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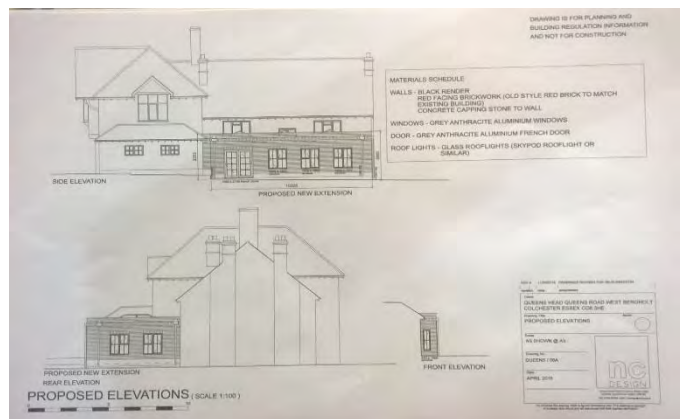
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## It's all change at the Queen's Head

After several months of construction, the brand new extension at the Queen's Head pub in West Bergholt will be open for business from Monday 4th September 2017.

Built entirely by local tradespeople, the extension is multifunctional and looks amazing. By using local tradespeople, it has supported local businesses and is a great advertisement for all those involved.

The aim of the new extension is to provide the pub with a new lease of life and can be used for a multitude of events, and can be hired out for private parties, celebrations, etc, and will be completely free of charge, opening it up to the community and beyond.



Dating back more than two hundred years, the Queen's Head will be having a dramatic make-over, taking place over the next few months. Many changes will be occurring, including new opening hours, a new chef and menu. There will be a total refurbishment of both bars, including a new lounge area with brand new furniture throughout. The toilets will be getting a complete overhaul and the gardens will be completely revamped, ready for next summer.

This lovely family pub is a great asset to the village, and come the summer of 2018, West Bergholt will have a community pub they can be very proud of!



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## Summer is drawing to an end...

As the September Bulletin makes its way around the village, the hazy summer days are coming to an end, seasons are beginning to change, the children will be starting a new school year, and, dare I say it, the countdown to Christmas has begun!

Due to the summer break, this edition is a little lighter on news than usual, but it does see the reveal of a new extension for the Queen's Head pub in the village, along with news on their plans for the next few months. It also sees a request from BYG for new volunteers before this group is forced to cease operating – please help if you can to save this much-loved local facility.

The Orpen Players are nominated for awards at The North Essex Theatre Guild – we wish good luck to all! We also have another feature poem by John Everett, which fits in with the season perfectly – we had such great feedback on his last poem featured in the Bulletin, so we are pleased to be printing another.

We also have a full 'Upcoming Events' section this edition, with the Village Fete, the Heathland's Fireworks Display, the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tom Bowdidge Foundation Christmas Fayre, and even an antiques valuation day, so there is plenty to choose from over the next few months!

The deadline for all adverts and articles for the December Bulletin is **1<sup>st</sup> November 2017**, when we will be planning the final Bulletin of the year!

Until next time,  
*Jacqui*



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If you would like any further information, please feel free to contact the editor, Jacqui, on the details below.

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# From the Parish Council



## Chairman's Musings

### **PC Changes**

As a result of Phil Cook stepping down as a Parish Councillor, a replacement has been sought. As has been the norm of late, there was competition to be co-opted onto the Council, and after a ballot, David Short has been duly co-opted. David has been a Parish Councillor previously and has plenty of experience in this role.

### **Broadband – progress?**

By the time you read this edition, Virgin Media will have finally stopped digging up the roads and pavements and service may even have been offered to households in the village. BT has installed their network as far as the Maltings, and County Broadband are still waiting in the wings for their opportunity to introduce better Broadband services. Maybe this time next year we will finally have a choice of services at a fast speed!

### **Traffic & Safety Strategy**

Following a successful workshop, which provided the working group with plenty of ideas, a simple strategy document has been produced. This focuses on the *five E's*: engagement, encouragement, education, enforcement and engineering.

### **A Village Policeman?**

Following the presentation given by the deputy Police and Crime Commissioner at the Annual Parish Meeting in April, the Parish Council has investigated the offer of a Special Constable dedicated to our area. This could become a reality as long as a local person can be sought. The Parish Council has resolved to support this initiative and will work with the Police to move this idea further.

### **Progress with the Neighbourhood Plan**

Colchester's Local Plan is now at its final draft stage, and the Neighbourhood Plan is keeping step with this by adopting the levels of housing suggested for the village and producing a blueprint for this and other aspects of parish life. An exhibition is planned for the autumn.

### **Chris Stevenson, Chairman**



## Clerk's Jottings

### **Orpen Hall Flower Beds**

Over the summer, work should have started to clear and replant the flower beds with new low maintenance shrubs. The initial planting scheme, introduced when the car park was resurfaced, proved susceptible to both flood and drought, and advice has been sought on a new, more versatile arrangement of plants which can both withstand the weather and be of relatively low maintenance.

