



# Village Bulletin

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## 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Orpen Hall

In this modern era whereby our village envelope is, it seems, to be under more and more pressure for space, it seems timely to reflect on the areas of the village that are historically protected by the Parish Council's governance as trustees of five charities held by them on our behalf, namely The Poor's field, The Village Green, The Allotments, Thomas Lorkin Daniell Playing Field and Orpen Memorial Hall. Many villages up and down the country have a designated 'Poor field', to which the poor of a village were granted the right to grow crops for their own use, although we enjoy ours now as an open playing field.

In this regard, two of these registered charities are, in fact, the direct result of a kind donation from forefathers of the village, of which Mr Thomas Lorkin Daniell and Mr Osmond Orpen, who were brothers-in-law, have helped shape village life. Indeed, Mr Orpen's donation occurred on 9<sup>th</sup> February 1918, just over 100 years ago. Although the existing Orpen Hall Complex was not opened until 1938, this kind donation made it possible, and some 80 years since opening, the Orpen Hall Complex plays a focal point in village life, and its many aspects are used from the very young – housing Bluebells pre-school – to the very mature, like the West Bergholt Social Club, which has been a tenant of the complex since its inception, albeit with a small break during the second world war when the complex was used as part of the war effort. Mr Orpen seems to have been a forward-thinking individual, as his will stipulated that should a 'parish hall' already be in existence then his donation was to be used to build cottages for the poor who were aged over 65 and had lived in the village for more than 20 years, a very generous bequest to the village, either way.



The West Bergholt Social Club has been run and maintained throughout this period by its own membership and is a fully licenced venue, offering SKY, BT Sports, snooker tables and a darts board, and is a welcoming family orientated venue which holds many social events throughout the year, from BBQ's, prize bingo to family fun days using the Thomas Lorkin Daniell Playing Field to expand its footprint to allow for bouncy castle's and such like, all with the kind permission of the trustees, namely your parish councillors. You can find more information here, [www.westbergholtsocialclub.org.uk](http://www.westbergholtsocialclub.org.uk).

The Thomas Lorkin Daniell field is used by West Bergholt Football Club and is adjacent to the Orpen Memorial Hall Complex, which also has been expanded since 1938 with the addition of the John Lampon Hall at the rear. Many events and clubs meet at the complex and the variety of and spectrum of these events ranges from indoor bowls, Orpen Players, youth club and visiting local and nationwide speakers. Do take a visit to the Parish website which provides more details of events throughout the year, [www.westbergholt.net](http://www.westbergholt.net).

*on behalf of Officers and Committee of West Bergholt Social Club*

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Parish Council meetings are held every Fourth Wednesday of each month except August and December, unless otherwise advised (See Notice Boards). During the meeting the public are invited to raise any item for consideration by the Parish Council at its next meeting.

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## ***A new year, a new look...***

We've started 2018 off with a brand new look for the Village Bulletin, featuring it in colour for the first time. We have joined forces with a new printer for a full colour edition for no extra cost to the village. When we ran the questionnaire a few editions back, we had a great deal of feedback from the village who said they would like to see the Village Bulletin in colour, and so we hope that this new look is well received.

2018 is now well underway, with Easter approaching at the end of the month. The Great Easter Bunny Hunt is returning this year throughout the Easter holidays. Maps will be on sale soon, and all proceeds will go towards the Tom Bowdidge Teenage Cancer Foundation. This really is a great activity to do with the kids over the Easter period so keep an eye out for more information around the village and on the website, [www.westbergholt.net](http://www.westbergholt.net).

This edition sees the 'save the date' for the Village Fete, an invite and voucher for the West Bergholt Open Gardens, as well as several new advertisers from everything from beauty to landscaping.

As always, if you feel you would like to be a part of the Village Bulletin production, or would simply like to see how it all comes together, please feel free to come along to one of our meetings. Likewise, if you would like to advertise your business or you would like to feature an article in our next edition, please do get in touch.

***Jacqui***



### **Would you like to be involved in the Bulletin? Do you feel like you have some great ideas? Would you like to be involved with distribution? Why not come and be part of the Editorial Board?**

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

All are welcome, even if you would just like to see what we do, and if you would like to join to add some input into the entire process of producing the Bulletin, then you are more than welcome. We are also currently looking for additional distributors, so if you are able to assist in delivering the Bulletin on a quarterly basis, please do get in touch.

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

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## West Bergholt Baby and Toddler Group

Once again, we would like to mention the allotment committee (and all the users of the Charity stall) as our Christmas party was a great success. Thank you again for the donation. The Little Giggles singing duo were full of energy and led lots of festive songs for us to join in with. We enjoyed extra special snacks, and Santa and his Elf gave out books as presents for every child.

