

# *village bulletin*

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## Help to shape the future of West Bergholt

### Please complete the Neighbourhood Plan Questionnaire

Enclosed within this edition of the Village Bulletin is a questionnaire which will help with the preparation of a Neighbourhood Plan. All members of the community are urged to have their say on our future by completing the survey an interactive online version of which is also available on our website at <http://www.westbergholt.net/neighbourhood-plan/>.



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**So what exactly is Neighbourhood Planning?** Neighbourhood Plans are so new that you may not have heard of them yet. Neighbourhood Planning is a new right for communities to create agreed policies and proposals for their localities. For us this will be for West Bergholt and surrounding Parish area.

The plan will be used to decide the future of the development of West Bergholt including answering the following:

***Where should new houses, shops or employment areas be built?***

***Should they be built?***

***Do we want further community assets and amenities?***

***Should we preserve existing open spaces and provide more?***

***Aside from development aspects what other improvements do you want to see in areas such as traffic, policing, environmental improvements etc?***

The list could be endless – but is nevertheless of vital importance and the plan must be made and agreed by you.

**Who is responsible for preparing the plan?** The Plan is sponsored by the Parish Council, but the steering group overseeing the plan is drawn from the wider community and comprises over 20 people drawn from all walks of life. A full listing of Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) has been assembled on the village website so visit [www.westbergholt.net](http://www.westbergholt.net) and look for the Neighbourhood Plan tab.

**The Neighbourhood Plan Area.** The Parish Council has applied to Colchester Borough Council to have the area of the plan agreed. Currently a consultation on the area is under way. Please visit <http://www.colchester.gov.uk/article/8514/West-Bergholt-Neighbourhood-Plan-Area-Consultation---9-May---20-June-2013> to find out more.

**Join us!** The more people that get involved the better, so if you want to find out more then please make contact. We would love to hear from you.

**So don't stand back, come forward, complete the questionnaire and be a promoter and guardian of West Bergholt, and share in and shape our vision for the future. Completed questionnaires are eligible for entry into a prize draw with a chance to win a food hamper courtesy of the Co-op.**

**Contacts:** Chris Stevenson ([cdstevenson@gmail.com](mailto:cdstevenson@gmail.com) or 01206 241708) or Murray Harlow ([murray123@live.co.uk](mailto:murray123@live.co.uk) or 01206 242007).



## Parish Matters

The Annual Parish Meeting was held on 24th April and it was most encouraging to have more than fifty village residents present. The focus this year was "Celebrating our Village Volunteers" as we all appreciate the village has much to be grateful for and to be proud of. The opportunity was also taken to make those present aware of the importance of the Neighbourhood Plan and the village survey which takes the form of a questionnaire accompanying this Bulletin. Your views are vitally important so please spend a few minutes by responding.

The meeting was also an opportunity to mark the retirement of Bernard Colbron from the Parish Council after twelve years of dedicated and loyal service. Bernard has been Chair of the committee responsible for the Village Halls for most of his time as a Parish Councillor. We have only to reflect on the part played in our village life of these halls to appreciate the importance of Bernard's contribution to the community. We are very grateful.

In a previous Bulletin the position of editor was advertised. Although not directly linked to the Parish Council, this is a role that Bernard has also filled for many years. It is good to know that Bernard is only semi-retiring from village life as having left the Parish Council he is prepared to continue as editor, at least for the time being. We look forward to many more informative publications.

## 1st West Bergholt Guide



We celebrated Thinking Day with Braiswick District at St Helena School with the theme of Africa. Our unit leaders showed Rainbows, Brownies, Guides and Senior Section members how to write their names in hieroglyphics which everyone enjoyed doing.

We held a fund raising event on Thursday 14th March for Comic Relief. The Guides came dressed up in various super hero costumes and put on excellent performances for the parents. They also held a great home baked cake sale and overall we raised £90. Well done everyone!!

We are doing our Fire Safety Badge this term including a visit to the Fire Station on 6th June.

We are going to ask for a donation from the Jack Petchey Foundation to try and help go towards camp this year. We are going away at the end of July for five days at Belchamps with our theme being Madagascar Escape 2 Africa! They have a lot of new activities at Belchamps including water zorbing and fencing.

