

village bulletin

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West Bergholt Concert Band



Summer 2007 proved to be the band's busiest ever, with three concerts in five weeks, culminating in two "Last Night Of the Proms" concerts that were again great fun for both the audience and the band. The soloists even had time to wave their flags during the Hornpipe, which you'd never see at the Albert Hall! In the process of having all this fun, the band raised over £1200 for St Helena Hospice as well as hundreds of pounds for the Stoke-by-Nayland Club Captain's Charities. Another series of Proms concerts is already planned for 2009...so watch this space!

Looking ahead to Autumn 2007, we'll be performing two concerts featuring a programme of brand new music, including When I Fall In Love, Suite from Messiah, A Tribute To Irving Berlin and Bizet's Intermezzo, whilst Training Band will be playing music by Santana, the Blues Brothers and songs from the James Bond films. We'll also be pulling together a mix of old favourites and brand new Christmas music for our favourite concert of the year in the village.

Saturday 17th November – St Bart's, Holland-on-Sea (*)
Saturday 15th December – St Mary's, West Bergholt
(*) **With the Sweeting Swing Band.**

September is a great time to join the band, particularly as we look to replace those members that have gone to University. If you are interested in playing, or know someone who is, either visit us at Heathlands on any term-time Friday evening, have a look at our website, or phone Graham on 824157.

We also have an "Open Rehearsal" on Friday 21st September where lots of other first-timers will be giving the band a try, so come along and see us then.

As always, the band's website (www.wccb.org) contains everything there is to know about the band, including full details of the band's concerts and how to reserve tickets. Feel free to have a browse...and we look forward to seeing you at one of our concerts soon.

Finally, like everyone in the village, the band were shocked and deeply saddened to hear of the tragic accident that occurred in Norfolk – our thoughts and prayers continue to be with all of those involved.



Registered Charity: 299094

Now entering it's 21st year, the Care Network, which provides a vital transport service for people who live in West Bergholt and have no other means of getting to local hospitals, surgeries and clinics, is appealing for drivers to spare a little of their time to help out. Our loyal team of volunteers, many of whom have been involved for over twenty years, is slowly dwindling! It is not a regular commitment, and need only involve an hour or two a month to suit you. Also urgently needed is a telephone contact to help arrange jobs, maybe one or two a week.

If you are interested in learning more about becoming a volunteer, please telephone 241672.

To All Our Friends at West Bergholt

Wendy, Stephen and Lucy Mullinger would like to thank ALL of our friends in the village who have been so supportive to us since the devastating loss of Daniel in June. We have been so touched and comforted by all the cards, messages and kind words from you. It really shows what a wonderful village West Bergholt is.

Our thanks go to everyone at Heathlands School, both staff and pupils; everyone who joined us at St Mary's on 5th July to celebrate Dan's short life; everyone who took part in the car wash and to all those who have visited Dan and keep him up to date with what's going on in the village.

Thanks is such a small word but it so heartfelt from us all.

Wendy, Stephen and Lucy Mullinger

the village bulletin *information*

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The Administrator is available to deal with enquiries at any reasonable time. Bookings should be made at the Hall on Thursdays between 7pm and 8pm. Please use the old side entrance.

SOME USEFUL NUMBERS

Police	210 441 or 211 680 or 762 212	In an emergency dial 999	
Doctor	Surgery - 2 Erle Havard Road	☎	241 137
Pharmacy	Chapel Road	☎	240 352
Post Office	Chapel Road (Half day Saturday)	☎	240 355
St Mary's Church	Rev. C Horseman, The Rectory, Ivy Lodge Road, Gt. Horkesley	☎	271 242
Methodist Church	Rev. Ruth Ridge, Marks Tey office	☎	210 141
News Correspondent	Mrs J Hunns, The Laurels, Firmins Court	☎	240 712

(for Essex County Standard & The East Anglian Daily Times) - submissions for news items to be in 2 weeks prior to publication.
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BEST KEPT VILLAGE AWARD

