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West Bergholt Concert Band

The band's events for 2016 started with another successful concert at Clacton's West Cliff Theatre, featuring music from Mozart to Miller and raising over £1,000 for St Helena Hospice. As ever at the West Cliff we received fabulous feedback for both the programme and the performance, including our first ever Trip Advisor review (5 stars no less!). We also held our first primary school workshop of the year, this time at St John's Primary in Colchester, and have further Primary and Secondary school events already planned for the rest of the year.



This year's summer events start with our first ever concert at Flatford - a free "Concert for Queen and Constable" on Sunday June 12th at 2:30pm celebrating both the Queen's 90th birthday and 240 years since Constable's birth. We've been asked to play music from each of the Queen's nine decades, so have a varied and entertaining programme including The Beatles, Shostakovich, My Fair Lady, Mamma Mia, Louis Armstrong, Adele and more, with a finale of Land of Hope and Glory (of course). It's going to be a beautifully sunny day and a really enjoyable afternoon, so why not pack a picnic blanket and come and enjoy both the music and the beautiful Flatford setting.

After that we are returning to St Luke's Church Tiptree for the first time in 15 years...I can't believe how quickly that time has flown....for a "Best of British" concert.

The programme includes music from Sir Andrew Lloyd-Webber, Sir Elton John, Sir William Walton, Holst, James Bond, Harry Potter, Coldplay, and more. It's a lovely venue and we have a wonderful evening of music planned, so hopefully we can tempt you to come along on Saturday July 16th at 7:30pm.

As ever the band continues to welcome woodwind and brass players of all ages and abilities, so if you're interested in joining, or know anyone who is, we'll be very happy to see you at any of our Friday rehearsals.

Everything you need to know about the band is on our website www.wbcb.org, or you can call or email Graham on 01206 824157 or Graham@wbcb.org.

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Parish Council monthly meetings are held in the John Lampon Hall on the fourth Wednesday of every month starting at 7.30pm. The public and press are welcome to attend.

The village bulletin is circulated on behalf of 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.

From the Parish Council

Chairman's Musings

Parish Councillors – Goodbye and Possibly Hello!

One of our Cllrs Rosemary James has resigned from the Parish Council to live nearer her family in Hertfordshire. We will be very sad to see her go, and thank her for her contribution over the years. This means that there is a vacancy. Please look out on the notice board and web pages for how to apply if you are interested.

Further Goodbyes!

And it's all change for our Ward too! Marcus Harrington who has been a good friend and ally as our Borough Cllr, is not standing at the forthcoming elections. We thank him for his great contribution, and wish him well for the future. Our ward is expanding to take in neighbouring Braiswick and part of Lexden, so when you cast your vote in May it will be for a different ward entirely!

Annual Parish Meeting – a success

We always worry that nobody will turn up at these annual events. I don't know why, as for the second year running we had around 100 people packed into the hall to hear from a range of speakers including the Emergency Services, children of different age groups from the School Council and were able to present Dr Milne with his retirement present amongst other matters.

Broadband – the choices we face

This perennial topic received something of a shot in the arm with the news that BT Openreach, Virgin Media and County Broadband are all interested in improving their services to the village. We are forming a Community Broadband Group to look at all these areas of potential, and will publish news and ideas on our website.

Vandalism at the MUGA

Sad to report that both tennis nets including winding mechanisms were vandalised recently. Luckily we could repair these after a fashion, but replacements will need to be ordered. We have been lucky recently, but there is an element in the village that doesn't respect community facilities. If you spot any damage please report this to myself or Laura as the sooner we know, the sooner we can arrange repairs.

Chris Stevenson, Chairman

Clerk's Jottings

Magnificent turn out at Queen's 90th birthday celebrations.

A big thank you for all of you who attended the celebrations and a special thank you for those of you who helped with the many activities which included the birthday teas, the balloon race, the beacon lighting and the fireworks. There were several hundred who attended and it was a fantastic afternoon/evening's entertainment. Our own soon-to-be nonagenarian Cliff Fairweather lit the beacon which unlike the official one lit first time!

20mph zone signs – Childrens' design, winner announced

As a result of a competition at the school a design has been selected for an image to accompany the newly installed 20mph signs in New Church Road. We will be presenting prizes for the best 3 designs at May's Parish Council. The sign will take a few weeks to get manufactured but it should help raise the profile of the new speed limit in the road.