We have lots of themed events reflected in our activities, snacks and craft table this Spring, including:

- ◊Pancake Day
- ◊Chinese New Year - Year of the Dog
- ◊Mother's Day - free hand massages courtesy of Beauty at the Bay, and bring your Granny to toddlers day
- ◊St Patricks Day - a green theme
- ◊Easter bonnet making
- ◊World Book Day - bring your favourite book to the group
- ◊Sport Relief - "Danceathon"

If you have any suggestions for events we should celebrate or get involved in, then let us know.

We are regularly welcoming 20-30 children every week, we have a dedicated baby area with age appropriate toys and soft matting. We use instruments and props during our singing time and offer a hot drink for all adults and drinks/range of snacks for children. We have a lots of excellent pre-school toys, a craft table and a cosy reading area.

We are run entirely by volunteer mums who believe in the importance of having a safe, clean and friendly place for parents and children to meet and have fun. For many years we have kept the price for attending at just £1 per session, and are open from 9:30am till 11:15 (ish) every Monday in term time, in the Methodist Church Hall.

Please drop by to see us, and to our regular members and attendees we hope you enjoy the term ahead.

*Karen, Andrea, Yvette, Beth, Suzanne and Gemma*



## Orpen Players

Our Pantomime "Sleeping Beauty" was very well attended, and we thank you for your support. This year, we had a change in Author, Director, and Dame. We also had new adults and children in the cast to join our regulars, a new stage manager, crew, pianist, saxophone player, and additional help with the colourful costumes. So a lot of changes, a lot of hard work and, judging by our audience response, we achieved the desired result. A big thank you to everyone involved, including parents who organised the children back stage.

Our spring production is to be directed by Peter Cox, who plans to stage "A prescription for Murder" by Norman Robbins, a whodunit that I am sure will please and amuse. Production dates are 17<sup>th</sup>/18<sup>th</sup>/19<sup>th</sup> May 2018, so make sure you note this in your dairies, and we look forward to seeing you there.

*Colin Downer*





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## St Mary's Church, West Bergholt

### Easter Services

Spring is on the horizon, with Easter following close on its heels. We were delighted that so many people could join us for our Christmas services, and extend a warm invitation to our Easter Services detailed below.

**Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> March, 7.30pm** – Maundy Thursday Communion at St John's, Great Horkesley;

**Friday 30<sup>th</sup> March, 10am** – Good Friday Devotional Service at St Mary's, West Bergholt, led by Rev Mandy Elmes

**Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> April, 9.30am** – Easter Communion Service, led by Rev Mandy Elmes.

### Introducing our new Families Worker

We are very pleased to announce that Mrs Jo Jeffery has been appointed as a Families Worker to develop our work with families across Rev Mandy's three parishes of West Bergholt, Great Horkesley and Langham with Boxted. Jo is a teacher and mum of two, and has done a lot of work with the Year 6 Worship Team at Heathlands School. We are delighted to have her on the team as she has a wealth of experience in making the Christian faith more accessible for families and young people.

### Church Treasurer Vacancy

We are looking for a new person to take over from our current Treasurer who is stepping down in April after many years of sterling service. The job involves looking after the church's bank account, paying in donations and issuing cheques for expenditure, attending PCC (church council) meetings about 6 times a year, preparing the necessary finance reports for the annual meeting, and dealing with gift aid.

You don't have to be a regular church-goer. If you are good with figures and would like to do something worthwhile for the local community, we'd love to hear from you! For more information, please contact Liz Dixon on [lizdixon177@gmail.com](mailto:lizdixon177@gmail.com)

### Table Top Sale – Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> March, 2pm - 4.30pm in the church hall

As part of our fundraising toward the cost of our Families Worker, our Wired youth group will be holding a table top sale of children's toys, games, books and DVDs. Tea, coffee and cake will also be on sale. **Donations of good condition toys, games, children's books & DVDs** will be gratefully accepted on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> March between 9am and 11am, or on Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> March between 1pm and 2pm.

### Revised Church Opening Times & Recycling

The church itself is now open during the same hours as the church office, i.e. weekdays, except Wednesdays and bank holidays, between 9am and 1pm.

Don't forget you can get your recycling items from the church office!

### Heathlands School Art Exhibition – Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> & Friday 16<sup>th</sup> March, 9am - 4pm at St Mary's

Heathlands School will be displaying their lovely art work in the church on the above dates. All are welcome to come and look at the art, and there will be tea and biscuits available between 2-4pm each day.

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## Colne Valley Flower Club

We accept visitors to the club. Please come along, you will be made very welcome.

Crystal Dyball from Horsford in Norfolk will be coming to show us her arrangements on Wednesday 21st March. Her title for the evening is 'Let's Celebrate'.

On Wednesday April 18<sup>th</sup>, we welcome back David Wright from Tunstead in Norfolk to entertain us with his flowers titled 'Its an Education'.

