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## It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas...

Well, Halloween has been and gone, Bonfire Night is becoming a distant memory, and there is definitely a frosty chill in the air... which can only mean that Christmas is on its way!

As the nights grow darker and the weather takes a turn for the worst, please remember to clean up after your dog when out for a walk. There is a significant increase in dog fouling during these winter months, and is a major cause for concern for many residents, especially along Church Road where children are walking to school.

On a good note, we have plenty going on in the village over the next month, with a special menu at the Treble Tile, carol services at St Mary's and St James' in Nayland, as well as the Hollyberry Fayre at Heathlands Primary School.

We have plenty in this edition of the Bulletin, from the new opening of the Treble Tile to the review of the Village Fete that took place in September and was a great success.

It's been an interesting year with the Bulletin, with plenty of changes, and a big thank you goes to all those readers who took the time to let us know what they wanted to see and read about in future editions – it helps us shape the Bulletin to the village's needs.

A big thank you also goes to the Bulletin team, who have been incredibly supportive over the last year as I've found my feet! – it is very much appreciated.

Wishing you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year from all the Bulletin team.

*Jacqui*

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# West Bergholt Village Fete

## Thank you

Thank you to all who attended the Village Fete on Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> Sept. I hope you enjoyed it; the atmosphere was great, the bands were excellent and thankfully the sun shone down on us.

The quality of the Produce Show was wonderful. Many thanks to all who exhibited, and congratulations to those who won certificates & trophies. I understand from local clubs and groups that they had a great day, raising valuable funds and gaining new members. All in all, it was a really good event.

We are planning to repeat this success next year, and would welcome any suggestions or comments to make it even better!

Please email me on [westbergholtpc@gmail.com](mailto:westbergholtpc@gmail.com). Our next Village Fete meeting will be held on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> January 2018 at 7.30pm in the John Lampon Hall, when next year's planning begins in earnest, to which all village clubs & groups are invited.

If you wish to get involved, or have any ideas that you would like to share, please come along; you would be very welcome.

Thanks again for your support and remember to put the date in your diary for next year:

## Village Fete 2018 - Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> September

We look forward to seeing you there!



### BYG is saved!!

Since our return after the summer holidays, BYG has had some special evenings, including the now annual "chocolate night". White Watch from the Fire Brigade based in Colchester also paid BYG a visit in October and demonstrated their fire tender - complete with flashing lights! Thanks to Stephen Smith and his colleagues for coming along.

October also saw some one-off activities, including "what's in the nappy?" (luckily all edible!) and some baby competitions to mark Club Leader Amber's last evening before leaving to have her baby. The children also wrote her a card and made a small presentation to Amber, as well as entering a competition to guess things like the baby's name!

At the AGM on 12th October, as previously announced, the long-standing committee all stood down. After some hard work behind the scenes we are delighted to confirm that there is now a new committee in place to take BYG into 2018 and beyond!

Existing volunteer Jamie Bowden has agreed to become Club Leader and he will be supported in his role by Ewan Harding-Payne, Matthew Slark and Luke Bloomfield as Assistant Leaders. The other Officers on the new committee have also been confirmed: Chris Lemmon is the new Chairman. His right-hand man is Alex Everitt in his role as Secretary. The new Treasurer is Celine O'Brien, with Yennifer King de Pleasance taking over the Membership secretarial duties. Rachal White will be looking after all Child Welfare issues, with Rick Streatfield in place as Volunteers' Co-ordinator - so no doubt he will be approaching a few people to boost the number of volunteers staffing Club evenings! Sam Machin will be ensuring that the tuck shop is fully stocked with all those lovely things the children like, and Katie Pullen will be continuing in her role as the liaison officer for the Essex Boys & Girls Club.

The new BYG team would like to thank all the outgoing committee and volunteers for establishing BYG over the last 9+ years and handing over such a thriving Youth Club. Special thanks to Harry Stone, Amber Pullen (Harlow), Suzanne Bowden and Jenny Church who have all been involved in BYG since day one, and slightly more recently David Bowden, Mark Pullen, Karen Blackman, Dianna Woodgate and Sally Slark.





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

At the end of the Summer Term, the Badger Cub Pack said goodbye to Baloo (Charles Hart) and Hathi (Nik Frampton) but, at the start of the Autumn Term, the Pack welcomed two new leaders: Lee Crowdell and Aron Newton, and were pleased to see the return of Paul White. We are progressing the new Leader's appointments and, in the meantime, we are grateful for the support being given by Liz Welch (Deputy District Commissioner). The Cubs have been tackling elements from the Adventure Challenge, Skills Challenge and Teamwork Challenge Awards. This has involved preparing for a hike, hiking, breaking codes, learning how to clean windows, iron scarves and tackling problem-solving. The Cubs also joined the Otters at the Jamboree on the Air and learned about Morse Code and sending messages with local amateur radio enthusiasts. In the remaining weeks of this term, we will complete the Skills Challenge and Teambuilding Challenge Awards and the Communicator Activity Badge.

Otter Cubs have followed a similar programme to Badgers. Earlier in the term, we enjoyed an evening at the Orpen Hall playing badminton, as well as tennis and basketball in the MUGA. A 'farm to fork' visit to the Tesco Highwoods store helped us to learn about caring for our planet through responsible sourcing of foods such as fish, bananas and cocoa. The cubs enjoyed various food-related activities. We are also pleased to welcome Ian Hersey as an Assistant Cub leader; he is already proving to be a valuable member of the leadership team!

