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The Scissorhands Spotlight...



Scissorhands is a family run business established by local mother and daughter, Cheryl Willsher and Victoria Cannon. The Salon has been trading under its current name for over 20 years but has been a hairdressers serving the local and surrounding community for many more years.

The building has had a varied past, starting as a Methodist Chapel in the 19th century, The British School, a garage and prior to Cheryl and Victoria taking it over the Clark family of West Bergholt started it as a hairdressers called Elizabeth.

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The summer is a distant memory, Halloween and bonfire night have come and gone and dare I say it that Christmas is nearly upon us.

How did that happen? Where did 2019 go?

In this issue we have the update on the Neighbourhood plan consultation, a feature from Scissorhands, and a feature on a new app for First Bus that hopefully will help keep you updated on bus times, especially in this chilly weather!

As the year comes to a close, 'd like to say a huge thank you to the Bulletin team for all their hard work throughout the year. Big thanks to our printer for working in our not so generous deadlines! And a big thank you to our distributors who deliver our publication all through the year.

Wishing all a very Merry Christmas and a happy New Year.

Jacqui

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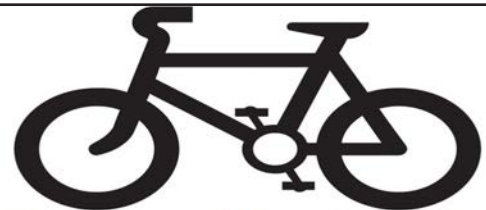
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The App helps you to:

- buy & use paper-free cheaper bus tickets with your phone,
- find bus times – tap on a bus stop icon to get live* & scheduled times by picking the time & date of travel,
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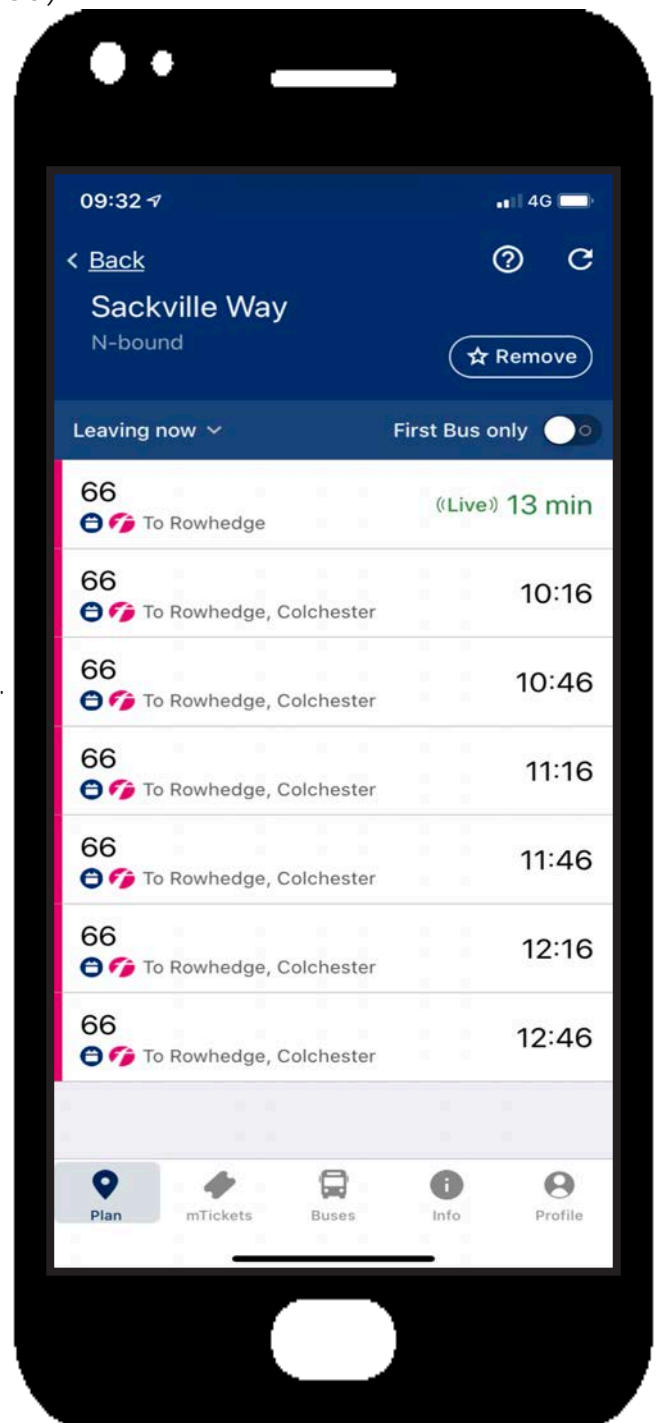
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Service Reliability