16th May is our members meeting. Arrangements for this evening are still in the planning and is likely to be a hands-on event.

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## West Bergholt Open Gardens 1<sup>st</sup> July 2018



This year's Open Gardens is on 1<sup>st</sup> July, with the gardens and allotments being open from 11am until 5.30pm. With a variety of gardens, the allotments and other attractions, this year's open gardens should have something for everyone.

Admission to the gardens is £5 (accompanied children free) with all proceeds going to The Tom Bowdidge Foundation and The Essex & Herts Air Ambulance.

Tickets will be on sale from April (with a £1 discount in April and May) from Ash's Store, The West Bergholt Pharmacy, Scissorhands and Blue Owl. These tickets can be exchanged for an admission programme from the participating gardens and allotments on the day.

We aim to print a list of gardens in the June issue of The Bulletin.

We are still looking for gardens and if you are willing to open yours, please contact Deena on 01206 241324 or [deena@whichgroup.co.uk](mailto:deena@whichgroup.co.uk)

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The new growing year has started, and now on the allotment site you will see plenty of activity.

The Charity Stall will be opening soon, so keep an eye out for what's on offer.

On Sunday July 1<sup>st</sup>, we will be opening the site as part of the West Bergholt Open Gardens.

Currently, we have several vacant plots. If you are interested in renting a plot, and can spare some time to maintain and cultivate it, then please contact Terry Claydon on 01206 241256, or email [wballotments@gmail.com](mailto:wballotments@gmail.com) with your name, address, phone and email address.

We would also ask current plot holders who may have changed email address since the arrival of Virgin and County Broadband in the village to send an email to [wballotments@gmail.com](mailto:wballotments@gmail.com) with your name and address.

Bonfires are scheduled for 3<sup>rd</sup> April, 1<sup>st</sup> May, 5<sup>th</sup> June, 3<sup>rd</sup> July, 7<sup>th</sup> August, 4<sup>th</sup> September and 2<sup>nd</sup> October at 6pm, and 5<sup>th</sup> November at 4pm. We would ask plot holders to try and compost waste or put it in white garden waste bags, rather than burning.

Plot inspections will take place during May. Site Meeting is on Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> April, 10am.

*Terry Claydon*  
*Chair, West Bergholt Allotment Committee*



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## West Bergholt Concert Band

The band's 40th anniversary commemorations started big-style with November's schools concert at St Luke's, Tiptree, featuring a massed band of over 75 musicians performing a top-draw concert of all styles of music - Shostakovich to Lady Gaga, and everything in between. That concert was followed by a magical Christmas Concert at St Peter's in Coggeshall, with the combination of a beautiful church, the wonderful music of Christmas, and a carol-singing audience resulting in a lovely warm festive atmosphere, and evoking memories of our Christmas concerts in St Mary the Virgin, when the audience used to squeeze together to fit into the pews.

The start of 2018 means we're now officially in our 40th anniversary year, so it seemed fitting that our 40th celebrations should start at the venue which has the longest association with the band, Clacton's West Cliff Theatre. Some of my earliest memories of the band are of our concerts there back in the 1980s, and it was the West Cliff that hosted the memorial concert when the band's founder, Sid Cooper, passed away in 1990. As with that memorial concert, this year's concert will be raising money for St Helena Hospice, and we're hoping the concert will take us past £40,000 raised for charities in the last dozen or so years. All of this year's concerts feature the best music from throughout the band's 40 years, with the "Big Bands to Bolero" concert at the West Cliff, including music from Sousa, James Bond, The Beatles, Broadway, and Disney, as well as those in the title. Come along and help us celebrate our 40th anniversary and raise money for a great cause - Sunday 11th March at 3pm.



After that we'll be starting our summer concerts with a return to Flatford on Sunday June 10th at 2:30pm for some more "Music by the Mill". Last year's concert was blessed with beautiful sunny weather and a large and appreciative audience, so we're looking forward to another wonderful summery afternoon of music this year... but more of that next time.

Hopefully we can tempt you to come along to one of our concerts in this special year for the band, or of course you can come and join us – there's always room for more. Everything you need to know about the band is on our website [www.wbc.org](http://www.wbc.org) (including how to join us, details of all our events, how to buy tickets), or you can contact Graham on 07941 94754 or [Graham@wbc.org](mailto:Graham@wbc.org).

