



# Village Bulletin

*Issue 159 Autumn 2019*

## IMPORTANT NOTICE

West Bergholt Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group  
needs your support in the  
**Neighbourhood Plan Referendum**  
please vote to adopt your Neighbourhood Plan on  
**19th September 2019 in the Orpen Memorial Hall**

After six years the Neighbourhood Plan has at last reached its referendum stage. Your Plan seeks to preserve the unique characteristics of West Bergholt. Even when incomplete, the Plan has been used by the Parish Council and Colchester Borough Council in defeating the planning application behind the White Hart and those to the rear and south of Truman's Brewery. It was also used in the Public planning appeal on Gladman's site in Colchester Road, the result of which will be before the referendum!

You can read the Plan on [westbergholt.net](http://westbergholt.net) and hard copies can also be seen in the local shops, from 1st September. The Plan seeks to shape the village in setting out where new homes should go, their type, size and what they should look like, and how the open spaces around the village will be protected until 2033

**Please vote to adopt the Plan on 19th  
September 2019 (between 7am & 10pm).**

**Your vote counts!**

# West Bergholt Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group needs your support to vote in the **Neighbourhood Plan Referendum** **19th September 2019**

**You can vote in the John Lampon Hall between 7am & 10pm**

If you are on the electoral register you can vote either in person at the Orpen Memorial Hall or by postal vote, if previously arranged, and if at least 51% of those of you that vote support the Plan then it will be used by Colchester Borough Council when determining all future planning applications in West Bergholt.

The Plan seeks to shape the village in setting out where new homes should go, their type, size and what they should look like, and how the countryside and open spaces of the village should be protected until 2033! Your Neighbourhood Plan seeks to preserve the unique characteristics of West Bergholt whilst welcoming development, improvements and change that seek to ensure the vibrancy of the community into the future.

It has taken six years for the Plan to reach this momentous stage with village consultations throughout that time in which many of you have taken part. To date the Plan (even when not quite completed) has been used by both the Parish Council and Colchester Borough Council this year in defeating the planning application behind the White Hart and those to the rear and south of Truman's Brewery! Both Councils also used the Plan in the planning appeal on Gladman's site off Colchester Road. The result of this appeal due before the referendum is therefore awaited by the West Bergholt Steering Group with very great interest.

You can read the Plan on [www.westbergholt.net](http://www.westbergholt.net) and hard copies can also be seen in local shops from 1st September. Those of you who have followed the Plan through its development may note the subtle changes suggested by the Examiner which the Steering Group have adopted and where policies have been enhanced and additional supporting text provided.

**So, please vote to adopt the Plan on 19th September 2019. You can vote in the Orpen Memorial Hall between 7am & 10pm. Be sure your vote counts!**

*Article written and submitted by West Bergholt Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group 30th July 2019*



## Welcome to the Autumn Bulletin...

The summer holidays are now behind us and the children are heading back to school as the weather takes a turn and autumn approaches.

In this issue, we have an update on the Village neighbourhood plan, where you can have your say on the 19th September in the Orpen Hall, so why not pop along?

A big thank you goes to Emma Mardell, who supplied us with the beautiful photo of the Queen's Head for the front page of our last issue.

I would also like to thank all of our contributors who worked within our new submission guidelines this season, helping to bring the Bulletin to the village on time. Your continued support is much appreciated.

*Jacqui*



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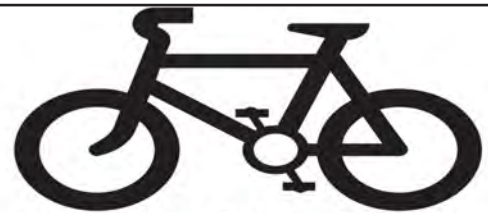
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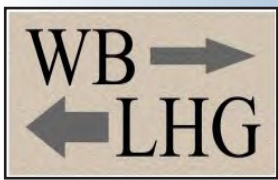


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The history group started the spring/summer visits with an outing in April to Little Easton, near Dunmow where we had a tour and a talk on "The Forgotten Gardens of Easton Lodge". These gardens are Grade 11 listed and have been partially restored by volunteers and the owners of Warwick House. This is an ongoing project. May saw the group at Ipswich Transport Museum where Martin Long told us the history of trams and buses that operated to and from Ipswich. East Essex Aviation Museum housed in the Martello Tower at Point Clear, St. Osyth was our destination in June, the remains of two crashed aircraft can be found here along with memorabilia and displays of uniforms and guns. Our next trip in July was to Gainsborough House Museum in Sudbury, the birthplace of Thomas Gainsborough in 1723, artist famous for his portraits and rural landscapes.