### **Speed Limit Campaign**

Our District Councillor Lewis Barber is campaigning for a 20mph limit in Chapel Road and a 40mph limit on the approaches to the village. This very much complements the work of the traffic and safety group.

### **Bus Stop to move?**

Following concerns about over-crowding and poorly lit waiting environments, the Parish Council has submitted a request to reposition the bus stop in Colchester Road (Colchester bound) nearer to the Maltings. This would allow the provision of a passenger shelter as well as lighting.

### **Halls Repainted**

Over the summer holidays, both the Orpen and John Lampon Halls have been repainted. The Orpen Hall has been made more attractive with a graduated colour scheme, so as to pick out some of the original art deco features. In researching this project, it was hoped to find details of the original late 1930's colour scheme, but no records survive. If any reader has any knowledge, then the Clerk would be pleased to hear of this!

### **Parish Council Meetings Resume**

Following a break over the summer, the Parish Council meetings start again on Wednesday September 27<sup>th</sup> at 7.30 in the John Lampon Hall. A reminder that the Planning Committee and sub-committee meetings for Environment/Highways, and that for Premises, are open to the public. See [www.westbergholt.net](http://www.westbergholt.net) and notice boards for full details.

### **Laura Walkingshaw, Clerk**





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## West Bergholt Gardener's Association

We have had another good season in 2016/17, with many interesting speakers and events attracting both visitors and new members.

The Association's annual plant sale was held on 20th May at the Orpen Hall. But for the first time, we held it on a Saturday rather than a week day. There were the normal amazing bargains to be had, with a wide variety of plants from herbs to trees, succulents to roses, perennials and annuals and everything in between. All the plants are donated by local gardeners, local businesses or the allotment holders, and they are all sold at bargain prices. The sale was a great success, and the new timing appeared to have made it easier for a wider range of villagers to attend than in recent years, so we will be keeping it on a Saturday going forward.

As always in summer, we offer a couple of club outings. In June, we went by coach to Helmingham Hall to see the gardens of this beautiful Tudor house and moat. The gardens had lots to interest everyone, with sweeping lawns, formal topiary, extensive walled gardens, wild flowers and an orchard walk.

In July, the visit was to Black Cottage Nursery – a plantsman's paradise with plenty for the non-specialist gardener, too. All those plants and possibilities combined with a good café-restaurant - another popular trip!

Please also make a note of a date for your diary – our next village Open Gardens event will be on Sunday, 1 July 2018. If you think you might be interested in sharing your garden – big or small, or even work in progress – with other local gardeners, do please get in touch and let us know.

### 2017-18 season

As the busy gardening seasons of spring and summer gently give way to the quieter months of autumn, the new season of speakers at the garden association begins.

The first few events of the season are set out below. If any of them interest you, we do hope you will come along – visitors are always welcome.

Our first talk of the season is on 18<sup>th</sup> September. Veronica Bennett is coming from Cambridge to talk to us about "Gardens of the National Trust". Our AGM is also (briefly!) held on the same date.

On October 16<sup>th</sup>, we will have an illustrated talk about Leiston Abbey gardens by Andrew Quatermaine.

20<sup>th</sup> November sees Matt Tanton Brown helping us with "Plants for problem places", and then, returning by popular request, on 11<sup>th</sup> December, we will be hosting a Quiz night. There will be Christmas nibbles, mulled wine and a bit of gentle rivalry! Teams or single players are all very welcome.

We are a friendly club, with gardeners of all different abilities and interests, and between us we have everything from window boxes to allotments. You are very welcome to join any of our events – either as a visitor or member. Our meetings take place on Mondays at 7.30pm at the Orpen Hall, with an on-the-door charge of £3.00 for non-members.

Further details from Terry on 01206 241256 or via [wbgardeners@gmail.com](mailto:wbgardeners@gmail.com)



## Colne Valley Flower Club

We will be staging a stall at the West Bergholt Village Fete on Saturday 9th September 2017. There will be two demonstrations showing an alternative meaning to a 'Supermarket Bunch' (3 arrangements altogether).

We will have packs of mechanics to purchase so you can have a go yourself, and will enter you into free raffle for one of the arrangements.

The autumn programme starts on Wednesday 20th September, with Susan Horne from Chelmsford, and the title of her demonstration is "Pick a colour, any colour". There will be a Cake and Produce Stall.

On Wednesday 18th October, we have Joyce Fursedonn from Knebworth, demonstrating "Candle in the Wind". Members can bring a friend free on this evening, so come along and enjoy the flowers.

Our Open Evening is on Wednesday 15th November, when David Thompson is coming to entertain us (please note this is a change to our original programme).

For any further information about the club, please contact Jayne on 01376 564135 or Alison on 01206 240262.



