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West Bergholt Concert Band

The band's events for 2017 started with a "Bach to the Beach Boys" concert at Clacton's West Cliff Theatre, which raised over £1,000 for St Helena Hospice, and was hailed as one of the band's best ever performances. The band's association with the West Cliff goes back over 30 years, and we've played many memorable concerts there, so we'll be returning next year for the band's 40th anniversary.

Our summer term started with an open rehearsal, where brass and woodwind musicians of all ages were welcomed to the band for the first time, and made to feel at ease and at home by our experienced players. After that, we'll be heading to Great Horkeley for our first primary school workshop of the year, which continue to be an incredibly fun way for us to encourage tomorrow's musicians, whilst hopefully recruiting some youngsters to help maintain the band's balance of musicians of all ages.

Our first concert of the summer sees us return to Flatford for a "Music by the Mill" concert, on Sunday 11th June at 2:30pm, featuring music from Disney, the Big Bands, the Beach Boys, South Pacific and more. We first performed there last summer as part of the Queen's 90th birthday celebrations, and despite some rather damp weather, we all had such an enjoyable afternoon that we were immediately invited back. I'm told this year it'll be a beautifully sunny day (purely on the laws of averages), so pack a picnic blanket and come and enjoy both the music and the beautiful Flatford setting.

After that we've been invited back to Tiptree's St Luke's Church for a July concert, having played a wonderful concert there last summer to a packed church, and impressed the church with the number of young musicians in the band. The programme includes music from Sir Andrew Lloyd-Webber, the Big Bands, Holst, Disney, A-Ha, Chicago (the band) and more. It's a lovely venue with a big acoustic and some great music, so hopefully we can tempt you to come along on Saturday, July 15th 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, including submissions to the Village Bulletin that don't quite make it in, or you can call or email Graham on 01206 824157 or Graham@wbcb.org.





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Welcome to the 150th issue of the Village Bulletin!

This month sees the landmark achievement of 150 issues of the quarterly publication that was first published in 1979! It also sees the 30th anniversary of The Care Network.

Last edition's questionnaire certainly proved popular and interesting, and a big thank you goes out to all who responded. It was great to see that a vast majority liked the new layout, and it really does help in seeing how our community values this publication. It helps us better understand what people would like to see in each issue. We've had all sorts of ideas, from crosswords, to local letters, to for sale sections. The poem on the front cover certainly proved popular as well, and we will definitely be looking at including one of these each edition if we can – a big thank you to John Everett who wrote it.

After this issue, the Editorial Board will be changing, and we would like to invite anyone with an interest in how the Bulletin is produced to come along to our next meeting (details below). The meetings will be held quarterly, and will mainly be to discuss the next edition, inclusions, changes, distribution, etc.

The deadline for all adverts and articles for the September Bulletin is **1st August 2017**.

We are nearly halfway through the year now (which is an incredibly scary thought!), and the summer holidays are nearly upon us. We have included several local events in our what's on section towards the back to inspire you, including the final West Bergholt Vehicle Show in July.

Have a wonderful summer!

Jacqui



Would you like to be involved in the Bulletin's publication?

Do you feel like you have some great ideas?

Why not come and be part of the Editorial Board?

The Editorial Board was created to support the Editor in the publication of the Village Bulletin. This Board will meet quarterly, within a month of publication to discuss plans for the next issue, any concerns and ways to improve.

If you feel that you would like to come along and be part of the Editorial Board, then please do so. Our next meeting will be held on Tuesday 13th June, at 7pm in the John Lampon Hall. All are welcome, even if you would just like to see what we do, and if you would like to join to add some input into the entire process of producing the Bulletin, then you are more than welcome. If you would like any further information, please feel free to contact the editor, Jacqui, on the details below.

We look forward to seeing you there.

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From the Parish Council



Chairman's Musings

Our resident triathlete Phil Cook has stepped down from the PC after around 18 months. We thank him for his great contribution to the Neighbourhood Plan and for arranging competitions with Heathlands School, including the one for the design of the 20mph sign, now in the surrounding roads. We are undergoing familiarisation processes with applicants who asked to be considered for co-option, and details of this will be made available via the website.

Broadband – progress, Virgin comes to town

Picking up on Facebook and various other social media comments, I would like to confirm to everyone that Virgin, County Broadband and BT are either installing or on the verge of installing fibre in our village. Each is working on its own plan so look out for news as each rolls out its programme.

Traffic & Safety Workshop

A successful workshop was held in February, and the results of this are now on the website. The traffic and safety group were concerned that either nobody would attend, or that we would attract over 100 people. In the event, we had 40 people, which was ideal for a workshop event. We discussed problem areas, objectives and solutions. These will now be pursued by the group. Thanks to all who attended.

Annual Parish Meeting

A lively meeting was held on 26th, with speakers from the Police & Crime Commissioner's Office, village groups and Broadband suppliers. Over 50 people attended. The Q&A on the Broadband lasted over an hour! Many thanks to all our speakers and representatives from the various village organisations who took part.

Keep the Bell Ringing

The Parish Council was pleased to be able to make a grant of £500 available to the Friends of St Mary's Old Church. This was formally presented to Martin Long at the Annual Parish Meeting.

Chris Stevenson, Chairman



Clerk's Jottings

Hall Users Committee Proposed

As a result of the huge popularity of the Orpen & John Lampon Halls for regular events and meetings, it is proposed to start holding a Hall Users Group to help plan for the future. Not everyone realises that this building is not a Parish Council premises. Rather, it was built with proceeds of the estate of Mr Osmond Orpen in 1938, and is overseen by Parish Councillors, who are automatically enrolled as trustees of the hall as part of their role.

Charity Stall now open

Should you wish to avail yourself of locally grown produce, why not visit the charity stall located at the entrance to the Allotments on New Church Road. All proceeds go to charity and there's nothing better than to enjoy fresh vegetables over the summer months.