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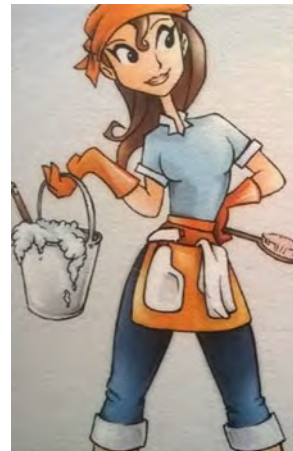
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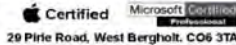
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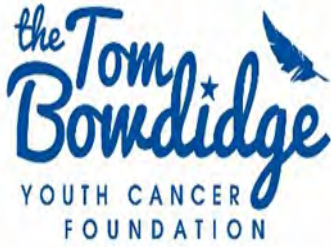
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## The Tom Bowdidge Youth Cancer Foundation

With Spring nearly sprung, Christmas seems a distant memory. It was a very busy time for The Tom Bowdidge Youth Cancer Foundation, with the launch of our very popular Christmas ranges. The Christmas Fayre held in November was a huge success and we raised over £5000.

Thank you to everyone who came and brought their friends and families with them. This was closely followed by the lighting of the Christmas Tree at The White Hart.

Christmas carols were sung, refreshments consumed, and another wonderful night of fundraising took place. Once again, our village community proved to be one of the best and so special to Richard and Nikki. Our thanks are extended to Mark and Lyndsay at The White Hart for their tremendous support once more.

2018 started with a name change of the Foundation and new logos. This should make it easier for people to see what we are all about. The Feather Ball took place in February and all the monies raised will go towards our donation to the Teenage Chemotherapy Bay at the new Colchester Cancer Centre.

Looking ahead to this year, we are fast approaching Easter and the return of the much-loved Easter Bunny Hunt. Please look out for details on where to pick up your maps to start hunting. A massive thank you goes to the awesome members of Knit One, Down One who work so hard to make this event happen.

On July 1<sup>st</sup>, West Bergholt will be opening their gardens once again, organised by the West Bergholt Gardener's Association. This is a wonderful chance for people to come together and share their love of gardening, whether it be showing off their talents or enjoying other people's hard work. With refreshments, entertainment, art and lots of fun, there is something for everyone. The Tom Bowdidge Youth Cancer Foundation and the Essex & Herts Air Ambulance will be sharing the funds, so please do support in whatever way you can.

Finally, I am thrilled to announce that we will be holding our very first Mass Participation event on Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> September in the Lower Castle Park. It is a brand-new event for this area and we are thrilled to bring it to Colchester. It is called KAPOW! SUPERHERO CHALLENGE and combines a fun sporting challenge with a superhero theme. There will be a range of obstacles which the 'Superheroes' run, climb or crawl through, over and around – including giant inflatables and lots of foam. Book early!

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## West Bergholt Cricket Club

With the long winter over, cricket is back up and running at West Bergholt Cricket Club. Pre-season is in full swing and we have indoor net sessions running on Sunday afternoon at Holmwood House School.

The training sessions are held 4pm-6pm on:

11<sup>th</sup> March – Colts  
18<sup>th</sup> March – Colts  
25<sup>th</sup> March – Adults  
1<sup>st</sup> April – Adults  
15<sup>th</sup> April – Colts  
22<sup>th</sup> April – Colts

All are welcome to come along for a bat or bowl, non-members more than welcome.

For more information contact Owen Jones at [owenmbjones@gmail.com](mailto:owenmbjones@gmail.com) or 07783 051 583.



## Friends of St Mary's Old Church

Since our last report, it would seem that very little has been happening at the church as it remains shrouded in scaffolding and sheeting. That is not to say that work is not being done, but that it is all hidden. Inevitably, as the roof and belfry repairs have started, other problems have emerged, which is perhaps to be expected for a building this age. We remain

hopeful for a completion of works by the spring to be followed by the decoration of the interior.

This picture shows the steeplejacks working on the outside of the tower, fixing the cross to the apex of the roof. It was a cold day for them!



In the meantime, the Friends have not been idle and plans for events for 2018 are well in hand. The first major fundraiser will be a village lunch where the Orpen Hall will become the "Trattoria Italiana" on Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> of March. Tickets are now on sale at £10 for Adults and £5 for children, and can be obtained from Teresa 01206 241878, Gill 01206 240512, Carrie 01206 240466, and Nicole 01206 240443. These will be very popular, so early booking is advised.

The Friends fundraising needs to continue to pay for the upkeep of the churchyard and all the ancillary expenses the building demands. We also have plans to install discrete lighting so as to make the building more functional in the darker days. All this takes money, so we are asking all friends to renew their membership and support the fundraising events.

Finally, the Friends have been nominated for an award due to the outstanding effort in raising the amount required to start the repairs in six months. Martin has already given a presentation to other Church's Friends support groups on how this was done, and now perhaps the effort is to be recognised nationally.