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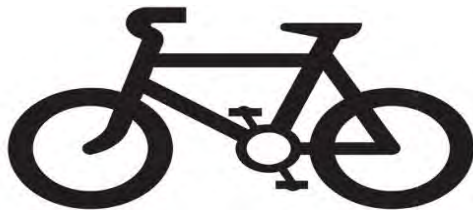
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## Friends of St Mary's Old Church



Well, we have done it! Thanks to the marvellous generosity and support from villagers and businesses in the area, we have reached our target of £10,000 which was required to trigger the other grants and funding required to keep the bell ringing. It has only taken 8 months from the start of our fundraising efforts to meet the target, which goes to show the general affection for our wonderful old church within the village. Thanks are due to all who helped in any way, and there are many of you. The fundraisers were led by Jane Lloyd, with a small team of Teresa Morris, Joan Gray, Nicole Long, Carrie Cresswell and Gill Poole. These ladies put in hours of work planning the many events which helped to raise the funds and the awareness of the appeal generally. Not only were the events well supported but they were fun, and there have been requests for more of the same. Thanks are particularly due to the Parish Council and to the Co-op, and to all of you who put the green tokens in the "right" box! The Friends were delighted to learn that a further £500 has been donated to the appeal from the Co-op green token scheme. Our thanks are due to all the shoppers who put the tokens in the box for the appeal, and to the Co-op for making this possible. It is hoped that a formal presentation of the amount will be made in the near future.

Planning is already in hand for more events, starting with a valuation day where you can bring along your treasures to see what they might be worth. A small fee is charged per item. Details are on page 21. Although we have reached our target, we would like to have some funds ready for the inevitable "extras" that seem to come along with all such major projects. One such sub project is the installation of a sympathetic light system, which would extend and enhance the potential use of the church for events in the darker days.

The Churches Conservation Trust, in whom the building is vested, are planning to start the external works on the roof and belfry shortly. They have had to wait until the bats which nest in the belfry have moved out to their summer roosting places.

Due to the uncertainties of the availability of the building, we have had no weddings there this year, but we hope that this will change when the works are complete.

We have had two excellent concerts recently, one being by Tom Cogan and friends and one by the Comrie Singers, along with Jubilant Brass. Thanks are due to those who entertained us so well.

We would like to recommend that families join the Friends group, thereby showing support for our endeavours. Membership is £5 a year, for which you get nothing but our thanks and the knowledge that you are helping to keep this priceless village asset in being.

Finally, we have said goodbye to our Treasurer Rhys Lloyd, who has stood down having been there from the formation of the group. Rhys continues to support as a member of the Committee. Margaret Jones has volunteered to be the new Treasurer, for which we are most grateful.

Martin Long  
Chairman of The Friends of St Mary's Old Church.

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## West Bergholt Indoor Bowls Club



The AGM of the Bowls Club was held in the Orpen Hall at the end of March. The following were elected:

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| Chairman        | John Rookard  |
| Secretary       | Jan Lumb      |
| Treasurer       | Marie Rookard |
| Match Secretary | Pat McCarthy  |

In May, a team of four – Doreen Payne, Maureen Marshall, Jan Lumb and David Bayley – entered the Nayland Charity Competition... and WON! The first time West Bergholt has won this trophy. Well done everyone!

Also in May, the club held two open evenings. There was a good attendance on both evenings and, as a result, the club now has six new members.

Friendly matches are going well, with West Bergholt winning the last three games against Bures, Eight Ash Green and Abberton. More matches have been arranged in the next few months.

We bowl at the Orpen Hall on Thursday and Sunday evenings at 7pm. Everyone is welcome, so just come along and have a go!

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## West Bergholt Local History Group

On Wednesday June 8<sup>th</sup>, members of the group went on a visit to the Chelmsford and Essex museum in Oaklands Park, on the north side of Chelmsford. After a welcoming cup of coffee, we were conducted on a guided tour of the museum by the curator Nick Wittenden.

The museum holds an extensive range of exhibits, ranging from prehistoric fossils to current Essex wildlife. They also have a living bee colony where you can watch the bees at work. The story of Chelmsford is depicted from the Ice Age through to the development of the major industries such as Marconi's, Hoffman's and Crompton's.

The museum also houses the Essex Regiment Museum, which contains uniforms, weapons, kit and battle trophies from over 200 years of soldiering. Perhaps the most significant being the Salamanca Eagle, an ornament which topped a standard bearing the French colours. This was captured by the Essex Regiment from the French in battle in 1812, and subsequently adopted by them as their mascot.



It is considered a disgrace to lose your regiments colours in this manner and, even into the 21<sup>st</sup> century, the French have been trying to reclaim their eagle, but it still sits in the Essex Regiment Museum in Chelmsford!

Set in 12 acres of parkland, the museum also offers an adventure playground, not that any of our group were tempted! Admission is free and if you are looking for somewhere different to spend time in the summer holidays, this venue comes with a WBLHG recommendation.

On a hot sunny afternoon in July, fourteen members of the History Group were joined by five members from The Friends of Colchester Museum, for a tour round New Hall School at Broomfield. This was once the Palace of Beaulieu, owned by Henry VIII, and for a while the home of Mary, his daughter, until she was evicted when the king granted the palace to George Boleyn, Anne Boleyn's brother. Only a small part of the original palace survives today, but Channel 4's Time Team did find the foundations of the original gatehouse, the west wing, and the chapel when an archaeological dig was carried out a few years ago. It has been a school since 1798, when the English nuns of the Order of the Holy Sepulchre purchased the site. The arms of Henry VIII are in the school chapel. Tony Tuckwell, who last year came to West Bergholt and gave a talk on New Hall, was our most informative and amusing guide. The tour concluded with tea, coffee and biscuits.

