in open boats without modern navigation aids was quite incredible.

Eventually all the Viking conquests were recaptured by the Saxons inhabitants but many Danish/Viking influences remain, for example, in place names such as Kirby Cross and Thorpe le Soken. An interesting talk and conclusion to our 2014 programme.

Or next talk will be at the Orpen Hall on Wednesday 14th January 2015. Our speaker is Ken Rickward who will be talking about the Stour navigation.

We meet every second Wednesday except December, in the Orpen Hall starting at **7.30pm**.

Do come along to our meetings and give us a try!

The History Group's small WW1 exhibition at St. Mary's Old Church has been a success. It is pictured with a wreath donated by Rhys Lloyd.

Bernard Colbron 01206 240297




## SOME USEFUL NUMBERS

**Please note Police non-emergency number has changed.**



- Police Non-emergency dial 101  
In an emergency dial 999
- Doctors Surgery - 2 Erle Havard Road  
Telephone: 241137
- Pharmacy Chapel Road Telephone: 240352
- Post Office Chapel Road (Half day Saturday)  
(in Co-op) Telephone: 240355
- Methodist Church Rev. Ruth Ridge  
The Manse, Chapel Lane,  
West Bergholt – 01206 242183
- News Correspondent Jacqui Hunns  
The Laurels, Firmins Court  
Telephone: 240712  
Email [allanhunns@aol.com](mailto:allanhunns@aol.com)

*(for Essex County Standard and The East Anglian Daily Times) - submissions for news items to be in two weeks prior to publication.*



**Ivor Beckwith-Cole**

Seasoned logs for sale

01206 240749  
07981894433

ivorbeckwithcole@gmail.com

**John Gomm MAR**  
Reflexology • Reiki Master



**靈氣** I may be able to help you with:-  
Stress & Tension • Insomnia  
Migraines • High Blood Pressure  
Arthritic Pain & Muscle Pains



Please call to discuss how I can help.  
T: 01206 240934 • M: 07745 880220  
65 Albany Road, West Bergholt, Colchester. CO6 3LD

**Orlando Disney Holiday Villa**

Rent our luxury 5 bedroom 4 bathroom villa just 15 minutes from Disney's theme parks. Sleeps up to a maximum of 12 and ideal for the extended family. Games room and secluded heated private pool & spa. Close to shops, restaurants, nature reserves and golf courses. Just 40 minutes from the International airport. Full details including rates and availability at [www.ellavista.com](http://www.ellavista.com) or call 01206 242236



**Scissorhands Hair Salon**



MAIN STOCKIST FOR  
L'OREAL AND KMS

117 CHAPEL ROAD  
WEST BERGHOLT  
COLCHESTER  
CO6 3HA  
TEL: 01206 242177


OPENING HOURS  
TUES & WEDS 9-5.30PM  
THURS & FRI 9-7PM  
SAT 8.30-4PM

**TAN TRAVEL**

Airports - Seaports - Long Journeys

**01206 242 241**  
**07760 758 467**

[tan.travel@btconnect.com](mailto:tan.travel@btconnect.com)



**Boydens**  
SALES & LETTINGS

- Chartered Surveyors
- Estate Agents and Valuers
- Property Letting & Management

Aston House, 57 - 59 Crouch Street, Colchester. Essex. CO3 3EY. Tel: 01206 762244

Other branches at:  
Braintree, Kelvedon, Sudbury, Ipswich & Frinton-on-Sea.

For traditional personal service try us - you won't be disappointed

**[www.boydens.co.uk](http://www.boydens.co.uk)**

**GP ALLEN**

Accountancy and Bookkeeping Service

VAT / PAYE / CASHFLOW / SELF ASSESMENT  
TAX RETURNS

For self-employed & small businesses  
Tel. 01206 241 757 Fax. 01206 241 991  
Email. [gerry@gpallen.co.uk](mailto:gerry@gpallen.co.uk)

Armoury House, Armoury Road  
West Bergholt, Colchester CO6 3JP

**Problems with your Computer?**

Here at Barnes Info Tech Services we provide cost effective, high quality, IT services to homes and small businesses in Colchester.