At all of these destinations we received a very warm welcome and they are well worth a visit. In August a guided walk of the town centre with Sir Bob Russell is planned.

The programme for 2019/2020 is: -

September 11th "THE WRECK OF THE CROMER EXPRESS" Local author John Conner is speaking about the tragic train crash at Colchester Station in 1913 that claimed three lives.

October 9th "AVENUE OF REMEMBRANCE" Liz White will review its significance.

October 19th (Saturday) We have a visit to The Wivenhoe History Group for a talk and a tour.

November 13th "THE ORIGINS OF SURNAMEN" Charlie Haylock is returning to West Bergholt for our 3rd Bernard Colbron Lecture to speak on the history and derivation of surnames.

December - no meeting

January 8th Chairman Peter Noakes is giving a talk on "THE DANIELL FAMILY OF WEST BERGHOLT".

February 12th the subject is "THE FORDHAM DIG" with John Mallison and Jonathan Oldham.

AGM is on 11th March 2020. Short formal meeting followed by films of the local area.

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# Orpen Players Autumn Production

After the amazing audience attendance for our spring production "The Vicar of Dibley", we were faced with the question of what to do for autumn that could possibly retain that amount of interest. We knew it would be difficult because the Vicar of Dibley is so well known and loved.

Michael Poole has come up with the answer. He has chosen to direct "Wife after Death" a comedy by Eric Chappell, which although not so well known, is a terrific comedy that we feel sure will bring an evening of love and laughter. Eric Chappell is of course the author of "Rising Damp", a very popular sitcom from the seventies.

Michael has gathered together a cast of new and established players to bring this hilarious comedy to fruition, and is a great way to conclude celebrations for our 50th year!

Production dates are 10th/11th/12th October 2019.

Look forward to seeing you there.

Visit our website [orpenplayers.co.uk](http://orpenplayers.co.uk) for updates.

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If you would like to join one of our fun, interactive groups in September, please do not hesitate to get in touch. The new timetable for September is below. A bientôt. ¡Hasta pronto!

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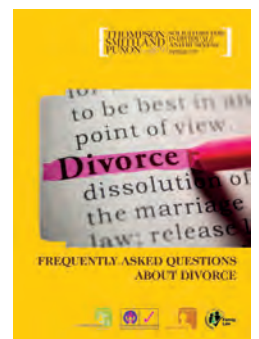


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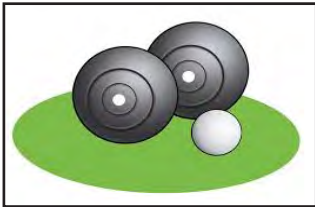


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## West Bergholt Indoor Bowls Club

Well done to the team of 4 club members, Doreen Payne, Ivan Payne, Jan Lumb and David Bailey who, in April, took part in the Nayland Charity Match.

They finished 4th, on shots, after winning 3 games and losing 1.

The Club continue to play friendly matches and will be playing against Bures, Tollgate and Dedham during the next few weeks.

In June 16 members visited Potters for the 60's music break, featuring The Revolvers, The Animals and Hermans Hermits! A good time was had by all!

In September, members are off to Cromer for the day to see the matinee performance of the Best of the End of Pier show. A lunch venue has been pre-booked at a restaurant in Cromer.

To end the year of outings, a festive break for two nights at Potters in December, featuring their Christmas Spectacular show, is being organised. Many thanks to Marie Rookard for organising all our trips!