Scouts have two new Assistant Scout Leaders: Emily Lionnel and Graham Ward. This term's activities have ranged across a number of Challenge Awards, including Adventure and Teambuilding, as well as the Photography Activity Badge. The Scouts tackled a lengthy hike from Stoke-by-Nayland to West Bergholt recently and the older Scouts went a little further than the others by missing a turning... Congratulations to Bandi Cserep who has competed his Chief Scout's Gold Award with a fascinating overview of the social history and geography of Kazakhstan (which we think he is planning to take on tour later this year.) Between now and Christmas, there is much to do, including the ever-popular Colchester Chip Shop Survey.

We are all really pleased that new volunteers have come forward and we are looking forward to an exciting programme next year, including a Group camp in May at Boxford Spinney. Congratulations to Ian Coventry who has just completed 30 years' service as a leader and been awarded a Bar to his Award for Merit. Also, congratulations to Dott Semkin who has completed 20 years' service. Another positive development after the AGM in July is the formation of a fundraising committee. The Hopkins family kindly brought this half term to a close with an enjoyable quiz which raised £170 for the Group – a fantastic result!

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## 1<sup>st</sup> West Bergholt Rainbows



It was great to welcome the Rainbows back following their summer break and to see new faces that have successfully joined the unit.

This term, we have been looking at festivals and celebrations here and abroad. So, to celebrate the start of another busy term, in true British tradition, we had a "get-together" BBQ, and enjoyed the evening in unseasonal weather, preparing hotdogs and enjoying games outside... without a drop of rain!

We then moved onto Harvest Festival, enjoying breadmaking and making blackberry and apple crumble. As these celebrations revolved around food, we celebrated National Child Health Day, and thought about our diets and what we could do to keep our hearts healthy.

We adored the Diwali Festival, also known as the Festival of Light, making tealight lanterns, Rangoli patterns from coloured rice and, of course, elephant masks! At the end of their five-day festival they have a firework display – I don't think it could compete with the West Bergholt display, but it led us on to another evening with a firework theme – learning about the Firework Code and Guy Fawkes.

We have all loved the evenings preparing and thinking about Christmas in our December meetings, finishing the term with another tradition – going to the pantomime Beauty and the Beast, at the Princess Theatre, Clacton.

Another BIG celebration in the Rainbow calendar this year was that the section turned 30! The girls celebrated and cut the birthday cake with over 300 other Rainbows from different local districts at St Helena's School. It was a beach party theme, with arts and crafts and a real funfair! It was an amazing opportunity for the girls to celebrate this special occasion in guiding.

Farewell and good luck to the Rainbows moving on to Brownies, and we all wish you a Happy Christmas from 1<sup>st</sup> West Bergholt Rainbows!



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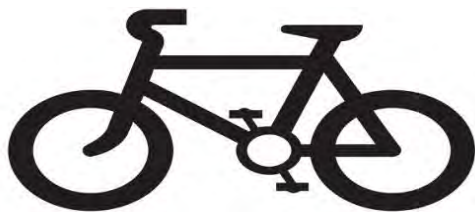
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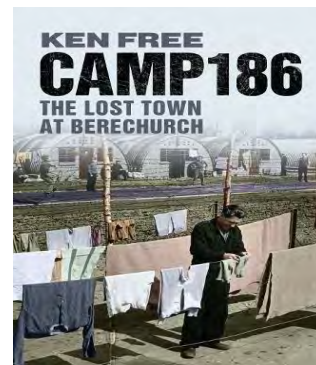


## West Bergholt Local History Group

Our Autumn season opened with a talk by local author and historian Ken Free on Camp 186 the WW2 POW camp in Berechurch Hall Road.

The camp opened in September 1944 and at its peak housed over 6000 German soldiers, mostly ‘other ranks’. Initially, the camp consisted only of bell tents for accommodation, which during the winter was cold and wet, with the area soon turning into a quagmire. As the Allies advanced and captured more and more prisoners, the camp was enlarged with more substantial buildings.

Many of the prisoners were put to work on the land, and Ken has clear memories seeing them working in the fields. Ken also recalled seeing German soldiers being marched by armed guards to the Headgate Congregational Church for a Christmas service, and during the service signing ‘Silent Night’ in German. When the war was over, he remembers his parents inviting some of the prisoners to their home for Sunday tea. It took around two years to repatriate all the POW’s, although a few did decide to stay in Britain. After the last of the prisoners had left, the camp became the Military Corrective Training Centre. Ken’s book ‘Camp 186’ is available from the library and all good booksellers.



Our October talk was about the Essex County Hospital and was given by Doctor Casale, who was a consultant anaesthetist at the hospital for 30 years. The hospital dates from pre-Victorian times, the foundation stone being laid by Lord Braybrooke in 1819.



Dr Casale’s fascinating talk told of how the hospital developed over the years, and from his description of some of the treatments in the past made most of the audience very glad to be alive today. Although the hospital only ever had eight wards, doctors were often heard to say that they were going to ‘Ward Nine’. Dr Casale revealed that this was the doctors code name for the Hospital Arms public house!