Ken Free is our speaker for the first of our autumn meetings in the Orpen Hall. The subject will be CAMP 186, the story of German POWs and the lost town of Berechurch. It is on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> September at 7.30 pm. All are very welcome. Please do come and join us. Members £2 and visitors £3.



## 1<sup>st</sup> West Bergholt Scout Group

The group held its AGM during July. As well as being a formal business meeting, it provided an opportunity to celebrate the achievements of group members during the course of the year.

Members of each section provided short pieces of entertainment, demonstrating skills both musical, dramatic, magical and physical, as well as individual and team-based. In their reports, the section leaders reflected on the wide variety of camps, expeditions, visits and badge work undertaken during the year. In particular, those youngsters who had gained their Chief Scout's Awards at the various levels were recognised and applauded. The group is proud that this year (again), several members achieved their Gold level award. This is a particularly challenging award, requiring continued effort from members over a period of several years, and reflects well on the individuals as well as the leadership team.

Running a group of over 80 members across 4 sections, each with an active and entertaining programme, requires a great deal of effort and dedication from the leaders, and the village has been fortunate to have such individuals. After many years of service, several of the leaders have decided to step down, but fortunately some new volunteers have stepped forward and the group hopes to be in a position to continue with all the sections in September.

However, to cater for the demand for new members, especially at Beavers, the group does need more uniformed leaders. At the AGM, the District Commissioner for scouting in North Colchester advised that all groups in the area were in need of additional leaders, and spoke of the benefits and enjoyment that comes from being a leader. If you are interested in becoming a leader or would like to help the group in some other capacity, please contact Kevin Sturdy, 01206 240549.

The sections will start meeting again during September, and the group will be providing colour parties for the Remembrance Service in the village in November.

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## **Damage in the Wood**

Over a year ago, I wrote about some proposed 'Restoration Work' that we would be undertaking in the Wood. It was as a result of a few visitors who decided that they would go 'off path' and form new tracks through both the bluebells and other areas.

I explained that there were two main problems resulting from these activities:

- 1) Once a route is created, it soon gets established by others following it, resulting in the sensitive ground structure being destroyed so that the vegetation cannot re-establish itself unaided,
- 2) The passage of people along such routes, where they have been made through formally secluded and undisturbed areas, reduces the diversity of the environment available to the wildlife. This has a particularly adverse effect on birds such as the Nightingale during the nesting season.

It was decided to provide lightweight posts and wire in four locations, with informative signs explaining the purpose behind this action.



After a year, the situation is that whilst most support the efforts to protect the environment, there appear to be a few who are determined to continue to use the routes recently created, and therefore trample on and kill the young plants that were starting to re-establish themselves. This behaviour is assisted by those few who are repeatedly damaging the protective fences and signs. Any thoughts on the way forward?

Andrew Savage - Chairman

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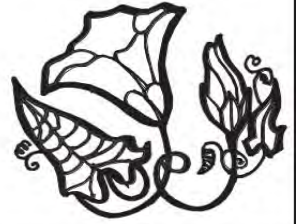


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## Orpen Players



The Orpen Players formed in 1969. It is with sadness, but lots of happy memories, we say farewell to Joyce Lucking, a founder member who passed away on July 15<sup>th</sup>. Joyce acted and directed many plays for us, and will always be remembered fondly.

Together with Pam Grant, Joyce was responsible for raising funds to get us up and running in the first place. How it all began can be found in a booklet Peter Cox created for our open evening on 7<sup>th</sup> July.

The open evening was a way for us to encourage new members. We wanted to meet people who were interested in the various activities involved in a drama group. It proved to be very successful, with six people wanting to join us. We also will have representation at the summer fete on 9<sup>th</sup> September, so please come and chat to us, pick up a very informative booklet by Peter Cox and hopefully you might be interested, too.

Our summer programme in August consisted of an improvising workshop, play and panto readings. We're unable to give feedback on these at the moment as they took place after this was sent to print.

We received nine nominations this year from The North Essex Theatre Guild.

Six were for our pantomime "Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs":

- Best Costume – Nicole Long and Jenny Deal
- Best set design/construction – Peter Cox, Roger Milne, Frank Barker and members
- Best technical achievement/lighting and sound – Nick White
- Best young actress – Abby Sadler as Prince Rupert
- Best actress – Debra Hornigold as Queen Malicious
- Best original script – Peter Cox

Three were for our comedy "Something's Burning":

- Best set design/construction – Peter Cox, Roger Milne, Frank Barker and members
- Best actress – Debra Hornigold as Nell
- Best comedy production – Michael Poole

And outside of the group:

- Best supporting actor – Colin Downer as Bardolph in "Entertaining Angels" for Headgate Productions
- Best actress – Jackie Grant as Grace in "Entertaining Angels" for Headgate Productions.

The awards evening will be held in Clacton on Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> September, so fingers crossed for our nominees!