Progress with the Neighbourhood Plan

Work is underway to hold the next NP consultation. This will include the new settlement boundary within which development may be permitted. Full details will appear on the website in due course, but at the time of writing the final informal consultation will take place in June or July. After this, the Neighbourhood Plan is submitted to Colchester Borough Council prior to independent examination and, ultimately, a referendum.

Village Handymen dig deep!

Members of the Environment Committee, led by John Gili-Ross, managed to do what Essex Highways couldn't in Albany Close. This cul-de-sac was virtually under water, so there was a blockage somewhere. John and the team of handymen dug out 30 years of associated debris and silt in the ditch adjacent to Colchester Road, until the water started draining away. At one point, one of the team almost disappeared from sight, which would have been disastrous given the depth of the water in the ditch. Well done to all for this magnificent effort.

Laura Walkingshaw, Clerk



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Bergholt Youth Group

Activities so far this year have again been varied and exciting. As well as making fired ceramics for Mother's day – with assistance from The Blue Owl – West Bergholt Flower Club also came along to help the children make special flower arrangements for their mums!

Inside the halls, the new games consoles and TV's have been put to good use, along with the new pool table, whilst outside has seen the usual football and tennis, plus a visit from the Essex Boys and Girls Club to provide an evening of Lazer Tag fun – the children all appear very keen to have them return as soon as possible.

On a more serious note, the Club has been run for nearly 10 years by the same core of adult volunteers, plus another separate group of youth crew who have graduated from Club members into dedicated and hard-working volunteers. However, a combination of age and impending departures to University this summer sees the original team naturally coming to the end of its days. Therefore, recognising that it can be difficult to come into an established group as an individual, the Committee has agreed that it is ready to stand aside "en-masse" to make it easier for a new group of volunteers to come in and continue running the Club with their own team.

However, if a new group is not found and in place to allow a smooth handover between the return of BYG after the summer holidays in September and the AGM in November, BYG will officially close at Christmas. At this time, the last planned event will be the Christmas disco on Friday 16th December 2017.

Should you be interested in forming a new committee to enable BYG to continue into 2018 and beyond, please contact Harry Stone on 01206 241026, or by email: stone.vindens@gmail.com

Oasis



We are a new group formed locally to offer friendship and advice to families living with Autism. This friendly group is designed to be a chance for people living locally to get together socially, and share ideas and information about their journey with autism. We have had two meetings so far, which have both been well attended, where people have enjoyed getting to know each other over a glass of wine or hot drink, and sharing their experiences of raising a child with ASD.

It is hoped that this group will be a place where people could come to ask advice from others in a similar position to themselves, share frustrations and successes, and pass on information that might be of use to others. It can be a lonely experience if you think you are doing this alone, and finding other people on your doorstep who are on the same journey could offer a lifeline.

We meet in St Mary's Church Hall between 7.30 pm and 9.00 pm. The date does vary, but you can keep up to date with this by joining our closed Facebook group: just search for us and become a member.

Colne Valley Flower Club



We are having afternoon tea and a river walk on Wednesday 14th June at 4pm at the home of Manya Barrow. Please advise if you would like to join in this afternoon.

Our next meeting is on Wednesday 21st June, when Diane Blomfield from Westcliffe-on-Sea is joining us to show us her flowers under the title of "It's a bit of fun".

It is our members meeting on Wednesday 19th July, when we will be holding a hands-on workshop for those who wish to participate, and if you would just like to come along to watch and have refreshments with us, please do so.

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West Bergholt Baby and Toddler Group

The village Baby and Toddler Group continues to be popular with families and carers in the village and beyond.

The committee and members feel it's important to offer all visitors a friendly place to meet, offering children's snacks (biscuits, fruit and rice cakes) and a range of drinks for young and old. We are regularly updating toys and equipment to keep the sessions fresh, too.

Highlights from the last few months included an Easter bonnet parade, reading with children from Heathlands School, and a visit from the NCT.

We are still supporting local small retailers by having visiting "stalls" from time to time. These sell anything from stationery, jewellery, to cosmetics - the businesses often give us really great offers and exclusive competitions to take part in. There is never any pressure to buy, but if anyone does, a percentage of profits usually go back into the group, too!

We have lots to offer families this Summer term, including a few trips out of the village – strawberry picking in Boxted, and a Teddy Bears picnic at the Orpen Park. As usual, we will round off our Summer Term in July with a Summer party. Hartbeaps, who arranged the entertainment at our Christmas Party, will return, and the children will have ice cream and the adults strawberries and cream. Tickets will be sold nearer to the time – keep a look out on our Facebook page or WhatsApp group, because we sold out at Christmas!

If you look after any children who are aged under 5 and are free on Monday mornings in term time, we would love to see you. We are usually based in the Methodist Hall from 9.30am until 11.30ish, so drop in! Snacks and drinks are served around 10am, and we have singing time at around 11am. We ask for a £1 donation each week, and offer membership which gives benefits such as reduced fee party tickets, birthday cards for members and a special price for the hire of our toy collection if you are using the hall for events or parties.

Have a great Summer.

Aimee, Kay, Karen, Beth, Yvette, Suzanne and Gemma



Workers' Educational Association

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The members of the Workers Education Association enjoyed two very different courses over 2016/2017. The first, "Film and Literature" by tutor David Read, covered such wide-ranging subjects as Shakespeare's Hamlet, Thomas Hardy's Return of the Native, Jane Austen's Pride and Prejudice, and The Great Gatsby by Scott Fitzgerald, and how these have been brought to the large and small screen over the past century.

The next course in January 2017 was "Industrial Archaeology". Over 9 weeks, Steve Worsley showed how the industrial revolution has changed the landscape of East Anglia. Topics covered were transport, power sources, mining, engineering, milling, farming and the drinks industry, and the legacy they have left. It was revealing to learn just how much this area has been affected and contributed to the industrial revolution.