Sandra Gates, Guide Guider

## Now is the time to book your team in the Bulletin Quiz

It will be held on  
**Saturday 21st September 2013**  
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Each table consists of four people to make up a team. They can be from your village club or just good friends as long as one member is a village resident.

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# Bergholt Heath Youth Football Club



As the season draws to a close, the Club has, for the first time, a Cup Final. No - two Cup Finals to look forward to. Not only that, but our Under 14 team is in both of them. The League Cup and Open Cup, held at Wivenhoe on successive weekends in May. The results will be known by the time you read this. Whatever the outcome the boys have fully deserved their spring tour! A final league position in the top four is expected and the run-in to the end of the season has been remarkable after a sticky start. Watch out next year.

The Under 18 team have enjoyed their last season in the Colchester and District Youth League. The team and its players are very proud to have played all the way through to the final year or the final age group. The team draws boys from around Colchester but two Bergholt lads - Tom Hodder and Alex Bartlett have played all the way through from under 8s.

It looks like we will finish sixth or seventh from a league that originally numbered eleven teams. Our league campaign slightly petered out due to team withdrawals, but we had a boisterous cup run.

Our final match was the league cup quarter final versus Boxford Rovers which after recent poor weather was played in lovely spring-like conditions. Unfortunately injuries and work commitments meant we only had ten players and Boxford were bolstered by a number of strong players who normally play in men's league. There are eligibility rules which mean these fellows won't be able to play in the semi final, but unfortunately they don't apply to the quarter final. The match ebbed and flowed but we eventually lost 7-3 but had a great run out in the mid-April sun. Unfortunately, it is not only the last season for the boys but also for Iain Turner who has managed the team over the last five seasons.

After a mixed bag of results the Under 10's go into the last couple of weeks guaranteed a respectable mid-table finish of sixth place. After dipping into the local transfer market they have one new starter ready for next season and are in final negotiations with another fine player to complete their squad for next season. Hopefully not one that bites the arm (or hand) that feeds him! They are concerned that they will be playing on a pitch that will withstand their robust style. Wherever it is located!!

The Under 8's have nearly completed their first season in the C&DYFL. They have found it quite tough this year as they are playing catch up to a number of teams who have already played together for a few years. However, they have still enjoyed playing and have put in some decent performances without necessarily getting the rewards they deserve. Hopefully next season will see an upward change in fortunes.

We look forward to next season where we hope to have at least one more new team - at Under 13.

Finally we have our annual Awards Night for all players and their families, which will be held, as usual, at the Open Hall, on 8th June.

Hope to see you all then.

Leslie Wright (01206 241438)

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## Anyone for Tennis?



At the start of a new summer season the Parish Council is keen to see that its recreation facilities are used as fully as possible. The Multi Use Games Area (MUGA) beside the Open Hall is available mainly for tennis but can be used for other sports such as football. This can be booked on a casual hourly basis through the booking system at the Co-op.

However for families a more economical way of ensuring access is through membership of the West Bergholt Sports Club costing **just £45** for a family for a year from 1st June. Membership details are available from Gill Sims at [wbsc2011@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:wbsc2011@hotmail.co.uk) or full information can be found on the notice board beside the courts. All we need is a good summer to ensure a season of sporting pleasure at a bargain price from facilities on your doorstep.

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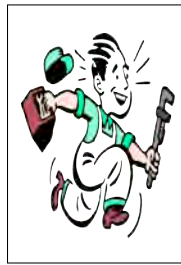


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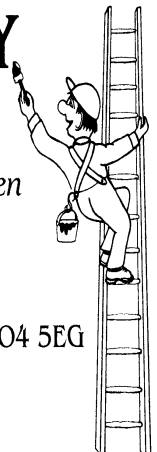
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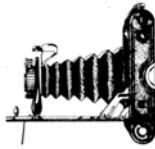
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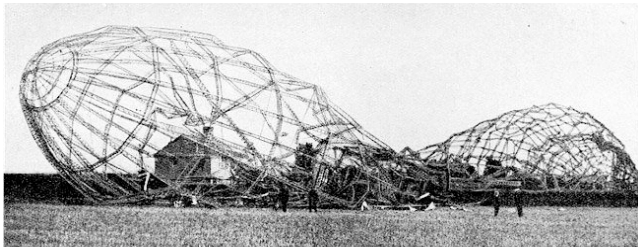
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# West Bergholt History Group



For our February meeting group member Peter Jones told us about the fate of Zeppelin L33, the German airship that was hit by anti aircraft fire after a bombing raid on East London. It crashed in a field in Little Wigborough during the early hours of September 24th 1916. The wreck site attracted 250,000 visitors including military top brass and leading politicians. Although the Germans set fire to the wreck it revealed many secrets that were incorporated in subsequent British airships.