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## Bergholt Heath YFC

All of our sides are enjoying their close season, so not back in action until September.

Next season sees the Under 11 team stepping up to 9-a-side. They will have longer games, bigger goals and the little matter of the off-side rule to contend with!

To assist us in next season's demands, we recruited four new boys towards the end of last season, and all have settled into the team quickly. I understand from a few training sessions, and a couple of friendly matches, the squad looks as if it will be well equipped to deal with next season's challenges.

The Under 13 team have a similar transition as they move to 11-a-side, and the Under 9 team go to 7-a-side, so it is all change.

After a very successful first season with the Bergholt Heath Academy, everyone involved has had a break during July and August. Training will begin again on Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> September. All children in Year 1 or Reception this September are welcome to attend. Training takes place at the Lorkin Daniel Playing Field between 9 and 10am every Saturday and costs just £2 per week. Training is led by Gareth Minter (a teacher at Heathlands Primary School), with a number of parent volunteers coaching as well. If your child is interested in learning how to play football, we offer fun sessions that focus on developing the basic skills children will need to play the game as they grow older. For more details, please contact Gareth Minter at [gj\\_minter@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:gj_minter@hotmail.co.uk). Because of that success, we shall be fielding our first ever Under 7 team next season.

We are hoping to see you all at the West Bergholt Village Fete, and at our early season barbecue on 17<sup>th</sup> September.

The boys, and their parents and siblings, have dedicated a lot of their time in supporting the boys and helping in putting up goals and corner flags etc. They are also currently enjoying a well-earned summer break.

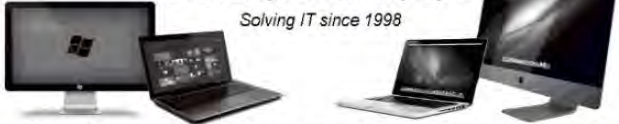
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## West Bergholt Baby & Toddler Group

The Village baby and toddler group has been running for generations. Friendships have been made at the group which have endured throughout the decades. This is a tradition we endeavour to continue by providing a welcoming drop in session every Monday in term time.

We have a diverse range of carers joining us, a few professional child-minders and a nanny regularly attend. We have new parents (male and female) and some frequent visits by grandparents who join us with their grandchildren. Advice, chatting and plenty of tea is shared by the adults (as well as tips on getting more sleep!) and plenty of healthy snacks and drinks are available for the pre-schoolers to give them the energy they need to play with all the toys on offer, and to sing and dance during our closing singing time.

We have a secure Facebook Page (permission to join this is granted by the Committee for safeguarding purposes), on which we share information about visitors to the group, activities and crafts we are planning, etc. We also have a WhatsApp group, where information on things to do in the area can be shared, things for sale can be advertised or maybe even a playdate at the zoo or the park can be suggested.

We are thrilled that the group, over the last few years, has grown in popularity, and a number of new initiatives and pieces of equipment have been introduced to keep things up to date. These include healthy eating snacks, a reading zone and a new toy shop. Our members have supported us by nominating us for the prestigious "**Best Baby and Toddler Group in Essex**" category via the Essex Mums website! We are honoured that we should make it onto this list of finalists. Voting closes 5th September and further updates on this will be in the next edition of the Village Bulletin.

Another very fortunate event has also touched the group; this is the success of our entry to become a beneficiary of the allotment produce honesty stall. We thank the allotment committee for the inclusion in this scheme and we hope to forge some links between the group and the allotment holders by arranging crafts linked to fruit and vegetable growing, and maybe a visit to the allotments to see where some of our food comes from.

We look forward to meeting some new faces and welcoming back our regular members for an exciting Autumn/Winter term, with our annual orchard trip (Manor Farm, just opposite the Treble Tile), harvest festival celebrations and ever popular Christmas party all being planned for.

If you would like any more information on the group, please contact Kay 07885 270217 or Aimee 07881 349395, or pop along in term time from 9.30 till 11.30 (ish) at the Methodist Church Hall to see us in action. Newborns to under 5's welcome!

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

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## West Bergholt Allotments

By the time you read this, the majority of crops will be harvested for this year and preparation will be underway for the next growing season. The plots have looked great this year and plot holders should be proud of themselves.

Changes have taken place this year to how plots are measured. The rent year has also moved to 1<sup>st</sup> October - 31<sup>st</sup> September, instead of April to March. Plot holders will receive invoices at the end August/early September, and this year only will include the 6 months period between 1<sup>st</sup> April to 31<sup>st</sup> September 2017. Payments must be made by 1<sup>st</sup> October.

Between the months of April to October, an allotment bonfire is scheduled on the first Tuesday of each month. In November, the last bonfire of the year is on 5th to coincide with Guy Fawkes' celebrations. Dates and times for the remaining 2017 growing season are:

5th September & 3rd October, 6pm – 8pm

5th November, 4pm – 6pm

Whilst every effort on the allotment is undertaken to recycle generated waste, diseased waste cannot be recycled. To minimise exposure to rodents, this waste is burnt. Every effort is made to ensure the fire is maintained within the guidelines laid down, whilst seeking to minimise disruption or inconvenience to the residential community. Due to shortage of manure from local farmers and stables, and increased transport costs, we would encourage plot holders to compost more.