These are just two of the many subjects covered in WEA courses over the past 35 years in West Bergholt. Why not join us in September, when Graham Platts will be bringing "Perspectives on Pakistan", and in January 2018, when the subject is "Gardens in British Art", by artist Sue Pownall.

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West Bergholt Allotments



As I am writing this, the Allotments have had a very dry spring, which has resulted in lots of plot holders using watering cans, a scene we normally see in the summer months. However, looking around the site, the majority of plots are looking very good.

The charity table has started up again, and has been off to a good start, with fresh rhubarb being one of the first crops of the season, available along with various plants and tools etc being donated by plot holders and villagers. A big thank you to all those that support the table. As the season goes on, keep a check on new vegetables and flowers, etc.

This year, the donations will be split between 3 local organisations, with an additional donation towards the Village Summer Fete (See details in this bulletin on this event). The 3 organisations this year are:

1. Baby and Toddler Group – a group which meets every Monday in term time at the Methodist Hall, which is run entirely on donations and voluntary work from a committee of local mums. They usually have about 20-30 pre-schoolers each week.
2. “Wired” Youth Group (11-16 years) – a club run by St Mary’s Church and operates monthly for secondary school children. Currently, it has about 25-30 young people. They organise group activities, games, plus a snack, drink and some chatting time.
3. Five “T’S” Fellowship (Tea Together, Two Thirty, Thursdays) – This group was formed to replace the void left by the disbanded “Over Sixties’ Club”. The Fellowship meets every Thursday afternoon at the St Mary Church Hall, and offers tea, coffee, a chat and company for those over sixty.

The above all need additional funds to offer more to those that attend these groups/clubs. Your support of the charity table will help the above local organisations.

Hopefully, later in the year, we will have a covered area to display products – this is being organised by Mervin Donnelly and his team, The West Bergholt Allotment committee and volunteers.

The site still has some vacant plots, so if you are interested in a plot please contact Terry Claydon on 01206 241256. The site is looked after by the West Bergholt Allotment Committee, on behalf of the West Bergholt Parish Council, who are trustees of this charity land. Plot rents are not expensive. All we ask is that you are prepared to maintain your plot throughout the year, and follow the rules. More details can be seen on the Village Web Site, or contact Terry.

Finally, we hope that plot holders will support the Village Fete and enter vegetables and flowers, etc in the various classes – more details can be found in this bulletin.

Terry Claydon
Chair – WB Allotment Committee

Bluebell Preschool

Our Open Afternoon is on

Thursday 29th June 1.30pm-3pm

in the Orpen Hall, Lexden road, West Bergholt.

Come and meet the Bluebell team and add your child’s name to our waiting list for September 2017.

West Bergholt History Group



March AGM

We had our AGM in March, in which Peter Noakes, who had been acting as interim chairman since the passing of Bernard Colbron, was confirmed as the new chairman, and Gill Poole was re-elected as secretary. The group were pleased to welcome new committee members Dorothy Taylor and Maxwell Meadows.

After the meeting, Peter Jones showed a film from the 1950s, about a works outing to London, and invited the audience to look to see just how much life had changed over the last 67 years. The film generated a lot of interest, discussion and memories amongst the group. The overall conclusion was that life had changed...a lot!

April

For our April meeting, we were entertained by Sir Bob Russell, who gave us a talk entitled "46 years in public life". Sir Bob gave us a detailed account of the trials and tribulations of being a politician at a local, as well as national level.

He said that what pushed him into public life was the demolition of the Cups Hotel in the High Street. The loss of such an outstanding building incensed Sir Bob (and a lot of other people), and encouraged him to become involved in public affairs.

He told us he had a local connection with West Bergholt, in as much as his mother used to teach at the local school, and some in the audience remembered her. He also told us that Robin Day, the TV journalist, taught at the school for about a year in 1948-49, before he went to university. Between 1963 and 1969, the girl who would become the pop singer Sade lived in the village, and was a pupil at the school, taught by Mrs Russell.

Twenty-eight people attended what was a very enjoyable evening with an amusing and informative talk given by an excellent speaker.

If you have any memories of Sade, being taught by Mrs Russell or of Robin Day that you would like to share with Sir Bob, please email him at sir.bob.russell@hotmail.com

Future events

- June 14th, Visit to Sandford Mill (Chelmsford)
- July 12th, Tour of New Hall School with Tony Tuckwell
- August, Frinton and Walton Heritage Museum

ALL WELCOME

Please contact Gill on 01206 240512 for further details.

Brownies 3rd West Bergholt Brownies

Brownies have had a very busy summer term, and 3 new girls have joined the unit. They will be working through their books, learning about the Brownie story and will be enrolled at their Promise Night later in the term. The unit has 4 sixes – the groups the girls work in – Kelpies, Sprites, Ghilli Dhus, Leprachauns, and we have 24 girls. Each six has a sixer and a seconder to look after the other girls and help with the activities.

This term, we will be enjoying a scavenger hunt, a joint meeting with 1st West Bergholt Brownies, cooking, a badge night, Father's Day craft and lots of games.

We will all be making entries this term for The Village Fete in September.

The Brownies have also been invited to take part in a Division Drive In Movie Event, a camp fire with 1st West Bergholt Guides and a tea party at Fordham Heath playground.

Diana Woodgate
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1st West Bergholt Guides

We took part in many activities last term, including celebrating the Chinese New Year by making Zodiac calendars, dragons, Chinese bracelets, and gift bags. We then started our Indian Challenge, where the Guides had to take part in 10 different challenges over 6 topics, including Culture, Food and drink, Sangam and Guiding, Festivals, Song and Dance, and Wildlife. So far, the Guides have learnt about Sangam, the World Centre in India, who and what the bulbuls are, learnt a new game called Cheetahs and Cheetals, learnt about Ramadan, which ends with Eid, and tried some mehndi designs on their hands. They also learnt who the Bharat Scouts and Guides are.