These are the folk who have done all the work



*Martin Long  
Chairman Friends Of St Mary's Old Church*

## A big thank you from St Mary's Old Church

With the receipt of the Marsh Volunteer Award the [\*Friends of St Mary's\*](#) have won rightful recognition for their amazing fundraising efforts. They received the award at the [\*Churches Conservation Trust's\*](#) National Volunteer Day in London. The award was because of their efforts raising £10,000 for the Keep the Bell Ringing appeal within six months. As a result of that contribution, the CCT subsequently raised a further £130,000. Together this allowed the work of repairing the roof and belfry of the Old Church to proceed.

The Friends' offer their grateful thanks to the village community because of their generosity and constant support."



## Methodist Church News

Having held many special celebration services and social events in the Christmas season, we must thank members and friends, along with the uniformed organisation for their support. The gifts donated at the Gift and Parade service were again most welcome at Beacon House, Night Shelter and the Women's' Refuge. We donated £164 to our charity, Action for Children, from our carol singing at the Co-op and our Candlelight Carol service.

We have continued the New Year with an enjoyable social afternoon with tea and quizzes; our Fellowship meetings, with our minister, Rev Ken Chalmers, in January, and in February, Mr Chris Westren from Tools with a Mission (TWAM). The charity collects and refurbishes old tools, makes up school packs and sewing kits as part of their work, supplying over 400 partners, mainly in Africa. If you would like to know more about this work contact Chris on 01473 210220.

The Women's World Day of Prayer, written by Christian Women of Suriname, on Friday March 2<sup>nd</sup> takes place at St Mary's. There will be a soup 'n snack lunch at 12.30, followed by the service at 1.30. All are welcome.

Our holiday Coffee & Craft mornings are well attended and enjoyed by the young families who come along. Our February event in half term was close to Valentine's Day and the theme was obviously LOVE. We are planning an Easter session on Monday April 9<sup>th</sup>. Why not join us at Easter, details from Andrew, 01206 242511.

Quiz Night is here again on Saturday April 14<sup>th</sup> in the Hall at the usual time, 7.00pm. Book your table of 4 for £20 with Judith on 01206 241969. Light refreshments will be provided.

We continue to hold our regular coffee mornings on the second Wednesday of each month from 10am, and on the third Wednesday our Bible Study Book Club at 10.30, followed by our Fellowship afternoon meetings at 2.30.

Christian Aid week is 13<sup>th</sup> to 19<sup>th</sup> May. New collectors are always needed for this very worthwhile cause. Contact Mr Paul Elmes on 01206 240906, our village coordinator, if you can help.

Our special Easter morning service at 11am on April 1<sup>st</sup> will be led by our Minister, Rev Ken Chalmers. We look forward to welcoming you to join us.

Our Sunday services usually take place at 11am and details can be found on our notice board.

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

### Methodist Church Diary

#### March

2 <sup>nd</sup>	Women's World Day of Prayer at St Mary's	12.30pm
11 <sup>th</sup>	Mothering Sunday	11am
14 <sup>th</sup>	Coffee morning in the Hall	10am
21 <sup>st</sup>	Bible Study book club in the hall	10.30am
21 <sup>st</sup>	Fellowship in the hall – Members meeting	2.30pm

#### April

1 <sup>st</sup>	Easter Sunday-Rev Ken Chalmers	11am
9 <sup>th</sup>	Family Coffee & Craft in the Hall	10.30am
11 <sup>th</sup>	Coffee morning in the Hall	10am
14 <sup>th</sup>	Quiz Night in the Hall	7pm
18 <sup>th</sup>	Bible Study book club in the hall	10.30am
18 <sup>th</sup>	Fellowship– Age Concern	2.30pm

#### May

9 <sup>th</sup>	Coffee morning in the Hall	10am
13 <sup>th</sup> -19 <sup>th</sup>	Christian Aid week	
16 <sup>th</sup>	Bible Study book Club in the hall	10.30am
16 <sup>th</sup>	Fellowship – Mr David Ablewhite	2.30pm





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

All sections have settled in well this term. We are pleased to see the new leaders enjoying their roles and coming up with exciting programmes to challenge and inspire our young people.

We started the New Year with our annual Jumble Sale, which raised a record sum. Thank you to all of you who donated items and to those people who helped in the run up to the event and on the day.

There was a fantastic turn out – some people travelled from as far away as Harwich!

Both the Scouts and Cubs are planning hikes over the next couple of months. We love the opportunity to get out in the fresh air, as many of the activities are indoors at this time of year.

Some new activities are planned for the Cubs this term, including climbing at the University of Essex; learning some pioneering skills and they will also be running a Chinese Evening as one of the elements of their World Challenge Award.

We are sorry to report that our long-serving Beaver Leader Dott Semkin is at a point where she needs to retire from the Colony. Whilst demand for one or even two colonies is still clearly high, we will need someone (or several volunteers) to take on this role so that Beavers can continue to thrive. Dott has inspired confidence in so many children over the years and has provided many amazing opportunities to those in her care and we wish her well. If anyone feels that they can help the group in this or any capacity, please call Kevin Sturdy on 07803 602779.