The Club held a Tombola stall, Bric-a-Brac and Table Top bowls at the West Bergholt village fete in July. This was a great success, enjoyed by all who took part, and raised funds for the Club in general.

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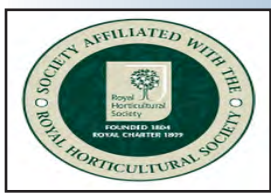
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## West Bergholt Gardeners

Although our monthly schedule of meetings ended in May, Gardeners and their friends enjoyed a number of pleasant outings during the summer break and the weather was especially fine for all our visits.

In June, a group went on a self-drive trip to Shrubs Farm in Lamarsh, a garden in the National Garden Scheme, which has superb views over the Stour Valley, where members were given an entertaining and informative guided tour of the garden, parkland and ancient woodland by the owner, who explained the planning and ethos behind the beautiful planting and vistas. Fullers Mill Garden, West Stow, was our destination in July, we travelled by coach, with a stop for lunch in Bury St Edmunds, to this enchanting seven acre site on the banks of the River Lark, which had been gifted in 2013 to the Perennial Charity, which is dedicated to helping horticultural workers in times of need. Our final trip in September was to Bressingham Gardens and Museum in Norfolk, a six acre site developed by Alan Bloom.



At the Village Fete, in July, the Gardeners' Committee, with help from members, ran a very successful stall selling plants, jams and chutneys, together with a lively tombola, which attracted lots of interest and will, hopefully, bring new members in September. Our proceeds of £350 from sales will be donated to the new Village Playground appeal.

On 16 September our 2019/2020 programme of meetings will begin with our AGM and a talk by Linda Holdaway on "The National Garden Scheme."



## Colne Valley Flower Club

Wednesday September 18th sees the return of Helen Bird from Stanway.

Bring a Friend free at our October meeting on Wednesday 16th when we welcome Helen Sheard from Ingastone showing us "Autumn Surprise" There will be a Cake and Produce stall.

OPEN MEETING Wednesday 20th November, titled "Xmas Present" and our demonstrator is Tan Strong who is a National Demonstrator and Speaker from Cholesbury Herts Tan has won medals at the Chelsea Flower Show. Members £7 Guests £12. Please note this meeting starts earlier at 7.pm Meetings are held in the Orpen Hall West Bergholt on the third Wednesday of the month at 7.30pm For any further information and tickets please telephone Manya on 07759 331719 or Alison on 01206 973563

It's been another busy summer for the Foundation with lots of fundraising taking place, including many very successful bucket collections. Requests for individual grants has significantly increased over the last few months, meaning money is going out as fast as it's coming in. Most of the grant requests are to assist with financial hardship families confront when they face a cancer diagnosis. On average, an additional £600 needs to be found every month by an individual suffering with cancer, meaning parents often give up work to become a carer and everyday living costs spiral out of control. Whilst families should be focussing on their sick child, they're worrying about how to keep financially afloat. YOUR donations allow us to help these families, making a significant difference to their lives. The messages we receive are full of grateful thanks and relief.

As autumn starts to set in, our thoughts naturally turn to Christmas. This year, the TBF Christmas Fayre will be held on Friday 29th November 12 noon – 6pm at 9 Firmins Court. People are still amazed at how big this event is and don't expect to see a marquee in the garden full of stalls enticing you to spend your money. To both new and regular supporters, we invite you to bring your friends and family and welcome you with open arms to this fantastic annual event. Refreshments will be available throughout the day with a seating area to enjoy a festive treat and a chat.

Additionally, Mark and Lyndsay have kindly invited us back to The White Hart to light Tom's tree on Saturday 30th November. There will be hot food, drinks and music; the perfect start to the festive season. Please do come and support this event if you can.

Finally, it has been another year of uncertainty in the country and the mood has been somewhat subdued. However, it's no secret that giving to charity is a wonderful way to help ease the suffering of those most vulnerable. Aside from benefiting others, supporting the Foundation this Christmas could have a positive, uplifting effect on you too. We really hope to see you at one of our events.