On 9th March, we held a joint evening with the Brownies, and did 90 things in 60 minutes. It took a little preparation beforehand but was well worth doing. The Guides and Brownies gained points doing each activity and had a lot of fun working together.

The Guides made some lovely clocks and jewelry boxes for Mother’s Day. The clocks were either shaped like little flowers or a tree with a cuckoo on it – very different!

On 25th March, we did a day trip to Cadbury World. Aoife Coyle won a Jack Petchey award, which helped pay for the trip. We had to leave at 7.30am to make sure we arrived in time for our tour at 12.10 pm. The tour was brilliant and told the story of how Cadbury started. It took us through various areas, including listening to various members of the Cadbury family and staff telling us about how they worked for Cadbury. It was very interesting.

Part of the tour included a 3D movie, and another area showed you how the chocolate is made. Everyone gets a taste... very nice! We also were shown how they make solid chocolates, and chocolates that have centers put in them. After the film, we went outside so that the Guides could have a go on the huge outdoor play area before we went back inside to do a little shopping! A very enjoyable day had by all!

This term, three more members have started with us and the unit is starting to grow again.

Emily Ringrose, one of Leaders in Training, ran our first evening back after Easter, and encouraged the Guides to make some very nice camp doughnuts and S’mores. Everyone enjoyed the evening, and it also taught some of the Guides how to use the gas cookers we use both inside and at camps.

We intend to use the summer term to its advantage with the lighter and warmer nights, and enjoy some outdoor activities, including a joint camp fire with the Brownies on 13th July.

We will be finishing the term on 20th July, and will return on 14th September. We hope you all have a lovely summer.

Sandra Gates, Guide Guider



West Bergholt Cricket Club

As you read this, the local cricket season will have been a month old and hopefully in full swing as batters and bowlers have blown off the winter cobwebs and early season stiff muscles!

This season, West Bergholt Cricket Club has two teams competing in the Saturday Two Counties (Essex & Suffolk) League, with the 1st XI aiming for promotion from Division 6 (having won two previous promotions in the past three years), and also the 2nd XI from Division 9 South.

On a Sunday, we also host an ambitious team looking to climb back up the North Essex Cricket League, following a squad rebuilding a few seasons ago.

However, as a villager you might be more interested in West Bergholt’s Cricket Festival, which starts on Friday 7th July with a T20 Challenge Match against the Queen’s Head, and then the Annual Sixes Tournament (followed by The Big Quiz & Curry) on Saturday 8th July. For more details and how to enter a quiz team, please visit www.westbergholtcc.co.uk

The Festival weekend really is our showpiece as a club, where the cricket has a much more relaxed feel with a bar and BBQ. An ideal way to enjoy the sport and a Summer’s evening.

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March 1st was Members Meeting, when the committee could sit back and members took over. As it was St. David's Day, the evening had a Welsh theme. Pat Moran gave an insight into her life as a child in a Welsh village, and various other aspects including the well-known Eisteddfod. A quiz with Welsh questions was pondered over, whilst consuming home-made Welsh cakes, bara brith, and a large cake shaped like a Welsh hat with an iced edible Welsh flag on top. Clarice Chittenden told members about her time in Wales as a wartime evacuee.

April was an 'Open Meeting', when a large number from local WI's came to join West Bergholt members for an evening with a remarkable speaker. She was Tracy Mackness, who now runs the "Giggly Pig Company". Tracy gave a memorable, moving and also amusing talk about her early life, which led to a lengthy time in prison. This sentence turned out to be the start of a new chapter of her life, giving her space and time to think, and to refocus on turning her life around. She qualified in pig husbandry while serving her sentence, after working with British saddlebacks on the prison farm. She set up Giggly Pig when she was released in 2007. Now her business includes an 800-pig farm and shop near Romford, Essex, and Tracy employs 22 people.

Our Annual Meeting is in May when a committee and president are elected.

Following the normal business meeting, Pat Beeching took the chair. The annual accounts were presented and the retiring treasurer, Pat McSweeney, was given an orchid in appreciation of her eight years in office. The committee were voted back en bloc, and the president, Sheila Boxshall, re-elected. After refreshments, a member, Wendy Cook, who is a beauty therapist, gave a talk and demonstration.

There are now 55 members in the West Bergholt W.I. and meetings are held at the Orpen Hall, starting at 7.15pm on the 1st Wednesday of each month. In June, the speaker is Simon Gallup on "Lavenham, Dedham and the Cloth Trade". July is a supper for members only and is a celebration, as the Essex Federation is 100 years old. In August, we have "Humorous Caribbean Stories". Visitors are welcome with a view to trying an evening or two before joining.

Local Business Spotlight

Baker Chapman & Bussey – www.bakerchapman.co.uk

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For example, we have been providing advice to our clients on Making Tax Digital – an initiative that means businesses and some individuals will have to submit their accounts to the Revenue electronically. This initiative is currently on hold because of the general election, but it is our belief that it will be resurrected in the not too distant future. So what could it mean to you? At present, around 85% of self-assessment tax returns are filed online and every tax payer already has a digital account with HMRC. Under the current proposals, it would be a requirement for non-incorporated businesses, sole traders, partnerships and landlords with turnover exceeding £10,000 to digitally file their accounts. Limited companies will need to do the same, but at a later date.

All taxpayers would have to use commercially available software of some sort to record their transactions, and each quarter the summary accounts information will need to be uploaded to the Revenue. As things stand, there is much debate about the process, but for many individuals and small businesses this will be a radical change.

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Bergholt Heath YFC



This was the first season for the Bergholt Heath YFC Development Squad, and it has proved to be a great success. A large number of 4, 5 and 6-year-old boys and girls have enjoyed beginning to learn how to play football in a fun, friendly club that is keen to see them improve. And what an improvement they have all made!

Toward the end of the season, the older children in the squad, those in year 1, played in some friendly matches and a football festival. Many of those children are now moving on to form the Bergholt Heath YFC Under 7 side. We wish them all the best for next year and beyond.