Finally, we are really pleased to advise that after a gruelling assessment process, Alexander Hopkins, one of our Scouts (who has recently moved to Explorers) has been selected to represent Essex at the 2019 World Scout Jamboree in West Virginia, USA. We are very proud of his achievement and will be looking forward to hearing all about it!



## West Bergholt Gardeners' Association

As March arrives, so do the first real signs of spring in the garden. If that gets you in the mood for gardening, we hope you will think about joining us! We are a friendly group, which meets at Orpen Hall, West Bergholt at 7.30pm on Mondays as per the dates below. Tickets are £3 on the door, or £12 for the year to August 2018.

Here are details of our talks and outings for spring and early summer 2018 – something for everyone, we hope!

On **19<sup>th</sup> March**, Linda Holdaway is coming to talk to us about the “National Garden Scheme”. The scheme, where garden owners open their gardens to the public is a significant funder of nursing charities, having donated over £50 million so far to charities such as Macmillan Cancer Support, Marie Curie, Carers Trust and others. Linda has been involved with the NGS for many years as an open garden owner, County Treasurer and now Assistant County Organiser.

On **16<sup>th</sup> April**, Darren Lerigo is coming to talk to us about “Cool Tools”. Darren is a garden designer and builder and is coming to give us his pick of the most indispensable tools.

Our plant sale is on **Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> May** this year from 10.30am to 12.30pm at the Orpen Hall, West Bergholt. All plant donations gratefully received beforehand – please contact Terry for more information, his details are below.

And on **21<sup>st</sup> May**, we are visiting Barnplants (otherwise known as The Barn Nursery) for a demonstration on “Container Gardening”. We will start the meeting at 4pm with tea and cake, and then watch the demonstration. Please see our website or call Terry for more information: **01206 241256**, or see [www.westbergholt.net/clubs/gardeners/](http://www.westbergholt.net/clubs/gardeners/)

Finally, here are the details of our outings later this year:

**Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> June - Cambridge Botanical Gardens** Depart Orpen Hall 9.30am. Depart Cambridge 3.30pm. Non-members most welcome at a cost of £23 p.p. including entrance fee.

**Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> September - East Ruston Old Vicarage Gardens** Depart Orpen Hall 9.00am. Depart East Ruston 4.00pm. Non-members most welcome at a cost of £28 p.p. including entrance fee.

For details or to book, please ring Shirley on 01206 240588



## West Bergholt Women's Institute

Our Christmas meeting began with a rousing rendition of Jerusalem, accompanied on the keyboard and all the ukulele group joining in. During our excellent supper, a toast was made to Joyce Lucking and other past members.

The evening continued with a variety of festive music performed by the Ukulele Band, with some audience participation. Members did not anticipate further entertainment but the committee, wearing hats and aprons, appeared on the stage.

The vice president began with the words 'The family had a row so who would cook the turkey now?' The alternative version of the twelve days of Christmas involved each committee member then facing the audience with part of her Christmas dinner. The audience joined in and party poppers were exploded, with the committee saying, 'Not us'. Everyone received a raffle prize, ending an enjoyable evening.

In January, Karen Lawrie was invited to guide us through her workout, mainly sitting down. Who knew how exhausting it could be, although music helped us cope. Barbara Davis took us through the 5 resolutions, which were voted on and sent to the WI Centre. These will then be forwarded to National and the two most popular ones voted on at the Annual Meeting. Susan Leng gave a slide show of all our events during 2017, bringing back many memories from the village show in September to the The Edinburgh Woollen Mill Fashion Show.

In February, we celebrated our 97<sup>th</sup> birthday. The cake was cut by Angela Frearson, being the only member with a birthday that month. Later in the month we look forward to a visit to the Green Room for our birthday lunch.

Brian Carline made a welcome return with his talk entitled 'From Dolly Blue to Izal'. His amusing rendition brought back many memories and laughter from his audience.

Social time was Room 101, with a large selection of suggestions including litter, plastic wrappers, non-arrival of buses and political interviewers.

Members still enjoy play reading, rummikub, dominoes and a coffee morning.

Our WI is part of the Spring Valley Group, which Mile End is hosting in May. The Colchester Military Wives Choir will be entertaining.

We welcome visitors and contact numbers are secretary Jacqui on 01206 240712 and president Sheila 01206 574313 .

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## West Bergholt Bowls Club



The bowls club has been very active in the last couple of months, with friendly matches at home and away.

Club competitions are now being played, with the singles competition being won by Pat McCarthy and runner up was Jan Lumb. Two members of the club, Pat McCarthy and Doreen Payne, have got through to the finals of the Essex singles competition,

the finals to be held in March 2018. Congratulations to you both. More friendly matches have been arranged in the next few months.