## Workers Education Association



The Workers Education Association was founded in 1903 to improve adult education and in recent years, here in West Bergholt, courses have ranged through architecture, art, conservation, film and literature, music and Shakespeare.

The subject for the autumn term is leadership in history "TEN BRITISHERS OF NOTE" have been randomly selected by tutor Edward De Maunsell individuals from the history of the British Isles who have left their mark on the historical development of the UK.

To be held in The Methodist Hall, Chapel Lane, West Bergholt CO6 3EF starting Tuesday 17th September 2019 running over 10 weeks finishing on 26th November 2019 (including a half break on 29th October). The class begins at 7.30 pm (15 minutes earlier than usual) and ends at 9.15pm with a coffee break.

The cost is £58 but if you receive certain benefits you may be entitled to a free course. To ENROL please quote course reference C2226664 either online at [wea.org.uk](http://wea.org.uk) or phone 0300 303 3464.

All Very Welcome

# West Bergholt Allotments

The Allotment plots are now nearly all taken, however by the time of this publication we will be starting a new allotment year when rents are due (1st October, 2019). This does result in some plots becoming available, and as we only have a small waiting list if interested in a plot please send us your details (priority will be given to those in WB).

The Charity Stall continues to be popular with plot holders, villagers and visitors. We would like to thank all those that donate/support this stall. As of July we have raised £2200 so far this year.

We had 2 stalls at the Village Fete, which proved to be very successful and £220 approx. was raised and donated directly to the New Playground Equipment Fund. A big thankyou to those that organised the stalls, supplied the goods and those that bought and supported the stalls.



The new allotment year will see changes, one of which will be that the WB Allotments will be formed into an association – called West Bergholt Allotment Association and the current allotment

committee will be part of this Association. Plot holders will be notified of all changes and reasons why in the coming months.

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## The ash dieback effect

Ash dieback is a fungal disease, originally from Asia, which is lethal to Europe's native ash trees. It was first found in Britain in 2012 and is expected to kill 95-99% of ash trees in Britain. And, as around 30% of the trees in Hillhouse Wood are ash, that's a problem for us!

Young trees are particularly vulnerable and die quickly once they succumb whilst older trees can be slowly killed by a yearly cycle of infection. This means some of the more mature trees may take time to succumb and will continue to be vital habitats for various species and provide significant benefits to their surrounding environment. Therefore, it's only when infected trees pose a safety risk that they require pruning or felling.

So, we have the situation in Hillhouse Wood of the Woodland Trust monitoring the spread of ash dieback and the effect on the ash tree population. This means that they know when they will have to arrange for certain trees to be felled to keep people safe. Therefore, if you see one or more mature trees being cut down, you'll know the reason for it!

There is no doubt that the effect of this disease will significantly change the look and nature of the Wood over time. Whilst there is little we can do to alter this outcome, the range of species of tree that are to replace the ash will need to be given careful consideration.

Andrew Savage  
Chair  
andrewsavage123@googlemail.com

## 3rd West Bergholt Brownies



Summer term 2019

The unit has enjoyed a variety of activities from the 'Have adventures' theme, under the 'camp' skills builder of the new programme. The girls had to decide what to pack and organise in a bag in preparation for a pack holiday, pitch a tent, talk about fire safety and learn to light a fire with fire steels and a candle with matches.

In June Dads, grandads, uncles and brothers were invited to our meeting near Father's day when we enjoyed an indoor bbq (it poured down!!) hot dogs and then 'smares' cooked over tea lights. We then held a 'know your brownie' and 'know your grown up' contest -our version of Mr and Mrs, with some very interesting and competitive results!

The end of term party was celebrated by a movie night 'Madagascar', pizza and popcorn.

The unit is looking forward to an autumn pack holiday at Thorington scout camp.

To register your interest in volunteering or enrolling your daughter go to [www.girlguiding.org.uk](http://www.girlguiding.org.uk)



## Caring for our Churchyard at the New Church in West Bergholt

West Bergholt parish church is fortunate to still have a churchyard open for burials. But an 'open' churchyard brings with it responsibilities for its care and appearance. We're very grateful to everyone who undertakes regular maintenance, particularly the families of deceased relatives, who tend the individual graves so lovingly and carefully.