The end of the season also saw us welcome next year's recruits, with children not even at school yet coming along to learn some skills and make new friends. They have all made a fantastic start.

The development squad (and their coaches) are having a well-deserved break during July and August, but training will start again on Saturday 9th September. All children in the Reception year or in year 1 at school in September 2017 are welcome to come along. Training takes place 9am – 10am on the field behind the Orpen Hall, and costs just £2 a week, payable only on weeks when your child trains. For more details, please contact Gareth Minter at gj_minter@hotmail.co.uk

Finally, many thanks to the coaches who have helped make the Development Squad such a success. If you would like to help us continue to support children in being active and learning to play football by volunteering to be a coach, please contact Gareth.

This season has been a very good season for the Under 8s. We started back in September with the same team as we finished last year, and the boys have continued to gel so well together. We are now starting to find each boy's strengths and weaknesses, and they really are starting to play as a unit now.

Training is as enjoyable for the boys as their weekly games are, which is very important. Whether we win, lose or draw the boys come off the pitch with a smile on their faces (most of the time). Our results have been very mixed, but most importantly, we have striven to improve our game at all times. Although winning isn't so important at this age group, we have found that we have beaten a few sides that we struggled against in our first season, last year, which personally makes it very worthwhile for Danny, the coach.

We are looking to build on this next term and will be growing from a 5-a-side to a 7-a-side team, so summer training will include a few more faces hoping to make

their way into the side. Anyone who qualifies for Under 9's on September 1st 2017 and would like to try out for next season, please contact Danny Thorogood on 07951 384 421.

One of the features of the Under 10's is that the vast majority of the boys live in West Bergholt, with only 3 of them coming from the surrounding area. We are constantly amazed at the depth of footballing talent within West Bergholt, and Andy – the manager – is very proud of the performances that the boys have turned in this year.

This season has been hard work for Bergholt Heath Under 10's, having been put in the top Division of the Colchester and District Youth League. It has seen the boys struggle at times against some of the teams whose resources far outstrip our own. Having said that, the boys have performed well and on only one occasion have the boys struggled to compete.

This season, our Under 12's played 9-a-side for the last time and it was their first foray into competitive football. They were placed in the U12 D League in the Colchester & District Youth League and performed extremely well, finishing a creditable fourth. The boys are continuing to hone their skills and knowledge and once again this season played some exceptional football at times - funnily enough always saving their best performances for the teams that finished above them. This has been the best season for this team, some of whom have completed their fifth year with the club, and it has been a very enjoyable time for the group both in training and matches. The only thing that has unfortunately gone against us this year is not having Jameson available to play since January - we hope to see him again next season.

Like the U8's and U10's, next season the U12's also move up a pitch size and will be playing 11-a-side football next year. The manager has been fortunate to already have enquiries from boys wishing to join the squad so at the moment we are well positioned for the challenge that faces us in September!

As was mentioned earlier, the club are looking forward to possibly starting up two new teams in the Under 7's age group in season 2017/18.

We have around a dozen children already keen to join but are still looking for a few more. If your child is interested and will be in school year 2 at September 2017 please contact Pete ollmatt@hotmail.com

Thanks to everyone involved at the club and good luck to the managers and players next season

Leslie Wright
Chairman
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West Bergholt Care Network

The West Bergholt Care Network celebrates its 30th anniversary this year and at the AGM held on 19th April, founder members Betty Heard (former Chair) and Susan Swan (current Vice Chair), and Derek Curzon and Sylvia Smith (two of the very first volunteers) were presented with flowers by Dr David Milne. The 27 people present enjoyed a glass of prosecco and cake, provided by Debra Hornigold.

The Care Network continues to be well supported in the village. Can we just remind you that it is available to anyone of any age who is unable to get to the local surgery, hospital or other appointment, such as physiotherapy, chiropody, opticians, osteopath, etc. It is also available to take people to visit others in hospital. Telephone 0300 777 3100.

The Care Network always needs more driver volunteers to enable the service to work efficiently. Transport is only provided within the local area. If you are able to offer an hour or two from time to time, as much or as little time as you are able, please contact Harry Stone on 01206 241 026.



From left to right: Back row, Valerie Shaikly, Harry Stone, David Milne, Sylvia Smith, Derek Curzon, and Pat Fosker. Front row, Linda Milne, Betty Heard, Susan Swan.



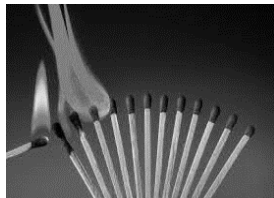
From left to right, Bob Gooden, Ruth Lord, Betty Heard.



Betty Heard

St Mary's Church, West Bergholt

Variety is the spice of life, so they say! Here at St Mary's we are fortunate to be able to offer a variety of styles of worship to suit the different needs of our community. If you enjoy a more traditional style of Sunday morning service, there is our Communion Service on the 1st and 3rd Sundays of the month, led by our Priest in Charge, Rev Mandy Elmes. If you are looking for a more informal, interactive type of service, there is our family friendly Messy Church service on the 2nd Sunday in the month, or our Morning Worship Service on the 4th Sunday in the month. All our Sunday morning services start at 9.30am, apart from the 3rd Sunday which is at 11.15am (to allow Mandy time to get to us from taking an earlier service at one of her other churches). We also have an Evening Prayer service at 6.30pm (4.30pm in winter) on the 2nd Sunday in the month.



If Sunday mornings are a busy time for your family, you could always try our new IGNITE! Youth Celebration service on a Friday evening. It's a joint venture with the churches in Langham and Boxted, and the last two services, held here in West Bergholt in January and April, have proved to be very popular, with a mix of lively modern worship music, drama and interactive prayer stations. Although the services are devised and led by the young people, they have been enjoyed by folk of all ages. One person commented to me after the April one that it was a lovely, uplifting start to the weekend! The next one will be held at St Peter's Church, Boxted, on 30th June at 7.45pm, when there will be BBQ food served.