We have a ride-on mower!

To help with those awkward areas to reach on our open spaces we have purchased a ride-on mower. So if you see a splendid shiny orange number tootling along in the village you'll know now what this is. This will prove much more economical in the long run than contracting all of these services to others. It will also mean cutting can take place more often.

Audio Recordings of Parish Council Meetings!

If you come to meetings of the Council shortly you may see a microphone being switched on! We are to trial a service which records our meetings for posterity, to ensure a faithful record and possibly to sell as Xmas boxed sets! This is all part of making the meeting more accessible, and transcriptions will be available on the web after each meeting.

Information for Notice Boards etc

Don't forget that you can email or drop off posters that you would like to display on the notice boards to me, or submit any items which need to be uploaded on the web.

Laura Wakingshaw, Clerk

Alice is relaunching the West Bergholt Slimming World group at Orpen Memorial Hall which runs every Tuesday at 5.30pm and 7.30pm.

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West Bergholt Open Gardens

On Sunday 12th June over twelve gardens along with the allotments will be open for viewing. Tickets for the event will be available from Ash's Store, The West Bergholt Pharmacy and Scissorhands in Chapel Road until 5th June and cost £3 each. These can be exchanged for a programme on the day at The Methodist Chapel Hall, St Mary The Virgin Church and from any of the participating gardens. Programmes can also be purchased on the day but will be £5 each. Most of the gardens will be open from 12.30pm until 5.30pm and there will be an opportunity to purchase refreshments and cakes from the church halls and some of the gardens.

To make it a bigger family event there will be a children's quiz at one of the gardens and the opportunity to feed the donkeys at another.

Weather permitting there will be live music as well as Morris dancing. All proceeds are for The Tom Bowdidge Foundation.

The following gardens will be open along with many others

Hill House, Colchester Road, West Bergholt

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Holly House, Queens Road, West Bergholt

Norhurst, Queens Road, West Bergholt (garden closes at 4.30pm)

Garlands Farm, Bourne Road, West Bergholt

Barn End, Cooks Hall Lane, West Bergholt (come and see the donkeys)

St Marys Old Church in Hall Lane will also be open. So please come along and support this event and our nominated charity.

Library Times

The Mobile Library visits the village

fortnightly on a Tuesday.

The stops and times for West Bergholt are:

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Queens Road 15.35 – 15.55

Chapel Road 16.00 – 16.45

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West Bergholt Womens Institute

March was the 'Members Meeting' so the committee could sit back and relax for the evening. Doreen Le May took the chair and introduced the speaker, Beryl Balls, who spoke about her time as Wardrobe Mistress at the Mercury Theatre. It was fascinating to learn how the charity shops are searched to help find items to make the excellent costumes. One of our members modelled the hats which had been created for 'My Fair Lady'. The entertainment was by Brenda Green from Great Horkeley, who brought along her guitar and percussion instruments so the audience could join in a variety of songs. It was a thoroughly enjoyable evening.

April was an 'Open Meeting' with president, Susan Leng, welcoming members from nine local W I's and visitors from the village as well as our members, to our Fashion Show put on by Edinburgh Woollen Mill's Colchester shop. Everyone enjoyed browsing the stalls of items before the show began. There were eight ladies modelling four sets of clothes each from the EWM Spring collection.

The audience then enjoyed tea or coffee with a variety of home made cakes. The racks of clothes were wheeled out and purchases could be made or items ordered, as well as the many accessories to choose from. The evening concluded with a large raffle.

In May, the annual meeting was held and three new committee members were elected, bringing the total on the committee to eleven. Susan Leng stood down as president after four years in office, and the members elected two members who will be joint presidents for the forthcoming year. They are Sheila Boxshall and Manya Barrow.

The speaker for the evening was Susan Hollock, of Hollock Waine Design. This is a local company which designs our attractive programme every year. We were able to see how a Graphic Designer works and Susan told us about how she started in her chosen career through to the many prestigious designs she now creates for companies and organisations around the world.

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St. Mary's Church

In April St. Mary's held its Annual Parochial Church Meeting, a chance for members of the PCC and congregation to come together to assess the past year. Mandy, our Rector, reported on aspects of church life, offering her thanks to everyone who has helped with the running of the church in any way. A full copy of Mandy's report is available on the church website.