For many years the Rural Community Council for Essex (RCCE) has organised a Best Kept Village competition, sponsored by Calor. Earlier in the year Chris Stevenson and I volunteered(?) to submit an entry on behalf of the village. This was under six headings, and although at first it seemed a daunting task we soon realised that our village has many attributes, Hillhouse Wood and the Care Network are good examples, which fitted well the criteria. Also the outcomes of the village survey for the Parish Plan gave us useful information and helped identify the multitude of clubs and organisations that exist in the village. We are grateful to the many residents that we contacted who helped to supplement this information.

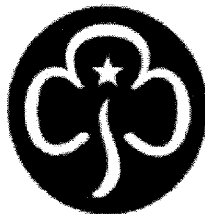
In June we realised we had reached the final round when we were asked to provide a team from a cross section of the village to meet a panel of judges. I am grateful to Richard Chadborn, John Gili-Ross, Jackie Leech, Susan Leng, Joyce Lucking and Chris Stevenson who took on this task and faced a barrage of questions about the village for about an hour.

Their efforts were not in vain as in mid July we were invited to a presentation evening at Chelmsford attended by the great and the good of the County. We learnt that from about seventy-five entries in five categories according to size (ours is the 2500 to 5000 population group) we had been awarded a Merit. We were beaten by Theydon Bois and Coggeshall.

Thanks to all who contributed and now the aim is to learn from the experience and make the top two next year.

Harry Stone

1st West Bergholt Guides



The Guides have been learning how to write their own magazine to gain the Publisher Go For It. They have all taken a different role in making this magazine from one Guide being the editor to photography and a comic strip. The magazine is suitable for their age group and covers all topics that they are interested in, including fashion, make-up and the arts. This was a big project for them and will hopefully be finished in September.

With the weather being so poor in June and July it has been difficult to do all of our outside activities. We did get a chance to pitch some tents though. The Guides wanted to stay in them overnight!

Jacqueline Newman is working towards gaining her Leadership Qualification and organised an evening out at the Pizza Hut for the whole unit. We took over half the restaurant. It was great fun and everyone enjoyed it.

We held a joint meeting with the 1st and 3rd West Bergholt Brownie packs on the 12th July. We ran different activities based on the Harry Potter theme. The Brownies really enjoyed themselves.

Our last evening for the term was spent at the District campfire.

Between 21st and 24th July we camped at Thorrington with the 1st Myland Guides. We only had one day of rain and the Guides were still able to do the climbing and abseiling and the 3D maze. Most of the guides had not camped before and learnt how to light a fire and cook outside. Our theme was Pirates, everyone joined in with this and on the last night, despite the rain, we had a Pirate party with Fish & Chips and cakes! There were lots of cakes!

Sandra Gates, Guide Leader

Heathlands School



Our end of term events were unfortunately overshadowed by the tragic death of Daniel Mullinger, a pupil at Heathlands, whilst on a field study trip in Norfolk at the end of June. Daniel's death was a terrible loss to the school. However, the support we have received from everyone from West Bergholt and much further afield has been overwhelming and we would like to thank those who sent flowers and messages of sympathy. I know that Daniel's parents were very touched by all the support they have received. We would also like to thank all those who took part in the car wash event to raise money for a memorial for Daniel. Over £1000 was raised in just a very

few hours thanks to the hard work of his school friends and their parents.

The three other children who were hurt are recovering from their injuries and we look forward to seeing them all next term even though they will have moved on to their secondary school.

Such tragedies have made all of us at Heathlands feel very close so it was very sad to have to say goodbye to Mrs Harrison and Mrs Roberts who both retired at the end of the term. Both teachers have been at Heathlands for many years and will be greatly missed by us all. We wish them both a much-deserved long and lively retirement.