Parish Councillors told First Bus at Transport meetings about residents concerns on service reliability. The reality is that there will always be circumstances outside of their control resulting in cancellations. Councillors advised First Bus that the 66 route appears to suffer disproportionately and so requested that they spread the pain more fairly.

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Friends of St Mary's Old Church

We're pleased to report that work on the interior regarding decoration of the building will be in hand by the time you read this. This process marks the end of the major refurbishments that have taken place over the last three years and should see our venerable building made good for the long term. Whilst the internal works are in progress, the church will be closed to the public. It is hoped that the closure will not be for long but it may be protracted as restoration works will need time to dry out before the next stage is undertaken, so there will be times when not much is seen to be happening.

Notwithstanding the above, it is proposed that there will be a Mulled Wine and Mince Pies event at the Church on the 1st of December, when there will be an opportunity to see what's being done. In addition, the Annual Carol Service will take place on 15th December at 2.30pm. Space is always limited for this so early attendance is recommended.

Plans are being made for events next year, details of which will be published later. We also have some enquiries about weddings which we are always happy to support.

The popular Christmas Cards will again be available shortly, featuring seasonal views of the Church. We know that these cards are sent far and wide to folk who may well remember the building from time spent in the village.

Finally, our building like many others is vulnerable to those who would steal from it, particularly the lead from the roof. We would ask all those who regularly pass the building whilst exercising their dogs or themselves to keep an eye on the building and let us know if anything untoward or suspicious is happening. All authorised contractors will have vehicles bearing their names.

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.

Martin Long
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Chairman

West Bergholt Badminton

We are a group of friendly ladies who get together to play badminton on Wednesday afternoons from 2.30 to 4pm at the Orpen Hall.

We would be pleased to welcome new members of all abilities who are interested in enjoying some gentle exercise and friendly games.

If you would like to join us, please phone Carol Felton on 01206 240126 or come along to meet us on a Wednesday afternoon.

You will be very welcome.

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- Inheritance Tax
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- Estate Planning
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- Trusts
- Elderly and Vulnerable Client Matters

The team have created a guide to help you understand how you can plan for the future. It explains the nature of the options available to you and the effect on your family and friends if you have Wills and LPAs in place, and if you do not.

Download the guide from www.tsplegal.com/planningahead or contact us on 01206 217058 and we will send you a hard copy in the post.

Aileen Hirst, who lives in West Bergholt, can provide you with advice on the full range of private client matters listed above. She is an accredited member of Solicitors for the Elderly (SFE) and STEP, The Society of Trust and Estate Practitioners.

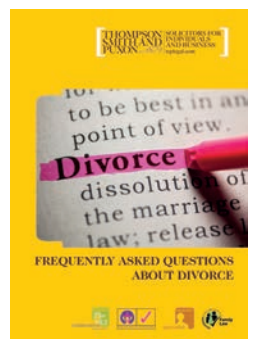


A Guide to Divorce

Going through a divorce can be a stressful, confusing and painful time and there are always lots of questions that need answering. The TSP Family team have put together a comprehensive guide to Divorce. In the guide they have outlined the main points for you to be aware of when you are going through a divorce and also answered some of the questions they are most frequently asked.

The guide can be downloaded from www.tsplegal.com/divorce

Shelley Cumbers, a Family and Divorce law solicitor who lives in West Bergholt, can offer a free initial telephone chat to assess your circumstances and provide general information. As well as advising on divorce Shelley can help with all aspects of family law.