The West Bergholt Local History Group meets on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday in the month at the Orpen Hall starting at 7.30. Visitors and potential new members are always welcome.

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## Friends of St Mary’s Old Church



After the rather hectic fundraising efforts, which culminated in a Antiques Roadshow type valuation day, the Friends have rather relaxed to await the work on the building to be completed. The scaffolding went up at the beginning of October and now the building is shrouded in steel and plastic. The scaffolders were perturbed to find a large hornet’s nest in the roof, which had to be disposed of before their work could be completed.

We now await the main contractors who will sort out the leaking roof and repairs to the Belfry. The resident bats continue to give cause for concern and some new homes are being put in the surrounding trees in an effort to persuade them to relocate. Time will tell if the bijou new residences will be to their taste.

At the time of writing, the Friends are not aware of any completion date, which is impacting on the customary festive arrangements. At this stage, the Village Carol service looks to be under threat, as does the display of Christmas trees which we normally arrange. If the building works are finished soon then things may change. We will notify changes via social media and publicity.

The internal redecoration is planned for the spring next year, we are told. We are already receiving enquires for weddings for next year, which will hopefully take place in a much-improved environment. We also hope to progress the matter of some form of lighting within the building, which will enhance the use of the building by making evening events possible throughout the year.

As ever, the Friends would like to wish all villagers a very happy Christmas and a wonderful New Year, and thank you all for your great support during 2017.

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## West Bergholt Gardener's Association

Do you enjoy a bit of a challenge? An evening of fun with a group of others? A glass of mulled wine and some nibbles? In that case we hope we have something that will interest you!

This is the second year that we have hosted a quiz for members, guests and visitors at our December meeting. While the questions may have a bit of a gardening flavour, they are absolutely general enough for anyone who enjoys quizzes.

We welcome teams of four to six, or are happy to welcome smaller numbers to make up a team on the night. While we offer mulled wine and some light refreshments, you are very welcome to bring your own refreshments too.

So, make a diary date – Monday, December 11<sup>th</sup>, 7.30pm at the Orpen Hall, West Bergholt – and come and join the fun!

There is a lull in our activities as we all recover from the festive season, and then our meetings kick-off again on 19<sup>th</sup> February 2018. Mike Abel is coming to help us with that bane of gardener's lives – "Pest and disease control". Come and learn about your blights and bugs – and see if Mike has an answer for you!

One month later, on 19<sup>th</sup> March, Linda Holdaway is coming to tell us a bit about that quintessentially British institution, "The National Garden Scheme". Otherwise known as the yellow book, the scheme opens over 3,700 private gardens a year to raise funds for charity.

We are a friendly group which meets at Orpen Hall, West Bergholt at 7.30pm on Mondays. Tickets are £3 on the door, or £12 for the year to August 2018. If you'd like more details, please contact Terry Claydon on 01206 241256, or see [www.westbergholt.net/clubs/gardeners/](http://www.westbergholt.net/clubs/gardeners/)



### Bergholt Heath FC

We have 4 teams this season and our academy for the youngsters.

The Bergholt Heath Under 7's team have made a fantastic start to the season, scoring 50 goals and only conceding 8 at the time of going to press. The team are going from strength to strength.

There have been some outstanding performances along the way, in particular the game versus Bures United, where the team had lost two pre-season friendlies to them. With a score line of 7 v 1 to Bergholt, showing all the hard work on the training ground is paying off.

The Under 9's start to the season hasn't been the best in terms of results, but has been a test of the young boys' characters. We have been placed in a very tough league and the boys have taken it well, still enjoying their football and coming off the pitch with a smile. They have continued to learn, and this period will hopefully stand them in good stead for the rest of the season.

The season has started well for the Under 11's, having only lost 2 out of their 7 games so far. This resulted in the team finishing second in their first round of Trophy Event matches. We now start a series of league matches against some very tough teams, before the next group of Trophy Event matches in late December and January. All the boys have had the opportunity to get plenty of game time and play in a variety of position. Fingers crossed but the early indication are that this could be a very good season for the team.

This season, the Under 13's have been placed in the C League of the C&DYFL. So far, it has been quite consistent – win, loss, win, loss, win and loss! There have been some excellent performances and also some games we would rather forget... All in all, the manager is fairly happy with the start and in particular two new signings who are both settling in well and adding some quality to the squad.

Bergholt Heath Academy have enjoyed a successful start to the new season. Boys and girls in Year 1 and Reception have been improving their football skills and making new friends, all while having fun! Training takes place every Saturday at the Lorkin Daniel Playing Field (behind the Orpen Hall) between 9 and 10. Training costs just £2 a week which is only payable on the weeks your child attends - no block payments or annual subscriptions required! If you have a child in Year 1 or Reception who you think might be interested, please contact Gareth Minter (a teacher at Heathlands Primary School) at [gj\\_minter@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:gj_minter@hotmail.co.uk).

Our annual fun event takes place in December – details from your manager – but for those attending and those unable to, the club wishes all the best for the festive season.

We have not yet completed the course on "Pakistan" by Graham Platts at the time of writing but it is proving to be a most informative and interesting way to learn about this country with music and film extracts included.

In January Sue Pownall is coming to West Bergholt to talk on:

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**Orpen Players**

It's all change for the Orpen Players pantomime "Sleeping Beauty". This adaptation is a first from Phil Hurst who can usually be found keeping the cast in order as Stage Manager. However, this time he wanted to express his talent as a playwright.

