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## Welcome to the June Bulletin...

With any luck the weather is starting to improve after the dreaded Beast from the East and there is a slight hint at summer in the air (if the rain lets up long enough!). Finally, the days feel longer and it's easier to get out of bed in the morning when the sun is shining through the window!

We had some really good feedback on the previous Bulletin - our first in colour - and this edition has continued to incorporate some more changes. The Bulletin team would like to offer their apologies to all the advertisers who had issues with their ads during this transition, and hopefully we have rectified most of these this time around. If you still have any issues or questions please do get in touch with us to discuss this.

We have plenty in this edition of the Bulletin, from an offer from the Queen's Head to information on the Village fete, as well as the Open Gardens in July and a new poem from John Everett, which have proved popular over the last few editions.

As always, if you would like to come along to one of the Bulletin meetings to see what we do and how the Bulletin is put together, or if you have any suggestions or queries about any of the articles etc featured in the Bulletin, please contact us on the details below.

**Jacqui**

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## West Bergholt Gardeners' Association



We have had a great programme of speakers and events over the spring, including an amazing talk by Darren Lerigo on unusual garden tools, a great visit to The Barn, courtesy of Sue and Tony Doubleday, to enjoy tea, cake and a presentation on summer container planting and, most recently, our annual plant sale.

The summer months see our speaker programme reduced as the warmer weather gets us out into our own gardens or enjoying the summer holidays. But we still have a few great events where you can join us!

On Sunday, 1 July we are running our West Bergholt Open Gardens event for charity. It is an amazing opportunity to see a wide variety of garden sizes and styles around the village, with produce from the allotments and teas and coffees to make your outing complete! Posters with details will go up nearer the time, but for more details of the day, please contact Terry Claydon on 01206 241256, or see [www.westbergholt.net/clubs/gardeners/](http://www.westbergholt.net/clubs/gardeners/)

On Saturday 1st September we will be hosting a stall at the village fete and selling jams, chutneys, preserves and quite possibly a few plants, too! Proceeds are for the Cancer Unit at Colchester Hospital, so we hope you will support our efforts.

Finally, on Thursday 6th September we are offering a coach trip to the Old Vicarage Gardens of East Ruston. These amazing gardens offer a wide variety of different areas to enjoy, including the dutch garden, the rose garden, the exotic garden, the desert wash, king's walk and many more. Definitely worth a trip, whether you have been before or not. The coach leaves the Orpen Hall at 9.00am, with the return journey leaving the gardens at 4.00pm. Non-members most welcome at a cost of £28 p.p., including entrance fee. For more details or to book, please ring Shirley on 01206 240588 or email at [shirleynoakes@hotmail.com](mailto:shirleynoakes@hotmail.com)

Our new season of speakers starts on 17th September, with Andrew Hellman from RHS Hyde Hall to talk to us about the past, present and future of that lovely local source of garden inspiration.

We look forward to welcoming old and new members and guests.

## Colne Valley Flower Club



Our next demonstration is on Wednesday 20th June, when Kath Doggett from Willingham, Cambridgeshire, is visiting us. Her title is 'Seasonal Splendours'.

Wednesday July 18th is our Open Evening and we will be celebrating the 65th Anniversary of our club. We have National Demonstrator John Chennell joining us for this event. Tickets for the evening are £12.00 for visitors and £7.00 for members to include Fizz and Cake.

The club does not meet in August.

Come along and visit our stall at the Village Fete on Saturday 1st September.

The club meets on the third Wednesday of the month (not August or December) at the Orpen Hall.

For any further information, contact Manya Barrow on 07759331719 or Alison Bradshaw on 01206 240262





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## Baby & Toddler Group

We continue our schedule of activities for the Summer which compliment our usual sessions of free play with a range of toys, dedicated baby friendly corner, cosy reading zone, crafts, snacks and group singing time. As usual, we will meet in the Methodist Hall from 9.30am to 11.15ish (unless the schedule below indicates differently). We ask for a donation of £1 per family, per session.



Highlights of the Summer term include:

4th June - Joanne, our local NCT and Breastfeeding Support worker, will be visiting us. We are also encouraging Mums-to-be to pop along to see what the group can offer them and their newborns.

11th June - Jackie Leach from the village pre-school, Bluebells, will be dropping by to answer any questions parents and carers many have about enrolling their child into the nursery in the future.

