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Battle's Over – West Bergholt's Tribute To The Millions

Over 150 people from the village gathered together on the evening of 11th November to play their part in a nationwide commemoration marking the ending of the 1st World War 100 years ago.



The nationwide commemoration saw a common theme being played out in urban and rural areas, towns, villages and cities, which collectively saw a 1000 buglers sounding the Last Post, over 1000 beacons of light being ignited, and a similar number of cathedral and church bells being rung out.

In the village, people gathered initially at St Mary's New Church as part of a candlelit procession led by children from Heathland's School, from the church to the Orpen Hall car park where they were joined by many more to take part in the commemoration itself, which saw the following activities:



- Reading by the Chairman of the Parish Council, Chris Stevenson, of the Tribute to the Millions;
- Recital of the names of those from the village who lost their lives in the Great War and who are commemorated on memorials in St Mary's New Church and in the Methodist Church. 24 names were read out, each marked by a candle in the form of tea-lights arranged in jam jars;
- Playing of the Last Post by Ozzy Baker, a year 8 student and member of the WB Concert Band;
- Lighting of the Beacon, overseen and guided by Cllr David Short and lit



by two children from Heathlands School, Daisy and Mia;

- The tolling of the bell at St Mary's New Church;
- The recital of the names of the fallen repeated and a bell sounding for each one by children from Heathlands School at St Mary's New Church.

Refreshments were on hand outside of the John Lampon Hall, consisting of a fine array of cakes and biscuits specially baked for the occasion. Donations collected were made to the Poppy Appeal. Inside the hall were displays from the WB Local History Group, Heathlands School, Knit One Down One, 1st West Bergholt Scouts, Bluebells Pre-school and 3rd West Bergholt Brownies.

The commemoration ended shortly after 7pm.



This was a wonderful and moving commemoration and I would like to record my appreciation of all who helped to set up the event. Particular thanks go to the organisers of the displays; Ozzy, Daisy and Mia, Diana Woodgate, Jo Jeffery and all the participants from Heathlands School, Peter Noakes for filming the event and John Worland for setting up and allowing use of his PA equipment.

Finally, thanks to everyone who provided or served the refreshments and to the Parish Council, particularly Laura Walkingshaw, Vicky Beckwith-Cole, Brian Butcher, Phil Spencer and David Short for co-ordinating events so well.

Chris Stevenson
Chairman, West Bergholt Parish Council





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

Dare I say it? I'm not sure how it manages to creep up on us so fast, but the festive season is very nearly upon us and there is a distinct chill in the air.

The village has seen many events over the last few months, from the Fete to the Heathlands Fireworks, as well as the special remembrance service held in memory of those who gave their lives in The Great War 100 years ago.

In the run-up to Christmas and the New Year beyond, we have a packed Bulletin for you this time around, including an update on next year's Village Fete (never too early to start planning!) and information on what is taking place around the Orpen Hall's children's playground - some fun fundraisers are happening over the next few months, including a great pop-up cinema in the Orpen Hall.

After another busy year I would like to say a big thank you to the Bulletin team who work hard to put this publication together every three months, especially with the huge leap this year from black and white to full colour.

Wishing you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Jacqui

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West Bergholt Football Club ("The Brewers")



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West Bergholt has hosted football as far back as 1892 and officially joined the County Football Association, Division 2, in 1909. They were nicknamed "The Brewers" after

the local Daniell & Sons Brewery, where the team was originally formed. The brewery may have gone but West Bergholt Football Club continues to survive. The current club formed in 1938, joining the Brightlingsea & District League.

Today, West Bergholt FC plays in the Essex and Suffolk Borders League Premier Division, where they currently sit top of the League. They have won the League on 4 occasions, the last being in 2015. West Bergholt Reserves play in the First Division and are currently sitting in 5th position. The club has also won the Essex & Suffolk Border Reserve Cup on two separate occasions as well. They have a good tradition in the cup and have

won the Knock-Out Cup 5 times. They won the Essex Saturday Premier Cup in 2010.

So it was with no surprise that this successful club added further silverware to the trophy cabinet when they played local rivals Gas Recreation in the A.V. Lee Service Memorial Cup Final on the 11th September 2018.

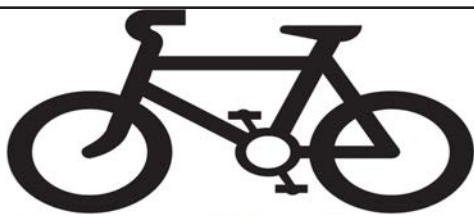
In a tightly contested final, the Brewers got off to the perfect start, scoring with only 3 minutes on the clock, continuing to dominate until the game was leveled at 1-1 at half time.

In the second half, Gas Recreation missed their chance to take the lead and West Bergholt blasted the ball into the Gas Recreation net to make the final result West Bergholt 2, Gas Recreation 1. Captain Liam Springett lifted the trophy for West Bergholt.

Under the chairmanship of Michael Bell, West Bergholt FC hosted a mini-football tournament recently at the Village Fete, where local club Eight Ash Green proved to be worthy winners of the first ever Mantis Cars Trophy.



Left to Right: Back Row: Anthony White, Connor Davison, Gareth Gibson, Bobby Bethell, Gavin Hannah, Luke Bloomfield, Chris Tracey (Manager), Ryan Brown, Kieran Hynes, Mark Farthing (Asst Manager), Luke Edwards. Front Row: Luke Bethell, Darren Bethell, Lee Townrow, Liam Springett (Captain) & Nico Farthing



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1st West Bergholt Rainbows



After more than three years of consultation, development and testing, Girlguiding launched their NEW programme in July, the biggest Girlguiding has seen for decades which has been very exciting for the Rainbow Unit. As a unit this term, we have “dipped our toe” into the new activities and explored the new-style badges, which are split into six themes, are more relevant and give the girls opportunities to gain skills for life. The Rainbows now have a handbook and will, for the first time, do interest badges at home, which will be recorded at each stage of their Guiding journey. We will go “LIVE” in January 2019, which is very exciting as we have enjoyed the “New look” so far.