If you are looking for something where the children can get involved in their own activities during the Sunday morning service, there is our new look Kids' Church. We have a growing number of young people regularly attending St Mary's on a Sunday morning, ranging from babies to teenagers. With their help, we have made a few changes to what we do during the service to better suit the needs of both the young people and their parents. It also seemed a good time to change the name of our group to something that better explains what we do.

Kid's Church meets weekly in the church hall, starting off in the main service and returning at the end. We have simple prayers and fun worship alongside a bible story, craft activities and games. There are plenty of toys for the little ones to play with, and we often manage to squeeze in a drink and biscuit too! Some of the parents come to join in the fun, and others stay in the church service. If you would like to know more, please contact Liz in the Church Office, 01206 243683, or email lwb.wb.gh.parishes@gmail.com, who will pass on your messages. Or, just turn up on Sunday mornings and come and see what we are doing!



Services at a Glance – June, July & August

9.30am Communion – 4 June, 2 July & 6 August

9.30am Messy Church – 11 June, 9 July & 13 August

11.15am Communion – 18 June, 16 July & 20 August

9.30am Morning Worship – 25 June, 23 July & 27 August

6.30pm Evening Prayer – 11 June, 9 July & 13 August

Your Small Change could Change Lives!

One of the charities we support is the Children's Society, and we do this by putting aside our loose change in special boxes provided by the charity. It's surprising how the amount adds up over the year, and between all the box holders we regularly donate nearly £300 a year. June is our month for collecting in the boxes, so please contact Liz in the church office if you have a box that needs emptying. The Children's Society does a huge amount of work with vulnerable children and teenagers who have had a difficult upbringing, perhaps suffering from abuse or neglect. If you are interested in having a box yourself, please contact Liz - your small change could make a big difference!

Last, but not least, Rev Mandy will be running confirmation classes in the Autumn for anyone who is thinking of being confirmed. There will be more details in the September Village Bulletin. If you would like more information on any of our services, or you are thinking of having your children christened, please feel free to contact Liz in the church office, or check out our website: www.sites.google.com/site/stmaryswbergholt/

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Methodist Church



We held a very enjoyable Women's' World Day of Prayer lunch and service at the beginning of March. Members and friends from St Mary's and other denominations joined our own ladies to take part in the service, and a collection of over £200 was made, with some gift aid to be claimed, for the continuing work of W.W.D.P. Our thanks go to all who helped and attended. Next year's event will be hosted at St Mary's.

Our Silver Sunday Teas continue to be a joy to all who attend. It is a time of relaxation, social chat and friendship. We are always seeking to hear about our older residents in the village who may be living alone, newcomers, or those suffering health and disability worries which prevent them from going out and meeting friends. We would love to hear from you so that we could arrange transport where necessary, or just have a chat. Weekends can be lonely when family and friends all seem very busy.

Put **Sunday, July 23rd** on the calendar for our next tea, and phone Judith 01206 241969 or Andrew 01206 242511 for more information.

Holiday family Coffee & Craft events for toddlers to junior school are extremely popular. Our Easter-themed morning in April kept over 40 children very busy. There were lots of crafts, including chocolate nests, Easter baskets, Easter chicks and the Easter story. I am not sure how many chocolate craft items made it home at lunchtime, but we hope the story of Easter lasted with them. Our next events will be during the school summer holidays.

A Good Friday service was held on April 14th, led by our Minister Rev Ken Chalmers, and on Easter Sunday, Mr Alan Beesley led our 11am service.

The quiz evening in April was extremely well attended. The hall was full – having to borrow extra tables for the evening. Many of our regular teams participated, but we were also pleased to welcome some new visitors to join us for this fun social event, with not too much rivalry. Look out for our next quiz in the Autumn.

We have been completing our seven sessions of "Our Story". The theme began with the story of "Jesus the true vine", showing how we need to plant small seeds, nurture them, feed and grow, spread the branches and prune. As a visual aid, we planted sweet pepper seeds and were challenged to see how they grow and produce fruit, as we grow in our faith and mission in this church and as our ongoing story. It has been very thought provoking, needing much consideration, discussion and prayer.

Monthly midweek coffee mornings and Fellowship meetings continue to flourish, and all are welcome. The Fellowship is open to all, with many interesting and varied speakers. In June, we have Mr David Ablewhite, who will be giving a talk on Queen Victoria and her nine children. In July, we hold our Garden Party.

The sale of the former West Bergholt Manse is being dealt with by the Colchester Methodist Circuit, not our local church. The money from the sale will be used to repay the loan taken out by the Circuit to buy the new Manse at Tollgate, Stanway. The former manse will no longer have any connection to our Church, so please do not deliver any Church matters there or make any Church enquiries there.

For local church matters, please contact Judith Fletcher, 01206 241969 or Andrew Wilks, 01206 242511. Our Minister, Rev Ken Chalmers, who lives in Colchester, can be contacted on 01206 545253.

Our Sunday services take place at 11am, when we are delighted to welcome all to join us. Details can be found on our Notice Board each week, and any changes of service are noted.

Methodist Church Diary

June

13 th	Communion at St. Mary's	11am
14 th	Coffee Morning in the hall	10am
21 st	Fellowship – Mr David Ablewhite	2.30pm

July

11 th	Communion at St. Mary's	11am
12 th	Coffee morning in the Hall	10am
19 th	Fellowship Garden Party	2.30pm
23 rd	Silver Tea in the hall	3pm
31 st	Family Coffee & Craft in the hall	10.30am

August

9 th	Coffee morning in the Hall	10am
14 th	Family Coffee & Craft in the hall	10.30am

All regular services at 11am. Please check the Notice Board for any special or combined services and any change of times. Any Ministerial enquiries can be made to Rev Ken Chalmers, 01206 545253, or Rev Alan Jenkins, 01206 793888.