15th June - Whoo Hoo! A social evening (without children!!!) is planned! Details TBA.

18th June - Weather permitting, we will be hoping to have our annual visit to McCaughlins (on Boxted Straight Road) for strawberry picking.

25th June - We will once again welcome a group of Year 6 pupils from Heathlands School to visit us to read with our children.

2nd July - Weather permitting, we plan to walk to a local park for a Teddy Bears picnic together after meeting at the hall.

9th July - As part of our ongoing aim to build a relationship with the Allotment holders, we will be visiting the site. We will have a few activities planned, which will encourage young and old to think about healthy eating and grow-your-own inspiration!

16th July - Our year finishes with our annual Summer party. "Leap Along" will be organising the activities for all ages and we will serve ice lollies for the children and strawberries and cream for the adults. As usual, this will be a ticketed event (details will be available via the group nearer to the date).

The group will break for the Summer and will return on the first Monday of term in September - at time of writing estimated to be Monday 10th September.

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

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WEA completed “Gardens in British art in the 19th and 20th Centuries” in March 2018, this being the first art course we had managed to secure for this branch for some years and we are grateful to Sue Pownall for agreeing to come to West Bergholt. Sue is an artist and introduced us to formal gardens, vegetable gardens, greenhouses and allotments, all depicted in various art forms by artists, many of whom were previously unknown to us. This was a popular subject and we hope to have more courses on Art in future.

The next course is “The Jazz Century – Cakewalk to Culture” by Graham Platts, starting Tuesday 18th September 2018. This will be Graham’s third visit to this branch, his previous two courses being “The Sultanate of Oman” and “Perspectives of Pakistan”, both very well received by the members. Graham is a popular and entertaining speaker and will give a decade-by-decade Jazz journey with guided commentary using numerous musical examples.

In January 2019 the subject will be “Popular Music and Society in Britain and the US” by Ted Woodgate. Further details will follow in the December Bulletin.

All courses are held at The Methodist Hall, Chapel, Lane, West Bergholt CO6 3EF. The new starting time is 7.45pm, 15 minutes earlier than previous years and the course runs over 10 weeks, not 9 as in the past two years. The cost will therefore be increased to £54.75 (£5.47 per evening), and we are sure this will still prove to be excellent value for money.

There are 3 ways of paying from August 2018:  
Pre-enrol at [enrolonline.wea.org.uk](http://enrolonline.wea.org.uk),  
telephone 0300 303 3464 (lines open Monday to Friday 10 – 3pm),  
or sample the first night for free and then pay on the second week at the Hall.

There maybe a fee waiver for those on low income/benefits.

All are welcome. If you have not attended a WEA course before why not come along on the first night and see if it is to your liking?

## Movies and Munchies

Nayland Choir are staging their summer concert and barbecue at the Village Hall, Nayland on Sunday 15th July.

The theme will be "Songs from the Films" and there will be some favourites, including some you can sing along to.

The fun starts at 12.30 with a concert, followed by a top notch barbecue and a licensed bar.

Tickets are £15 (under 16s £5), inclusive of barbecue, and will be available from Nayland Post Office, from any choir member or by phoning 07954 334548.

Come along and enjoy some summer singing, eating and drinking.



## West Bergholt Open Gardens

This year's Open Gardens is on 1st July, with the gardens and allotments being open from 11am until 5.30pm. With a variety of gardens along with the allotments and other attractions, this year's open gardens should have something for everyone. Some gardens and the church halls will be selling refreshments and there will be local artists exhibiting.



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 went on sale in April (with a £1 discount in April and May) from various outlets and can be exchanged for an admission programme at the participating gardens, church halls and the allotments on the day. Programmes can be purchased on the day from the same venues.

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15 Church Close CO6 3JZ  
143 Chapel Road CO6 3EZ  
Aran House, Spring Lane CO6 3HH

This list is not exhaustive and may be subject to change. Just look out for the garden number sign on the day. Please support this local event and make it a big success again.

## West Bergholt Allotments

At the time of writing we have had a lot of rain with cold winds, which has delayed plot holders from planting seeds, potatoes etc as the ground is wet and cold. Hopefully we will catch up once the weather warms up.

You will have noticed that we have 3 new notice boards, kindly constructed by Barry Heard, one by each entrance for notifications to plot holders and one on the side of the charity stall for general information.