In September, we welcomed five new Rainbows and said farewell to two who will continue to Brownies. We wish them good luck.

We have enjoyed the unseasonal Autumn weather with a trip by train to Clacton Pier, where we explored the Aquarium, discovering new facts about the stunning topical fish... then the fun began on the Amusement rides. We were twisted, spun and shaken but had a amazing time, laughing all the way!!!

Another excursion that tested our nerves and abilities was an all-day County event to Skreens Park in Chelmsford. The Rainbows had a go at archery, high ropes and a climbing wall, followed by a blindfold walk, testing their senses and giving instructions to their team. They did very well and all got back safely.

In the unit, we have been learning about Hedgehogs and nocturnal animals, firework Safety and, of course, the 100th anniversary of the war.

We're looking forward to Christmas and all the glitter crafts, lots based around Rudolf which we will round off with our traditional Christmas Party, always a highlight to finish the year.

Happy Christmas, health and happiness for 2019 from the West Bergholt Rainbows.

Karen Howard



Vocal Zones Choir now at West Bergholt!

Since the last edition of the Bulletin there has been lots happening at this friendly local choir. Most notable, after consulting our current members, we have now made a permanent arrangement to move to a lovely new choir venue at Heathlands School Hall in West Bergholt.

So, if you have always quite fancied joining in with a friendly choir, there has never been a better time. We meet each Tuesday evening, 7pm to 8.30pm, and have the services of Emma Bishton, our enthusiastic and experienced musical director, to lead the singing.

We sing for sheer enjoyment. No auditions necessary. We occasionally hold some informal concerts, the next one being a Christmas concert at The Crown, Wormingford, on December 18th at 8pm.

If you missed our Facebook message tempting you to our open evening, all is not lost! You are very welcome to join us on any choir evening. Your first evening is entirely free! Any further sessions are £5 per week.

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See you soon!



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Those of you who are members of the 'Friends' are used to receiving reports of the various walks organised in and around Hillhouse Wood as they make up part of the newsletter we produce three times a year. However, I thought it might be interesting for others to see what they're missing.

Glorious Weather for Autumn Fruits Walk

This year's Autumn Fruits Walk should have had the title 'Autumn Fruits and Flowers'. It was blessed with the most glorious weather – wall to wall sunshine and windless.

Inconsistent Nature

This walk consistently defies my expectations that we will see the same things each year (berries and nuts grow on trees and shrubs and they don't run or fly away). Nature, however, is not so straightforward and this season has hardly been typical.



The area around the old church is always reliably 'fruitful'. The short length of holly hedge had more berries than normal (in general, it appears to be a good year for holly berries). The yews in the graveyard were also well covered. While I was explaining that the late-flowering ivy is a very important source of nectar after everything else has finished, we saw that the 'wall' of ivy we were looking at was literally humming with insect activity.

Trick Question

Further down the track, under some oaks, I challenged the group to guess what was noteworthy about where we stood. It was a trick question, which, luckily for me, no one got the answer to. This was the complete absence of acorns under our feet - there should have been thousands of them. The oak's propagation strategy is to put energy into producing a super-abundance of acorns in some years, then to recover by producing none in others. Their distribution process is to get Jays, Squirrels etc., to carry the acorns away and bury them. Producing lots of acorns in one year increases the likelihood that some will get forgotten and thus allowed to germinate.

Goldilocks Year

The plum and apple trees we passed next also appeared to have had a rest year, with no fruit to see. At least there were some hips and haws, which have had a 'Goldilocks year' – not too many, but not too few. The young lad who had been brought along by his mum was, I think, interested to hear about how hips are a useful source of itching powder. Many flowers covered the track verges – Black Horehound, Yarrow, various members of the daisy family, and Knapweed.



At the bottom of the field that runs along the side of the wood towards the stream, the hop plant put on a fine display of fruits. The sloes in the various hedgerows have had a good year with abundant displays. Across the stream, I was again able to find just a few of the bright red berries of woody nightshade. They were hidden deep within a bramble thicket, the best place for them considering how poisonous they can be. We were also able to find a few of the lovely pink spindle tree berries, but no dogwood berries. This hedge is kept well flailed by the farmer – good for efficiency but less so for autumn fruits! The Guelder Rose shrubs tucked safely away by the stream were also not as impressive as in some years.

If you want to find out more about the Friends why not pop down to the Orpen Memorial Hall, 7pm on Wednesday 12th December, where you will receive a warm welcome at our AGM. You don't have to become a member but you're sure to find something to interest you.

Andrew Savage
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Orpen Players



This has been a busy year for Peter Cox, our Vice Chairman. Not only did he direct our spring production, "Prescription for Murder", he also played Count Puchlik in our autumn one, "Secondary cause of Death". He designed both magnificent sets and led the team to build them.

On top of this, he has written an adaptation of "Alice in Wonderland" for our pantomime in January/February 2019. Members of the committee have proofread his script and are delighted with it. Containing all the wonderful characters and a few more to amuse and entertain our audiences, it is an absolute cracker and not to be missed.

Production dates are Friday 25th January, Saturday 26th January, Friday 1st February and Saturday 2nd February 2019. As usual, there will be an evening performance plus a matinee on Saturdays. Make sure you make a note in your diaries. Tickets can be reserved as usual by phoning Roger on 01206 241048.

For our activities, please visit our website www.orpenplayers.co.uk

We were delighted at the attendance for "Secondary cause of Death". Thank you for your support and we wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.