*The wreck of the L33*

At the March meeting we saw archive film footage about life in Essex in the 60s from a time when Colchester High Street was two-way and a pint of beer cost the equivalent of 10p in today's money!

Following the old Colchester theme our April speaker was Roy Walters, a Colchester Blue Badge guide who grew up in the Dutch quarter during the war. It was quite incredible to 21st century ears to hear that the houses did not have bathrooms and the streets were lit by gas. Roy also told the audience what it was like being a child of the 40s and 50s. Recalling that mother knew best he told of the many pieces of *good advice* children were given. "Don't put your elbows on the table", "Don't talk with your mouth full", "Children should be seen and not heard" and many more sayings that had the audience laughing and nodding at the same time.

We are visiting Brightlingsea Church on 8th May and on 8th August the group will be visiting Alderford watermill at Sible Hedingham.



*Pictured above from left to right, Gill Poole, Bernard Colbron and Peter Jones*

Keeping up with the history theme, three of our committee members were recently seen, in full costume, at an Elizabethan banquet at Colchester Castle. The Castle is currently empty having had its entire museum content removed prior to a multi million pound refurbishment. Attended by over 100 guests the evening was a great success and raised over £3000 for the charity Headway.

If you would like more information or try to one of our meetings please telephone Bernard Colbron on 01206240297.

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## Methodist Church News

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The Woman's World Day of Prayer in March was held at St. Mary's where we enjoyed a light lunch and fellowship before taking part in the service arranged by the Christian Woman of France. A collection of £183.15 was sent to the worldwide organisation to support the work of women in their local communities to improve working life and education.

Our Quiz Night in April was again enjoyed by many of our regular teams who very quickly book a table as soon as the date is announced. We do have a few spaces for newcomers and will be planning another quiz in the Autumn, so make sure you book early if you don't want to be disappointed. The date will be announced in the September Bulletin.

We have recently been sharing Services and Bible Study with our churches at Mile End and Boxted as well as combined services on the fifth Sunday at St. Mary's and Great Horkesley. Please keep an eye on our church notice board for service arrangements and times as we will be meeting other churches. Bible Study is now being held on Thursday evenings in the Manse, Chapel Lane at 7.30pm on the third Thursday each month.

Action for Children (formally National Children's Home) is holding a sponsored walk on Saturday 15th June from West Mersea at 10am. If you enjoy guided walks and would like to raise money as well please contact Sylvia on 242511 for more details or to sponsor someone. Walks are one or two hours and suitable for the whole family.

Women's Fellowship meets in June and July as usual with a break in August. All regular services, weekly and monthly meetings can be found in the Church Diary.

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## Methodist Church Diary

|        |      |   |        |
|--------|------|---|--------|
| June   | 11th | Shared Village Communion                          | 11am   |
|        | 12th | Coffee morning – Church Hall                      | 10am   |
|        | 19th | Women's Fellowship                                | T.B.A. |
|        | 20th | Bible Study – The Manse                           | 7.30pm |
| July   | 9th  | Shared Village Communion                          | 11am   |
|        | 10th | Coffee Morning at Church Hall                     | 10am   |
|        | 17th | Women's Fellowship –<br>Garden Party at the Manse | 2.30pm |
|        | 18th | Bible Study at the Manse                          | 7.30pm |
| August | 13th | Shared Village Communion                          | 11am   |
|        | 14th | Coffee Morning – Church Hall                      | 10am   |

All regular Services at 11am  
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# West Bergholt Gardeners' Association

We have just two more activities in this year's programme.

The first of which is a day trip on Thursday 13 June to Great Dixter House and Gardens, Rye, East Sussex. <http://www.greatdixter.co.uk/> This was the family home of gardener and gardening writer Christopher Lloyd.



It is now a place of pilgrimage for horticulturists from across the world. The coach leaves the Orpen Hall at 9.00 am; departs from Gt Dixter 4.30 pm. Cost £25 inclusive of coach, gratuity and admission.