Peter Cox who has written and directed the last six pantomimes has given his pen and directional skills a rest this time to take on the role of Dame, although he will still be painting the sets, recording the sound effects, producing the programme's and posters etc. What would we do without him!! If his performance as Dame is equalled by the rest of his talents, then we are in for a treat. Ricci Mussi who has played the dame for the last two years, picks up the reins to direct. Ricci has directed panto's before for other groups, so is more than qualified to step into that role.

So, exciting times ahead, with new members joining our established team to complete the changes. Performance dates are 26<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup> January 2018, and 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2018. Evening times are 7.30pm, with a matinee both Saturday's at 2pm. As usual, doors open 30 minutes before curtain up. So make sure you make a note in your diaries.

Tickets are priced at £7 Adults, and £5 Children, and can be reserved by phoning Roger on 01206 241048. Also available at Ash's Store West Bergholt from Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> January 2018.

We wish you all a very merry Christmas and a happy New Year, thank you for your support, and look forward to seeing you for "Sleeping Beauty".

Colin Downer  
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**Colne Valley Flower Club**

The club does not meet in December, so we start in 2018 with our AGM on Wednesday 17th January, when Stephen Digby is coming along to give a talk on Landscape Gardening. Our next meeting will take place on Wednesday 21st February 2018, when Helen Sheard will be returning to delight us with her flowers.

The club's subscription will be due this month, the cost of which will be announced at the AGM. Members who take the Flower Arranger magazine, the subscription to this is also due in February.

We are very happy to say that we have had a good number of visitors during 2017, and hope that they have enjoyed our meetings and seeing the wonderful displays that our visiting demonstrators make, and sincerely hope that some of these visitors will come and join us as members.

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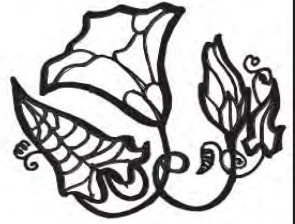


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## West Bergholt Allotments

Another year is coming to an end, and plot holders will now be busy getting plots ready for 2018. We have had a good year on the site, with changes to measuring of plots from rods to square metres, and the plot rent period now October to September.

The charity stall has raised approx. £4,250, nearly £2,000 more than last year! By the time you read this, the stall will have closed till April 2018.

The agreed recipients will be:

- 5Ts, £1,600 for a Christmas meal and pantomime visit;
- £800 to Toddlers group;
- £800 to the Church Wired group;
- £100 West Bergholt Fete;
- £950 to be retained.

£374 of the £540 grant we received earlier this year was spent on the stall structure. We appreciated all the help we received in the way of materials and the work involved in the building of the shelter. Also, a big thank you to Mervyn and his team for all the work and time spent on making this a success.

I would like to thank all those that have supported the stall by giving or buying produce etc. The Allotments Committee are now looking for beneficiaries for 2018. If you are or know of a local organisation, submit your written request to Terry Claydon, either via the Parish Clerk or email to [wballotments@gmail.com](mailto:wballotments@gmail.com).

The Allotments Committee has recently formed a 'Seed Club', offering members a discount off seeds from *Moles Seeds* (Turkey Cock Lane, Stanway). Membership is currently available to members of the Gardening Club, as well as Allotment Holders. If you don't have a membership card let us know.

We are currently getting the rents in for the period October 2017 to September 2018. Therefore, we may have some plots available if rents are not renewed. Please let me know if you are interested in a plot and I will add you to our waiting list (we currently have 2 on the list).

The ongoing replacement of water taps/tanks should be completed by the first quarter of 2018, and it will mean that all tanks will be self-filling, with only 1 tap on site. I would ask plot holders not to wash produce or tools in the tanks. Buckets will be provided by each tank for this. No water cans/containers which have contained weed killer should be used to take water from tanks. Don't let children play around the tanks.

**Open Gardens & Allotments 2018** will take place on 1st July 2018 from 11.30am to 5.30pm. The organising committee are looking for more gardens to be involved, and also for any clubs, special interests etc; e.g. model railways, vintage cars. It was agreed that the allotments would participate as before. Donations received will go to The Tom Bowdidge Foundation and Essex Air Ambulance.

Wishing you all Happy Christmas & New Year.

Terry Claydon  
Chair – West Bergholt Allotment Committee

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## New Bench On The Heath

As many people will have seen, a new bench has been placed on the heath outside Heathlands School. I was contacted by Aileen Hirst, with a short explanation as to the situation of this bench.

'My family have donated a bench to the village in memory of my father, Terry O'Carroll, who passed away this June, aged 85 years. My husband, Jon, and I have lived in the village for 21 years and both our sons, Edward and James, attended Heathlands School and enjoyed many happy years there. My parents, who lived in Bishop's Stortford, spent a lot of time with us here in the village, collecting the boys from school, and they often waited after school whilst the boys played on the heath with their friends.

'My father expressed a wish for a bench to be donated to the village and with the help of the Parish Council, this has now been placed outside the school on the heath to be enjoyed by all and it will hopefully be welcomed by parents and carers as they wait to collect their children from school.'