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Orpen Players

A Big thank you to everyone who came to see "Wife after Death". The attendance levels each evening were excellent, and judging by the laughter we received everybody seemed to enjoy this very funny comedy as much as we enjoyed performing it.

The next production is, of course, our pantomime. This year we are doing "Treasure Island" by Ben Crocker, adapted by our very own Peter Cox. A very colourful piece of theatre with lots of interesting and amusing characters to entertain you.

Production dates are Friday 24th January, Saturday 25th January, and Friday 31st January, Saturday 1st February. Performance times are 7.30pm each evening with a matinee each Saturday at 2pm. Doors open 30 minutes before curtain up.

Tickets will be priced at £8 adult/£5 child and can be obtained by calling Roger on 01206 241048, and will be on sale at Ash's Store from Saturday 18th January 2020. Make a date in your diaries to ensure you do not miss this wonderful show.



Colin Downer.



Save the Date!

West Bergholt Village Fete 2020

Saturday 18th July from 12 - 4pm
at the Orpen Hall & Lorkin Daniell Field

Thank you to everyone who volunteered and attended the Village Fete 2019 – what a super day!

An amazing £1600 was raised for the new playground equipment alone!

We are now in the process of preparing for next year's fete – let's make it a good one for 2020. We'd love to hear from anyone who would like to help organise or volunteer on the day, please contact westbergholtpc@gmail.com.

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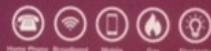
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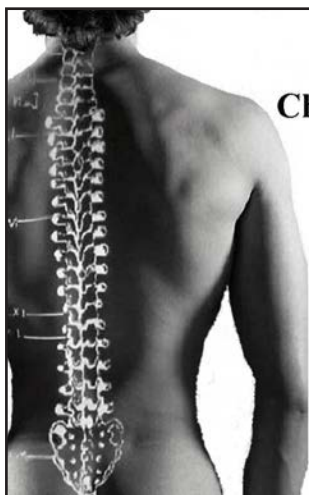
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Baby and toddler group

We have had a few challenges in 2019, the main one was concern over the sale of the Methodist hall, where we meet. This led us to look at alternative sites in case we need to move. After various visits we are now confident that if we did have to vacate the hall we have at least one good option to transfer to.

Plastic use is a topic on everyones lips and we are actively trying to buy less single use plastic on our snacks and in our craft materials.

Overall attendance weekly at our group is still sound - which is great, with a mix of newborns, crawling babies and toddlers plus a few pre-schoolers. However, 2020 will see us paring back on planned events and scheduled themes we have previously offered as the number of people who volunteer to regularly do the various roles within the group have dwindled. Our main aim will be to set up and pack away/clean and to provide refreshments. Singing, a supervised craft activity, trips, visitors etc will be more ad hoc depending on who is available to help and organise them. Hopefully some of our regular attendees will be able to commit to helping out more as their babies grow or we may attract some new help as the new year progresses - watch this space!

Nevertheless, we will aim to provide a safe and welcoming group with lots of toys every Monday in term time in 2020. A place where adults can relax, have a cuppa and chat about the triumphs and woes of childcare and where children can have a snack, play and socialise with many other children their own age right here in the village where they live.

We meet every Monday in term time 9.30-11.15am at the Methodist Hall, Chapel Lane.

Gemma and Team x

WEA

The autumn course tutor, Edward De Maunsell, brought history alive with his ten talks on "GREAT BRITISHERS OF NOTE" when he spoke about and invited discussion of prominent people including, among others, Boudica, Tyndale, Queen Elizabeth I and Wellington, before ending with Margaret Thatcher. This was Edward De Maunsell's first visit to West Bergholt, and he proved to be a most entertaining and thought-provoking speaker.

On Tuesday 21st January 2020 at 7.45pm, David Prynns subject is "IMPERIAL CHINA: Land and People", running over 10 weeks. Each session lasts 1 1/2, hours plus a short coffee break. We welcome new (and old) members so why not join us at The Methodist Hall, Chapel Lane? The cost is £58 but if you receive certain benefits you may be entitled to a free course. To find out more and to enrol, please quote course reference C2226665 either online at wea.org.uk or by ringing 0300 303 3464.