"Secondary cause of Death". Left to right Peter Cox, Debra Hornigold, Frank Barker, Anne Sexton

Colin Downer

1st West Bergholt Scout Group



All sections of the Scout Group had a busy and fun-packed Summer Term. We enjoyed various activities including climbing, sailing, canoeing, pioneering, wide games and hikes. The term culminated with our Group Camp at Boxford Spinney, where over 50 young people attended. The weather was kind to us and allowed us all to take part in sessions of archery, tree climbing, rifle shooting, canoeing and raft building, along with our traditional camp fire.

At the AGM in July we said 'Goodbye' to Dott Semkin, the Beaver Leader. She has dedicated many years of service to helping the children to learn new skills and gain confidence. She is still helping occasionally but we would love to hear from anyone that could devote a few hours a week to help continue her good work. If you would like to join our team, please call Kevin Sturdy on 07803 602779.

This term, the Cubs attended an Outdoor Challenge Day at Thorrington Scout Camp and the Scouts have continued to prepare for their Expedition Challenges, which involves planning an exploration in small groups over two days to include a night's stay in a hostel or at a campsite. The children have to work out their own route, cook for themselves and, ultimately, they should arrive at their planned destination! At the AGM, we heard several accounts of previous expeditions which enthralled and amused us all.

Our annual Jumble Sale will take place on 12th January 2019. Please remember to save a few items for the sale when you are having a clear out after Christmas. You will be able to drop off any donations at the Scout Hut throughout the day on Friday 11th. Any monies raised will go to the group and will help us to continue to provide the children with memorable experiences.



Tom Bowdidge Youth Cancer Foundation

Well, here we are again. December. How did that creep up so fast? The Christmas trees are up and lit, the Christmas fayres are well underway, and carols are being sung. I must thank Mark and Lyndsay at The White Hart for allowing us to take over and home the Tom Bowdidge Christmas Tree. I also would like to thank Knit One, Down One for their wonderful creations – you are so talented. **Thank you.**



What a year it has been for the Foundation. Much of its success is down to the incredibly generous supporters, many of whom are residents of West Bergholt. Your support this year has held no bounds, whether it be bunny hunting or admiring the beautiful gardens we have hidden away in the village. As for the collection pots in the Co-op – you are so unbelievably generous. **Thank you.**

This year our funding has focused on providing grants to young people who desperately need help with travel and living costs whilst undergoing treatment. Families find an increase in bills of several hundred pounds and this often comes with the added pressure of a loss of income from one of the parents as they give up work to become a full-time carer. It is a sad fact that 87% of the grants made merely go on travel costs. At this time of year, we get applications in asking for small amounts to help buy a present for those families who are really struggling. For many of these families it will be their last Christmas together. YOU enable us to help in some small way. **Thank you.**

Our quarter million-pound research funding ended in September and we are now desperately fundraising to start a new research project as soon as possible. We look forward to sharing the difference our research has made in 2019 – YOU made this happen. **Thank you.**

Earlier in the year we funded a recreation room in a hospital in London. Watch this space for photos of what it looks like as it is nearly at completion. As we write this, we have many more projects like this we would like to fund so fundraising will be full on next year! **Thank you.**

Christmas is always a time for giving so if you are feeling generous then please pop a little extra into the pots in the Co-op or go on the website to donate that way. It is YOU that makes these projects happen. Don't forget Christmas Jumper Day – can you persuade your workplace to wear their favourite Christmas Jumper whilst raising money for TBF? You can make it any day in December. Whatever you can spare will go a long way in allowing us to make a difference to young cancer patients this Christmas. **Thank you.**

This October marked the 5th anniversary of Tom's passing and he is missed more than words could ever describe. But in those 5 years just look at what his legacy has meant for young cancer patients and their families. The Tom Bowdidge Youth Cancer Foundation is now looking forward to the work that still needs to be done over the next five years – we will not stop until our work is complete.

The trustees, Nikki, Richard, Emma and all of Team TBF would like to wish you a very Merry Christmas and a happy, healthy New Year. For those of you whose Christmas is not going to be a happy one, we wish you peace and send our love for 2019.

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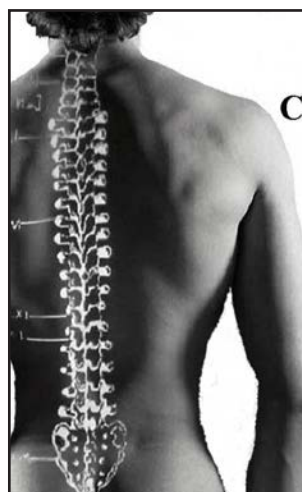
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West Bergholt Gardeners Association

The Association enjoyed another successful summer of events, starting with the bi-annual Open Gardens on 1st July, which raised £4,000 equally between the Tom Bowdidge Fund and the Essex & Herts Air Ambulance. Our stall at the Village Fete raised a further £250, which has been donated to the Colchester Cancer Unit Fundraising Charity.

Our members enjoyed trips to the Cambridge Botanical Gardens, Moverons Garden in Brightlingsea and East Ruston Gardens in Norfolk before we began our 2018/2019 Programme with the AGM and a talk on "Hyde Hall - Past, Present and Future" on 17th September, followed by a presentation on "Oak Tree Low Carbon Farm" on 15th October. Our programme continued on 19th November, when Chris Gibson gave a talk about "Wildflowers of Essex".



On 10th December we will be having a Quiz and Nibbles evening for members and friends. We won't be meeting in January but there is lots more to look forward to in 2019.



18th February - a talk by Brian Carline entitled "Soil, Sweat and Tears".
18th March - "Malmaison Carnation - Flower of the Edwardian Season" with Jim Cook.

We have outings and trips planned to Shrubs Farm, Fullers Mill and Bressingham in the New Year, with more details to follow.