The charity stall has got off to a good start, with regular supplies of rhubarb from plot holders. This year the organisations who will receive donations from the charity stall are as follows:





Open Gardens (Tom Bowdridge and Essex and Herts Air Ambulance)	50% (25% each)
5Ts for Christmas activities as this year	20%
West Bergholt Primary School – Memorial Garden	15%
Village Fete	£150

For those plot holders using the Chapel Road gate and wishing to make donations to the Charity Stall, provision will be made for depositing produce by the gate. We would ask those that park in New Church Road or Chapel Road to not do so in front of the gates, as access is needed at all times. Also, it has been noted that more vehicles are parking on the allotment site; this is against the rules. Only bring vehicles on to pick up or drop off equipment etc.

We still have some plots available. If you are interested, please contact [wbgardeners@gmail.com](mailto:wbgardeners@gmail.com) or 01206 241256, leaving your contact details – it has been agreed by the committee that individuals can share a plot if they wish.

The Allotments are open again this year, as part of the WB Open Gardens 2018, which is organised by the West Bergholt Gardeners Association. Purchase your tickets in advance for £4 and exchange for a programme on the day. Please support this event, as all monies will be split between the Tom Bowdridge and Essex and Herts Air Ambulance.

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The Care Network always needs more driver volunteers to enable the service to work efficiently. If you are able to offer an hour or two from time to time, as much or as little time as you are able, please contact Harry Stone on 01206 241026.

We will be present at the Village Fete on 1 September to publicise, and answer any questions about, this valuable village organisation.

## Methodist Church

During the past few months we have continued our worship and community activities while thinking, praying and discussing where our Church and Circuit are being led in the future.

The Women's' World Day of Prayer took place at St Mary's, while the snow caused lots of cancellations of events. A sum of over £180 was raised for this work and the lunch was enjoyed by a small number of supporters who managed to attend.



Our Easter Sunday service was led by our Minister, Reverend Ken Chalmers, before he began his three month sabbatical. Reverend Sue King, a retired Methodist Minister living in Halstead, has kindly agreed to support the Circuit, and the Churches Ken cares for in particular, during this period.

Our monthly coffee mornings, Bible Study and Fellowship meetings all continue. Another successful Quiz night took place in April; a further evening will be planned for the autumn – the date will be in the September Bulletin. We held another of our Coffee and Craft mornings on Monday 9th April. Over 40 children with their parents (not to mention the helpers) enjoyed a range of craft activities on an Easter theme. Further mornings will be planned for the school summer holidays but the dates are yet to be decided.


We will be supporting the village Open Gardens on July 1st. Our car park by the hall will be available for visitors and the hall will be open for programmes and refreshments.

We have been challenged in our Church, with its aging congregation and numbers falling at our Sunday services, to make decisions as Methodists for our future. We have changed the pattern of our Sunday worship and are holding services only on the second and fourth Sundays of each month until August. We will then cease regular Sunday worship in our church after 138 years in this building, with its many memories held by us all. We will still look to worship as a fellowship in the village but less regularly. As a worshipping community we are arranging transport to another local Methodist church when there is no service in our church. Please contact Judith, 01206 241969, or Andrew, 01206 242511, if you would like a lift.

We are planning to celebrate all the worship, memories and history of our chapel on the weekend of September 29th/30th. We will continue to resource the groups and outreach which use the church hall as long as we are able. The year ahead may still be difficult to accept, but we need to be encouraged as we remember the many people who have worshipped here over the past 138 years. It is our challenge as worshipping Christians here today to continue to spread the Love of God.

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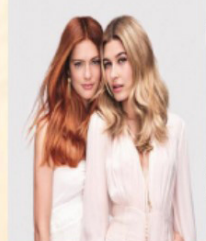
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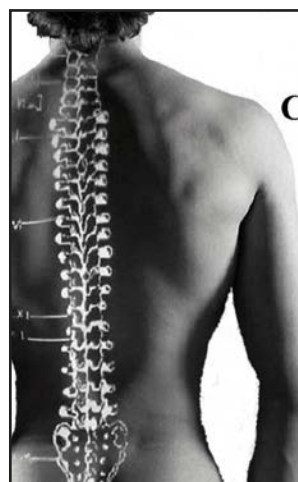
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## West Bergholt Football Club

By the time this goes to press, the season will be over and we reflect on what has been a campaign of mixed fortunes. We had a highly successful pre-season, with wins in our friendly matches against opposition from higher semi-pro leagues. Unfortunately, our beginning to the season was marred by absentee players and the usual poaching of players by the higher league clubs, which unfortunately is a consequence of the success we have had over the years. However, after a run of defeats, unheard of in the club's recent history, our manager, Anthony White, turned things round and with the recruitment of Chris Tracy, a well-known local player, things improved and we gradually climbed the Premier League table, where we are currently in sixth position.