With more than 20 years experience providing Technical Support services, we know we can help you with any problems you may be experiencing with your computer, Internet or email services.

In addition we also give tuition in the comfort of your own home!

For more information or for an appointment, please call  
**Simon at BITS on 07919 903617**

Whatever it is you hope to use your computer for, we can help.

## West Bergholt Parent and Toddler Group

Here at Toddlers we have had an extremely busy start to the new school year. Firstly, we would like to say a very warm welcome to all our new members. It is always lovely to meet new faces. We are very pleased that we are reaching record numbers with many weeks averaging around twenty to twenty five children.

So far, the children have enjoyed a walk to the apple orchard where we learnt how to pick an apple properly, but most importantly all enjoyed snacking on some delicious fresh fruit! Mary, from Colchester Library, came and led one of our sing songs which the children loved and each week Claire has been sparking the children's creative imaginations with some brilliant artwork, including clay hedgehogs and underwater collage creatures.

We like to provide a balance of fun activities for the children but also have some stalls which are of interest to our parents and carers, such as greetings cards, handmade jewellery and gifts. In between all of this we have also had children's haircuts going on and a huge toy cleaning session!

We meet every Monday during term time at West Bergholt Methodist Hall and we always welcome new people.

Lizzy, Fay and Sue

## Babysitting Circle Celebrates 40 Years!

Yes, there is another 40-something in the village, but nobody is entirely sure 40-what! When I joined the West Bergholt Babysitting Circle six years ago when I moved to the village, I was told, as new members are, that it had started in the 70's. But nobody knows exactly when as no records exist from those early days.

So I decided to do a bit of asking around, and I found that we still have an early member living in the village. Shelagh Newman (nee Osborn) joined the Circle in 1974 when it was still very, very new, making the Circle approximately 40 years old this year... Happy Birthday to Us! Shelagh says there were 20 to 25 families in the Circle in those days and she made new friends through the Circle.

And 40 years on the Babysitting Circle is still going strong; providing a mutual, cash-free, babysitting service for those families who are not able to ask their extended family or who do not want to use paid sitters. Speaking from personal experience, over those six years, the circle has been invaluable to our family. My parents and in-laws both live over two hours away, so we cannot ask them to babysit. But we have had the benefit of experienced mums (and occasionally dads – my boys love that!) babysitting for us for free. And all I have to do is sit for other families in return. The Circle works on a reciprocal points basis and no money changes hands. A points tally is kept by the monthly bookholder, and when someone needs a sitter the bookholder asks around for someone to do the sit, starting with the family with the lowest points so that they have the opportunity to sit and earn points back. It's fantastically simple and fair.

We meet three times a year to introduce any new members and go through any matters arising (i.e. we have a good old chin-wag and a glass of wine!) Like Shelagh a generation before me, I too have found the group one way of meeting people and making friends.

If you live in West Bergholt and think the Circle might be useful for your family, please give me a call to find out more. Louise Davies, Chair of the West Bergholt Babysitting Circle, 242403.

Three generations of the West Bergholt Babysitting Circle pictured on the heath this summer.



*From left to right:* Original member Shelagh Newman with her daughter Helen Causer, who remembers babysitters coming around when she was a child, and our youngest current child, two year old Hayden Perkins, with his mum Gemma and sister Carrie.

## 3rd West Bergholt Brownies

We started off the term welcoming six new girls to our unit.

During the first weeks of term we took part in an afternoon of craft activities and campfire with our division at Marks Tey Village Hall – to end our centenary year. We have enjoyed lots of events to commemorate the Brownies 100th Birthday.