The club is growing, having had seven new members in the last few months, and we now have equal numbers of men and women.

A Christmas party was held in December. Bowls, Bingo and quizzes were played, with prizes, and, of course, a very nice supper. It was unanimously agreed that this event was a great success, even though economies had been made.

We bowl at the Orpen Hall on Thursday and Sunday evenings at 7.15pm – do come along. We look forward to seeing you there, and beginners are always welcome.

For any information on the bowls club, please call 01206 240824



## The West Bergholt History group

The West Bergholt History group held a special event in November, a Memorial Lecture to remember Bernard Colbron, who passed away in October 2016. Bernard had been the long-time chairman of the group, as well as giving much of his time supporting many other aspects of village life, including

the Bulletin editor for 13 years, serving on the Parish Council, and an Orpen Hall administrator.

The group felt that it would be fitting to remember Bernard by means of an annual memorial lecture. The first lecture, “The Life and Times of the Eastern Counties Railway”, the story of how Colchester got the train, was given by group member, Peter Jones. Peter and Bernard had been close friends for over 35 years, and Bernard had actually supplied Peter some of the research material that he used in the talk.



The lecture was given to an audience of 45 and told of how the intention was to build a railway between London and Norwich but had to stop at Colchester because the company was bankrupt. The reason that North Station was built so far out of town was because the land was cheaper!



The Eastern Counties Railway soon acquired the reputation of being the clown of the industry, none more so than on Christmas Eve 1848, when a porter left two barrels of gunpowder on an adjacent track where it was run over by a train. The explosion lifted the engine completely off the rails, shattered 48 panes of glass in the nearby Albert Hotel, and blew all the beer glasses off the shelves!

The Railway also had a reputation for slow, late and overcrowded trains, which, through its metamorphosis into the Great Eastern Railway, London North Eastern Railway, British Railways and Abellio Greater Anglia, it seems unable to shake off! The lecture was well

received, as was the Prosecco and nibbles afterwards!

### January Meeting, Archive Night

For our first meeting of 2018, WBLHG Chairman Peter Noakes gave a very interesting talk, “West Bergholt: Local history from our Archives”. After the talk, members and visitors got the chance to look through some of the documents, maps and pictures from our collection.



One interesting item bought in by a member of the audience was a cutting from a newspaper, showing some of the staff from Daniell's Brewery.

Left to right back row; W.Cant, C.Townes, J. Bird, E.G. Taylor (holding the bottle) C.Bird, T. Balls, T. Byford, Front row D. Smith, R Cottiss, H. Ruffle, H. Constable, E. Sargeant, I. Southernwood, E. Clark and R. Francis.

What was incredible was that the length of service of these men ranged from 25 to 50 years making a grand total of 553 years. However, the cutting is not

dated. We think it may be from the mid-1920s, but if you recognise any of the people shown or can add anything to this remarkable picture, please get in touch with our Secretary, Gill Poole on the details below.

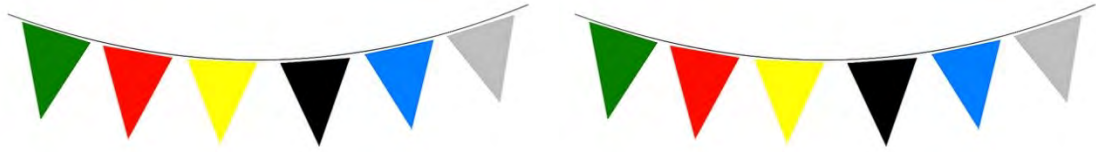
Unfortunately, we forgot to take a note of the details or connections of the person who donated the picture. We know that you lived next door to the Brewery in the 1960s, but if you could get in touch with our Secretary, we would love to hear from you.

### Forthcoming events

February 14<sup>th</sup> meeting: Mike Foster will be telling us about the WW2 Lancaster that crashed by the Ipswich Road in 1944.

March 14<sup>th</sup>. Annual General Meeting, followed by a short film, “A Wartime Summer”, life on the farm during WW2.

The West Bergholt Local History Group holds its meetings September to April, on the second Wednesday of the month in the Orpen Hall. Members £2, visitors welcome £3.



# Save The Date

# West Bergholt Village Fete 2018

Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> September

12pm — 4pm

at the Orpen Hall & Lorkin Daniell Field

## **Village Show**

In the Orpen and John Lampon Halls, with exhibitions of flowers, fruit, vegetables, baking, children's competitions and arts & crafts.

Think you can bake the perfect Victoria Sponge?

Are your marrows the largest?

Got a talent as an amateur photographer or artist?

Reckon you can beat the pants off last year's entries? Give it a go!