We have also reached the final of the Essex & Suffolk Border league cup, after a hard-fought semi against Hatfield Peverell and face formidable opposition against Gas Recreation in the final. Our reserve team, run by manager Shane Farrow and assistant Jimmy McIntyre, have had a greatly improved second half of the season and currently sit in 5th position in the league. Recent wins against Holland (3-1), Arlesford (4-2), Tiptree Jobserve (2-1) and Bradfield (7-1) have seen them rise up the table, the only blot being a 3-0 defeat at the hands of Lawford Lads.

We look forward to success in the cup final, and in the coming new season.

On the 30th March 2018, West Bergholt Football Club prepared to welcome our twinning partners from Wetzlar in Germany. West Bergholt Football Club has been twinned with R.S.V Bublingshausen since 1976 and this occasion marked the 42nd year of friendship with our visitors. As hosts, West Bergholt entertained our friends with a meal and refreshments at the clubhouse, as our 33 guests arrived after a long journey by coach and ferry, lasting some 16 hours. The following day saw our visitors travel to London for the afternoon before returning to a meal in the Queens Head, where over 80 people crammed in to enjoy a fantastic evening of music by Malcolm Price. A rendition of "Walk On" sung by everyone in the room created a special bond between the clubs and supporters, as it has done through previous years.

On the Saturday, our guests arrived for an early kick-off in high spirits; the game was played in a friendly atmosphere, with West Bergholt running out victors by 4 goals to 1. A night at Chelmsford Races was next on the agenda and despite the weather being poor, was enjoyed by all, with a few going home with more money than when they started!

The Queens Head was already busy with boxing fans watching the Anthony Joshua World Title Fight, only to be joined by both football clubs where a fantastic atmosphere was created into the early hours of the morning.

On Sunday morning it was time to say goodbye to our European friends after a final breakfast at the Marks Tey Hotel, safe in the knowledge that in 2 years time, West Bergholt Football Club will travel to Wetzlar in Germany to continue our wonderful friendship that is so important to both clubs. In these times of Brexit uncertainty, it is good to keep this relationship with our European cousins as constant and positive as it has been for the past 42 years.

*Michael R Bell - Chairman*

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## St Mary's Old Church

It is rather frustrating to have to report that the Old Church is still covered in scaffolding at the time of writing and is thus not open to visitors. As ever with these major jobs involving numerous specialists, matters take time to resolve and, inevitably on such an old building, more problems are identified as work progresses.

That said, it is hoped that the scaffolding will be down soon. This will be followed by the internal redecoration, which will probably involve the building being closed for a short time whilst this is done. We will certainly have a church to be proud of at the end of this comprehensive refurbishment.

Sadly, the continuing works meant that visitors did not get the benefit of seeing our display of spring flowers in the churchyard, which was enhanced this year by several hundred crocus plants. Our Snowdrops have been split from clumps and spread around to make a better display in years to come. It is our intention that the churchyard in spring will be a riot of colour to complement the bluebells in the nearby wood.

The Friends have not been idle in the meantime, with another of our themed lunches being held. This was postponed from March when the bad weather hit and the rescheduled event took place to great acclaim. Many villagers and supporters attended to try out our Italian menu and enjoy each others' company; a most successful event which raised £500 for our ongoing appeal. There have already been requests for another such lunch later in the year. Watch this space!

We are also having a smart new notice board, which will be used to display information about the Church, the Trust and details of forthcoming events. This is part of an ongoing scheme of general improvements to the Churchyard. The Friends are also working with the Village History group, leading perhaps to a permanent display of local historic items and information about our lovely village. We are also investigating sourcing a lighting system which will increase the availability of the building and its use during the darker times of the year.