In September we will be returning to school with a newly decorated entrance hall as well as other areas. There is also some landscape work taking place in the grounds into which it is hoped a fitting memorial for Daniel will be placed.

Friendship Club



Our summer programme started off quietly with a games afternoon at the Orpen Hall.

At the end of May we went over to Fingringhoe where the local Methodists served up an excellent three-course lunch in pleasant surroundings— and at the time there was still some promise of summer weather! Back in the Orpen Hall in June, Peter Simpson of Age Concern came to talk to us about the relatively affluent next generation of senior citizens.

Also in June, the club took part in the Heathlands School Fayre with the customary tombola stall. Very heavy showers made life difficult for those running the stall but the 'bulldog spirit' of both visitors and stallholders ensured a satisfactory outcome. In the more comfortable conditions of the Orpen Hall, Mike Morrissey entertained us with quizzes that both taxed our brains and sometimes led us up the garden path.

Our outing to Felixstowe took place on one of the few days of the month when it did not rain. And although, windy everybody enjoyed a day at the seaside.

Our summer programme ended with what was supposed to be a garden party at Alcrofts Farm but another summer day of wind and rain turned it into a house party.

Meetings resume in September. New members are always welcome. Meetings take place at the Orpen Hall at 2pm on the second and fourth Thursdays in each month.

Gerda Rumsey, Chairman.

WOULD YOU LIKE TO USE THE MUGA

The Multi Use Games Area needs to be pre-booked.

Please contact Ashs Convenience Express
before using the courts.

West Bergholt - First Responder Group (FRG)

VOLUNTEERS REQUIRED

The village FRG continues to develop and expand since it was formed in March this year, but more needs to be done for the group to become truly effective in the long term.

A very successful meeting in July introduced three potential members to the group, who when trained, will enable the FRG to increase its cover time in West Bergholt to over 50% of the week. Since May the group has responded to a further three callouts bringing the total since March to six. However the callout rates could be increased if more of the rota could be filled by recruitment. It seems that some volunteers have not felt able to come forward as they are concerned about being tied down to set times on the rota. This need not be the case, as the rota can be easily adjusted to suit individual circumstances.

John Hopkins of the Essex Ambulance Service attended the July meeting and gave a very interesting training lecture on Defibrillation and Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR). He very kindly lent the equipment to the group for a month to enable them to practice. All existing members of West Bergholt FRG are being re-examined on CPR in August, as six monthly updates are a compulsory requirement.

An appeal for donations met with a very generous response and £300 was raised, which will be used to purchase training equipment. Further donations can be sent to Annie Neish, FRG Co-ordinator, at 50 New Church Road, West Bergholt, tel no. 240469.

As part of the development of West Bergholt FRG, a website has been set up and can be accessed at:
www.west-bergholt-first-responder.co.uk

The website is in its infancy, but anyone who visits it will realise that more VOLUNTEERS are the primary need of the FRG. Contact Annie Neish as above.

The Bulletin has received numerous phone calls asking for the telephone number for the First Responders. This is operated by the 999 service and they will despatch a First Responder. *Editor*

Library Times

The Mobile Library visits the village fortnightly on a Tuesday.

The stops and times for West Bergholt are:

Albany Road	13.45 – 14.20
Scout Hut, Lexden Road	14.45 – 15.30
Queens Road	15.35 – 15.55
Chapel Road	16.00 – 16.45

West Bergholt Women's Institute



We began our monthly meeting in June with a last minute change of speaker. Robert Gardner entertained members with his talk on 'Birds in our Garden'.

We were lucky with the weather for our outing in July when members visited Hylands House in Chelmsford. Our guided tour highlighted that this interesting house has quite a history. Originally built in 1730 it had been privately owned until 1964 when a fire in the west wing caused it to fall into disrepair. On the death of the owner Chelmsford Borough Council eventually bought the house and park and invested a great deal of money in restoring the property to its former glory. The park was being prepared for the World Scout Jamboree which was to be opened by Prince William.