What may not be realised is that the way the churchyard looks and what we can and cannot do within it isn't governed by the church. It's governed by a set of standards and rules which come from the Chelmsford Diocese. St Mary's Church has responsibility for the maintenance of the churchyard. We need to do things in a certain way to ensure it meets these standards. These may differ from public cemeteries. A full copy of the churchyard regulations, and an additional local leaflet can both be seen on the parish church website at [www.stmaryswestbergholt.co.uk](http://www.stmaryswestbergholt.co.uk)

These regulations extend to how the graves are kept; a very personal matter for everyone involved. The way families wish to commemorate their deceased relatives is often highly personal and very important. Sometimes, however, this can conflict with the Diocese standards. This is why I'm offering this article to help explain some of these requirements.

Only fresh flowers or stems should be placed on graves. Plastic or artificial flowers are not permitted except for wreaths, or for two weeks on the anniversary of the person who has died.

Grave kerbs are not allowed these days. Over the years, they deteriorate, break and partially or wholly sink into the ground, becoming a hazard and creating difficulty for those maintaining the churchyard with modern equipment. It's welcomed when families volunteer to remove kerbs from older memorials. Chippings and stones within kerbs also create hazards for modern equipment and can cause damage if thrown by vandals. It has therefore been the practice for many years not to allow chippings, stones or glass beads within existing kerbs or on graves.

Even more sensitive can be the personal items people wish to leave on graves. We try to be as understanding as possible, particularly in the first weeks and months after a funeral, but personal items such as photographs, toys, lights and ornaments are not allowed on graves in the longer term.

I am very sorry for the pain we caused when we tidied up the churchyard earlier in the year; it was not my, or anyone else's, intention to do this. This article is the first step to provide information and an explanation to families with graves in the churchyard, as to what is and is not permitted.

Before any further tidying up of the graves is undertaken, notice will be given in the Village Bulletin and on the parish and parish church websites.

Our churchyard is a place of beauty and calm in the middle of our village for people to rest in peace and for people to visit. We are so fortunate to have this wonderful space, and I hope we can all work together to preserve it.

Rev'd Mandy Elmes



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# West Bergholt Concert & Training Bands

Back in June the National Trust hosted a wonderful afternoon of music in the beautiful setting of Flatford, with West Bergholt Concert Band & Training Band filling Constable Country with musical sounds from Films, Musicals, The Big Bands and pieces to commemorate DDay 75. The combination of a beautiful summer's day and the success of the band's prior concerts at Flatford resulted in a large audience, many of whom peeked in and then chose to stay for the whole afternoon.



The band then returned to St Luke's in Tiptree for "A Night At The Movies", a wonderful concert which saw a packed church treated to music from over 80 years of films. Particular highlights were the beautifully delicate Intermezzo Sinfonico (from Raging Bull & The Godfather) and selections from Disney's Lion King and Beauty And The Beast. The evening also featured impressive solos from some of the band's young musicians who are sadly leaving either for University, the Armed services or the Royal Academy of Music.

One of the parents of a departing musician thanked the band for all they've done, saying "I can't express just how important the band has been in my son's musical development".

As well as saying farewell to some of the band's talented young players, the concert also celebrated a very special occasion – exactly 25 years since the band's conductor first took over the baton. After the band presented him with a selection of gifts to mark the occasion, the surprised and visibly emotional conductor led the band through the band's signature tune Dixie Patrol, which was selected by the band's late founder Sid Cooper.

Having lost a number of young players to pastures new, the band will be looking for some young(er) members to replace them. There's no audition to join the band – Brass & Woodwind players are instead invited to come and try the band either at the first Autumn rehearsal at Heathlands School on September 6th, or at the special "Come And Try" nights on September 13th or 20th. Details are on the band's excellent website [www.wbcband.org](http://www.wbcband.org), or you can email the Conductor on [Conductor@wbcband.org](mailto:Conductor@wbcband.org) or phone Graham on 07941 947541. Our Training Band (6pm-7pm) is perfect for Grades 1-4, and our Concert Band (7pm-9pm) for Grade 4 and above.