The next event will be the concert in the Old Church put on by the Comrie Singers, supported by the Jubilant Brass Ensemble, which will be held on the 24th June. Details will be posted nearer the day but early booking is advised for this popular evening. We are also pleased to have provisional bookings for two weddings in 2019 and it is wonderful that people want to celebrate their special day in our wonderful old church and connect with the thousands of villagers who have celebrated their marriages over the centuries.

The Friends group is open to all who love the church and support the endeavours of the group to see it used and become a focal point in the community. A modest membership fee of £5 is charged, which does not bring any benefits other than the knowledge that you are helping to keep the old place alive for generations to come.

Further details from Martin Long, 01206 240443, Chairrman, Friends of St Mary's Old Church



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## West Bergholt Bowls Club

The AGM of the bowls club took place at the end of March. The meeting started with a supper of fish and chips, which were enjoyed by all members.

The following were elected onto the committee:

Chairperson - John Rookard

Secretary - Jan Lumb

Treasurer - Marie Rookard



The club competitions have now been played and the winners are:

Singles winner - Pat McCarthy

R.U. - Jan Lumb

Pairs winners - Alan Dunn and Jan Lumb

Triples winners - Ivan and Doreen Payne and David Bailey.

The club had played a total of 10 friendly matches this year, winning 6, drawing 1 and losing 2. More games have been arranged in the next few months.

A weekend at 'Potters' has been arranged for members in June and also a trip to Cromer to see the summer show in September.

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.

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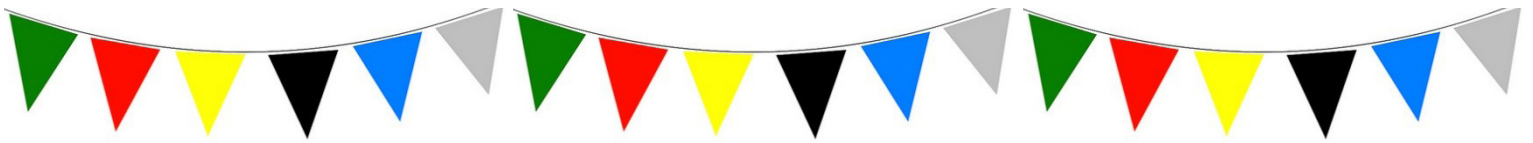
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Our show is an open show, so anyone can enter - you do not need to be a member of the allotments or gardener's club society, nor do you need to live in the village.

Schedules (Entry Classes & details for exhibitors) are now available from the Co Op, Ash's Convenience Store, Scissorhands and the Charity Allotment Stall or you can download it from westbergholt.net.

Please bring your completed entry forms (together with entry fee) to the Orpen Memorial Hall on Saturday 25th August 2018 from 10:00 am to 12:00 noon or deliver them to the Parish Clerk at 80 Chapel Road by 10:00 am Saturday 25th August.

Please note, if you were one of the lucky trophy winners last year, please do not forget to return you trophy to us at 80 Chapel Road or to the Hall Administrator by the 1st August 2018. Many thanks

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## West Bergholt Local History Group

The Annual General Meeting of WBLHG was held at the Orpen Hall, on 14th March 2018. The main subject of the meeting was the acceptance of the GDPR (General Data Protection Regulation) which comes into force on the 25th May 2018 and the steps the History Group has taken to comply with the new regulation.

We now have forty members, an increase on recent years and good attendance at all the talks.

After the formal meeting, a film "Life on the Farm in WW2" was shown.

The group had a varied and interesting programme in 2017 and 2018, including talks by Sir Bob Russell on his Public Life, Ken Free, who spoke about the German POW camp in Colchester, and Dr. Fabrizio Casale on the history of Essex County Hospital.

The final talk for 2017 was the "Bernard Colbron Lecture" in memory of our former chairman, given by his long-time friend Peter Jones on the subject of "The Life and Times of Eastern Counties Railway", the story of how Colchester got its railway.

In February this year, Michael Foster gave a very well attended talk on the sad story of DV177 which crashed in Ipswich Road, Colchester.