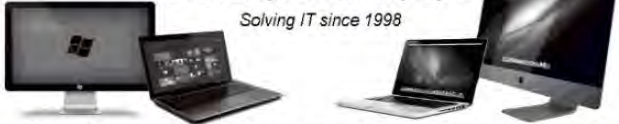




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# West Bergholt Concert Band

Autumn sees the band marking two notable milestones, with the start of our 40th year coinciding with 35 years since our conductor joined the band whilst under the tutelage of founder Sid Cooper. Back then the band was predominantly populated with musicians from the schools where Sid taught, so it seemed fitting to mark these milestones with a return to our school roots for a workshop and concert with musicians from Thurstable school. The day's theme of "Try Everything – a Musical A to Z" sees the band's experienced players guiding the school musicians through all styles of music, from classical, big bands, pop, shows, films, dixieland, rock-n-roll and latin, culminating in an evening concert at St Luke's Church in Tiptree in aid of Children In Need.

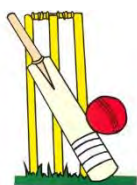


Shortly after that we'll be wrapping up this year's activities with our Christmas Concert on Saturday 16th December at 7:30pm in the beautiful St Peter and Vincula Church in Coggeshall. The Christmas concert has always been a favourite of both the band and our audiences, with the concert always having a lovely warm and fun atmosphere wherever we hold it. That's become even more so in recent years when we've been able to programme the concerts to contain nothing but Christmas music. This year's concert includes music from Tchaikovsky, Irving Berlin, The Polar Express and Paul McCartney among others, plus carols to join in with and some beautiful carol arrangements by Holst & Leroy Anderson that are perfect for listening to. We hope you'll join us for a lovely evening of festive music in a lovely setting.

Looking further ahead to 2018, we already have a packed programme to celebrate the band's 40th anniversary and are very much looking forward to playing some of the band's all-time favourite music in some of our favourite venues. The total amount raised for charities by the band in the last dozen years will also pass £40,000 during the band's 40th year, which is another milestone of which the band are very proud.

As always, details on all of our events are available on the band website [www.wccb.org](http://www.wccb.org), and new players of any age are always welcome to come and see us on Friday evenings at Heathlands School, including at our next Open Rehearsal on 19th January.

We look forward to seeing you at our Christmas Concert, and we wish you a Merry Christmas & a Happy New Year.



## West Bergholt Cricket Club

The 2017 cricket season is now well a truly over for West Bergholt, and what a success it has been. Starting with the adults, the 2nds set a new league record by bowling Boxted out for a mere 20 runs, but the real triumphs belong to the colts.

The U13s went the entire season undefeated, the second time they have accomplished this in the past three seasons. West Bergholt's Manor Road ground was also the host to some international cricket when North Essex colts hosted the Netherlands national U13s, with West Bergholt's Harvey Borges playing for the North Essex team. A massive congratulations for the players, coaches and parents that put in hours of hard work to achieve all this.

Looking ahead to 2018, West Bergholt will maintain four adult sides, with two on a Saturday playing in the Two Counties Championship and one on a Sunday in the North Essex Cricket League, with further side in the local evening league; as well as our usual colts set up.

We are always on the lookout for new players, young and old and male or female. Ability not really a factor, as we aim to play competitive but friendly cricket.

Winter nets start in mid-February at Holmwood House School. For more information, please contact Owen Jones on 0778 305 1583, or [owenmbjones@gmail.com](mailto:owenmbjones@gmail.com)

West Bergholt CC would also like to add a big thank you to the Queens Head for their continued support throughout the season.



As you read this, we are now fast approaching Christmas: Tom's Christmas tree has been lit at the White Hart, Christmas Fayres are at their peak and here at The Tom Bowdidge Foundation, we are reflecting on another very successful year raising money for teenagers and young people with cancer.

The West Bergholt community has continually shown phenomenal support towards the charity and for that we will always be grateful. Your generosity has allowed us to complete some incredible projects this year that have made such a difference to these young cancer patients. Back in May we officially opened three rooms at Colchester General Hospital. These included a treatment room in the Mary Barron suite, a Quiet space in the Outpatients department where young people and their families can have often difficult conversations in private with consultants. The final room was a private room on the ward which has been beautifully decorated with a young and vibrant feel. It includes a Smart TV and a foldaway bed so that a family member can stay with their teenager.

Tom was treated in University College Hospital on a teenage cancer ward which was amazing. It was always his concern that as he approached 19 he would have to move from this ward to a ward for 20-25-year olds that didn't cater for young people in the same way. He had planned to change this ward somehow to make it young people friendly. Sadly, he didn't see this happen, but we are thrilled to report that the Tom Bowdidge Foundation has funded £35,000 to create a recreation room where the young patients will have a purpose to leave their bed or room to 'hang out' together and share experiences or entertain their family and friends. This project is due to be completed at the end of January 2018 and we cannot wait to share the finished project with you.

The Tom Bowdidge Foundation has granted over £30,000 to individual patients who need help with a variety of things, ranging from a new mattress to help with travel costs, to a new laptop to allow them to continue their university studies whilst in isolation. These are just a few of the ways that YOUR money has helped to make a difference.

Our commitment to research is as strong as ever and we have continued our funding this year to the cost of £84,000. We shall report on the amazing strides being made by our researcher Dr Chris Milton at the Institute of Cancer Research early next year.