Hopefully we've persuaded you or your budding young musician to come and join us...we've got some great music next term, and our ethos is to play fun music in a fun environment. We hope to see you soon.

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## Vocal Zones Choir

We are now on our summer break after a most successful year, singing and having fun.

We have had a joyous carol service, a spring concert in St Mary's church which was enjoyed by singers and audience, this was followed by the Village Fete where we performed a selection of songs and luckily the rain held off. We ended our first year with our AGM in the church followed by a buffet in the Treble Tile.

We commence our new season on Tuesday 10 September at 7pm in the hall at Heathlands Primary School, West Bergholt CO6 3JF, with a new programme of songs. First night free!

More details on our Facebook page or see [www.vocalzoneschoir.co.uk](http://www.vocalzoneschoir.co.uk)



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## Nayland Choir

Nayland Choir's autumn/winter concert is "Jubilate", on 30th November in St James' Church. We will be joined by a brass ensemble to perform music for choir and brass by composers ranging from the 17th century (Heinrich Schutz' Psalm 100) to the present day, including the "Gloria" by John Rutter. Along the way we will add in motets by Bruckner and others, and music for brass.

Rehearsals start on 5th September at 8.00pm in Nayland School. New singers are always very welcome. For more information please call 07954 334548 or see [naylandchoir.org](http://naylandchoir.org).

# West Bergholt film club



Thankyou to everyone who came along to our last film night "Dunkirk" in June. We are delighted that so far we have banked over £1000 for the refurbishment of the Orpen Hall playground!!!

We are hoping for your continued support as we go into the autumn months.

Dates for future films are -

Saturday 21st September

Saturday 19th October

Saturday 23rd November

Saturday 14th December

Watch out for film titles on posters around the village. Tickets £5 each from Scissorhands.

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# West Bergholt Baby and Toddler Group



As I write this article we are just back from our annual trip to the allotments. We started the session in the Hall at 9.30 as we do every week in term time and we did some potato printing, then after snack time (10am) we were once again, welcomed by the allotment holders. We had a pictured based trail and Mervyn dug up potatoes for us, we were also introduced to a new song where we learnt about broad beans in their "blankety beds". Our singing time is usually around 11am so we sang a few more songs in the sunshine rather than in the hall.

A few weeks prior to this we did a sponsored walk to the Park. Enroute the children collected a series of nature stamps on special cards. We enjoyed parachute singing and play in the park and lunch with our teddies. Combined with the proceeds from "The Great Toddler Bake-Off" we raised well over £60 which we have split between our Summer party food purchases and a donation to the park equipment fund.

In September are planning our last visit of 2019, this will be to the apple orchard at Manor Grove Farm. We also have lots of fun activities planned for inside the hall, such as Divali based activities and Remembrance crafts. We try and cater for all ages with a mat area intended specifically for babies. We have a book rack full of picture and story books and some lovely comfy bean bags to sit on. Our slide is very popular and the vehicles, dolls and toy animals are timeless favourites. Our toy shop, tools and doctors kit add to role play fun and we always try and offer a craft or activity such as play-doh or sensory play using our tuff tray.


Please see our schedule for details on activities, this is available on the West Bergholt website, our FB site or pick up a copy at the group.

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

Gemma and Team x

## West Bergholt Baby & Toddler GROUP

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For more information contact Gemma 07909 678976

## Bluebell preschool

At the end of our summer term we held a party to celebrate our 50th Birthday. The children were entertained by Captain Fantastic- magic, dancing, games and experiments, lots of fun whilst the adults enjoyed a cuppa and cake. The children then had a picnic lunch outside, luckily the weather was glorious. Thank you to everyone who came to celebrate with us!



We are very pleased to now have our own garden at the side of the John Lampon hall where we can learn about growing and tend to our plants. We hope that everyone will respect our garden and enjoy watching our garden as it changes throughout the year.