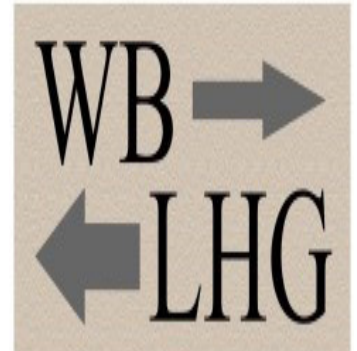
Visits to Rivenhall Church, Chelmsford Museum, incorporating the Essex Regiment Museum, New Hall School, once owned by Henry VIII, and Frinton and Walton Heritage Museum were all much enjoyed.

The new committee is delving into the wealth of historic information included in our archive and in January, Chairman Peter Noakes revealed what has recently been discovered.

Liz Bruce and Mary Dean from Frinton and Walton Heritage Trust visited West Bergholt in April to speak about "Make Do and Mend", life on the home front in WW2, a fascinating account of how rationing affected the population and also brought cakes for the group to sample using wartime recipes.

This summer we are going Sandford Mill in Chelmsford in June, Maldon Museum, visiting Harwich and, hopefully, Brightlingsea - if the new location of the museum is completed.

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and it drags when we wait in a queue  
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but we make time for friends old and new.

It flows gently onward, and always one way  
we can never revisit the past  
but we learn as we go as we follow its flow  
knowledge of life that will last.

The rate that time passes seems never in doubt  
unvarying, constant and true  
but it's not universally so, as we know  
for space has a hand in it too.

An increase in gravity does slow time down  
and it passes more quickly in space  
so satellite clocks must be slowed now and then  
to keep them in sync with our pace.

The cosmos has mysteries far from resolved  
the way space is curved is just one  
dark matter, pulsars, white dwarfs and black holes  
are just four that are part of the fun.

Time doesn't function inside a black hole  
where infinite gravity reigns  
they suck in their light so they stay out of sight  
and they give our astronomers pains.

But here, back on earth, we find time heals our wounds  
misfortunes with which we must bear.  
In time, we recover and find once again  
that each day brings new pleasures to share.

Time holds our future in secret embrace  
we cannot know what lies in store  
an unfolding tapestry, woven in gold  
enriched with the promise of more.



John Everett

## St Mary's Church

### Welcome to St Mary's!

If you have recently moved into the village, welcome to West Bergholt and a very warm welcome to St Mary's 'new' Church, located in, appropriately enough, New Church Road. We are fortunate to be able to offer a variety of Sunday morning services, from our traditional communion service twice a month to our family-friendly Messy Church and our new café-style church (more details below). But we're not just here for Sunday mornings; there are a variety of activities taking place during the week including:



- **Open House Coffee Morning**, Thursdays between 9am – 11am during term time (pre-school children welcome).
- **5Ts Fellowship Group** for senior citizens, every Thursday 2.30pm – 4pm, and lunch on a Saturday, approximately once per term.
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If you would like more details of any of these activities, please contact our administrator, Liz Dixon, in the church office on 01206 243683, email [lwb.wb.gh.parishes@gmail.com](mailto:lwb.wb.gh.parishes@gmail.com), or visit our website: <https://sites.google.com/site/stmaryswbergholt/>



### New Fourth Sunday Café Style Church – 'Praise on 4'

We are trying something new for our 4th Sunday Services – a more informal, relaxed style of worship with coffee and croissants on arrival, an interactive talk and a mix of contemporary worship songs with some more traditional favourites. There are also separate activities for children. The first two services in February and March proved popular and anyone who would like to come and give it a go will be made very welcome.

### Evening Prayer Service – 6.30pm on 10 June & 8 July

If you enjoy a more traditional type of service, why not try our Evening Prayer Service on the second Sunday of the month @ 6.30pm? The service has resumed after a break over the winter and is a quiet, reflective service lasting about 30 minutes and based on the Book of Common Prayer.

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Services at a glance for June, July & August:

**Communion Service @ 9.30am:** 3 June, 1 July, 5 August

**Messy Church @ 9.30am:** 10 June, 8 July, 12 August

**Evening Prayer @ 6.30pm:** 10 June, 8 July

**Communion @ 11.15am:** 17 June, 15 July, 19 August

**Café Church @ 9.30am:** 24 June, 22 July, 26 August

**Joint 3 Parishes Services:** 29 July @ 10am with guest speaker the Bishop of Chelmsford.



## The Tom Bowdidge Youth Cancer Foundation

The last few months seem to have flown past and work at TBF HQ has not stopped. At the end of April, the new website was launched with great success. It is full of lots of information, stories and fundraising events. Please take a look for up to date news and upcoming events.