Those of you that walk up New Church road will have seen the paved area at the entrance to the allotments, which, by September, should have a wooden shelter on it. This is the new covered area for the charity stall and will also double up as a shelter for plot holders in the event of bad weather. I would like to thank all those that have supported the stall.

Terry Claydon

Chair – West Bergholt Allotment Committee



## West Bergholt Concert Band

The band were blessed with a warm summer's day and a warm welcome from the audience when we returned to Flatford for our first concert of the summer in June. A combination of the lovely setting, last year's successful performance there, the weather, and National Trust cakes and ice creams helped swell the audience size, and we again had a wonderful and fun afternoon of great music, from Glenn Miller, Disney, the Beach Boys, Celo Green, and Rodgers & Hammerstein. We've been invited back again next year, as has the warm weather!



Shortly after our Flatford concert, we returned to St Luke's in Tiptree for a concert celebrating "A Centenary of Music", specially featuring solos from some of the band's talented young musicians. It's a lovely church with a big bold acoustic, which elicited a top-notch performance from the band, with feedback including "that was the best concert we've heard for many years" and "that's one of the best concerts I've heard the band play". Concert highlights included Holst's Jupiter, Malcolm Arnold's Pre-Goodman Rag, plus selections of music from Cats and iconic film themes.

Our next concert also happens to be in Tiptree, and will again feature the younger element of the band, as we'll be holding an afternoon workshop and performing an evening concert on November 18<sup>th</sup>, with the musicians from Thurstable school. As always, it'll feature our usual wide range of music, with Star Wars, Duke Ellington, Lloyd-Webber, Shostakovich and Lady Gaga on the programme. All of our workshops are open to any brass or woodwind musician, as are our next open evening on Friday 22nd September at Heathlands and our first rehearsal of term on Friday September 8th at Heathlands, so feel free to come along and join in our fun.

If you can't make any of those, we'll hopefully see you at the village fete on September 9th – Training Band will be playing a couple of slots, and most of them weren't born when we last played at the fete! I have fond memories of playing there, with Sid conducting back in the late 1980s, so am really looking forward to it. Time has certainly flown since then - we'll be celebrating our 40th anniversary next year, but more of that next time!

Everything you need to know about the band (including details of all our events and how to join us) is on our website [www.wcb.org](http://www.wcb.org), or you can email [Conductor@wcb.org](mailto:Conductor@wcb.org) or call Graham on 07941 947541. We look forward to seeing you at some of our events this autumn.



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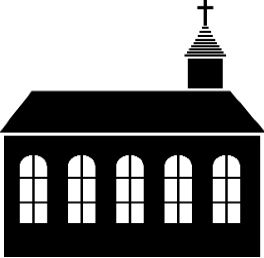
As you may have seen on the West Bergholt website, First Essex are making changes to local bus services, including Route 66, that will affect West Bergholt.

By the time this edition of the Bulletin reaches you, the changes would have come into effect from the 27<sup>th</sup> August. Both the 66 and 66A will be combined to form a 20-minute frequency service. The changes to route 66, operating West Bergholt to Rowhedge end to end, will improve the service to the outer ends of the route. The 66A journeys and section of route via Speedwell Road, Abbots Road and Barnhall will be withdrawn.

The Sunday ECC tendered journeys between Colchester and West Bergholt will depart five minutes later, to improve the punctuality of the service. Buses are currently timed to leave Osbourne Street at 45 minutes past each hour from 0945 to 2145. They will instead depart five minutes later, at 50 minutes past each hour from 0950 until 2150 service.

For information on tickets, timetables and other journey information, take a look at First Essex's website at [www.firstgroup.com/essex](http://www.firstgroup.com/essex)

## Methodist Church News



The Action for Children Annual Sponsored walk for this year was arranged in and around West Bergholt. The weather was very hot and the fifteen walkers who took part were ready for refreshments on their return to the hall. The sum of £593 was raised, much of the which was gift aided. Thanks to all who supported.

Our monthly Fellowship meetings continued through the summer and included a very interesting talk by David Ablewhite on Queen Victoria's men. We heard about the many men in her life who tried to rule her as she became a young queen, married Albert and finally was widowed. Still they felt she needed guidance through mourning. We look forward to another of David's many talks in our next programme. We ended our year with a Garden Party and discussed ideas for our future programme which begins in September. All are welcome to come and join us.

We held another Sunday afternoon tea in July for which we try to encourage village residents, who may be living alone, or housebound, to come along and enjoy some company. Our numbers were a little down this time as some of our regular visitors were unable to come. The sudden thunderstorm just before we were due to start probably did not encourage people to come out! We hope to encourage more to join us at our Autumn Tea, but the date for this is yet to be arranged; look out for publicity nearer the time. We are able to arrange lifts where needed so we look forward to hearing from you. Telephone Judith (01206 241969) or Andrew (01206 2425211) for further details.