Great news is that 5T's on a Thursday afternoon is now held weekly throughout the year from 2.30pm in the church hall. A chance to get together for tea, cake and a chat.

We'd really like to run the seniors lunch on a more regular basis – currently around once a quarter but to make this sustainable we need more volunteers. If you feel you could help us with this, please speak to Liz Dixon in the church office, telephone 243683.

Events to look forward to at St. Mary's in the summer are: for secondary school age children the Wired pool party on 8th July. Please telephone Liz if you know a young person who would like to come.

The Open Gardens Day on 12th June when tea and cake will be served in the church.

The seniors lunch on Saturday 25th June. Please let Murray Harlow know if you would like to come. Telephone 242007.

The cost of running St. Mary's and our contribution to the Chelmsford Diocese are much larger than the current level of donations the church receives. If this continues there is a risk that our local church will not have enough money to continue being a place of worship and service in the foreseeable future. To help raise awareness of this, we are re-introducing regular collections at our services. If you would like to support the continuing work of the church in West Bergholt and give regularly, please contact Liz Dixon in the parish office.

Details of all our services and activities can be found in Good News our bi-monthly newsletter or on our website w.sites.google.com/site/stmaryswbergholt.

If you would like a copy of Good News delivered to your home please contact Kate Wilson on 752056.

Royal Mail Woods Bowls Club Keepers Green, Braiswick C04 5UT

Royal Mail Woods Bowls Club is a lawn bowls club that is open to all ages and abilities throughout the spring / summer months of April to September.

The club consists of a mixture of male and female members, who have the option of playing the game at a variety of different levels, ranging from competitive leagues, to organised friendly matches, internal club competitions, and social / practice games.

Historically, the Club membership was formed from employees of the Royal Mail and Woods organisations, but today it is open to anyone that wants to play the sport.

The club welcomes new members, and will provide coaching / guidance to anyone new to the sport.

More information can be found on the website.....
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Flower Club

In March we went along to the West Bergholt Youth Group to assist the young boys and girls in making a small arrangement for Mother's Day.

The club runs a 'Hands on Group' on the third Tuesday of the month at the Scout Hut in Lexden Road at 2pm. This is open to non members at a cost of £5 members £2.50. The current workshops are going back to basics.

Our June meeting is titled 'The Language of Flowers' and is on 15th June The arranger is the very talented Mellissa Sheldrake from Tacolneston.

Our meeting on 20th July is our Members' Meeting and this year takes the form of a workshop when Helen Sheard, a tutor at Writtle College will be coming along to entice us all to make something interesting.

The group does not meet in August.

For any further details please telephone Jayne on 01376 564135 or Alison on 01206 240262.

Pat Sharman

Guides

This year we are working on a Mission Spectacular Senior Section Challenge which has been designed for all sections. So far the Guides have been Inventive, had a Giant Art Attack and taken part in a Ready, Steady, Create evening which have all gone very well.

For Valentines, Ciara took charge and they all created a beautiful card with hearts flying out across the front. Together with an envelope, they looked very professional!

For Mother's day Ciara baked cookies in the shapes of M's and U's and the Guides created a beautifully wrapped biscuit selection. They iced the cookies and laid them out in three layers spelling out MUM then wrapped them in cellophane and tied with a piece of ribbon.

The Guides have also worked on various badges and Go For Its this term. Pollyanna gained her BP Challenge and went on a BP challenge weekend in February and Christina and Ellie are going on their BP Challenge weekend in May.

At present numbers in the unit are down and we are hoping that we will have some new members starting with us in September.

We are having a joint evening with the Brownies on 26th May and hopefully the weather will be on our side so that we can have an outdoor activity. We always have a lot of fun when the Brownies join us.

On July 9th we are joining with the rest of the County for a Gig4Girls concert at Charter Hall. We will be joined by West End stars Only One Direction, Mini Mixx, Jessie J Experience and Olly Murs tributes singing all the girls' favorite songs. Two concerts will take place over the day and Colchester North Division have been allocated the morning session. This will be a fantastic day for Girlguiding Essex North East as 2,400 members take part in what promises to be a great show with a tremendous atmosphere.

Sandra Gates, Guide Guider



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West Bergholt Badminton Club



The Badminton Club meets every Tuesday, except for days either side of Christmas. The NEW times are 8pm till 10pm. New members welcomed.