Whilst the weather was not kind over the Easter holidays, this did not stop our intrepid bunny hunters who braved the cold and wet conditions to find over 150 bunnies. There were several families who found over 100 which was a fantastic effort because when Team TBF went out they struggled to find 30! An incredible £540 was raised so thank you to everyone who took part and to all the shops and local businesses that sold maps. Our thanks also go to Kitty Rose for collecting all the maps ready for the draw. Oli Humphrey's was the lucky winner drawn out of the hat and Nikki and Jenny Noakes visited Heathlands to award him his prize. Finally our biggest thanks go to Knit One, Down One who knitted and organised the event – THANK YOU!

The Tom Bowdidge Youth Cancer Foundation will be very busy in the coming summer months. Hopefully we have something for everyone to come and get involved in.

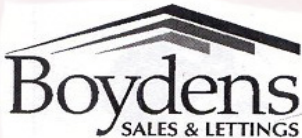
Wednesday 11th July – TBF Golf Day at Benton Hall Golf and Country Club. Come and enjoy 18 holes of golf including breakfast on arrival and a two-course meal. Four ball competition. £50 a head.

Sunday 1st July – West Bergholt Open Gardens, organised by the West Bergholt Gardener's Association. The gardens and allotments will be open from 11am - 5.30pm, which should allow plenty of time for people to get around the variety of gardens and attractions on offer. The Tom Bowdidge Youth Cancer Foundation will have a stall set up at Bures House so do pop along to see us.

Sunday 2nd September – KAPOW Superhero Challenge. We are looking for everyone to channel their inner superhero and sign up to this fantastic event. Take on 10 inflatable obstacles in the Lower Castle Park. Children over 1.2m tall can take part with an adult. You can enter individually or as part of a team and raise money for the Foundation in the process. If you think you are up to the challenge, then come and join us. Even heroes need a hand every now and then.

For further information about any of the above please visit [www.tombowdidgefoundation.org](http://www.tombowdidgefoundation.org) or contact [nikkibowdidge@tombowdidgefoundation.org](mailto:nikkibowdidge@tombowdidgefoundation.org)





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## West Bergholt Concert & Training Bands 40th Anniversary Celebrations



Fresh from another successful concert at Clacton's West Cliff theatre, West Bergholt Concert & Training bands are back in action for their summer events. Based on the performance at the West Cliff, anyone attending the bands' summer events are in for a treat. Highlights included stand-out performances of Ravel's Bolero, The Beatles: Love, and Big Band Signatures, together with solo spots from some of the band's fine young musicians. Audience feedback from the concert included "Brilliant concert this afternoon, one of the best we've been to". The concert also took the band's recent charity fundraising past the £40k mark.

As always, the bands' summer activities started with an Open Rehearsal where Brass & Woodwind players of all ages are invited to join us as we try out our new music. Anyone who missed that event is always welcome at any of our weekly Friday rehearsals at Heathlands School. The band has always been a friendly bunch of musicians of all ages, who have fun playing all styles of music. Someone of a similar age is always on hand to help new members on their first steps with the band.

Our first concert of the summer sees the band return to Valley Farm in Flatford for a free concert on June 10th at 2:30pm, in the beautiful setting of Constable country. We'll be playing some of our favourite music, from Joseph to Jerusalem, and are looking forward to a lovely afternoon with a great audience and hopefully the same beautiful sunshine as last year.

After that, we'll be celebrating our 40th anniversary with a special "40 Years Of Music" concert at St Botolph's on July 14th at 7:30pm. The concert will be a retrospective of the band's long history, so we're hoping to be joined by some old friends who played in the band in the past.



Additionally, to commemorate the huge influence the bands' founder Sid Cooper had by inspiring young musicians, we're inviting school brass and woodwind musicians to join us for the concert and for a special "Rehearsal Masterclass" with a guest conductor on the afternoon of the concert. Befitting a concert that's celebrating the bands 40 years, the programme will showcase some of the bands oldest pieces through to some which are brand new. As always we'll be performing all styles of music, this time including Mozart, Glenn Miller, Ed Sheeran, John Williams, and more.

Everything you need to know about the band is on our website, [www.wcb.org](http://www.wcb.org). Or you can call 07941 947541 or email [Conductor@wcb.org](mailto:Conductor@wcb.org), the band's conductor.