On Wednesday 17 July we have organised a trip to Harveys Garden Plants, Thurston near Bury St Edmunds. This is a family run nursery and Chelsea Gold Medallists for rare and unusual shade and woodland plants. <http://www.harveysgardenplants.co.uk/> There will be a 20 mins talk by nursery owner Roger Harvey, refreshments and 10% discount on plant purchases. The coach leaves the Orpen Hall at 1.00 pm and departs Harveys at 5.00 pm. Cost £20.00 including nursery, coach and gratuity.

**To check availability and book for both trips contact Terry Claydon, Treasurer, on 01206 242124 – [terryclaydon@aol.com](mailto:terryclaydon@aol.com)**

Following a summer break, our speaker meetings resume on 16 September at 7.30 pm in the Orpen Hall when Thady Barrett will talk on 'Selecting the right fruit for your garden' at the AGM.

Our 2013/2014 programme continues as:

|             |                       |   |
|-------------|-----------------------|---|
| 14 October  | Eddy Harris           | <i>Introduction to cacti and succulents</i> |
| 18 November | Sally Hopher          | <i>Woodland Trust</i>                       |
| 09 December | Barry Kaufmann-Wright | <i>Role of Wildlife Crime Officer</i>       |

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|-------------|--------------|--|
| 17 February | Eddy Harris  | <i>Looking for plants in South Africa</i>            |
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| 21 April    | Richard Ford | <i>Hostas</i>  |
| 19 May      |              | <i>Annual Plant Sale</i>                             |

We are a friendly club and always welcome new members and visitors. Subscription is only £10 per year. Visitor entry is £3 per meeting.

For further information contact either Valerie Lofthouse, 01206 855450 – [valerielofthouse1@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:valerielofthouse1@hotmail.co.uk) or Terry Claydon. <http://www.westbergholt.net/village-life/clubs/gardeners>

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The East of England Co-op and East of England Ambulance Service will be holding defibrillator demonstrations across the region, so you can see how it works and ask any questions you may have.

Visit the Co-op website, [www.eastofengland.coop/everyminutecounts](http://www.eastofengland.coop/everyminutecounts)

## Colne Valley Flower Club



At our AGM in January, Frances Chesney presided, Liz Clark stepped down from committee and Manya Barrow was elected on. Oggie Weldon gave a talk on hat making and designing, bringing hats and fascinators for us to try on, brightening what was a very cold evening.

In February Helen Bird from Marks Tey with the title of "A Competitive Spirit" spun her flowers around stories of the Olympics and cycling. Terri Potter from Chelmsford using unusual containers arranged "Floral Pastiche".

On March 9th three of our members, Pat Sharman, Manya Barrow and Mary Fulford joined the Bergholt Youth in the John Lampon Hall, taking with them flowers, containers etc. 25 members spent the evening making arrangements for Mothers Day. A very happy evening enjoyed by all.

At our April evening "Wait & See" was a demonstration by six of our members, Sheila Greaves, Pat Sharman, Sarah Turner, Joan Bunting, Anna Horwood and Jayne Lawson, demonstrating different styles of flower arranging through the ages. Clare Heyes compered, what was a very successful evening.

To promote the National Association of Flower Arranger Societies, arrangements will be shown throughout the country in May. Ours will be arranged by Manya Barrow and situated in the Treble Tile in the village.

Kathy Stanard from Ilford will demonstrate "Inspired By" at our May meeting which is also our Plant Sale.

Plans for our Diamond Anniversary Celebrations 20th July 2013 are going ahead. Alan Smith will be demonstrating. If you would like to join us, contact Pat on 01787 227 833.

We meet on the third Wednesday of the month at the Orpen Hall 7.30pm. Contact Pat on 01787 227833 or Alison 01206 240262 or just turn up for a meeting.



A practical flower arranging group has been formed, meeting at the Scout Hut, West Bergholt on the third Tuesday of the month 2pm – 4pm. We would be pleased to see you, if you would like to join us.

## Fund Raising for St. Helena Hospice

This year I am raising money for St Helena Hospice in memory of my good friend and neighbour Maria Hart who lived in West Bergholt for nearly thirty years. So far I have organised two events.