Our Summer holiday family Coffee & Craft events with themes on nature and summer were enjoyed by many enthusiastic children who made a variety of craft and cooking items to take home. We are planning another morning in the October half-term.

During the summer, we have been having some renovation and repair work carried out in the Church and Hall. Repairs to the Church include the large crack on the rear wall and damp issues. The front step has also been sloped to prevent rainwater entering the Church and to make access for wheelchairs easier. There is a significant cost but it is essential work needed for the future of our Church. In the hall, the ceiling tiles will be replaced and the opportunity taken to install insulation above. This should improve the heat retention in the hall during winter months. Any contribution towards the cost of the work to the hall would be gratefully received.

Another of our fundraising events is our QUIZ NIGHT. SATURDAY 30th SEPTEMBER 7pm is the date to remember. Teams of 4 at £20, or £5 per person, includes a ploughman's supper. Book your table to ensure a place at this very popular event by phoning Judith on 01206 241969.

Our Sunday services take place at 11.00am each week, 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.

### September

|                  |                            |        |
|------------------|----------------------------|--------|
| 13 <sup>th</sup> | Coffee morning in the Hall | 10am   |
| 20 <sup>th</sup> | Fellowship – Mr Frank King | 2.30pm |
| 30 <sup>th</sup> | Quiz evening in Hall       | 7pm    |

### October

|                  |  |         |
|------------------|--|---------|
| 8 <sup>th</sup>  | Harvest service - Rev Ken Chalmers             | 11am    |
| 10 <sup>th</sup> | Communion at St. Mary's                        | 11am    |
| 11 <sup>th</sup> | Coffee morning in the Hall                     | 10am    |
| 18 <sup>th</sup> | Fellowship – Rev Martin Camroux                | 2.30pm  |
| 22 <sup>nd</sup> | Church Anniversary service - Rev John Robinson | 11am    |
| 23 <sup>rd</sup> | Family Coffee & Craft in the Hall              | 10.30am |
| 29 <sup>th</sup> | United service at Great Horkeley               | 11.15am |

### November

|                  |   |         |
|------------------|---|---------|
| 8 <sup>th</sup>  | Coffee morning in the Hall                | 10am    |
| 12 <sup>th</sup> | Village Remembrance service at Orpen Hall | 10.45am |
| 14 <sup>th</sup> | Communion at St. Mary's                   | 11am    |
| 15 <sup>th</sup> | Fellowship in the Hall                    | 2.30pm  |

Any Ministerial enquiries can be made to Rev Ken Chalmers, 01206 545253, or Rev Alan Jenkins, 01206 793888.





## Bergholt Youth Group (BYG)

This group aimed at young people between the ages of 10 and 16 has been now been Meeting regularly every two weeks at the Orpen Hall for over nine years. It has clearly met a need in our community, with over a hundred members and up to eighty turning up on club evenings.

For most of this time it has been managed and staffed by a small group of dedicated adults and, latterly, their children as they have grown old enough to organise activities and take on more responsibility. The Club is financially sound and has acquired a good range of equipment. On most occasions, the club evenings have been well staffed by volunteers on an ad hoc basis, and their enthusiasm makes up for any lack of experience. The running of the Club is supported by Essex Boys and Girls Association, who oversee issues such as DBS checks.

After such a long period, those who have given tirelessly over the years now feel it is time for a change, especially as their offspring are moving on. So far, appeals for new volunteers have not produced any results, and so sadly BYG will cease after the Christmas disco and our children will lose their Friday evenings, unless a new generation comes forward. We believe the best option is for a small group of friends to take over the management – this means a chairman, secretary, membership secretary, treasurer, tuck shop steward and a small committee. None of these roles is too arduous if shared. Some continuity in running the Friday evenings would be a good thing, and so some volunteers could still be available and more could probably be attracted.

Our village needs this facility, and unless new support comes forward it will be lost. The final decision to wind up the Club will be taken at the AGM on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> October at 7.45 pm in the John Lampon Hall. A new team must be in place and ready to take over from that point. If you have ideas and can form a group to take over the management, please contact Harry Stone (stone.vindens@gmail.com or 01206 241026), or the current BYG secretary, David Bowden (bowdenj david@gmail.com or 01206 241201).

### **Can you help save a much-loved facility in the village?**



The Bergholt Youth Group has been running for over nine years, and is in desperate need of support to continue providing a much-loved service to the children of West Bergholt.

Currently, the club is well-staffed by volunteers and is supported by Essex Boys and Girls Association, who oversee issues such as DBS checks, however they now need new volunteers and support to continue operating.

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Please offer any help you can to try and save this much-loved and needed facility.



## Green and Golden

Imperceptibly slowly the seasons moved on  
the darkness of winter was done.  
Spring came in gently with lightening days  
awakening new flowers to the sun.



It seemed out of nowhere the daffodils came  
bright golden yellows each day  
close by in the woodlands some green shoots appeared  
and carpets of bluebells held sway.

High in the branches new hatchlings were born  
and insects appeared on the wing  
a magical time that we treasure each year  
the slowly awakening spring.

Some days were overcast, cloudy and wet  
and some were unseasonably cold  
but new grasses grew on the uplands and dales  
and sheep were returned to the wold.