Hopefully we'll see you at one of our events this summer, or at one of our Friday rehearsals.



## West Bergholt Women's Institute



March was Members' Meeting, which gave the committee an opportunity to sit back and relax. Marion Hart chaired the meeting and members enjoyed speaker, Linda Scoles, with her humorous talk all about her childhood and life in general living on a ranch in the foothills of the Cascade Mountains, Washington State. A quiz and delicious cake followed. The officers were presented with a pot plant in appreciation of all their hard work throughout the year.

Our 'Open Meeting' in April welcomed several local WI's and visitors. David Webb, one of the twins from the TV comedy 'Hi de Hi' showed slides and videos and gave members an interesting account of the series. Several visitors, including our president, had their photo taken wearing David's Hi-de-Hi blazer. Everyone enjoyed the homemade cakes and the bumper raffle.

A Suffragette Flag in purple and white was passed on to us from Boxted WI. Sylvia Austin designed and produced our emblem, which Sheila Boxshall, together with two officers, took to Wivenhoe WI. This will travel around the county so each WI can add their design.



May was our Annual Meeting, with Sheila Boxshall re-elected president. Marion Hart has joined the committee. Two new members were welcomed to the meeting.

The Bluebell woods walk, organised by West Bergholt WI, open to all Essex members, was a success in spite of drizzly weather. Everyone enjoyed refreshments provided by our WI and commented on the attractive tables and flowers.

Members support our monthly coffee morning at the Queens Head, as well as dominoes on a different occasion. Play reading and rummikub are held in private houses, as well as walks around the village. Why not come along? Our next meeting is in The Orpen Memorial Hall on June 6th at 7.15pm. Maggie Harling will demonstrate 'Paper in Art'.



## West Bergholt Cricket Club

By the time you read this the cricket season will be in full swing at West Bergholt, with all three senior sides pushing for promotion in their respective leagues.

New this season is a re-vamped colts and junior teams, with All-Star cricket arriving at the village every Saturday morning for boys and girls from 5 – 8 years old. For older children, we have training on Saturday morning from 10:30am - noon and hard ball training on Friday evenings, 6pm - 8pm. All genders and abilities welcome.

However, the average villager will probably be more interested in our annual cricket festival in July, where we have a temporary bar licence and open the club up to the whole village.

The big day is July 14th with the West Bergholt Sixes Tournament. This is where 6-a-side teams play 5 over innings matches throughout the day, with a BBQ and activities for the youngsters. It is very fun and a great opportunity if you would just like a light-hearted, one-off game.

For more information on any of the above, email [owenmbjones@gmail.com](mailto:owenmbjones@gmail.com) or call 07783051583



# Village Diary

## Sunday

### Service of Worship, St Mary's Church

1st Sunday 9.30am Holy Communion; 2nd Sunday 9.30am Messy Church; 6.30pm in summer, Evening Prayer; 3rd Sunday 11.15am Holy Communion; 4th Sunday 9.30am Praise on 4 Cafe Church; 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

**Baby & Toddler Group**, 9.15-11.15am Term time only. Methodist Church Hall.

Contact Karen 07973 238310 or Andrea 07588 720131

**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 Glistler 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 2nd & 4th Tuesdays.

**Baby Clinic**, Methodist Church Hall, Chapel Lane.

2nd & 4th Tuesday of each month. 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**, 3rd Wednesday, 2.30pm - 4pm, house group Meeting. Contact 01206 242015 for details.

**Women's Institute**, 1st Wednesday, 7.15pm, Orpen Hall.

Contact Jacqui Hunns 01206 240712

**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**, 2nd Wednesday, 7.30pm, Orpen Hall. (visits between April and September).

Contact Gill Poole 01206 240512

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

**W.B. Scouts**, 7.30pm-9.30pm, Scout Hut.

Contact Kevin Sturdy 01206 240549

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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, St Mary's Church 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)

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## 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

**WB 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

**WB Cubs**, 6.30pm-8.00pm, Scout Hut.

Contact Kevin Sturdy 01206 240549

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

**Wired**, 1st Friday, 7pm-9pm, St. Mary's Church Hall.

Contact Mark Partridge 01206 241617

**Orpen Players**, 8pm Orpen Hall.

Debbie Hornigold 01206 242111

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## Saturday

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