In February with the help of some friends, we held a coffee morning in St. Mary's Church hall. This was extremely well supported and thanks to the generosity of people who came and also donations from people who were unable to be there we raised £795.40. Not only were we able to raise such a large sum of money, it was also a great village gathering as people met up, chatted and enjoyed our coffee and cakes. I am hoping to have another coffee morning in November as the final event of the year. This will have a Christmas theme.

On 25th April I designed a coin trail and invited people and especially children to bring coins and help to cover the large letters which spelt out the words 'St Helena Hospice'.

Thanks to the support of Mr Matthews, headmaster of Heathlands School, I was able to talk to all the pupils in their assemblies and explain what I planned to do. Dandy Lion, St. Helena Hospice's mascot joined us for the afternoon and was well received by the school children. At the end of two hours all the letters were covered in coins with hardly any green lettering visible. Once all the coins were counted we found we had raised £304.13.

The next event is the St. Helena Hospice Midnight Walk. I will be walking with a group of friends. We have called our team Maria's Mates. If you would like to sponsor us please go to [www.justgiving.com/Maria-Mates](http://www.justgiving.com/Maria-Mates)

Jane Lloyd

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# St. Mary's Church

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“Jesus is Alive” was our message for Easter Saturday morning when 35 primary aged children enjoyed a morning of singing, puppets, craft and games at Groundbreakers. Parents and carers enjoyed hot cross buns and coffee and the chance to get together for a chat afterwards. Look out for Groundbreakers dates in the summer holidays.

The pattern of services has changed at St. Mary's since Easter and are as follows:-  
Holy Communion – 9.30am –  
1st and 3rd Sunday in the month  
All-age service – 2nd Sunday in the month at 9.30am  
Morning Worship–9.30am–on 4th Sunday  
Combined service with the Methodist Church –  
time depending on location on the 5th Sunday.

We are very excited for Jon and Lydia, Phoebe and Ismay Smith as they leave St. Mary's and start a new life at a new church in Saffron Walden, where Lydia takes up the post of Curate. Thank you to Jon and Lydia for all they have done over the past years both as Church Wardens, church members and friends.

Thanks also to Richard and Dorothy Chadborn who have agreed to take over as Church Wardens for the next year. They can be contacted on 240541.

## Regular events at St. Mary's are:

Open House and “Squeals on Wheels” (singing, Bible story and toys for pre-schoolers and their carers), on Thursday mornings between 9-11am (term time) with the opportunity for coffee, cake and chat.

5T's at 2.30pm in the church hall is an opportunity to enjoy company, cake and tea on Thursday afternoons.

Our website – which includes details of the Church Diary is [www.sites.google.com/site/stmaryswbergholt](http://www.sites.google.com/site/stmaryswbergholt)

More details of what's on can be found in Good News, St. Mary's bi-monthly newsletter. To get a copy of Good News delivered to your home, please contact Kate Wilson on 752056.



## Joe Firmin

As you will have probably heard, our own famous wildlife expert, Joe Firmin, recently died aged 86.

Whilst well known throughout the village for his long term involvement with the Friends in leading bird and nature walks throughout the Wood both during the day and night, there was so much more.

Born near Fordham Heath, Joe spent much of his childhood in Bunting's 52 acre flower nursery where he developed a passion for nature. Following school he worked as a 16 year old cub reporter and then seven years in the Royal Welsh Fusiliers. Joe was asked to write a weekly nature column for the Essex County Standard. So, in 1952, he began 'Watching Wildlife' which continued in the Standard until 2006 when it transferred to the webpages of the Colchester Natural History Society. It therefore ran for 60 years and was proudly known as 'Essex's longest running wildlife column'.

Not only did Joe help in 1953 to found the above Society (of which he was President at the time of his death) he was also a founder of the Essex Naturalists' Trust which is now the Essex Wildlife Trust. In addition, he was behind the creation of the Natural History Museum in Colchester High Street.

Whilst Joe will be remembered for many things, for me it will predominately be for his love and extensive knowledge of nature and the enthusiasm with which he passed it on.

Thank you, Joe.