Meetings are held at 7.30 pm in the Orpen Hall on the third Monday of the month and visitors are very welcome to join us for any talk for £3 entry fee, payable on the night but we are also offering a reduced membership fee of £6 to anyone who wishes to join for the remainder of the 2018/2019 programme.

Workers' Educational Association



We are now half way through our course on "The Jazz Century - Cakewalk to Culture" with Graham Platts, who is taking us on a journey, decade by decade, following the development of jazz from New Orleans and Chicago to its gradual spread to Europe and beyond. Graham, as usual, is making this subject both entertaining and enlightening, even to non-jazz lovers.

The Spring course, starting on **Tuesday 15th January 2019**, is on the subject of "Popular music and society in Britain and the US" by Ted Woodgate.

It is being held at The Methodist Hall, Chapel Lane, West Bergholt CO6 3EF at 7.45 p.m. and runs over 10 weeks at a cost of £54.75.

Pre-enrol at enrolonline.wea.org.uk or call 0300 303 3464, lines open Monday to Friday. There may be a fee waiver for those on low income/benefits.

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St Mary's Church, West Bergholt

Invitations are funny things. The glossy ones are not always the best – think of those invitations from department stores enticing us to drop in on the sales. An invitation made in person is always better – it makes you feel wanted. The invitation to the shepherds in the Christmas story was both glossy (angels, no less!) and personal. But what were they invited to? To see a new born child with a promise that the child was special.



Did they think it was a joke? Why would a bunch of shepherds from nowhere be invited for a special birth? Surely kings should be there first. And would shepherds be the best kind of visitors? I wonder whether the shepherds may have felt awkward, out of place, intimidated...

They were invited, but it was up to them to decide how to respond. They were not forced. They were just invited. Would they trust that invitation and go look for themselves? (From the Church of England's Follow the Star booklet 'A Journey through the 12 days of Christmas').

God invites all of us to come and look. A warm welcome awaits you at St Mary's and St Mary's Old Church if you would like to come to any of our Christmas Services below:



Carols by Candlelight at the Old Church – Sunday 16th December at 2.30pm – it is lovely to be able to return to the Old Church this year for the very popular Carols by Candlelight Service, after the break last year due to the renovation works.



Christmas Eve Crib Service – Monday 24th December at 3pm at St Mary's – a brilliant service for children, mums, dads and grandparents, with a chance for the children to take part in the retelling of the nativity story.



Christmas Eve Carol Service – Monday 24th December at 6.45pm at St Mary's – a lovely service with plenty of opportunity to sing your favourite carols and listen to music from the Church Christmas Choir.

Christmas Morning Service – Tuesday 25th December at 9.30am at St Mary's – celebrate the joy of Christmas morning with us at our service of Holy Communion.

If you are feeling a bit flat after Christmas, you are very welcome at any of our regular services and weekly activities:

- **Open House Coffee Morning** – Thursdays between 9am & 11am during term times (pre-school children welcome);
- **5Ts Fellowship for senior citizens** – every Thursday 2.30pm to 4pm, lunch on approximately one Saturday per term.
- **1st Sunday in the month** – Communion Service at 9.30am
- **2nd Sunday in the month** – Messy Church at 9.30am
- **3rd Sunday in the month** – Communion Service at 11.15am
- **4th Sunday in the month** – Café Church at 9.30am

For more details contact Liz in the church office 01206 243683 or visit our new-look website: <https://sites.google.com/stmaryswestbergholt.co.uk/stmaryswestbergholt>

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West Bergholt Allotments



Another allotment year has come to an end and by the time of publication plot holders will be preparing for the new growing year – looking at seed catalogues and tidying\digging over plots. 2018 has been a difficult growing year, especially during the very long dry period which has resulted in a mixed harvest. Lets hope 2019 is better.

A big thank you to those who have volunteered their time to maintain the site, such as grass and hedge cutting, bonfires etc. We could always do with more plot holders to volunteer a few hours a year. Contact details are on notice boards on site.

At the village fete in September, we had a charity stall which proved to be popular, with a good selection of veg and fruit. This also resulted in three new plot holders. Thank you for all those that helped with the stall, provided and bought the produce. This also applies to the Charity stall on the allotment site. Your generosity is very much appreciated and benefits various organisations etc that help the village.

This December we are having a Christmas get together at the John Lampon Hall on Wednesday 12th December at 7.30pm. This is an opportunity to meet and get to know fellow plot holders, old and new. Invites went out during October – there are limited numbers to this event. Contact for this get together is Mervyn Donnelly 01206 241656 or mervyn.donnelly@gmail.com

This year we have again arranged with Moles Seeds, Turkey Cock Lane, Stanway CO3 for discounts of 10 packets from 1st October to 31st December 2018 and 6 packets from 1st January to 31st September 2019. Moles catalogues are on the Charity Stall, along with order forms. Details of how to order are on display at the stall. Membership cards should be shown when presenting order to Moles. Any queries, please contact Mervyn on the details above.

I would like to bring to attention of the plot holders that inspections are carried out twice a year. In 2019, it has been decided to take a more proactive approach to those plots in need of attention. More details will be announced at the start of 2019.

We would ask all plot holders to keep us advised on any contact detail changes by sending details to wballotments@gmail.com or 01206 241256.

The Committee would like to wish all plot holders, families and those that have supported the Charity Stall a very Happy Christmas and New Year.

Terry Claydon
Chairperson – WBAC

Colne Valley Flower Club



The club doesn't meet in December. We start 2019 with our AGM on Wednesday 16th January at 7.30pm. Jane Bastow is the speaker at this event and is talking about 'Chelsea Preparation'. Our next meeting is on Wednesday 20th February at 7.30pm, when Gill McGregor will present her demonstration titled 'As Spring Comes Forth'.