Details of all entry categories are available on [westbergholt.net](http://westbergholt.net). Entry form & full details to follow in the next Village Bulletin. Time to start perfecting your scones or growing those prize tomatoes!

## **Stalls & Pitches**

For local clubs & businesses around the Lorkin Daniell field.

Want to attract more members for your club?

Or perhaps raise some much-needed funds?

A local business who wants to drum up some trade?

Call 01206 240772 (or email [westbergholtpc@gmail.com](mailto:westbergholtpc@gmail.com)) to book your pitch at £10 a plot.

## **Events Arena**

West Bergholt Concert Band and other entertainments

Rides, Games and Fun

Fancy Dress Parade for children

This year with a working PA system! Call 01206 240772 (or email [westbergholtpc@gmail.com](mailto:westbergholtpc@gmail.com)) if you run a group that could put on a show and entertain the crowd.

**Fun for all the family! Support your community!**

# Upcoming Events

## Fundraising for World Scout Jamboree

I have been involved in scouting since the age of 6. I joined the Scouting family as a Beaver, became a Cub, then a Scout, and now I am in Explorers. I also play as part of Colchester's Scout Band. Most of this has been based in West Bergholt, Essex.

I have earned a place to attend the 24<sup>th</sup> World Scout Jamboree, in West Virginia, USA by passing various selection tests. This trip will help me develop as a young person, giving me new worldwide friendships, new skills, build my confidence and be an adventure of a lifetime. The positive impact that this trip will have on me as a young person is sure to last a lifetime.

Although this is a personal experience for me, I am also representing Colchester and Essex Scouting and hope that on my return some of my experience can be used to benefit and inspire younger people in scouting locally.

This cost of this trip is £3,800. It is believed that raising this money myself is all part of the experience and learning process. I am running a series of events during 2018 that you are very welcome to support. My Facebook page will tell you about upcoming events and has other information regarding my trip.

[www.facebook.com/Alexander-Hopkins](http://www.facebook.com/Alexander-Hopkins)

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## HALLELUJAH

Nayland Choir's next concert on 21<sup>st</sup> April will present well-known choral pieces by some of the greatest classical composers - particularly Handel. One half of the concert will be a (very shortened) version of The Messiah, and the choir will be joined by Nayland school choirs to perform the Hallelujah chorus. The other half will include approachable works by Haydn, Mozart and Bach.

The concert is in St James' Church Nayland starting at 7.00pm. Tickets are £10 each (Under 16s free) and can be obtained from any choir member, from Nayland Post Office, by phoning 07954 334548 or at the door.



The **31st CARE NETWORK AGM** will be held on Wednesday 18 April at 7.30pm in the John Lampon Hall. All are welcome to come along and find out more about this long-standing village organisation which provides help with transport for a medical or other local appointment for people living in the village.

## Nothing New Under the Sun!

I am continuing to produce an index to the Village Bulletin which commenced publication in 1979. I have reached no. 71, 1997, so almost halfway through.

Disappointingly, in almost every issue the same things keep cropping up - vandalism, dog fouling, inconsiderate and dangerous parking and speeding. Can you imagine that not so long ago, local lads used to play cricket on Colchester Road! In 1987, flooding in New Church Road was reported, large lorries using smaller roads and lanes were a concern, but a pint of bitter at the Social Club was 74p!

If anyone has a copy of nos.11, 15, 21-23, 25, 26 I would be very grateful to hear from them as they would complete my set!

Susan Swan 07739 986047



After a mention in our December edition about the changing of the route 66 bus timetable, it is all change again!

Please now be aware that the 66 bus has now reverted back to every 30 minutes from the village.

## Mobile Library Times

The Mobile Library visits the village **Fornightly on a Tuesday**

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)

### 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 [jacquihunns@aol.com](mailto:jacquihunns@aol.com)

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



**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.**



**Colchester & District  
Model Railway Club**

**OPEN DAY**  
**Sunday 8th April 2018**  
**FREE ENTRY**

Club layouts, models and second hand stall  
**11.00am to 4.00pm at the Orpen Hall,**  
**Lexden Road, West Bergholt CO6 3BW**  
Light refreshments available

For more information and details of our  
annual exhibition later in the year visit  
[www.colchestermrc.org](http://www.colchestermrc.org)

# 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**

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## 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**

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## 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**

**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**

**W.E.A., 8pm, Methodist Church Hall. Contact Gill Poole 01206 240512**

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## 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.**

**Slimming World, 5.30pm and 7.30pm, Heathlands Primary School. Contact Nicky 07957 656 939**

**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**

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## 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.colchestermmc.org](http://www.colchestermmc.org)**

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## Friday

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

**Kelly's HIIT, 9.30am, St Mary's Church 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**

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## Saturday

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