Andrew Savage, Chairman

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# West Bergholt Concert Band



## 35th Birthday Party Invite!

This year marks the Band's 35th anniversary, and we are thrilled to be holding a special "Dance and Listen" birthday party in the village on **Saturday July 13th at 7:30pm** to celebrate. You're all of course invited along with your dancing shoes if you are so inclined, but you're also welcome to just sit and listen. We'll be playing everything from Irving Berlin and Henry Mancini through to Disco classics and Lady Gaga, plus Mambos, Cha-chas, Waltzes, and Quick Steps. There'll also be an appearance from the "one rehearsal dance band" that played at last June's Jubilee event, plus a massed bands finish that'll see all of our 70 members playing at the same time...or at least, on the same stage. We are not brave enough to be outside again, so we'll be using the enlarged school hall at Heathlands School.

As it will be a popular event, please email [conductor@wbcb.org](mailto:conductor@wbcb.org) to reserve seats.

The band started its 35th celebrations with a concert at one of our favourite venues, Clacton's West Cliff Theatre, where a fabulous performance of music ranging from Dizzy Gillespie through to Disney themes helped raise over £1000 for the theatre, whilst generating some great audience feedback, including "*Legends of Jazz was the best thing I've heard the band play*", "*I thoroughly enjoyed the show and I do like the jazz numbers!*", and "*All of it sounded fantastic - a lovely afternoon*".

We're back at the West Cliff for our first summer concert, this time in aid of St Helena Hospice, for whom the band has raised thousands of pounds over the years. By popular demand the concert will be a "Last Night Of The Proms" event, featuring all the classics such as Pomp And Circumstance No.1 in D (Land of Hope & Glory), Fantasia On British Sea Songs (Rule Britannia), and a gorgeous arrangement of Jerusalem, as well as Radetsky March, Ravel's Bolero and more. The proms concerts are always great fun and generate an electric atmosphere, so please come along and help us support this great charity. **Sunday 30th June, 3pm, West Cliff Theatre.** Tickets on the door or from the box office



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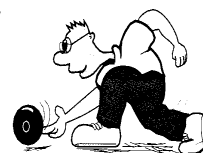
The band is very lucky to have remained popular and successful for such a long time, but time is also the cause

of one of the band's main challenges. We remain a band of all ages and abilities, but with the unfortunate habit youngsters have of growing up and leaving for University, we have some major recruiting to do in the next 12 months in order to keep the band at its current level of performance and popularity. We are therefore as keen as ever to welcome new members into the band, so if you are interested in joining, or know anyone who is, please either come up to Heathlands on any term-time Friday evening, email [Conductor@wbcb.org](mailto:Conductor@wbcb.org), check our website, contact us via Facebook, or give Graham a call on 01206 824157. There is no audition, rehearsals and concerts are great fun and a great way of improving your playing, and our spread of ages from 7 to 70 means there is always someone younger / older / worse / better than you, as well as someone to sit with you to help you get used to playing in a band.

Everything you need to know about the band, including details of all of our activities, are on our website [www.wbcb.org](http://www.wbcb.org) or you can call or email us. Have a great summer, and we look forward to seeing you at our concerts !



## West Bergholt Indoor Bowls Club



The AGM of the club was a great success. Next year's charity was chosen by the members. It is to be the local MS Society. Our treasurer reported all was well with the finances of the club and dues are to remain as the previous year, this pleased the members. After the formal part of the evening a plated supper and drinks were enjoyed followed by prize giving.

One team entered Feering Charity Match and another team entered Wimbish Pairs.

We are always pleased to see new members, do come along and give it a try. You will be quite surprised what a pleasure it is to play carpet bowls. We meet at the Orpen Hall Thursday and Sunday evenings at 7pm, 01206 243301 for further information.



## West Bergholt Badminton Club



The Badminton Club 'still' meets at the Orpen Hall on Tuesday evenings starting at 7.30 pm. If you are over sixteen and would like to join us, please come along and play.

We also have space for a limited number aged between fourteen and sixteen but please contact us on 240297.

## West Bergholt Cricket Club

The outdoor season has finally arrived and both Saturday and Sunday teams have made very positive starts to the season with two players; Dan Wheeler and Darren Davies, already with centuries to their names, with only two matches played.



Junior Training has commenced on a Friday evening from 18.00-19.30 for Kwik Cricket and 18.30-20.00 for Under 11s, Under 13s and Under 15s. Adult nets are on a Tuesday evening from 18.00 with new players always welcome.