The West Bergholt Branch of The Workers Educations Association or WEA has been active for 38 years in the village and we hope with your support will continue for many more.

West Bergholt Concert Band

As well as being renowned for our "music for fun" ethos, the band are renowned for encouraging young musicians, with recent activities including workshops with schools, concert tours of primary schools, open rehearsals (the next is on Friday 24th January) and play days. Maintaining a balance of ages is key to our success, so we've started our autumn events with a Play Day at St Botolph's on Saturday 23rd November. These play days are always highly popular, enjoyed by all and are a great way to experience playing in a fun band.

The play day culminated in an evening concert at St Botolph's in aid of Children In Need, with a wonderful programme of music from "The Great Composers" – Beethoven to The Beatles, Sousa to Sondheim, Copland to Cohen, and more.

It's then time for our favourite – our Christmas Concert at St Peter ad Vincula in Coggeshall on Saturday 14th December at 7:30pm. The programme is exclusively Christmas music, with classic Christmas favourites (White Christmas, Rudolph, Sleigh Ride), modern Christmas classics (Merry Christmas Darling, Do They Know It's Christmas, All I Want For Christmas Is You), as well as Carols to listen to and sing along with. As always it'll be a cracker of a concert... so please come along – you'll also be helping us raise money for the Church's chosen charity.

Full details of the band and its events are available on our website www.wbcb.org or you can contact our conductor on Conductor@wbcb.org or 07941 947541. Otherwise, please do join us at a Friday night rehearsal at Heathlands Primary School, West Bergholt - Training Band for Grade 1+ is 6pm-7pm, Concert Band for Grade 4+ is 7:15-9pm. Hopefully we'll see you at St Botolph's in November or Coggeshall at Christmas.

Friends of Hillhouse wood

Wednesday 11th December sees the 25th Annual General Meeting of the 'friends' in the Orpen Hall. We always have a guest speaker and this year it's John More, the Essex Wildlife Trust Living Landscape Coordinator.

As friendly 'friends' we are more than happy to welcome anyone to this event. Please therefore don't hesitate to turn up – you don't have to be a member to attend. (You'll just miss the pleasure of voting!)

Whilst the meeting commences at 7.30pm, light refreshments will be available from 7.00pm and also following the close of formal business and before John gives his talk.

So, why not come along, hear what's been happening in the Wood and meet others from West Bergholt and around who care about it?

Andrew Savage
Chairman

<http://westbergholt.net/village-life/clubs/hillhouse-wood/>

Our winter programme of talks started in September when Jim Connor told us the sad story of the Wreck of the Cromer Express at Colchester's North Station in 1913. He illustrated his talk with a number of poignant pictures of the crew that unfortunately perished and the wreckage that resulted. In October, local historian Liz White told us some interesting stories about the Avenue of Remembrance and in particular some of the people recorded by the trees planted along each side. In November, Charlie Haylock delivered the third Bernard Colbron Lecture about the "History of Surnames" on his return to West Bergholt. Also, in October, a group of members visited Wivenhoe to hear how the Wivenhoe History Group researched and prepared their very successful "Stepping Back in Time" self-guided walk pamphlet and online material for many of the properties in the High Street.

The Impact of the Daniell Family on West Bergholt

An illustrated talk by Peter Noakes, (Chair of WBLHG)

Most residents will know that at one time there was a Brewery in this village which was set up in the 19th century by Thomas Daniell. His sons then started breweries in the area and they eventually all merged as Daniell and Sons Breweries Ltd. It is clear that Daniell's Brewery was a significant employer in the village and many families who still live here had ancestors who worked there. This talk will provide an insight to the importance the Daniell family had on the development of West Bergholt.



Wednesday January 8th 2020 at 7.00pm, Orpen Hall. Members £2 & Visitors £4.

The Fordham Dig

John Mallison and Jonathan Oldham will be telling us about the latest update on this Roman Site at Fordham Hall. Phase 1 started in 2015 with initial investigations suggesting significant Roman activity, in Phase 11 2016 excavations began and in 2019 the final footprint of the villa is expected to be completed.