We spent several evenings working towards our culture badge –

- a poster all about ourselves

- a family tree

- we decorated a food box, which we then filled with tins and packets and displayed them at the Harvest Festival in St. Mary's Church.

The food was later donated to Colchester Food Bank.

- made a typical British recipe – we chose homemade scones which we ate with jam – they were yummy!

Next half term we will watch our new girls make their promise and some girls will also serve refreshments as part of their Hostess Badge.

We will also be taking part in the Village Remembrance Service and the Methodist Gift Service parade.

The end of term will, of course, finish with a Christmas party – lots of fun and games and party food!

We look forward to more fun in 2015.

Brown Owl

### Bluebell Pre-School - Learning Through Play

Bluebell Pre-School employs Staff who are qualified to encourage the development of your child in all areas of the Pre-School curriculum, as defined by the Education Authority.

We are open from 9.15am to 3.15pm. Full day care and sessions available for 2 - 5 year olds. Sessions are held in two large halls daily.

If you would like to know more or put your child's name on our waiting list, contact Jackie Leach on 241677.

## Information for the residents of West Bergholt

I am a serving Police Officer attached to the Community Safety Partnership hub at Colchester Police. I run a successful operation (detailed below) and I am always looking to recruit new members. I am contacting you in the hope you may be able to print the information below in your next news letter.

Operation Homeguard is a successful Essex Police project run in Colchester. The concept of the Operation sees members of the local community joining Police officers and staff in order to offer public reassurance in identified areas. Members of Operation Homeguard see themselves engaging with residents, informing them of crime issues in their area and giving crime prevention information. They are a high visibility deterrent.

The Operation gives volunteers the opportunity to work with Police and gain experience of working with the public. All members are issued with Police Volunteer Identification, Note Book and specially commissioned uniformed jackets. This is a non-confrontational role and Police are always on deployments.

To date, we have interacted with around 12,000 residents in Colchester, spread over 45 separate deployments since its implementation in April 2013.

Members of Operation Homeguard have used the experience they have gained to further their studies or go on to find full-time permanent employment.

We are always looking for professional and reliable people to join Operation Homeguard. If you are interested or would like further information please contact

PC 71833 Michael Lee or PCSO 73140 Hunter at [homeguardcolcheste@essex.pnn.police.uk](mailto:homeguardcolcheste@essex.pnn.police.uk) for further information.

Michael Lee, Police Constable 71833, Community Safety Partnership Office 008, Ground Floor, Colchester Police Station, Southway, Colchester. CO3 3BU. Telephone: 101 ext 430249. Mobile: 07718 512920. Email: [71833@essex.police.uk](mailto:71833@essex.police.uk)



## BYG

We have had a huge response this term with over 30 news members.

Activities have included –

- a chocolate night – chocolate fountain
- chocolate quiz
- chocolate game
- a taster session from ‘Center Stage Essex’
- Tennis, football and basketball
- Karaoke night with Sing Star



Halloween evening with fancy dress competition Loom Bands, Hama beads and craft.

We are also looking forward

to our Disco on 12th December.

Next year we have lots more fun activities arranged.

If you are interested in volunteering or have a talent you could share with us please contact Harry Stone on 01206 241026.

## Bluebell Preschool Autumn Term

We have had a busy term settling lots of new children.

Our activities have included castles, fairy stories, birthdays, apple/blackberry picking – making crumbles, singing songs and rhymes.

We have also enjoyed autumn walks around the Lorkin Daniel Field and out in our turtle buses.

We made a fruit basket display and a very tall beanstalk for the Harvest display in St. Mary's Church. We enjoyed joining Heathlands School Harvest Service.

To end the half-term we have been very busy at our allotment – digging over before Winter and covering over. We also planted an apple tree which the children are very excited about – they think the apples might grow in the Spring! We also spent time digging and finding lots of worms in our plot at the Orpen Hall. It is now looking splendid with lots of bulbs for the Spring and some shrubs and

grasses. We hope everyone will admire and respect our garden.