During 2018 we ran a series of workshops at the Scout Hut on a Tuesday afternoon. These have proved to be very popular and it is our intention to carry on with these in 2019. Dates of these will be available in the New Year. Meetings are held in the Orpen Hall.

For any further information please contact Manya on 07759331719 or Alison on 01206 240262



West Bergholt Methodist Church

What a wonderful celebration of the life of our Methodist Church here in West Bergholt we had at our "Methodist Memories" weekend at the end of September. Our Chapel was opened on October 23rd 1879, with a congregation of over 100 and much rejoicing. Who would have thought there would be such a memorable weekend, almost 139 years later, when we held our final service to a full church, joyful singing ringing out again with memories of old and young? A poignant, moving service was led by our Minister, Rev Ken Chalmers; we processed the Bible, Baptism Font, Sacraments and Registers from the church as we Methodists continue our journey in another place.



We have received many positive comments about the whole weekend and the displays of the history of the church. A great deal of research was undertaken by our small group of members, enabling our secretary, Kathy Bamforth, to update the history originally written by Len Polley. Copies can be obtained from Kathy, 01206 241266.

Thank you to all who visited and signed our visitor book, supported our wonderful quiz night and enjoyed sharing your memories and our hospitality over cakes and tea in the hall. Thanks also to all the village groups and hall users for their support and contributions to the displays.



We are now starting the process of clearing the chapel ready for the eventual sale. If anyone is interested in items from the chapel, please contact Judith on 01206 241969.

As a congregation, we are now a class of Mile End Methodist church and are attending Sunday morning services with them at 10.30am. If you would like to join us and need a lift, please phone Judith, 01206 241969 or Andrew, 01206 242511.

We are continuing to resource the hall for the foreseeable future for all groups as well as our own regular weekly activities. We look forward to welcoming you to our Christmas celebration activities.

As a new venture we are holding a monthly mid-week service in the hall on the 1st Wednesday of each month at 11am. All are welcome.

December diary

- 12th - Coffee morning, 10am
- 19th - Bible study book club, 10.45am
- 19th - Fellowship, Carols and tea, 2.30pm
- 20th - Family Coffee & Craft, 10.30am
- 21st - Carol singing outside Co-Op, 6.15pm

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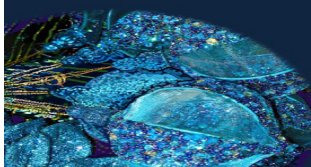
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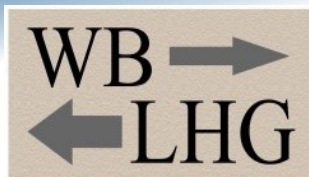
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West Bergholt History Group



After outings to Halstead, Chelmsford and Maldon, our final visit of the summer was closer to home in Colchester with a tour, by Philip Crummy, of the Roman Circus Site. Philip is a member of the Colchester Archaeological Trust and one of the archaeologists who discovered the circus. We met on a very warm August day in the Roman Circus Centre, where a model of the roman circus is situated and where Philip explained the basic plan and workings of a roman circus to us. We then went outside and, with Philip as our guide, walked the full length of the arena marked in part by paths and roads. We then rounded off our visit with much needed refreshments at the centre.

Our first meeting of the autumn was a talk given by Peter Walker on “County Maps of Essex 1576 – 1805”. Peter has an extensive knowledge of the development of maps, particularly in Essex, and showed us Christopher Saxton’s map of Essex in 1576 showing only rivers but no roads. Later maps included roads and towns and developed through the years to the detailed ordnance survey maps we know today. A fascinating evening.

Charlie Haylock came to tell us about the “History of Spoken English” in October. Charlie has in-depth knowledge of the structure of the English language, explaining how 18 vowels were reduced to 6 and then 5, and how by the time the Normans invaded in 1066 the structure of the language was basically in place. He ended the evening by giving examples of different accents around the country and how and why they developed. The audience much enjoyed Charlie’s often humorous talk and he is returning to us in November 2019 to speak on the History of Surnames.

For our 2nd Bernard Colbron Lecture in November, in memory of our late chairman, Andrew Phillips talked about “Colchester and the Armistice”.

We start the New Year with “**A Transport of Delight**”, the story of Colchester Corporation Transport by Alan Skinner on **9th January 2019**.

On the **13th February 2019**, Dr Paul Byrne is coming to speak on “**Soldier's Heart and the Role of Colchester Military Hospital in World War I**”. On **13th March** it’s the AGM, when subs are due plus a film of local interest.

All meetings are on the 2nd Wednesday of the month and are held in the Orpen Hall, Lexden Road, West Bergholt CO6 3BW at 7.30 pm.

All are welcome to join us for any or all of the meetings. Members £2 and Visitors £4.



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West Bergholt Concert Band



It was a dark November evening back in 1978 when 8 musicians gathered in Heathlands school for the first rehearsal of the newly-formed West Bergholt Wind Band, under the baton of Sid Cooper. 2018 has therefore been a year of 40th anniversary celebrations for the band, with a particular highlight being our wonderful summer concert in St Botolph's, featuring a massed band finale of over 70 musicians.

To celebrate our official 40th anniversary this November, we returned to one of our favourite venues, the beautiful St Peter ad Vincula Church in Coggeshall, for a concert of the current band's favourite music... from Pirates Of The Caribbean, Les Miserables, Disney, Stevie Wonder, Benny Goodman and more.

We're then very much looking forward to returning to St Botolph's for our first ever Christmas Concert there, with a full programme of Christmas favourites... Sleigh Ride, Baby It's Cold Outside, A Christmas Festival, Oh Holy Night, Santa Baby... there's too many to mention! We'd love you to join us to wrap up our 40th celebrations in style on **Saturday 15th December at 730pm**.