The Long Family

Frank Long was my grandfather, he was born in Fordham in September 1886. He married Alice Proom of Harwich in 1908 and they lived together at Primrose Cottage, Newbridge Hill, West Bergholt bringing up eight children. One of those children was my father, Frank Robert John Long, born in 1915. For a while he worked at Daniells Brewery. He moved to the south coast shortly before the last war, bringing up his family in Littlehampton.

Grandad Frank's father, old John Long and many of our relatives are buried at the Methodist Chapel in West Bergholt. Frank fought in the First World War and was gassed and received other wounds. He died young, at the age of 45 in 1931. Other members of our family, including his brothers also went to France.

Frank was the youngest of eight children, Arthur, Thomas, Percy, Daisy, Alfred, Leonard and Grace (married William Gower). After his premature death Alice moved with her children to Dedham, where many of our relatives still live. Frank had been employed in brickmaking amongst other jobs, he obviously had a hard life.

Primrose Cottage, near Whitehouse Lane, was a very small dwelling for ten people. Prior to getting married he had joined the local militia, it is not clear if he signed up early in the war or was called up later, but his experiences clearly shortened his life. One of his relatives, David Long, lived in Armoury Road, West Bergholt, and also served.

I have a great deal of information concerning the Longs, of West Bergholt. They moved into the Fordham/West Bergholt area in the 1820s from Hertfordshire. I am very happy to share my research with anyone who is interested and perhaps someone may be able to fill some gaps for me.

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West Bergholt Local History

In February David Morgans gave us a fascinating talk, 'Milling Around Colchester'. He covered the history from the time that corn was milled by hand between two flat stones to the development of waterpower by the Romans through to the Domesday survey when over 300 mills were recorded in Essex.

During the early medieval period mills tended to be owned by persons of means such as lords of the manor or monasteries. Villagers were not allowed to grind their own corn but had to bring it to the local mill where the owner charged them one grain in twenty-four which caused a lot of resentment amongst the locals.

By the 12th century windmills started to make an appearance meaning that a mill not dependant on a river could be set up almost anywhere. However the erratic nature of the wind meant that there would be no reduction in the number of watermills.

Towards the end of the 14th century the cloth trade in Essex began to dominate and many watermills converted to fulling, a process involved in the production of cloth. When the cloth trade declined towards the end of the 18th century most mills reverted to corn milling.

Wind and water milling continued unabated until the mid 1870's when a series of wet summers and vast imports of cheap grain from abroad made many traditional mills uneconomic.

New technology such as steam, electricity and railways meant that mills could now be built in more convenient places and gradually traditional milling became part of history. The last working windmill in Colchester, situated near to where Waitrose now stands, ceased working in 1906.

During the March meeting, members were invited to share their memories of the village. Despite initial reluctance, some snippets were recalled and Peter Noakes made a valiant attempt to record them, although this proved more difficult than expected. He had to rush about with the microphone as people began to speak and there was no structure. It became haphazard and almost

impossible to transcribe, which was disappointing to say the least.

Following on from this, in April we were very fortunate that Andrew Phillips, Local Historian and founder member of Colchester Recalled Group, was able to come and guide us in the best way forward. Always an entertaining speaker, in his usual friendly way Andrew shared the benefit of his experiences. As well as giving advice about equipment, he explained the best way to set up to obtain good recordings and said that one-to-one sessions are easiest to manage (No surprise there then). He left us a copy of the interview guidance notes used by Colchester Recalled which will be a great help.

Andrew hopes we will progress with the project as there must be a wealth of information to glean, especially from older residents of the village. He said that these recordings are intended mostly for the benefit of future generations and typed transcripts should also be made, which we are welcome to store with the Colchester Recalled archive at the Museum.

This was an excellent final talk of the season which was enjoyed by everyone.

During the summer, the committee will endeavour to purchase the necessary equipment. Meanwhile, please consider volunteering to be interviewed. Contact details will be published in the September Bulletin.

As a change from previous years, our summer visits will be in the daytime not the evening.

In May, we are due to visit Colliers Brick Works at Marks Tey.

Future visits, subject to change are:-

June: Meet at Cressing Temple, where our fellow member, Mr. Nicolson will guide us round the site.

July: Proposed visit to Layer Marney Church, to be arranged.