Next half-term includes activities supporting Children in Need, a visit from a dental nurse and of course lots of Christmas fun.

Bluebell Team.

## Letter to the Editor

Subject: Peacock Family

Dear Sirs

I am trying to trace some of my family roots which I believe were in West Bergholt.

I remember being taken to Bergholt and have tried East without success. My family name was Peacock and his name was Ivor.

The last time I went was in the late 1940/50's I was wondering whether there are any records about inhabitants or even if the family are still in the area? He was born in 1928

Regards Colin Ellis, Ascot - [colinellis38@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:colinellis38@tiscali.co.uk)

## The Ward family

The information below plus photo of Ward family was left in Summer 2014 at St. Mary's (Old) Church by: Mrs. Doreen Ramirez 25 Montgomery Drive EATON 6232 Western Australia.

Francis Goodwin Ward was the son of George William Ward who was born in West Bergholt and killed in WW1. The Ward family lived at West Bergholt Hall. George migrated to Western Australia - married and had a family. We were told that there was a tunnel from the manor (Hall) to the church in case of druids.



*The family of George Ward - Emily Wittley Katherine Emily, Emily (mother), George William, Emily, George (father), Anna*

Does anyone know of a tunnel as mentioned in the email above? *Editor*

## **Avoid visiting A&E unless absolutely necessary**

People across north east Essex are being asked not to go to the Accident and Emergency department at Colchester General Hospital unless they have a serious or life threatening condition.

The number of people who have visited A&E recently has risen, putting pressure on the hospital. Several patients who visited the department have presented with minor injuries that could have been treated more appropriately and faster at an alternative NHS service.

The North East Essex Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) is urging the public to choose their health services wisely and to think twice before they go there.

Dr Shane Gordon, chief clinical officer at the CCG, said: "A&E should only be used for critical or life-threatening situations requiring medical attention, such as loss of consciousness, heavy blood loss, suspected broken bones, persistent chest pain, difficulty breathing, overdoses, ingestion or poisoning.

"It is vital that emergency services are free to help people with the greatest need. Patients with minor injuries which do not require a visit to A&E (such as cuts, wounds, sprains, strains and minor burns) can also be treated at Walk in medical centres or minor injury units across north east Essex.

"This will significantly help to relieve pressure on the hospital's A&E teams and reduce waiting times for all patients."

### **Alternatives to A+E**

Please consider these ways of getting treatment faster:

**Treat yourself** for simple illness and minor cuts, sprains and burns. Keep simple painkillers and cough remedies in a safe place at home and have a first aid kit handy.

**Ask your local pharmacist** for advice on minor illness. They can provide expert advice and simple treatments.

**Call 111** 24 hours a day. Their specialist nurses can provide clinical assessment and advice.

**North Colchester Healthcare Centre (incorporating the walk-in centre), Colchester Primary Care Centre, Turner Road, Colchester, telephone 01206**

**314015:** A GP-led service providing treatment for minor injuries and illnesses, no appointment necessary. Open from 7am until 10pm. The centre also accommodates an x-ray facility with instant results provided. If the x-ray is normal, clinicians at the centre can offer advice and strapping, if needed. If the x-ray shows a fracture, the person will then need to visit A&E for appropriate treatment. This x-ray facility is open seven days a week between 9am-4.30pm.

## **NHS Advice on Flu Jabs**

Dr Hasan Chowhan at NE Essex CCG said: "Flu is not just a cold – it can be a really serious illness for some people and it doesn't just affect older people. If you're pregnant, have lowered immunity or a long term health condition such as severe asthma, a chest or heart complaint, or diabetes then you should get a free flu jab from your GP or community pharmacy (chemist).

Simply contact your GP or community pharmacist to arrange a convenient appointment and get your jab. It's quick, safe and free for those most at risk from the virus.