Looking ahead to 2019, all of our events are booked, with returns to Flatford, Clacton's West Cliff Theatre and St Botolphs among others, with concert themes including Movies & Musicals and The Great Composers. We'll also be celebrating another couple of band milestones - our longest serving band member will be celebrating 40 years in the band and it'll also be 25 years since I took over full-time conducting duties.

As always, details of all of our events are available on the band website, www.wbc.org, and new players of any age are always welcome to come and see us on Friday evenings at Heathlands School, including at our next Open Rehearsal on 18th January. We hope to see you at our Christmas Concert and we wish you a Merry Christmas & a Happy New Year.

Women's Institute



A stall at the village fete was a great success and gave an opportunity to promote the WI and talk to people about our various activities. An afternoon tea with a demonstration of planting a tub was enjoyed at the Barn, Turkey Cock Lane, later in the month.

Our meeting was a fish and chip supper with Pimms and a quiz to ponder over during the meal. Afterwards, our president organised a game called 'Our Survey Says', which members found great fun. The competition 'A Holiday Souvenir' was won by Manya Barrow.

October was an 'Open Meeting', when local WI's joined us to hear Steve Scruton from BBC Essex talk about his 22 years presenting the afternoon show and early life in the business. Ian Wyatt from BBC Essex provided the musical memories. Visitors enjoyed our homemade cakes with tea and coffee. A grand raffle followed.

At the November meeting, the president welcomed Deb Hart, a willow artist and tutor. Deb began with a PowerPoint presentation, showing her audience the variety of coloured wood and designs which could be created. Members saw live hedges, bowers, mazes and abstract designs. A demonstration in willow of an obelisk was speedily made and given to our raffle. Joyce Hollock won the competition with her willow tray. A truly memorable evening.

Play reading, rummikub, dominoes and cards continue. Our monthly coffee morning at the Queen's Head is well supported.



Bergholt Heath Youth FC



This season is the first where we have two teams in one age group. In order to underline the success of our Academy, we have successfully transitioned some of the players who have been regularly training with us at the Orpen Field and now have two teams Under 7!

This season, the Academy has continued its success. Over 30 children have regularly enjoyed taking their first steps in learning how to play, as well as having fun with their friends. This is what we are keen to continue to offer to children of all abilities, boys and girls, who are currently in Reception or Year 1. Training takes place on the Orpen field between 9 and 10am every Saturday and costs just £2 per week. If you think your child would be interested, please get in contact with Gareth Minter on gj_minter@hotmail.co.uk

Under 7s

This season we have two under 7 teams. All of the children in the 'blues' and 'reds' teams have started the year well and have already made a huge amount of progress from their first games. It is great to watch both teams play with an emphasis on having fun, getting better and playing good football as opposed to just doing whatever it takes to win matches. This approach doesn't always result in a win, but the 'blues' team were successful in winning their first trophy event! Gareth and Simon have taken on the two teams as managers.

Under 8s

A fairly balanced start to the season so far, with 3 losses and 2 wins in the league games. Three new members have joined the squad this year and have settled in really well. It is a pleasure to see the hard work the boys put in on the training pitch starting to come to fruition on match day. Martin has taken up the responsibility of managing the team this year.

Under 10s

A good start to the season by the boys who seem to be enjoying themselves. Matt has taken on the responsibility of managing from Danny who remains with the club.

Under 12s

There have been some changes to the players this season with some of the players leaving. It's been a hard start for them playing the top 4 teams in the league and one of them twice. They did, however, win their first game which was fantastic for the boys as they have played so well against the top teams and deserved their first victory. Another change in management with David Schultz taking over from Lee, who is also assisting the team.

Under 14s

This season, the U14s have seen a number of changes within the squad and we have welcomed in six new players and one player returning back to the fold. So far they have played 4 leagues games, winning 2 whilst playing some nice football at times. No change in management at this group as David Lloyd continues as manager.

Apart from new managers bedding down we are also welcoming two new sponsors. The White Hart is generously sponsoring the club and also, specifically, the Under 7 teams' kit. These kits sport the name "Killick Cuisine" which is the trading-style of the pub. We also held our kick-off barbecue at the pub this season. Many thanks to them for their generosity. We also have a new sponsor for our Under 8 team – PMC Landscapes, so thank you to them, too.

Finally, before Christmas, we will be having our Christmas treat for the boys and we would, by then, have enjoyed (hopefully) our trip to the Jobserve stadium to watch England U20s v Germany!! Memories of 1966 (well, for me at least!!).





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Thank you to all who attended the Village Fete on Saturday 1st September. What a great day! We were so lucky, the weather was fantastic! My thanks again to the many volunteers, including all of the members of the Parish Council, who kindly gave their time to make the day the success that it was. Thank you to the Charity Allotment Stall for their kind financial contribution and to all the members of the West Bergholt Concert Band. We are also extremely grateful to Mr & Mrs Easey and Mantis Cars for bringing along their fabulous vehicles on the day. Congratulations to Eight Ash Green FC in winning the Under 9's 7-a-side football tournament.