**For more information on what else we have funded please go to [www.tombowdidgefoundation.org](http://www.tombowdidgefoundation.org)**

As 2018 looms, we have launched a new fundraising appeal. You will all have heard of Colchester's Cancer Centre Campaign and how near they are to reach their target. One of the areas the Tom Bowdidge Foundation has been concerned about was the facilities that would be provided for young cancer patients. We are thrilled to announce that the charity has pledged to fund a two-chair chemotherapy bay at a cost of £50,000. This means that the Cancer centre campaign has only £600,000 to reach their target. YOUR generosity has allowed us to make this pledge.

You will have noticed the sizeable sums that are needed to make these incredible things happen, projects that wouldn't happen without YOUR generosity. As Christmas approaches, if you are feeling generous, then please pop a little extra into the pots in the Co-op or go on the website to make a donation that way. You may be able to persuade your workplace to hold a Christmas Jumper day in aid of TBF. Whatever you can spare will go a long way to allow us to make a difference to young cancer patients this Christmas.

The trustees, Nikki, Richard and Emma and all of Team TBF would like to wish you a very Merry Christmas and a happy, healthy New Year. For those of you whose Christmas is not going to be a happy one, we wish you peace and send our love for 2018.

### **Dates for your diary**

**Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> February 2018,** The Feather Ball at Stoke By Nayland. £60 a head. Contact Nikki at [nikkibowdidge@tombowdidgefoundation.org](mailto:nikkibowdidge@tombowdidgefoundation.org) for more details

**Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> July 2018** West Bergholt Gardeners Association Open Gardens in aid of The Tom Bowdidge Foundation and Essex and Herts Air Ambulance. If you fancy opening your garden please contact Deena at [deena@whichgroup.co.uk](mailto:deena@whichgroup.co.uk)



## Baby and Toddler Group

As I write this article, we have this week said farewell to our co-chairpersons, Aimee and Kay. The ladies were presented with flowers and a framed finger print tree from the children to thank them for their service to the group, which has been outstanding. Our Chairpersons until the end of the Summer term next year will be Karen and Andrea. Both have been long standing members for the group and they will endeavour to lead the committee and take care of proceedings until the end of July 2018. We thank Aimee and Kay for all of their hard work and wish Andrea and Karen all the best in their new role.

Sadly, we didn't win the Essex Mum's award for Best Baby and Toddler Group, but competition was very tough, with the county wide Essex Library "Rhyme Time" getting the most votes - a worthy winner. Thanks to anyone who voted for us, we appreciate the support.

Following on from our funding from the allotment stall, we have decided to do more activities around growing plants, fruit and vegetables. Our first day on this theme was our Harvest Festival session, which was a great success. We had a huge fruit and vegetable display table at snack time. We could touch, smell and taste lots of colourful healthy things. We also made lovely sun catchers and scarecrow head decorations for display at St Mary's Church. At the end of the morning, Rev Mandy spoke to us about harvest time and we played a harvest themed game with her. Our singing time involved lots of food related songs; some old nursery rhymes and some new songs for us to learn. In the Spring we plan more activities around planting seeds, and in the Summer (hopefully) a visit to the allotments to see where some of our food grows.

The WI visited us recently to decorate cakes with us. This is the first time we have hosted them for some years and the decorating using lots of brightly coloured icing and textured sprinkles was great fun. We hope we can repeat this next year and we welcome other village groups to come and share a craft idea or activity with us.

Our Christmas Party will be held on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> December. Keep an eye out for further details at our sessions, our Facebook site and Whatsapp group; last year tickets sold out. The Little Giggles singing group will be joining us for lots of fun, dancing and music, our snacks will have a Christmas theme and we will welcome a special Christmas guest to say hello and give out gifts to all the good boys and girls... who could that be?

Our Spring term starts on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> of January at 9.30am at the Methodist Hall. We finish at about 11.15, and welcome anyone with pre-school children in their care to drop in for whole or part of the session. We ask for a £1 donation which goes towards hall costs, snacks, hot and cold drinks, craft materials and all the usual costs running a group entails, such as insurance and baby wipes! A paid membership is encouraged but not obligatory. If you do decide to become a member, you will benefit from reduced party ticket costs, your child(ren) will get a card on their birthday and you will get preferential rates on hiring our toys if you hire the Methodist Hall for an event, such as a birthday party or Baptism.

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## Women's Institute



Instead of our usual Strawberry Soiree, we enjoyed a fish and chip supper with Pimms, and tea and coffee to follow. Jan Lumb spoke about the life of our late member, Joyce Lucking, and a glass was raised in her honour. The meeting was a village-themed evening, with a pictorial quiz of places and signs around West Bergholt. Bingo followed, and Manya Barrow won the competition, with a milk bottle with her relative's name of Barrow on it.

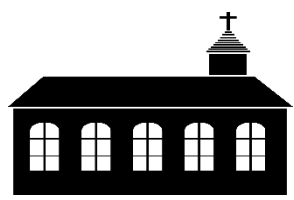
Our stall at the village fete was very successful, and 2 ladies have joined. It gave us an opportunity to promote the WI. Instead of our usual coffee meeting at the Queen's Head, the owners provided beverages and ladies made cakes, all in aid of the Macmillan Coffee Morning, which was well supported.