Life in the Wood continues as we go through the seasons once again. The regular Saturday morning Working Parties finished, as usual, at the end of March. This is both to protect the emerging plants and also ensure that we don't disturb those areas of the Wood where various birds and other animals need some peace.

It is for these reasons that there is continued emphasis on staying on the main paths and not creating new routes. There are various rewards, one of which is the delight of hearing a Nightingale singing during the day as you walk around the Wood.

For those who didn't see our gazebo and associated display at our April 'Spring Flower Walk' event, there will be another opportunity when we take part in the Village Fete in September.

And talking of September, back in the Wood (following the patter of little feet) we start the new season of Working Parties on the 23rd September.

We meet at the old church, Hall Road, at 9am and are finished by 12 noon. Full details are on the website. Please remember – there can never be too many attending – just too few!

Andrew Savage

Chairman

01206 242015

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

Hall Booking Information

Orpen Hall (108 – 150 persons) & **John**

Lampon Hall (30 – 50 persons).

To book, contact hall-
admin@westbergholt.net

St Marys Church (60 persons) & **Church Hall**

(20 – 40 persons).

To book phone Nicole Long 01206 240443

Methodist Church Hall (20 – 60 persons).

To book phone David Kay 01206 243 574

Bluebell Preschool

We are holding our Summer Fun Day on

Saturday 17th June 10-12 am



Bouncy castle Tombola

Face Painting Sweet Stall

Refreshments

Tattoos Cake stall Hook a duck
and more



Please come along and support our Fun Day.

Mobile Library Times

The Mobile Library visits the village **Fornightly on a Tuesday**
on the following dates:

6th & 20th June, 4th & 18th July, 1st, 15th & 29th August

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

For queries about the service please refer to libraries.essex.gov.uk

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 (in Co-op) Telephone: 240355

News Correspondent: Jacqui Hunns The Laurels, Firmins Court
Telephone: 240712

Email jacquilhunns@aol.com

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



The Orpen Players

Interested in being involved?

Come to our social evening at the

Orpen Hall

on

Friday 7th July 8pm

If you are interested in acting, directing, set building, scenery painting, costumes, lighting, sound, make up, prompting, front of house or just making the tea, join us for a glass of wine and a chat. We will be happy to answer any questions that you may have.

Membership: 01206 240110 / 07815641359

visit our website at www.orpenplayers.co.uk.

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WEST BERGHOLT VEHICLE SHOW



THE FINAL SHOW

NAYLAND ROAD, WEST BERGHOLT,
COLCHESTER, ESSEX

Saturday and Sunday 29th & 30th July
Starting both days at 10am

Over 500 historic vehicles of all descriptions,
plus trade stands, charity stalls,
static exhibitions and funfair

Full programme of Arena events over both days include:
Vehicle parades, RAF flypast (TBC), Royal Navy Field Gun
Teams from HMS Excellent Portsmouth, The Princess of
Wales Royal Regiment Parachute Team from Germany, The
Bands & Corps of drums from the City of Coventry, and much
more...

Saturday Evening

Free Country & Western Concert at 7.30pm

*Show opened on Sunday by BBC Radio's
Richard Spendlove MBE*

Licensed bar – Usual high quality refreshments

Further Information:

M.J. Culham 01206 271253

1967-2017



The 50th Colchester Model Railway Exhibition

Sunday 29 October 2017
10.00am to 4.00pm

Colchester County
High School for Girls
Norman Way, Colchester CO3 3US

Free parking on site

Light refreshments

Buses 65, 71, 71C and 88
stop in Lexden Road serving
North Station, Chelmsford,
Braintree and Halstead



Organised by Colchester & District
Model Railway Club
See www.colchestermrc.org
for latest details

West Bergholt Village Fete 2017

Saturday 9th September 12-4pm
at the Orpen Hall & Lorkin Daniell Field

West Bergholt's Village Produce Show for 2017 will be:

The show is to be held at **Orpen Memorial Hall**, Lexden Road, West Bergholt, CO6 3BW
The show is open to the public from 12:00 noon, with the prize giving at 3:00pm.

Our show is an open show, so anyone can enter - you do not need to be a member of the allotments or gardener's club society nor do you need to live in the village.

Schedules (Entry Classes & details for exhibitors) are now available from the Co Op, Ash's Convenience Store, Scissorhands, Kitty Rose, the Allotment Stall and the Queen's Head, Treble Tile & White Hart Public Houses or you can download it from westbergholt.net.

Please bring your completed entry forms (together with entry fee) to the Orpen Memorial Hall on Saturday 22nd July 2017 from 10:00 am to 12:00 noon, or deliver them to the Parish Clerk at 80 Chapel Road by 10:00 am Saturday 22nd July.

WEST BERGHOLT PRODUCE SHOW - ENTRY FORM 2017

All entry forms and monies must be returned by Saturday 22nd July 2017. The Orpen Hall will be open from 10-12am to receive entries on Sat 22nd July or return them via the Parish Clerk at 80 Chapel Road by 10am on Sat 22nd July.

Please circle classes to be entered

VEGETABLES & FRUIT	V1	V2	V3	V4	V5	V6	V7	V8	V9	V10	V11	V12	V13	V14	V15	V16	V17	V18	V19	V20
FLOWERS	F1	F2	F3	F4	F5	F6	F7	F8	F9	F10	F11	F12	F13	F14	F15	F16	F17			
FLORAL ART	FA1	FA2																		
PHOTOGRAPHY	PH1	PH2	PH3	PH4																
CHILDREN'S CLASSES	CH1	CH2	CH3	CH4	CH5	CH6	CH7	CH8												
HOME PRODUCE - PRESERVES	P1	P2	P3	P4	P5	P6	P7	P8	P9	P10										
HOME PRODUCE - COOKERY	C1	C2	C3	C4	C5	C6	C7	C8												
HANDICRAFTS	H1	H2	H3	H4	H5	H6														

Please Print

NAME:.....