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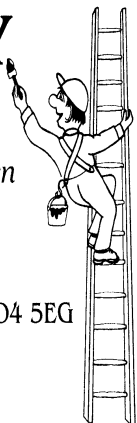
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Bergholt Heath Youth Football Club

As we near the end of the season we are close to our Awards Evening at Orpen Hall on Saturday 21 May. As a preview, I can advise the story so far...

This season has been a very mixed bag for the Under 7 team. Dan, our new manager, started back in July with a group of boys that all went to school together, so knew each other well, but didn't particularly know what they were getting into. I think they thought we were just going to have a kick about with each other every weekend.

Slowly, they have begun to understand the concept and with continued training from their school teacher, Mr Minter and the manager, they have emerged as a little team. The first few games showed their inexperience with a couple of big losses in a row. We believe this was a good grounding as it made the boys aware of how hard it could be. They then started to pick up a bit and score some goals, eventually getting their first draw of the season against Stanway Villa. It wasn't until November that they got their first win, but it gave the boys a big boost.

No cup runs of note but a very satisfying first season.

After a successful inaugural year for our Under 8 team, hopes were high as they moved to seven a side for the Under 9's. A couple of players left and were replaced by other boys. They train on a Saturday morning and play matches on a Sunday and at the time of writing this report our results have been as follows Played 23, Won 13, Drawn 6 and Lost 4 scoring 69 goals and conceding 23. Results that we are confident would put us in the Champions League spots in the Premier League and who knows, maybe even pushing for the title.

The boys have progressed significantly over the season and regularly give a very good account of themselves against the very best teams in and around Colchester. The manager and all of the parents are justifiably proud of all of the boys for how hard they have worked and the results and performances that they have achieved this season.

This season the Under 11's moved up to the 9-a-side game and with it had the most successful season in their short four-year history. With the bigger pitch suiting their expansive brand of football, they have had more victories and scored more goals than any of the previous

seasons. However, as is the roller-coaster that is this particular team, it hasn't been all plain sailing with not all results going our way.

That said it has been a very pleasing year and we are looking forward to continuing this progress in the U12s next season.

With the final upgrade to 11 a side football the Under 13s started the season full of hope and expectations.

They got off to a good start but the next few games saw the wind knocked out of them as other teams showed they had strengthened during the summer.

After a difficult autumn period the boys bounced back near the tail end of the season.

Performances got better and with that, results improved with a few wins to show.

They ended up 5th out of 8 in the C league. No doubt a few new players will be required (especially a keeper), anyone interested should give us a call.

Next season sees a change in management at Under 14s (as they will be) with Liam taking over the reins from Pete. Our thanks to him for all of this work. He isn't leaving the club though. David Bowden is stepping down as Secretary having taken over from me when I became Chairman and having done a great job over the last ten years in various roles. Our thanks go to him for all his hard work - which will continue with the Youth Group

Leslie Wright

NSPCC BOOK FAIR 2016

The famous annual NSPCC BOOK FAIR is on SAT 29th and SUN 30th OCTOBER at Holmwood House, Chitts Hill, Lexden from 9.30-4pm. As usual there will be over 35,000 good quality new, second-hand and vintage books on sale plus thousands of DVDs, CDs, Jigsaws and games. There is a whole section devoted to Children's books so bring the family and have a look around. Put it on your calendar now!

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West Bergholt Parent and Toddler Group

Hello from all at toddlers! Spring is on its way and we have an exciting term planned ahead of us. Last term we celebrated 'World Book Day' by inviting children to dress up as their favourite book character. It was a really successful event and thank you to everyone for their efforts with making costumes. The local gazette came and photographed the event and we ended up with a double page spread in the newspaper!

Throughout this last year we have been working hard to build funds so that we can reinvest in the group. On behalf of everyone at the group we would like to thank Mr. Marcus Harrington from the Community Funding Borough Council who kindly agreed a grant of £350. This money has paid for our wonderful new slide which the children are thoroughly enjoying! Alongside this we have also received £250 from Colchester Rotary Club and a further £350 from the Co-op's green token scheme – thank you to everyone who recently dropped their tokens in our box! We have purchased some heavy-duty safety mats for the slide as well as a dressing up trolley.

Hopefully everyone enjoyed West Bergholt's recent celebrations for the Queen's 90th birthday. Our children were invited to help with the decorations so we made bunting with our handprints on which was proudly hung in the Orpen Hall.