October was our 'Open Meeting' with 10 of our members modelling the autumn clothes from the Edinburgh Woollen Mill shop in Colchester High Street. Invitations were extended to local WI's and the general public. Tea, coffee and homemade cakes with a grand raffle added to the enjoyment of the evening.

Gary Egerton was welcomed back to our November meeting with his talk entitled 'So You Think You Know London'. He revealed many interesting facts and statistics about the city. Our president, Sheila Boxshall, welcomed two more new members.

We are looking forward to our December supper party meeting when a group of ukulele musicians will entertain. Our activities each month include a coffee morning, play reading, dominoes and rummikub. Walks are organised in the better weather. We are a lively welcoming group of ladies. Come and visit us next year. Contact the secretary, Jacqui, on 01206 240712 for further information.

# Methodist Church



Having completed a series of sessions of “Our Story” with our minister, Rev Ken Chalmers, we continue to meet monthly for Bible Study/Book Club. Initially we have been looking at Philippians and the letters of Paul to understand the background and life of the first Christians.

We would welcome visitors interested in joining our discussions on the third Wednesday of the month at 10.30 am in the hall.

The renovation and repair work in the church and hall have been completed. The hall ceiling insulation has already made a significant difference to the heating in the hall. It is a much more welcoming meeting room as commented at our successful Quiz Night in September when everyone enjoyed the evening in comfort.

At our Harvest Festival weekend in October we were able to decorate the Church with many gifts of flowers, fruit and vegetables along with tinned and packet goods. These we distributed to local residents, Colchester Night Shelter and Women’s Refuge.

We celebrated 138 years Anniversary in this building in October with a service led by Rev John Robinson, who had delved into the archives giving us details of the first Methodists in the village many years before our present chapel was built in 1879. Visiting itinerant ministers travelled many miles on foot and horseback to convey the Christian message, speaking in fields and local houses in the early 1800’s.

Celebrations leading to Christmas day begin with our Christmas Coffee morning on Saturday December 2<sup>nd</sup> from 10.00am to 12.00noon. A warm welcome is given to all with coffee and mince pies and stalls with homemade cakes and preserves, cards and gift wrap, novelties and bric-a-brac will be available. Please join us.

Sunday December 3<sup>rd</sup> is our annual Gift and Parade service when the uniformed organisations are invited to join us. Gifts are donated for women and children at Colchester Women’s Refuge and the homeless at Beacon House and the Night Shelter. These presents are very much appreciated by less fortunate people in our town and make their lives a little brighter.

The Candlelight Carol Service will be at 6.30pm on Sunday December 17<sup>th</sup>, followed by coffee and mince pies in the hall. Come along and sing your traditional carols. We will also be singing carols outside the Co-op on Friday December 22<sup>nd</sup> from 6.15 to 7.30pm. We would love more people to join us for all or part of the time when we will also be collecting for Action for Children.

In our hall on Thursday December 21<sup>st</sup> we are holding a family Coffee and Craft session from 10.30 to 12.00. Details are available from Andrew (01206 242511).

After all the Christmas celebrations we are holding a New Year social in the hall on Saturday January 27<sup>th</sup>, 3.00 to 5.30pm. You are invited to bring along a small plate of food (sweet or savoury) to share; we will supply the coffee and tea. Enjoy the company and fun afternoon; we look forward to seeing you. Details from Judith (01206 241969). Our Sunday services usually 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 with any changes. We continue all our regular meetings, which are in the Church diary.

## December Diary

<b>2<sup>nd</sup></b>	<b>Christmas coffee morning</b>	<b>10am</b>
<b>3<sup>rd</sup></b>	<b>Gift &amp; parade service with village uniformed organisations</b>	<b>11am</b>
<b>12<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Village communion</b>	<b>11am</b>
<b>13<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Coffee morning</b>	<b>10am</b>
<b>17<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Candlelight carol service followed by coffee &amp; mince pies in the hall</b>	<b>6.30pm</b>
<b>20<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Fellowship – carols and tea</b>	<b>2.30pm</b>
<b>21<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>Family Coffee &amp; Craft in the Hall</b>	<b>10.30am</b>
<b>22<sup>nd</sup></b>	<b>Carol singing outside Co-op</b>	<b>6.15pm</b>
<b>31<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>Service at St Mary’s (no service at Methodist Church)</b>	<b>9.30am</b>





## St Mary's Church

The Christmas Season has arrived and with it the joy of Nativity plays! We are all familiar with the image of the infant Jesus in the manger, watched over by Mary and Joseph and worshipped by shepherds and wise men. But life isn't always what it seems. They were in a stable because no one would give them house room, and at one point, Joseph almost left Mary because he was angry about her pregnancy.

The shepherds were there because an angel had promised them a Saviour who would care for poor people like them. The wise men were there because their study of the stars told them that an ancient prophecy was about to be fulfilled; that Jesus would be born in Bethlehem.

When Jesus was born, all of these people came to know the truth. Mary knew that God had kept his promise to her. Joseph looked at those worshipping Jesus and knew that he really was God's son. The shepherds knew God hadn't forgotten them, and the wise men knew that this baby was the long-awaited Messiah.

We too celebrate Christmas because it is the moment when we also know the truth; that God became human and dwelt among us. He became the bridge between heaven and earth. Through Jesus we can know God, and know that he loves us and is always with us. What news could be better than this?