February 8th at 7pm in Orpen Hall. Members £2, visitors £4

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St Mary's Church

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We hope you found the article in the September Bulletin about caring for our Churchyard helpful. We promised to let you know when the next Churchyard Tidy will be and the date for this has been set as Saturday 14th March. Notice will also be given on the West Bergholt Community Hub Facebook page and parish and church websites in the new year.

New Church Administrator

We are delighted to be able to introduce our new church administrator, Janine Wilde, who joined us in September following the retirement of Liz Dixon. Janine has a wide range of experience including working as a Post Mistress and as a Children and Families' Worker for St Luke's Church at Highwoods. She is married with 3 daughters, the youngest of whom attends Heathland School. If you need information on church events and baptisms or weddings, or recycling bags and containers, Janine can be contacted on 01206 243683 or lwb.wb.gh.parishes@gmail.com, or just pop in and see her weekdays between 9am and 1pm.



Christmas Services



Everyone is very warmly invited to join us at our various special services over the Christmas period:

- Carols by Candlelight at the Old Church, 2.30pm on Sunday 15 December
- Christmas Eve Crib Service, 3pm at St Mary's
- Christmas Eve Carol Service, 6.45pm at St Mary's
- Joint Christmas Eve Midnight Communion, 11.30pm at All Saints' Church, Great Horkesley
- Christmas Day Family Communion, 9.30pm at St Mary's

BYG

BYG returned in September after the summer break, with the last date in July seeing the return of Zorbing that was thoroughly enjoyed by everyone.

Since September we have held some special events including Dodgeball, Rugby, Athletics, Halloween and Children in Need, with an average attendance of over 40 children. We will be having our annual Christmas disco on Friday 13th December (cost £3 with free food), before returning for the new year on 17th January.

Watch out for full list of Spring 2020 dates and events list on our Facebook page and on the village notice board outside the Co-Op. For further information please contact the Club Leader, Jamie Bowden, on 07581 202960.

West Bergholt Gardeners

After a busy summer of visits to inspiring gardens, as the Autumn days began to shorten, the Gardeners began a new programme of interesting evening talks to take us through the Winter months and we hope you will think about joining us, either as a member or as an occasional visitor. We are a friendly and informal group who meet once a month in the Orpen Hall, West Bergholt at 7.30pm and visitors are always welcome to join us (£3.50 entry fee at the door).

Our 2019/2020 programme began on 16th September when Linda Holdaway gave an illustrated talk about "The National Garden Scheme", whereby owners open their private gardens to the public, giving visitors unique access and also raising significant funds for nursing and health charities. As Linda is the Assistant County Administrator for Essex, she gave lots of information about the many local, private gardens which participate that we could visit. The next talk, on 21st October, was on "The British Flower Revival" by Frances Boscawen of Moats Farm Flowers, near Framlingham, who is the East Anglia Regional Co-Ordinator for "Flowers from the Farm", an organisation dedicated to promoting the wider use of our national flowers for all events and celebrations.



The 18th November talk was by Andrew Sankey, entitled "Six of the Best" on his favourite lesser known UK gardens, followed by our annual Christmas Quiz night on 9th December. We don't meet in January but our first evening talk for 2020 will be on 17th February, entitled "An introduction to Succulents" by Craig Thompson.

For further information, contact Terry Claydon: tel: 01206 241256; email: wbgardeners@gmail.com; or <http://www.westbergholt.net/clubs/gardeners/>

1st West Bergholt Rainbows

The Autumn term 2019 has begun well and we're delighted to welcome 6 new Rainbows who have really embraced the Girlguiding ideals.

1st West Bergholt Rainbows as a unit launched the new Girlguiding Programme in January 2019, dipping our toes into the biggest change and overhaul that Girlguiding has seen for decades. Our new programme will offer a balanced and varied programme set across six themes. My team have planned a variety of activities and experiences, from adventures to personal development and a opportunity to develop key skills. Of course, there is a badge for all their hard work in achieving these areas and fun along the way too!

The unit will join other Brownies and Guides with a Cinema trip to the Odeon to see the much anticipated "Frozen 2" - hope this isn't a warning for the type of winter we might have!