This term we will be visiting McLauchlan's Pick Your Own to pick (and taste) fresh strawberries, then in July we have a sponsored toddle to the park where we will host a teddy bears' picnic.

We are a friendly group run by mums for any local families and their children. We meet Monday mornings (term time) in the Methodist Hall at 9:30. New members are always welcome.

Lizzy, Fay and Sue

Copy for the next
West Bergholt Bulletin
is required by 1st August 2016.

Bulletin Quiz Night Brains of Bergholt

The Village Bulletin Quiz has come round again – to be held on Saturday 8th October starting at 7pm in the Orpen Hall. Teams of four people can enter. The team can represent a local business, organisation or club or just a group of friends – at least one of the team must be a West Bergholt resident. Cost £16 per team. This year, all proceeds will go to the local charity

PARKINSON'S UK (Colchester Branch)

Please sign up your team and come along and have a happy evening with the Bulletin Team – no hard questions ! Bring your own drinks, and a sandwich supper will be served to you in the interval.

Many thanks to the Parish Council for giving the use of the Hall for this fund-raising event.

Come and try to win the honour of being "Brains of Bergholt" – there's a cup for the winning team !

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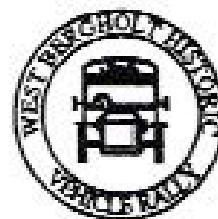
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Bluebells

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Last term we were very well supported with donations of cakes/buns/biscuits to serve at the Queen's Birthday Celebration - thank you everyone. It was lovely to see a wide age range of people enjoying the afternoon tea. The children decorated the hall during the afternoon session and put up their paintings and colourings of the Queen.

Some children found it difficult to understand why the Queen was actually unable to attend her own party!!!

We've already spent a day in the Bluebell Woods enjoying a picnic and a hunt for the Gruffalo. We hope to enjoy lots more activities out and about in our turtle buses in the next few weeks.

Our open afternoon will be on

Thursday, 30th June 1pm - 3pm

an opportunity for new parents/children to come and meet the staff and register for September sessions.

We would always welcome donations of paper/card for our children to use for drawing and painting - Thank you.

Bergholt Youth Group - BYG

Numbers have averaged around 60 for each club meeting and the young people have all been very keen to join in the activities we have arranged

Earlier in the year we had a Valentines themed evening where we made felt hearts, cards and enjoyed bingo with 'Lovee Prizes' - silk roses, chocolates and large Valentines cards organised by Polly.

For Mothers' Day the Flower Club showed the young people how to make mini flower arrangements in ramekin dishes - these were lovely surprises for their mums!

To raise money for Sports Relief the youth committee organised a mini olympic style sports

evening where the young people were timed to do a variety of sports activities - £56 was raised in donations. We were all very pleased that following a presentation at the Parish Council AGM three new volunteers have been helping at the club evenings. If you are interested or have anyone who may be interested in volunteering please contact Harry Stone.

BYG provided a Tuck Shop at the Queen's Birthday celebration - Thank you to the youth committee for setting up straight after a day at college. On Friday 22nd April on a drizzly/wet evening the young people enthusiastically completed Marathon running 132 laps of the football pitch to raise money for the Tom Bowdrigg Foundation.

Barney Beagle came along to support the youngsters and we raised a whopping £92 for the charity!!!

Future Club evenings -

20th May Hula hoop

3rd June Ceramic painting (extra Charge)

17th June Farther's Day crafts/cards

1st July Wimbledon Tennis competition
Strawberries and cream

15th July Last Club Evening

Hannah and Sarah

3rd West Bergholt Brownies

Diary

January 2016 Welcome back meeting.

Discussing future activities

February 2016 Valentines activities

Thinking Day Event at Myland Church

March 2016 Mother's Day Craft

Easter activities - party

April 2016 Queen's Birthday Celebration
craft/singing songs at Orpen Hall

May 2016 Writers' Badge - uniting story/poem
song, making a diary

June 2016 Tennis in the Orpen Hall court
Joint meeting with 1st West
Bergholt Brownies

July 2016 Gig4Girls - Tribute bands,
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As you can see a busy time this year.

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

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Parish Council Meeting, 7.30pm 4th Wednesday

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

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Contact: Mrs Smith 564348

Fridays:

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

Heathlands School. Contact: Karen Wilson 824157

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

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