Our day ended with a visit to Roxwell W.I. where the ladies welcomed us for a typical W.I. tea, enjoyed by all.

Our programme of meetings is always interesting and entertaining – why not come along and join us on the 1st Wednesday of each month in the Orpen Hall at 7.15pm.

Colne Valley Flower Club



The club has had a mixed few months.

Demonstrators have continued to entertain the members but a Charity "Open Gardens" event was sadly rained off in early July. The Committee hope to arrange a Charity luncheon later in the year. The next demonstration will take place on the 19th September when members are encouraged to "bring a friend free". New members and guests are always welcome at the Orpen Hall, 7.30pm on the third Wednesday in the month. For any more information contact the Secretary, Alison Bradshaw on 01206 240262.

Thanks for the Donations

Dear Sir

Lifeboat Collection

I would like to thank the people of West Bergholt for their great support for this year's Lifeboat Collection – both to those who gave generously and to the wonderful team of loyal collectors. You raised a massive £1,024.60.

Well done!

Sincerely, Local Co-ordinator

West Bergholt Cricket Club



Our 2007 Club Festival was once again a huge success despite very mixed weather conditions. We entertained a variety of visiting teams over the four days and there was a keenly fought juniors' match as well. On the Sunday, once again the Village Church XI challenged the Birkett Long XI but narrowly failed to win on this occasion; proceeds for this annual charity match were split between the Church fund and Cancer Research UK. The weekend was enjoyed by our members and their families together with many visitors and we would like to thank all those who helped out tirelessly.

Much of this season's cricket has been rain-affected but our groundsmen have worked hard to prepare wickets under difficult conditions. The club is now playing competitive cricket in three leagues at senior level and in four at junior level.

At the time of writing this in mid-July, we are already more than halfway through the season. Results have been mixed but all our teams seem to be holding respectable positions in their respective leagues. We are hoping that our fortunes will improve with the weather!

Nigel Passmore Chairman.



From strength to strength

The Royal British Legion

The Great & Little Horkesley Branch, which incorporates personnel from this village - Mile End, Braiswick and Nayland is seeking new members. We meet on the third Thursday of the month in the Beehive Pub, Lt. Horkesley

After the formal 'Branch Meeting', to which all members are invited, there always follows a convivial evening and conversation amongst all who have come to the pub.

During the year we give, and go to, many social functions, these are in addition to our spring and autumn dinners which are held in 'The Lion' at Leavenheath. Our guest in October will be Brigadier Radcliffe, who is the new County Chairman. These dinners, although being informal occasions do give our wives/partners a chance to show off their latest dress or smart outfit.

To find out more about the Royal British Legion, or hopefully to join our Branch, please contact the secretary, Mr Roger Drury, (271454) or Hugh Brivent-Barnes (243717) who lives in the village.

West Bergholt Indoor Bowls Club



Successes all round for the club in the last three months. Firstly, Barbara Davis and George Coppin won through to the semi-finals of the Wimbish Charity Match in May. Also in May two teams entered for the Bee's (Gt. Sailing) Charity Match and one team, Paul Leach, Jan Lumb and Nora and Molly Bates won the competition – well done.

June saw our own club's charity match at the Orpen Hall, eighteen members took part and the winners were Eileen Brown, Jan Lumb and Paul Leach. Runners-up were Nora Bates, Barbara Davis and Eddie Taylor. All proceeds made will be given to a local charity later in the year. June also saw six members hard at work on the tombola stall and bowls at the Heathlands School Fete. Although the weather was less than perfect the club was still able to give the school a donation.

In July the teams entered in the Prettygate Charity Day and one team, Paul Leach, Jan Lumb, Nora Bates and Marie Fitzjohn, after a very hard and long day managed to get the runner's up cup, losing by only one point to Langham. There have been a number of friendly matches over the last three months, organised by George Coppin, with West Bergholt having a good run of wins. One team entered for the village quiz, no wins this time, but a very enjoyable evening.