Dr Chowhan, a local GP in Colchester, is encouraging everyone who knows anyone who may be at risk from flu to tell them how important it is that they get protected. People who are carers and frontline health and social care staff are also encouraged to get a free jab to protect themselves and those around them.

The flu vaccine changes every year to fight the latest strains of flu, so even if you had a jab last winter you need another one this year to stay flu safe. The jab doesn't contain the 'live' virus so it cannot give you the flu.

Dr Hasan Chowhan added: "Flu can increase the risk of developing more serious illnesses such as bronchitis and pneumonia, and can make existing conditions much worse. Flu can knock you off your feet and make it hard to look after the kids or go to work. In the most serious cases, seasonal flu might land you in hospital - it can even be a killer."

"If you're in any of the 'at risk' groups, the flu jab is completely free and is a safe way of protecting you and your family in a matter of minutes."

For more information, speak to your GP or local pharmacist, or visit [www.nhs.uk/flu](http://www.nhs.uk/flu).

## Thank you for the very kind reception to my previous letter.

I have faint memories of the war years. My brothers used to collect shrapnel from the bombs left over from the attacks on London and dropped near us. They had a lot, some of them big pieces. We used to hide under our dining table when the siren went off. I am not sure what good it would have been in a direct hit, but luckily we never had to find out! We were issued with gas masks - mine was Mickey Mouse - and we had to carry them everywhere. They smelt dreadfully of rubber, but you could make very interesting noises if you blew into them! At the back of the school were air-raid shelters, dark caves that the children were herded into when the siren sounded. After the war, Fredina Fisher and I used to creep into them, scare ourselves witless in the dark, and rush out again. Freddy's parents were the school caretakers, and lived in the house attached to the school.

The Americans had a base near Bergholt and they'd put on passes for the village children, taking us to the base where we were fed all sorts of food on ration to us, but plentiful for the Americans. I remember at one party I lost my coat, a great disaster then, but I can't remember now if I ever found it! The American convoys would drive past and we would shout out "got any gum chum?" and they'd throw us packets of chewing gum.

The farms had prisoners of war working on them - German and Italian - and we got to know them. We'd wave and have a chat although we weren't supposed to. I believe several of the prisoners stayed on in England after the war.

When we got to our teens we used to have dances in the Orpen Hall, often with a real band! Young people came from the surrounding villages and that was how we got to know each other. There were a lot of inter-village romances! Often we'd go into Colchester to dances. There were no late buses so we'd book Mr. Isom's taxi and share the cost. Mr. Isom was a lovely man, and if you got stuck in Colchester having missed the last bus, he'd let you pay later if you hadn't got enough money. On Coronation day we had a bonfire in the school grounds, a big dance in the Orpen Hall and Coronation Ale - supplied free if I remember correctly. I wasn't old enough to have any but I must admit that I did anyway!

We had a table-tennis club in the scouts hall, and tennis courts along New Church Road. We'd spend most of the summer holidays playing tennis, and were expected to wear proper white clothes. Mrs. Churchman would tell us off if we didn't! The rector then was Rev. Douglas and he had a cream-coloured pug dog which he carried everywhere with him, even on his bike.

We had a lot of fun back then - making most of it ourselves! We didn't get into too much trouble, and if we did we'd collect a clip round the ear from the village bobby who lived up the Lexden Road in the police house. He'd get sued now!

Just a bit about me. Brocklehurst is a little village ten minutes from Dubbo - population thirty-nine thousand plus. We are in a mostly agricultural area, growing lucerne, wheat etc. Lots of sheep and cattle. Horses everywhere - we have three. I'm coach for Riding for the Disabled, which you also have in U.K. and I write a bit, short stories etc, some published in anthologies. Our weather is hot in Summer - today we had 31 C and getting warmer - but we have frost in winter. Our gardens have the same plants as yours but with a fair few hotter climate species thrown in. We have around an acre of garden.

I hope we can keep the West Bergholt/Brocklehurst link going every so often. Hoping West Bergholt has a super Christmas.