The days became longer as summer drew near  
and daisies and buttercups came  
the foxgloves and tulips and dahlias bloomed  
and the weeds were ahead of the game.

The beavers and badgers built dams and dug setts  
and hedgehogs sought out the best chews.  
In the trees tawny owls closed their eyes to the skies  
for an overdue afternoon snooze.

The nestlings got fledging and took to the wing  
and families of birds combed each lawn.  
The days now grow shorter but still early light  
can signal a beautiful dawn.

The summer is passing and rich golden browns  
will tell us that autumn is here.  
Bountiful nature is always out there  
as the seasons pass by through the year.

John Everett





# Upcoming Events



## Join the fight!

Relay For Life is a year-round team fundraising challenge bringing communities together to beat cancer.

There are over 50 Relay For Life events happening across the UK this summer, and thousands more around the world.

Get together a team of friends and family to fundraise together. Enter your team in your local Relay and meet other people going the extra mile to fund life-saving cancer research. Then join with your Relay community for a 24-hour celebration, showing that together we are stronger than cancer.

Anyone who has ever heard the words “you have cancer” is invited to join Relay For Life as a VIP guest, and to lead the festivities by taking part in the Survivors’ Lap of Honour. We encourage Survivors to invite a caregiver (someone who has looked after you, held your hand or been a friend during your illness) to join the celebrations, too.

Cancer Research UK is the world’s leading charity dedicated to beating cancer through pioneering research. Every day, 970 people are diagnosed with cancer in the UK. We will not stop until everyone will be told they are going to be OK.

By starting or joining a Relay For Life team, and raising as much as you can, you will bring us a step closer to the day when all cancers are cured.

Relay For Life Colchester will be on Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> September 2017, and you can sign up for free now at [cruk.org/relay](http://cruk.org/relay) or email [KateR.RelayForLife@gmail.com](mailto:KateR.RelayForLife@gmail.com) if you’d like more information!

Join us now and help beat cancer sooner.

**1967-2017**  
**50**  
**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  
Busses 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](http://www.colchestermrc.org) for latest details

**Friends of St Mary's Old Church**  
*invite you to put these dates in your diaries:*



**Antiques Valuation Day:**  
Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> September 2017  
in the Orpen Hall 10am - 1pm.  
Bring your treasures to be valued. £2 per item.  
Cakes and refreshments.

**Mulled Wine and Mince Pies and Decorated Christmas Tree Display:**

Sunday, 3<sup>rd</sup> December 12-2.30pm,  
at the Old Church, Hall Road.  
Optional Membership renewal £5 p.a.

Also

**Village Fete:** 9<sup>th</sup> September, 12.00-4pm.  
Lots to do at the fete and come to our tent to say hello.

**Everyone welcome**  
**Bring your children and friends!**



## **The 2nd Tom Bowdidge Foundation Christmas Fayre**

Start the Festive season in the comfort of our Winter Wonderland. Stalls will be full of Christmas gifts, cards, clothes, scarves, food, beauty products and things you cannot buy on the high street.

Enjoy Mulled wine and refreshments and relax whilst making your purchases.

**Friday 17th November 2017**

12noon until 8pm

9 Firmins Court

West Bergholt

Colchester

Essex

CO6 3BQ

Look forward to seeing you there!



## Heathlands

# ***Fireworks***

## Display

Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> November 2017



*More details  
available from  
Heathlands  
School*



## **West Bergholt Village Fete 2017**

Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> September

12 - 4pm

Orpen Hall & Lorkin Daniell Field

What we hope will become an annual event, the Village Fete is intended as a fun event for all the family to enjoy as well as helping to build community bonds.

With competitions, exhibitions, stalls and events for all ages, why not come along and support your community?



### Hall Booking Information

**Orpen Hall** (108 – 150 persons) & **John Lampon Hall** (30 – 50 persons).

To book, contact [hall-admin@westbergholt.net](mailto: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

### 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](mailto: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.*

## Mobile Library Times

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

**12th & 26th September, 10th & 24th October, 7th & 21st November**

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](http://libraries.essex.gov.uk)

*service please telephone Answers Direct 0845 6097*



**Your village needs you...  
to pick up your dog poo!**



# 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 240906, revmandyelmes@btinternet.com

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

**Bowls Club, 7.30pm Orpen Hall. Contact John Rookard, 01206 619497**

## 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 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesdays.**

**Beehive Children's Centre, Methodist Church Hall, Chapel Lane. 1<sup>st</sup> Monday of each month (Charlotte Wilkin visits the toddler group), 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> 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, 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday, 2.30pm - 4pm, house group Meeting. Contact 01206 242015 for details.**

**Women's Institute, 1<sup>st</sup> 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, 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday, 7.30pm, Orpen Hall. (visits between April and September). Contact Gill Poole 01206 240512**

**Parish Council Meeting, 4<sup>th</sup> 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 John Rookard 01206 619497**

**Colchester & District Model Railway Club, 8pm, Armoury Farm. Contact [www.colchestermrc.org](http://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, 1<sup>st</sup> 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**