The Club is hosting its Annual Festival from 5th-7th of July. Activities will include a Six-a-Side Tournament on the Saturday, a Kwik Cricket Tournament on the Sunday and the Ladies XI play a match on the Friday evening. As always we will be running a bar and BBQ throughout the weekend and visitors are very welcome. On the Saturday evening we will be holding a Prize Quiz from 7pm. This event is always popular and anyone interested in entering a team should contact the undersigned.

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## West Bergholt Football Club

Another season is rapidly drawing to a close, and it has been a pretty successful one for both teams.



The first team are currently lying in second place in the Border League Premier division, with a good chance of finishing in that position, and this season's success story is the second team who are also lying second in their league. On 30th April at Stanway Rovers ground, they scored an impressive 6 - 1 victory over Dedham reserves to secure the Border League Reserve knock-out cup, having earlier defeated Harwich reserves 3 - 0 to earn a place in the Tommy Thompson Cup final which is to be played on May Bank holiday Monday at Alresford. So potentially a very successful season for them, which will be a nice reward for players and management alike, for many seasons giving valuable support to the first team in their numerous cup and league triumphs. Congratulations to all concerned.

On the social side, we held a well supported quiz night in April, and we are looking forward to our Presentation Night on May 18th when there will be one if not two cups on display.

Junior coaching sessions have continued to attract plenty of enthusiastic youngsters, and we are still looking for

some help in running these next season so if anyone feels that they would like to get involved please contact us.

Watch the news for events and fixtures on our website [www.westbergholtfc.co.uk](http://www.westbergholtfc.co.uk)

Michael Bell, Chairman



## West Bergholt Women's Institute



In March we welcomed the return of "Members Meeting" after a break of several years. The committee members were presented with a pot plant as a 'thank you' for all their work, by the "Members" committee for the evening, who then took over. They introduced the speaker, Warrant Officer 2 Jacqui Crombie, who works at the Colchester Military Training Centre. She gave an insight into the everyday routine which the soldiers experience during their detention, which was very interesting.

April was an Open Meeting with invitations extended to nine local W I's and the general public to attend a Fashion Show with eight ladies from our Institute modelling garments from the Edinburgh Woollen Mill shop in Colchester. Visitors were each given a 20% off voucher to use in the shop and a large raffle and bring and buy helped our fund raising event. It was so successful there will be an Autumn Fashion Show in October 2014.

West Bergholt W.I. members undertake to supply St Helena Hospice with one week's worth of cakes every April, as our annual donation, and this year we had a very generous amount of cakes brought along.

Our Annual Meeting in May has been changed from November by the County Federation so 18 months business had to be covered this time. Pat Beeching chaired the annual meeting after reports from the secretary and president. Susan Leng was willing to remain as president with Sheila Boxshall joining the Committee for the first time. The rest of the committee was voted back en bloc.

Members then enjoyed a demonstration with ideas for gift wrapping followed by a report on the Essex W.I. A G M held recently at the Charter Hall. The evening ended with a slide show covering our last eighteen months events.

We have an interesting programme of speakers and events for the rest of the year – visitors are welcome to try a meeting for free – always the first Wednesday of the month at 7.15pm in the Orpen Hall.

## Orpen Players

In their latest tour de force the Orpen Players took on the challenge of 'Talking Heads' and met it full on.

Sensitively directed by Michael Poole, this challenging trio of monologues was both darkly comic and serenely tragic as dictated by the cut and thrust of Alan Bennett's perceptive and intuitive dialogue.

The first, 'A Woman of Letters' tells the story of a woman coping with her obsessive nature, writing letter after letter giving vent to her intrusive busybody character. Both humorous and humourless in turn the denouement sees her slowly breakdown to become lonely and lost. This fragility and descent into despair was sympathetically and poignantly portrayed by the evergreen Giovanni Austin.



Jackie Grant, Kevin Topple and Giovanni Austin

The second of these 'A chip in the Sugar' deals with the relationship of a son and his mother; he with a history of mental illness and his mother struggling with dementia. Kevin Topple's fight to come to terms with the hand life has dealt him was superbly played and demonstrated the dynamic qualities of this very talented actor.

Finally Jackie Grant displayed great depth of vision and insightful characterisation as she struggled with the ennui of life and alcoholism in 'A Bed among the Lentils'. All in all a very evocative and, at times, provocative evening's entertainment.