After this I think we'll be in the Christmas spirit and the unit will enjoy all the excitement in the run up to the end of term.

Happy Christmas and New Year from 1st West Bergholt Rainbows.



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The Tom Bowdidge Youth Cancer Foundation

Christmas preparations are well underway and the house is filling with boxes for Christmas fayres. The excitement and hype are building to a crescendo but before you know it, it will all be over and we will be faced with long gloomy winter days ahead. Do not fear – here at TBF we have the perfect solution to cheer you up: our 6th Feather Ball. And what a spectacular event we have for you this year.

The Feather Ball was created to celebrate what would have been Tom's 21st Birthday and since then it has gone from strength to strength. This year it will be taking place in the beautiful, historic setting of Braxted Park, Witham. As always, the theme for the event is a closely guarded secret and guests will have to wait until the night to find out. However, old favourites will be returning such as the popular silent auction and casino and The Beavers will help guests dance the night away.

The Feather Ball is the highlight of the year and one of TBF's biggest fundraisers. Previous balls have raised more than £30,000 for the charity. We are delighted to announce that the official headline sponsor of this year's Feather Ball is Lanswood Residential and Commercial Developments. Darin Shaikly, Managing Director said, 'We are honoured to be able to support such a respected event and work with Nikki and Richard to raise funds for their fantastic charity.'

Tickets are £65 a head and tables of 10 or 12 are available. Please contact Nikki at nikki@tombowdidgefoundation.org for more information or to book a table.



Merry Christmas and a very happy, healthy New Year from us all at TBF.

Winter Draws On

For several years, West Bergholt has been part of Essex County Council's salt distribution scheme and was a pioneer in arranging volunteers for pavement clearing in the event of severe winter weather. For the last two years, our efforts have hardly been required despite having purchased a second salt spreader, but when we have had heavy snowfalls the efforts have certainly been appreciated by residents.

The team of about 20 volunteers can only focus on the pavements in key areas such as the Co-op, Pharmacy, Surgery and keeping the school open. With more volunteers, clearly more can be achieved. Residents who are fit and can make themselves available are urged to join the team.

Please contact Harry Stone on 01206 241026 or email stone.vindens@gmail.com.

Joining others willing to give their bit for the community is the best insurance policy to ensure the worst of the winter is avoided!



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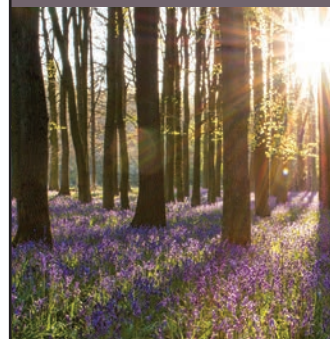
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West Bergholt Allotments

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. During 2019 we have gone through some changes in the organisation and how we run the allotments in the future – The WB Allotment Committee will now be known as the WB Allotment Association. We will report directly to the New Allotment Trust and not a WB Parish Council Committee.

A big thankyou to those who have volunteered their time to maintain the site, such as grass and hedge cutting, bonfires etc. Due to changes as mentioned above, we are having to make alterations in the way we can use volunteers in the future. This we are currently looking at.

I would like to bring to the attention of plot holders that inspections are carried out three times a year, and in 2020 it has been decided to take a more proactive approach to those plots in need of attention.

The Charity stall continues to be popular with all. Mervyn Donnelly has decided to stand down from his role as Chair of the Charity Stall with effect from 31st December 2019. We wish to express our thanks for all his hard work, commitment & the tremendous job he has done with the stall.

Water supply will be switched off from 1st December 2019 to 31st March 2020.

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.

Allotment plots are still available. Priority will be given to those within the parish boundary. Contact details above.

The Allotments will be opening the site in 2020 for a day in association with the West Bergholt Gardeners Open Gardens 2020.

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

Terry Claydon
Chairperson – WBAA

The Care Network is available to anyone of any age who needs help getting to the local surgery, hospital or other appointment such as physiotherapy, chiropody, optician, osteopath, etc. It is also available to take people to visit others in hospital.