Isabel Wallace

### SOME USEFUL NUMBERS



**Please note Police non-emergency number has changed.**

Police Non-emergency dial 101  
In an emergency dial 999

Doctors Surgery - 2 Erle Havard Road  
Telephone: 241137

Pharmacy Chapel Road Telephone: 240352

Post Office Chapel Road (Half day Saturday)  
(in Co-op) Telephone: 240355

Methodist Church Rev. Ruth Ridge  
The Manse, Chapel Lane,  
West Bergholt – 01206 242183

News Correspondent Jacqui Hunns  
The Laurels, Firmins Court  
Telephone: 240712  
Email [allanhunns@aol.com](mailto:allanhunns@aol.com)

*(for Essex County Standard and The East Anglian Daily Times) -  
submissions for news items to be in two weeks prior to publication.*



# Contacts and what's on guide

**Orpen Hall** - 150 standing or 108 seated persons **John Lampon Hall** - 30-50 persons.  
To book [hall-admin@westbergholt.net](mailto:hall-admin@westbergholt.net)

**St Marys Church** - 60 persons **Church Hall** - 20-40 persons **Vestry** - 12 persons.  
To book Phone Murray Harlow 07989720256

**Methodist Church Hall** - 20-60 persons. To book Phone David Kay 243 574

## Sundays:

**Service of Worship**, 9.30am St Mary's Church.

Contact: [stmaryswestbergholt@googlemail.com](mailto:stmaryswestbergholt@googlemail.com)

**Service of Worship**, 11am Morning Worship - Methodist Church.

Contact: Rev. Ruth Ridge; 242183

**Bowls Club**, 7.30pm Orpen Hall. Contact: Eileen Brown 243301

## Mondays:

**West Bubs Cubs**, 6.30pm-8pm Scout Hut.

Contact: Charles Hart; 241666

**Bluebells Preschool**, Monday to Friday 9.15am - 3.15pm

Orpen Hall. Contact: Jackie Leach 241677

**Parent, Toddler & Baby Group**, 9.15-11.15am Term time only.

Methodist Church Hall -

Contact: Lizzy 07531454435, Fay 07941012439, Sue 07887931984

**WB Art Group**, 2pm Methodist Church Hall.

Contact: Mrs Pearce; 240200

**Gardeners Association**, 7.30pm 3rd Monday

Contact: Terry Claydon; 241256

**SG Karate Club**, 8.30pm-9.30pm Scout Hall.

Contact: Stuart Glister 365150

**Zumba Fitness**, 6.45pm - 7.45pm Methodist Church Hall.

Contact: Mrs Clark 272759

## Tuesdays:

**NHS Primary Care Trust Baby Clinic**, 9.30-10.30

Methodist Church Hall second and fourth Tuesdays

**Communion Service**, 11am 2nd Tuesday Methodist Church

**Badminton Club**, 7.45pm Orpen Hall.

Contact: Bernard Colbron 240297

**W.E.A.**, 8pm Methodist Church Hall.

Contact: Gill Poole 240512

**Slimming World**, 5.30pm and 7.30pm John Lampon Hall.

Contact: Katie 07774003616

**Little Stars**, Scout Hut on Tuesday 9am - 11.30am.

Open to children 0-5 years throughout the year, older children welcome in the holidays. Contact: Yvonne 07812637607 or [y.pickin@gmail.com](mailto:y.pickin@gmail.com) for enquiries

**WB Knitting & Crochet Group**, is a house group

Meeting 1st Tuesday from 7.30pm - 9.30pm.

Phone 01206 242015 for details

**Beehive Children's Centre**, Methodist Church hall, Chapel Lane.

1st, 3rd and 5th Tuesday of each month from 9.30 - 10.30 am.

Clinic will run with our support as a drop in for families.