### 'World Premiere'!

Don't miss our next exciting production, the premiere of the farce 'Unfinished Business' comes to the stage on 24th, 25th and 26th October 2013.

We welcome new members both front and backstage and for further details of productions and to enquire about membership please see our website [www.orpenplayers.co.uk](http://www.orpenplayers.co.uk)



## Introducing . . .

In an occasional profile of those who live or work in West Bergholt, we talked to the village's new pharmacist Nik Shah.

When he took over the West Bergholt Pharmacy a year ago, Nik Shah did not simply want to run a successful business. He wanted to offer a range of clinical services within the village. In doing so he is putting the NHS policy of widening pharmacy services into practice.

Nik has already turned the former stock room of the Chapel Road pharmacy into a consulting room where he can offer confidential advice. He is also looking into providing new services such as testing blood pressure and 'stop smoking' support.

The business of course is based on dispensing prescriptions and here Nik is extending the service by picking up prescriptions from local surgeries and in some cases delivering medication to patients. "I am used to an ethos based on customer service," explains Nik.

As a young boy in Zimbabwe, he would help his parents in the family clothing shops, and he has always had a keen interest in his father's business as a pharmaceutical wholesaler.

But Nik's particular interest has been in a clinical role leading him to study pharmacy. On graduating from Aston University in Birmingham, he worked as a pharmacist with Boots the Chemist in London and then as a pharmacy manager in Rayleigh.

"But I wanted to run my own business and West Bergholt appealed to me because of the business potential and because of the community feel," said Nik.

His work is leading him to move from his home in Benfleet to Danbury – nearer the village but still convenient for the London area for himself and his optician wife Mital.

"I enjoy football and cricket and my wife and I like travelling but most of the past year has been spent working as being a community pharmacist takes up a lot of time," says Nik.



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# 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)

**Prayer Meeting**, 10.15am 1st Sunday every month -  
Methodist Church

**Service of Worship**, 11am Morning Worship -  
Methodist Church. Contact: Rev. Ruth Ridge; 242183

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

## Mondays:

**W.B. Rainbows**, 4.45pm-6pm. Scout Hut

**W.B. 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 Group**, 9.15-11.30am  
Term time. Methodist Church Hall - 242431

**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

**TinyTalk Baby Signing**, 1pm-2pm Scout Hall - Contact:  
Debs Taylor 01376 573241 or [deborah@tinytalk.co.uk](mailto:deborah@tinytalk.co.uk)

**Zumba Fitness**, 6.45pm - 7.45pm Methodist Church Hall.  
Contact: Mrs Clark 272759

## Tuesdays:

**NHS Primary Care Trust Baby Clinic**,  
10am-11am Methodist Church Hall

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

**Badminton Club**, 7.30pm Orpen Hall.  
Contact: Bernard Colbron 240297

**W.E.A.**, 8pm Methodist Church Hall.  
Contact: Mrs Hurley; 240791

**Slimming World**, 7pm John Lampon Hall.  
Contact: Carol French 07946603939

**WB Knitting & Crochet Group**, 7.30pm-9.30pm  
1st Tuesday House Group. Contact: 242015

## Wednesdays:

**Little Ducks**, 10am-noon St Mary's Church Hall.  
Contact: Fay 262775

**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**, 7pm 2nd Wednesday Orpen Hall.  
Contact: Bernard Colbron 240297

**Parish Council Meeting**, 7.30pm 4th Wednesday  
John Lampon Hall

**Ladies Afternoon Badminton**, 2.30pm-4pm Orpen Hall.  
Contact: Pat Butcher: 242075

**St Mary's Brownies**, 6.00pm-7.30pm St Mary's Church  
Hall. Contact: Amber Harlow 242007

**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**, 7.30pm-9.30pm. House Group.  
Contact: Marie-Louise Fuell 240642

## Thursdays:

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

**5T's**, 2.30pm-4pm 1st, 3rd & 5th Thursday  
St Mary's Church Hall. Contact: Murray Harlow  
07989720256

**Friendship Club**, 2pm 2nd & 4th Thursday Orpen Hall.  
Contact: Jan Lumb 240824

**Colchester & District Model Railway Club**,  
8pm Armoury Farm. Contact: [www.colchestermr.org](http://www.colchestermr.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**, 6.45pm - 7.45pm 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

**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