Telephone 0300 7773100 to speak to someone who will arrange the transport for you. Transport is only provided within the local area, but in exceptional cases a longer journey may be considered. 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.

First West Bergholt Guides

What an exciting start to the Autumn at First West Bergholt Guides. A whole new Leadership team, and a quickly growing number of girls keen to be involved in the fun.

Three of our original girls have had the honour of being awarded a Jack Petchy award, and our young leader, Thea, has achieved her Baden Powell award, which is a credit to them and the previous guide leadership team.

This term we have been getting to know each other and doing activities which contribute to our badge program. We have held a strictly come Bergholt evening for Macmillan, been out litter picking, had an outdoor wide game evening with camp fire and a designer hot chocolate station.

We have taken part in parliament week, with an exciting tour of the houses of parliament and the house of Lords. With help from our local MP we are holding a political evening where we look at how the country is run. In November we completed some badge work with the theme "sending a message within our community". Then of course there will be Christmas crafts and celebrations.

If you have a daughter interested in being part of this inclusive, friendly group please get in touch by email: westbergholtguides@yahoo.com or apply directly for a place by visiting <https://www.girlguiding.org.uk/information-for-parents/register-your-daughter/>



Rachel Hopkins (leader in training)

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Women's Institute

In September, instead of a speaker, members enjoyed a fish and chip supper kindly collected from Eight Ash Green by Brian Butcher. Pimms and fruit juice were on offer whilst we all puzzled over three quizzes prepared by Susan Leng. For social time, five members had been given a budget of £15 each to buy outfits from charity shops. The compere described the ladies' ensemble for a wedding, beach party, cocktail party, casual wear and dinner at the Captains table on a cruise. Members were asked to guess the price each model had spent, not knowing the budget. Great fun was had by all.

Three Members accepted an invitation to hear the speaker Lucy Lewis at Earls Colne WI. She was the first female bomb disposal officer and spoke about her work as a Military Police woman.

On a sunny weekday, 20 members enjoyed a cruise on the river Deben from Waldringfield, followed by lunch at the May Bush Inn.

October was an open meeting with guest speaker Peter Jones, who spoke about 'How to do Everything and be Happy'. His various experiences brought much laughter from his audience. The usual home-made cakes completed the evening.

November welcomed Norma Howell from Diss, who gave a talk with slides and videos on Medical Detection Dogs and Medical Alert Assistance Dogs. CEO Claire Guest with co-founder Dr John Church have established this excellent charity for people with diabetes.

We have a planned visit to Firstsite later this month and a lunch club will start in the new year, dining in various restaurants once a month. Our regular meetings include Rummikub, play reading and a coffee morning. We have welcomed many new members this year.

Woods Bowls Club – Keepers Green, Braiswick

The 2019 outdoor season has been very successful. Our Men finished top of the Colchester Borough Fours 'B' division and have been promoted to the top 'A' division next season. Not only that, but they won 11 and drew 1 of their 12 games so went the whole season unbeaten!

In the Colchester Borough Triples, our Mens' 'A' team finished runners-up in the 'B' division and have also been promoted to the 'A' division next season. A big well done to both teams and good luck next season.

Off the green, we signed up lots of new members following a very successful 'Open day'. We will be hosting another open day in May 2020 and look forward to welcoming anyone who would like to have a try.

During the winter, the green will be put to bed until the spring. Certain treatments have already been done to improve the condition of the green and we hope come next spring we will have a green to be proud of.

Our next update will be in April, just ahead of the start of the new season.

Don't forget there is lots of information and how to get in touch with us if you are interested in taking up the game or giving it a go on our website: www.hugofox.com/community/woods-bowls-club-8629



Village Neighbourhood Plan Referendum

The recent referendum regarding the adoption of the local village plan marked the end of a process which has taken six years of work by a dedicated few on the Parish Council. Thanks to the support of those villagers who voted, the Plan will now be adopted by Colchester Borough and used by them when development matters are being considered for the village. The acceptance of the plan makes it much easier for the Borough and the Parish Councils to reject the speculative development plans which have been such a feature of recent times. These developments have no purpose other than to enrich the developer at the expense of Village amenities and peace. The Plan sets out where development might take place and what type of buildings will be acceptable.