## Women's Institute

At the June meeting the Essex Search and Rescue Team spoke initially because they were travelling to Boreham to celebrate receiving the Queen's Award for Voluntary Services. Whilst illustrating their work on screen, dog Woody was introduced to the audience. A very informative and enjoyable talk. The evening then returned to normal procedure. A large number of cakes for St Helena Hospice were donated as our annual contribution. Our WI won the preliminary round of the Essex WI Quiz and will now compete in the final at Hatfield Peverel.

After over 40 years serving on the WI committee, Jan Lumb has stood down and was presented with a card and plants for the garden.

The July meeting began with Sue Armitage from Copford WI, who was our representative at the National Federation in Bournemouth, giving us her report.

Two visitors were welcomed by the president.

Following the business meeting, retired policeman, Peter Layzell, told his audience about his early days in the force under the title 'Newly Promoted Sarge'. It was both informative and amusing. At the August meeting our president thanked everyone who had helped and contributed to our successful stall at the Village Fete in July.

The speaker, Carol James, was introduced with her talk entitled 'Confessions of a Jewellery Junkie'. She started with the 50's and took us through the decades and how fashion had influenced jewellery design. Many memories reminded us of days gone by.

Following refreshments, 2 members organized a Beetle Drive which was thoroughly enjoyed by everyone. We are looking forward to our River Deben trip next month.

Regular meetings take place for Rummikub, play reading, dominoes and our monthly coffee morning at the Queen's Head.



# 1st West Bergholt Guides

At the end of the summer term, the Guides said goodbye to leaders Sandra and Tina.

Sandra Gates has been in Guiding for 37 years and the leader here for 29 of those years. During that time, she has been able to give the girls a good idea of what is available to them through the Guiding programme. Many achieved the highest award in Guides, that of completing the Guiding B P Challenge, some had attended International selection weekends and, having been selected, had an opportunity to pay visits abroad to widen their knowledge of the area visited, often taking part in community work while there. A testament to Sandra's leadership is that some girls have continued through the movement and are now running their own units.

The Jack Petchey grants programme, which is run in our county, has enabled lots of the girls here in West Bergholt to be nominated and successful in obtaining grants, which have benefitted the unit in an outing or new resources for their meetings. Sandra herself was nominated for a Jack Petchey Leaders Award; this resulted in her being able to apply for a grant for her unit, a wonderful sum of £750 was given to her by the Trustees, enabling the girls to go to London, stay overnight on HMS Belfast and enjoy London for the weekend; a very enjoyable time was had by all.

Sandra is not retiring from Guiding; she now has a new role, that of County Residential Indoor Activity Advisor and for that we wish her well and thank her for all her devotion to Guiding here in West Bergholt.

Tina Ray, Sandra's assistant, has also left the unit, having been in Guiding for 20 years, 7 of those here in West Bergholt. During her time in the village, she ran the 2nd West Bergholt Rainbows, moving on to help with Myland Guides as Assistant Leader, before joining Sandra. She is now retiring from Guiding but has joined the Trefoil Guild where she enjoys monthly meets with others who have been in Guiding for talks, outings and sociable gatherings.

Both Sandra and Tina wish Rachel Hopkins and her assistants all the best as they take up the helm at West Bergholt Guides.

Carol Clarke



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A daily diary of village events can be found on the home page of our village web site at [www.westbergholt.net](http://www.westbergholt.net)

# Village Diary

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**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

**Service of Worship**, 10.30am, Mile End Methodist Church. Contact 01206 241969 or 01206 2425211

**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 Charles Hart 01206 241666

**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

## Tuesday

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**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, 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 07886369450

**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

**Mid-Week Worship**, 1st Wednesday, 10am. Methodist Church Hall.

**Coffee Morning**, 2nd Wednesday, 10am. Methodist Church Hall.

**Bible Study Book Club**, 3rd Wednesday, 10.45am Methodist Church Hall

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

**Wednesday Fellowship**, 3rd Wednesday, 2.30pm 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

**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

**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, Armoury Farm.

Contact [www.colchestermrcc.org](http://www.colchestermrcc.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. 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, Orpen Hall.

Contact Kerry King 07886369450