### **Christmas Services at St Mary's**

**Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> December – 3pm**  
**Christmas Eve Crib Service**

**Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> December – 6.45pm**  
**Christmas Eve Carol Service**

**Monday 25<sup>th</sup> December – 9.30am**  
**Christmas Day Family Service**

### **Carol Service at St Mary's Old Church**

Because the work on the Old Church won't be completed until January, it has been decided, with sadness, that a Carol Service won't be possible this year. It will return as normal next year.

### **Recycling Bags & Boxes in Church Office**

The church office (situated next to the church hall in Church Close) now stocks recycling boxes and garden waste bags on behalf of the Council. Items can be collected during the normal office hours: **weekdays except Weds, 9am – 1pm**. Items are free but you do need a code for the garden bags. Please contact Liz Dixon on 243683 for more details.

### **Thank you to West Bergholt Allotments!**

A huge thank you to the allotment holders for giving such a generous sum of money to our Wired youth group and 5T's fellowship group, from the donations received for allotment produce.

### **Dates for your diary**

**Messy Church** – 9.30am on 3 Dec, 14 January, 11 February & 11 March

### **Afternoon Tea event in February!**

Treat someone to a very special Afternoon Tea as a Christmas present! Tickets will be on sale in December from the church office or on Sunday mornings.

For full details of all services and events, please see our website:

**<https://sites.google.com/site/stmaryswbergholt/>**

I look forward to seeing you as we celebrate finding the truth together.

God Bless,  
Mandy

## Full Circle

Our woodlands changed slowly to russets and browns  
A reminder that autumn was here.  
A freshening breeze, a change in the air  
A gentle advance in the year.

Some of our birds had migration in mind  
They assembled on rooftops to wait  
The swallows and martins and swifts had their say  
As they chattered to settle the date.

As the days became cooler the wildlife dug in  
Our worms wriggled under the path  
Field mice tried hard to get into our homes  
And spiders dropped into the bath.

November the fifth takes us back to Guy Fawkes  
We hope for a cloudless clear night  
Fizzers and starbursts cascade in the sky  
A spectacular once-a-year sight.

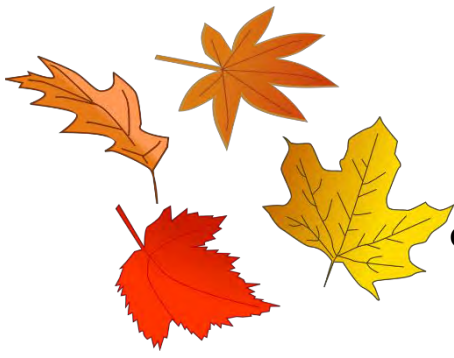
Christmas is near when the carollers call  
We listen with care 'till they ring  
The tune can depart from the one we expect  
When some are still learning to sing.

We hang up our stockings and hope Santa comes  
His schedule means he must be slick  
But chimneys, church spires, guard dogs and gas fires  
Mean it must be quite hard to be quick.

The cold months of winter begin the New Year  
A mantle of frost is the norm  
We slither and slide and the lucky ones ride  
And the elderly stay in the warm.

As March turns to April a symphony starts  
The overture waits for its cue  
Green shoots and bluebells and blossom will come  
As Nature begins life anew.

*John Everett*





## Upcoming Events



The West Bergholt Gardeners' Association is looking for gardens in the village for an open day on 1st July 2018

Big or small, formal or wild, all types of gardens considered

If you would like further details please contact Deena Moore on [deena@whichgroup.co.uk](mailto:deena@whichgroup.co.uk) or phone 01206 241324

### Christmas Concert by Nayland Choir



The Manchester Carols, a re-telling of the Christmas story by Carol Ann Duffy and Sasha Johnson Manning.

On **Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> December** at **7pm**, St James' Church, Nayland.

Tickets £10 (including mulled wine and mince pies). Under 16s free. Available from Nayland Post Office, any choir member, on the door, or call 07954 334548.



Tea Together

Thursday Two Thirty

St Marvs Church Hall, Church Close, Off New Church Road

### OVER 65's—FREE LUNCH & PANTO

This free lunch at the White Hart and visit to the Orpen Hall for the panto for senior citizens will be after Christmas, towards the end of January. Dates to be confirmed.

The dates available will be dependent on numbers attending.

Transport available via the West Bergholt Care Network, by donation.

Places available are limited so to claim your voucher for this FREE event please ring

Murray Harlow 01206 242007

### Mobile Library Times

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

**5th & 19th December, 2nd & 16th January and 13th & 27th February 2018**

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)



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

Please have consideration for our village and pick up after your dog.

At this time of year there is a significant increase in dog fouling on our pavements, which not only makes the village appear dirty but is also a health risk to all. In this wet weather it spreads more easily, gets stuck on the wheels of pushchairs and children's shoes, meaning they are walking this into school and nursery where they are put more at risk of disease. The roads leading to the school are almost like running a gauntlet on some days as there is dog mess everywhere!

It might be dark and wet when you're walking your dog, but there really is no excuse. If you know you are taking your dog out for a walk, always make sure you have bags with you to clean up after them. If it is dark, then make sure you have a torch or mobile phone with you, so you can see where your dog has fouled. Please do not just leave it.

**Be a responsible dog owner, think of others and have pride in your village.**

### 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)

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# 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**

## 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**