ADDRESS:.....

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TEL. NO:.....

Exhibitors class entry fees: 25p per class

Children's Classes (Under 12) - free

Number of entries:.....

enclose £..... entry fee
(Maximum £5.00)

I confirm that the above details are correct and I agree to abide by the rules as stated in the Show Schedule.

SIGNED:.....

DATE:.....



What's On Guide

Sunday

Service of Worship, at St Mary's Church.

1st Sunday 9.30am Holy Communion; 2nd Sunday 9.30am All-Age Worship; 4.30pm in winter, 6.30pm in summer, Evening Prayer; 3rd Sunday 11.15am Holy Communion; 4th Sunday 9.30am Morning Worship; 5th Sunday variable. Contact Rev. Dr. Mandy Elmes 01206 240 906, revmandyelmes@btinternet.com

Service of Worship, at Methodist Church, 11am, Morning Worship

Bowls Club, 7.30pm Orpen Hall. Contact Eileen Brown, 01206 243301

Monday

Bluebells Preschool, 9.15am - 3.15pm, Orpen Hall. Contact Jackie Leach 01206 241677

Parent, Toddler & Baby Group, 9.15-11.15am Term time only. Methodist Church Hall. Contact Kay 0788 527 0217 or Aimee 07881 349 395

Kelly's HIIT, 9.30am, St Mary's Church Hall. Contact Kelly 07453 859583

WB Art Group, 2pm Methodist Church Hall. Contact Mrs Pearce 01206 240200

WB Cubs, 6.30pm-8pm Scout Hut. Contact Charles Hart 01206 241666

Zumba Fitness, 6.45pm - 7.45pm Methodist Church Hall. Contact Mrs Clark 01206 272759

Gardeners Association, 7.30pm 3rd Monday. Contact Terry Claydon 01206 241256

SG Karate Club, 8.30pm-9.30pm Scout Hall. Contact Stuart Glister 01206 365150

Tuesday

Bluebells Preschool, 9.15am - 3.15pm, Orpen Hall. Contact Jackie Leach 01206 241677

NHS Primary Care Trust Baby Clinic, 9.30-10.30, Methodist Church Hall 2nd & 3rd Tuesdays.

Beehive Children's Centre, Methodist Church Hall, Chapel Lane. 1st Monday of each month (Charlotte Wilkin visits the toddler group), 2nd & 4th Tuesday of each month (Baby clinic). Clinic will run with our support as a drop in for families.

Pilates, 9.30am-10.30am, Scout Hut, Contact: Mrs Smith 01206 564348

Communion Service, 2nd Tuesday, 11am, St Mary's Church

Slimming World, 5.30pm and 7.30pm John Lampon Hall. Contact Katie 0777 4003616

Kelly's HIIT, 6.30pm, St Mary's Church Hall. Contact Kelly 07453 859583

Badminton Club, 8pm-10pm Orpen Hall. Contact Ian Hersey 01206 243378/07754140707, or Vicky 01206 619258

Wednesday

Bluebells Preschool, 9.15am - 3.15pm, Orpen Hall. Contact Jackie Leach 01206 241677

Coffee Morning, 2nd Wednesday, 10am. Methodist Church Hall

Ladies Afternoon Badminton, 2.30pm - 4pm Orpen Hall. Contact Carol Felton 01206 240126

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

WB Knitting & Crochet Group, 3rd Wednesday, 2.30pm - 4pm, house group Meeting. Contact 01206 242015 for details.

Women's Institute, 1st Wednesday, 7.15pm, Orpen Hall. Contact Susan Leng 01206 241748

Pilates, 7.15pm. Methodist Church Hall. Contact Mrs Clark 01206 272759.

Colne Valley Flower Club, 3rd Wednesday, 7.30pm, Orpen Hall. Contact 01206 241155

History Group, 2nd Wednesday, 7.30pm, Orpen Hall. (visits between April and September). Contact Gill Poole 01206 240512

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

W.B. Scouts, 7.30pm-9.30pm, Scout Hut. Contact Kevin Sturdy 01206 240549

WB Craft & Quilters, 2nd Wednesday, 7.30 - 9.30pm, Orpen Hall. Details Marie-Louise Fuell 01206 240642

Thursday

Open House, 9.00 -11.00am (in term time) St Mary's Church Hall

Bluebells Preschool, 9.15am - 3.15pm, Orpen Hall. Contact Jackie Leach 01206 241677

5T's, 2.30pm-4pm Weekly, St Mary's Church Hall. Contact Murray Harlow 07989720256

Kelly's HIIT, 6.30pm, Methodist Hall. Contact Kelly 07453 859583

Bowls Club, 7.30pm Orpen Hall. Contact Eileen Brown 01206 243301

Colchester & District Model Railway Club, 8pm, Armoury Farm. Contact www.colchestermrc.org

Friday

Bluebells Preschool, 9.15am - 3.15pm, Orpen Hall. Contact Jackie Leach 01206 241677

Kelly's HIIT, 9.30am, Methodist Hall. Contact Kelly 07453 859583

W.B. Beavers, 4.45pm-6.00pm, Scout Hut. Contact Charles Hart 01206 241666

WB Concert Band, 6pm-7pm (Training) 7pm-9pm (Band), Heathlands School. Contact Karen Wilson 01206 824157

W.B. Cubs, 6.30pm-8.00pm, Scout Hut. Contact Kevin Sturdy 01206 240549

Bergholt Youth Group (BYG), Alternate Friday, 6.30pm-8pm, John Lampon Hall. Amber Harlow 01206 242007

Wired, 1st Friday, 7pm-9pm, St. Mary's Church Hall. Contact Mark Partridge 01206 241617

Orpen Players, 8pm Orpen Hall. Debbie Hornigold 01206 242111

Saturday

NEEGOG Model Railway Club, 2nd Saturday, 2pm, St Mary's Church Hall. Contact Martin Long 01206 240443