## Wednesdays:

**Coffee Morning**, 10am 2nd Wednesday.

Methodist Church Hall

**Women's Institute**, 7.15pm 1st Wednesday Orpen Hall.

Contact: Susan Leng 241748

**Colne Valley Flower Club**, 7.30pm 3rd Wednesday

Orpen Hall. Contact: 241155

**History Group**, 7.30pm 2nd Wednesday Orpen Hall.

(visits between April and September)

Contact: Bernard Colbron 240297

**Parish Council Meeting**, 7.30pm 4th Wednesday

John Lampon Hall

**Ladies Afternoon Badminton**, 2.30pm - 4pm Orpen Hall.

Contact: Carol Felton: 240126

**W.B. Beavers**, 4.45pm-6.00pm Scout Hut

Contact: Charles Hart 241666

**W.B. Scouts**, 7.30pm-9.30pm Scout Hut.

Contact: Kevin Sturdy 240549

**Zumba Fitness**, 6.45pm- 7.45pm. Methodist Church Hall.

Contact: Mrs Clark 272759.

**Pats Pals**, 2.30pm Methodist Church Hall

**WB Craft & Quilters**, 2nd Wednesday, Orpen Hall,

Joyce Lucking Room - 7.30pm-9.30pm.

Contact: Marie-Louise Fuell 240642

**WB Knitting & Crochet Group**, is a house group

Meeting 3rd Wednesday from 2.30pm - 4pm.

Phone 01206 242015 for details

**Wednesday Fellowship**, 3rd Wednesday 2.30pm, Methodist Hall

## Thursdays:

**Squeals on Wheels**, 9.30am-11am St Mary's Church Hall

**5T's**, 2.30pm-4pm 1st, 3rd and 5th Thursday St Mary's Church Hall.

Contact: Murray Harlow 07989720256

**Friendship Club**, 2pm 2nd and 4th Thursday Orpen Hall.

Contact: Jan Lumb 240824

**Colchester & District Model Railway Club**,

8pm Armoury Farm. Contact: [www.colchestermmc.org](http://www.colchestermmc.org)

**Zumba Club**, 9.30am - 10.30am Methodist Church Hall.

Contact: Mrs Sanders 07909521306

**Bowls Club**, 7.30pm Orpen Hall. Contact: Eileen Brown 243301

**Pilates**, 9.30am-10.30am Scout Hut and

7pm-8pm Methodist Church Hall.

Contact: Mrs Smith 564348

**Bible Study**, 7.30pm 3rd Thursday at the Manse.

Contact: Rev.Ruth Ridge 242183

## Fridays:

**Little Ducks**, 10am-noon St Mary's Church Hall.

Contact: Fay 262775

**WB Concert Band**, 6pm-7pm (Training) 7pm-9pm (Band)

Heathlands School. Contact: Karen Wilson 824157

**Bergholt Youth Goup (BYG)**, 6.30pm-8pm

Alternate Friday, John Lampon Hall.

Contact: Amber Harlow 242007

**Little Stars**, Scout Hut on Friday 9am - 11.30am. Open to

children 0-5 years throughout the year, older children

welcome in the holidays. Contact: Yvonne 07812637607

or [y.pickin@gmail.com](mailto:y.pickin@gmail.com) for enquiries

**Orpen Players**, 8pm Orpen Hall.

Contact: Debbie Hornigold 242111

**W.B. Beavers**, 4.45pm-6.00pm Scout Hut.

Contact: Charles Hart 241666

**W.B. Cubs**, 6.30pm-8.00pm Scout Hut.

Contact: Charles Hart 241666

**Wired**, 7pm-9pm 1st Friday St Mary's Church Hall

Contact: Mark Partridge 241617

## Saturdays:

**N.E.E. 0 Gauge Model Railway Club**, Noon-3pm,

St Mary's Church Hall - Contact: Richard Chadborn: 240541

**Morning Prayer and Support**, 9.30am-10am

Methodist Church. Contact Rev. Ruth Ridge 242183