The quality of the Produce Show was fantastic. Well done to all who exhibited and congratulations to everyone who won certificates. If you missed the award ceremony on the day, then I am pleased to reveal this year's trophy winners. Well done to all of them:

Highest Overall Points	Trophy	Winner
Photography	The Copeman Bowl	Andrew Ross & Catherine Streatfield
Children – Under 4	The Church Cup	Edie Smith
Children – Age 5 to 8	The Children's Cup	Amelia Beckwith-Cole
Children – Age 9 to 13	The Girl's & Boy's Cup	Rachel Walkingshaw
Floral Art	The Harry Churchman Challenge Vase	Cornelia Smith
Handicrafts	The Westwood Cup	Rachel Walkingshaw
Flowers	The Lugg Flower Bowl	Manya Barrow
Vegetables & Fruit	The Vegetable Cup	Arthur Farthing
Home Produce - Preserves	The Travis Cup for Fruit	Annie Neish
Home Produce - Cookery	The Heath Cup	Catherine Streatfield
Family with most points	The Holt Family Cup	The Smith Family
Children's Best in Show	The Bevan Cup	Amelia Beckwith-Cole
Best Exhibit in Show	The Farmers Challenge Cup	Catherine Streatfield



We are also pleased to announce the date of next year's Fete:

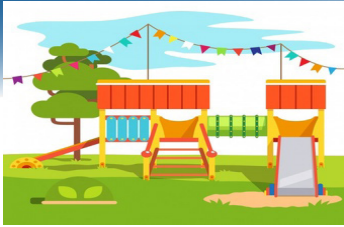
Village Fete 2019 - Saturday 13th July

Yes, July next year, which will be a new challenge for all you veg growers out there! The new Produce Show schedules will be available from January on the Allotment Stall so that you can start planning your crops.

We look forward to seeing you there!



West Bergholt Playground Advisory Group



We need your help with planning and building a new and exciting play area on the Lorkin Daniell Field. The first playground on the field was installed over 30 years ago with support from the Parish Council and lots of fundraising from a group of local mums and dads. The last makeover was carried out 15 years ago.

In October 2018, due to deterioration, the old wooden climbing frame had to be demolished and a replacement spinner installed. Further plans for more new and exciting equipment is being planned! The aim of this project is to install a playground that will last for 10-15 years and cater for all ages, from tots to teens, with plenty of seating for parents.

To refurbish the playground could cost over £80,000. The Parish Council recently contacted a number of interested people and village organizations to request their ideas and help in planning a new playground and to look at how funds could be raised for this project.

At the end of September, nine people met up at the Orpen Hall to discuss ideas with representatives from the Parish Council and the “West Bergholt Playground Advisory Group” was formed. We met up again in October with 16 people attending, plus a group of 8 children from Heathlands School. The children discussed lots of their interesting ideas with us - the type of exciting equipment they would like to have as well as drawing some great illustrations.

A village poll was put on Facebook in October to gain ideas from members of the village. The Parish Council and Advisory Group are also contacting all local clubs and interested parties to gain their views.

Two working groups have been formed:

1. A group to meet with playground contractors, looking at ideas for equipment and their cost, to come up with a working plan for the future refurbishment.
2. A group to look at ideas for fundraising, sponsorship and donations to raise the necessary funds.
3. The Parish Council will be applying for grant monies that are available to them.

A Cinema Club for adults and children is our first fundraising event to take off in December and February.

The Parish Council have already applied for a grant for £10,000 (they will match this with £5k and fundraising will need to match with £5k). The grant could be available to spend next summer. Meetings have been held with three suppliers to gain ideas and quotes for new equipment.

To raise the necessary funds for this project could take 2-3 years – grant monies are usually only available annually, so we need your help PLEASE. Fundraising ideas would be particularly welcome.

If you would like to join the Advisory Group or would just like to come along to the next meeting and discuss your ideas, please contact acting chair, Carole Baldwin, at baldwincarole@btinternet.com



West Bergholt Film Club

Our first children's screening will be

The Polar Express

Saturday 15th December

At the Orpen Hall

Doors open 9.30am – film starts 10am

**Tickets £2.50 in advance from Scissorhands
available from 1st December**

Free popcorn for each child

**All children under 16 must be accompanied by an adult
Refreshments available**

To raise funds to refurbish the Orpen Hall playground.



3rd West Bergholt Brownies



On 21st July 2018, Girl Guiding introduced the new Brownie Programme. We have been looking at some of the activities in the new themes – Know Myself, Be Well, Have Adventures, Express Myself, Take Action and Skills For The future.

We're looking forward to exploring more activities and badges.

In September, 17 girls went to Skeens Park in Chelmsford on the coach for an activity day alongside 100 other Rainbows, Brownies and Guides. The girls enjoyed a variety of activities such as crafting, climbing, archery and fire lighting. The fire lighting was their favourite as they all cooked smores - they were yummy!

The girls have also enjoyed a joint meeting with 1st West Bergholt Brownies when they made pictures with glow sticks, played some fun games and had hot chocolate with cookies.

The unit took part in the village Remembrance parade and service, and will be joining the Gift service at the Methodist hall and the carol service at the Old Church in December.

Our Autumn term will end with a party, wearing Christmas jumpers and onsies, party food, games, dancing and a visit from Father Christmas.

Brown Owl – Diana Woodgate

West Bergholt Indoor Bowls Club



Another weekend to Potters has been arranged for the beginning of December to see 'The Christmas Spectacular' and a game of bowls or two.

County matches are now underway with three members of the club, Doreen Payne, Pat McCarthy and David Foley entering for the Essex Singles Champion. The first round is in the New Year so good luck to them all.

Club competitions are now underway and friendly matches have been arranged.

The club has had three new members join in the past few weeks. We meet at the Orpen Hall on Thursday and Sunday evenings at 7.15pm. Beginners are always welcome so come along for a free evening and see how you get on.

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

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Friends of St Mary's Old Church



Since the church was re-opened, a steady stream of visitors have been to see the building and its smart new belfry. It is hoped that the bats who roost there are happy with the new environment.

We are still awaiting the schedule of works required for the internal redecoration which is due to happen next.

Visitors will have noticed the new notice board in the churchyard which has its own small flower bed which we hope will be a riot of colour next year. Thanks are due to member Geoff Gibbons for setting this up.

The churchyard is also missing a much-loved seat. This was dedicated to the memory of Claire Short and has stood for many years on the entrance path. Recently, Claire's husband passed away and the family have generously opted to recondition the seat in memory of both parents. The seat will be returned to its former location in the near future. The Friends are most grateful to the Short family for their support.