It is important to emphasise how the adoption of the Neighbourhood Plan will protect our village from predatory speculative housing proposals in the future. Thanks are due to those who have tirelessly worked on the Plan over the years and to the villagers who turned out to register their support in the Referendum. West Bergholt is ahead of the game in this area and as a result of the support from our villagers we hopefully will continue to enjoy our village and not face it being changed in the future to the detriment of us all but for the profit of some.

Thanks are due to all who have worked so hard to make this possible.

A view from the village by Martin Long (in-comer for 30 years!)



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Parish Council meetings are held every fourth Wednesday of each month except August and December, unless otherwise advised (see notice boards). During the meeting the public are invited to raise any issue for consideration by the Parish Council during the "Questions from registered electors" item.

For general enquiries, email the Parish Council using westbergholtpc@googlemail.com or telephone the Clerk on 01206 240772. Contact made in this way will be dealt with by the Clerk or forwarded to relevant Parish Councillors. For specific enquiries about matters dealt with committees, email the contacts provided below, although please also copy to the Clerk.

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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

Bowls Club, 7.30pm Orpen Hall.

Contact John Rookard, 01206 619497

Monday

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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 Kevin Sturdy 01206 240549

Pilates, 6.30pm. Methodist Church Hall.

Contact Jo Clarke 01206 272759.

Gardeners Association, 7.30pm 3rd Monday.

Contact Terry Claydon 01206 241256

SG Karate Club, 8.30pm-9.30pm Scout Hall.

Contact Stuart Glister 01206 365150

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Tuesday

Bluebells Preschool, 9.15am - 3.15pm, Orpen Hall.

Contact Jackie Leach 01206 241677

NHS Primary Care Trust Baby Clinic, 9.30-10.30am, Methodist Church Hall, 2nd & 4th Tuesdays.

Baby Clinic, Methodist Church Hall, 2nd & 4th Tuesday.

Clinic will run with our support as a drop in for families.

Pilates, 9.30am-10.30am, Scout Hut.

Contact Mrs Smith 01206 564348

Jumble Juniors, 9.45 - 10.45am, Methodist Church Hall,

1st, 3rd & 5th Tuesday, term-time only.

Contact Dawn Edwards 07532 160610

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

Contact Kelly 07453 859583

((BOUNCE)) 6.30pm -7.30pm, Orpen Hall.

Contact Kerry King 0788 636 9450

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

W.E.A., 7.45pm, 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

Methodist Church Hall, 1st Wednesday, 11am, Mid-Week Worship; 2nd Wednesday, 10am, Coffee Morning; 3rd Wednesday, 10.45am, Bible Study Book Club; 3rd Wednesday, 2.30pm, Wednesday Fellowship.

Pat's Pals, 1st, 2nd, 4th & 5th Wednesdays, 1.30pm, Methodist Church Hall.

Ladies Afternoon Badminton, 2.30pm - 4pm Orpen Hall. Contact Carol Felton 01206 240126

WB Knitting & Crochet Group, 3rd Wednesday, 2.30pm - 4pm, house group Meeting. Contact 01206 242015

WB Beavers, 5pm - 6.15pm, Scout Hut.

Contact Kevin Sturdy 01206 240549

Slimming World, 5.30pm and 7.30pm, Heathlands

Primary School. Contact Nicky 07957 656 939

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

Contact Jacqui Hunns 01206 240712

WB Scouts, 7.30pm - 9.30pm, Scout Hut.

Contact Kevin Sturdy 01206 240549

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

Thursday

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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

60+ Dance for Health, 11 - 12pm, Methodist Church Hall.

Contact Chloe Brooks 07984 739584/01206 617 110

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,

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Friday

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Bluebells Preschool, 9.15am - 3.15pm, Orpen Hall.

Contact Jackie Leach 01206 241677

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

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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. Jamie Bowden 07581 202960

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

((BOUNCE)) 8am - 9am & 9.15 - 10am, Orpen Hall.

Contact Kerry King 07886369450

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Sunday

((BOUNCE)) 9.30 - 10.30am, Orpen Hall.

Contact Kerry King 07886369450