This year, the village Carol Service will take place again on Sunday 16th of December which is an event treasured by so many in the community and is usually very well supported. We hope to have the church suitably decorated to celebrate the season and our new Nativity scene will get its first outing. As ever, this event sees the church full to bursting point and an early arrival is required in order to ensure a seat.

Finally, apologies are due to all supporters who were called "fiends" in the last report! Of course there is nothing fiendish about the Friends, only that they love the old building and are very keen to see it saved for posterity. Anyone can join this happy band and a token £5 will obtain the very few benefits of being a "fiend"!

Marin Long

Chairman Friends of St Marys Old Church

01206 240443

Christmas Tree-cycle

Saturday 12th January 2019

Simply register, donate and we will collect and recycle your tree!

Collections from CO1-CO9 and CO11

A £10 donation could pay for home-cooked meals for a day for someone staying in The Hospice this Christmas

Register now at
sthelena.org.uk/treecollect19

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Bluebell Preschool



We have had a busy autumn term welcoming our new children and their families to the setting.

The children have loved getting out and about in the turtle buses, looking at the changing leaves, watching the vegetables growing at the allotment, especially the pumpkins, finding conkers and acorns.

We have also enjoyed the new spinner at the playpark and using our imagination on the climbing frame – choosing it to be a space rocket or a pirate ship.

Our celebrations this term include Halloween, bonfire night, Children in Need, Diwali and, of course, Christmas.

We are hoping the weather stays fine so we can continue to enjoy lots of outdoor play, but, of course, as winter approaches we look forward to hopefully playing in the snow, too.

Any enquiries please call 07969 510120.

West Bergholt Baby & Toddler Group



The Baby and Toddler Group are still meeting every Monday in term time and welcoming a wide range of newborn and pre-school children and their carers at the Methodist Hall from 9.30-11.15 (ish).

We enjoyed our annual trip to pick apples at Manor Grove Farm and had a wonderful time with Jo Jeffrey from St Mary's Church who helped us to celebrate harvest in the Autumn.

On 10th December, we are having our Christmas Party when, as usual, we will have entertainment, extra special snacks, a visit from you know who and all the children will get a present! Our last meeting in 2018 will be on Monday 17th December when we will also hold a Christmas raffle. Some fantastic prizes have kindly been donated by Scissorhands, The Treble Tile, The Queens Head, Hasty's Adventure Farm, Colchester Zoo, Little Giggles, Sunnyfield's Honey, Colemans Butchers, Manor Grove Farm, Beauty at the Bay and Blue Owl. Tickets will be on sale from the group and committee members, with all proceeds going to the group.

Our Spring schedule will feature dressing up and story telling. We have a pancake day activity, construction theme and biscuit decorating all planned. We always welcome grandparents at anytime of year but especially around Mother's day when we actively encourage grannys to join us. At Easter we will make Easter bonnets and have a parade around the hall. In March, we are planning a seed planting activity with the help of the funds donated to us by Oak View Landscapes last year.

As the group is celebrating 40 years in the village we are planning a night out at the Queens Head on 8th February. We hope past and present carers and parents will join us to catch up.

We wish all our members, visitors, carers and of course children a very Merry Christmas.

Gemma, Rachel, Karen, Andrea, Beth and Suzanne

West Bergholt Baby & Toddler GROUP

Join in and help raise funds by buying a
ticket for our Christmas raffle!

Prizes Include:

Free food from The Queens Head and The Treble Tile!

Free entry passes to Hastys Farm

Free child passes to Colchester Zoo

£10 off meat at John Coleman Butchers

£10 voucher from Blue Owl

Voucher from Beauty at the Bay

A month free entry to Little Giggles

**Goodies from Manor Grove Farm, Sunnyfields Honey and
Home and Scissorhands**

Tickets just 20p!

Pop along to the group or call Gemma 07909 678976 to buy
your tickets before 17th December





West Bergholt Film Club

We are pleased to announce the forming of a Village Film Club to raise funds to refurbish the Orpen Hall Playground. Our first showing was Mamma Mia! Here We Go Again on Saturday 1st December.

Our first children's film will be
**The Polar Express on Saturday 15th
December.**

Please see posters around the village for more details.

Tickets for all films are available from Scissorhands.

Dates for your diary 2019

(films to be confirmed)

Saturday 9th February 7.30pm

Thursday 21st February 10am (children's)



Coming Soon...

The Orpen Players present

Alice in Wonderland

Containing all your favourite, wonderful characters and a few more to amuse and entertain, it is an absolute cracker and not to be missed.

**Friday 25th January, Saturday 26th January, Friday 1st
February and Saturday 2nd February 2019.**

Reserve your tickets now – contact Roger 01206 241048.



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, 10.30am, Mile End Methodist Church. Lifts available. Contact 01206 241969 or 01206 2425211

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 Gemma 07909 678976.

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

Contact Kelly 07453 859583

WB Cubs, 6.30pm-8pm Scout Hut.

Contact Charles Hart 01206 241666

Zumba Fitness & Pilates, 6.30pm, Methodist Church Hall.

Contact Jo Clarke 01206 272759

Gardeners Association, 7.30pm 3rd Monday.

Contact Terry Claydon 01206 241256

Pilates, 7.30pm. Methodist Church Hall.

Contact Jo Clarke 01206 272759.

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 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

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

Contact Kelly 07453 859583

Vocal Zones Choir, 7pm, Heathlands School.

Contact Ann 07596 071636 or Linda 07545 572157

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.

Bible Study Book Club, 3rd Wednesday, 10.30am Methodist Church Hall

Mid-Week Worship, 1st Wednesday, 11.00am 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

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.colchestertermc.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

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