The Bowls Club welcomes new members at the Orpen Hall at 7.15pm on Thursday and Sunday evenings or call 240824 for further information.



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Village Players, Nayland

The Village Players present an

Old Time Music Hall

on Saturday 22nd September at 7.30p.m.

in Nayland Village Hall.

Tickets £8.00 (includes light refreshments)
from Nayland Post Office from end of August.

Proceeds donated to the Village Hall

Further details from Jenny Smith 01206 262430

West Bergholt Football Club



The new season is almost upon us and training has already started, along with a few friendly matches. Any players interested should come along to the Wednesday night training sessions where they will be most welcome.

Junior coaching sessions will re-start with the season, and if last season is any guide, they should prove to be very popular. They are well supervised, with a qualified coach and several senior players in attendance. So you can bring your child along without any worries.

Our management team will stay the same for the coming season, and the team managers are hoping to build on last season's success with some additional players to strengthen the squad.

We have reached an agreement with the Parish Council on the format for a much-needed new clubhouse, and subject to planning permission, we will start to apply for grants through various organisations to help with the funding. Obviously we are going to have to raise a great deal of money, so if any local businesses or individuals feel able to sponsor us anything would be greatly appreciated. We are hoping to build a clubhouse that can be used by other organisations within the village. We hope it will be a useful asset to the village, and something to be proud of for the club and future generations of residents.

M.R.Bell, Chairman

Workers Educational Association

Our autumn course starts on 25th September. The subject this time is Britain and the Sea.

Britain's history is inextricably bound-up with the sea and the course looks at how the sea created Britain and our relationship with the world. The varied aspects to be examined include exploration, trade, slavery, empire, technological change and the social history of the seafarers. The tutor is Roger Beckett.

As usual the course extends to over ten Tuesday evenings, 8pm to 9.45pm, at the Methodist Church Hall with wheelchair access. Loop system by prior request.

Course fees are Standard £40, Concessions £34 (for the retired or net income under £15,050 pa). Those on income related benefits or JSA can enrol free.

If you are unsure whether this course is really for you, you are welcome to sample the first evening free. Further information available from the Secretary on 240791.

Methodist Church News

We held a special service of farewell for our Lay Preacher Ros Hollingsworth in July. We knew that Ros was only going to be with us for one year before continuing her training as a Methodist Minister. What an encouragement she has been to us all in such a short space of time, we shall miss her.

In September we welcome Rev. Ruth Ridge as our new Minister. Marks Tey Church will be her office until she moves from Halstead.

Our Harvest Festival takes place on September 16th followed by a lunch. We shall be decorating the Church from 9.30am on Saturday 15th and any donations of fruit, flowers and produce will be very welcome.

As promised after our very successful Quiz Night earlier in the year we are planning another evening on Saturday September 29th at 7.30pm. Book your table of four at £12.00 by telephoning Judith on 01206 241969. Light refreshments are provided but please feel free to bring along a few nibbles to keep the brain cells ticking over.

Our regular Coffee Mornings take place on September 12th, October 10th and November 14th, with the special Christmas Coffee Morning on Saturday 24th November at 10.00am – 12 noon.

How To Know When You're Getting Old

Everything hurts!

What doesn't hurt, doesn't work.

The gleam in your eye is the sun shining on your bi-focals.

You feel like the morning after, but you haven't been anywhere.

Your children begin to look middle aged.

You join a health club, but you don't go.

A dripping tap causes an uncontrollable urge.

You have all the answers, but nobody asks you the questions.

You look forward to a dull evening.

You need glasses to find your glasses.

You turn the light off for economy instead of romance.

You are in a rocking chair, but can't make it go.

Your knees buckle but your belt won't.

Your back goes out more than you do.

Your house is too big,

Your medicine box is not big enough.

You sink your teeth into a steak,

And they stay there.

Your birthday cake collapses from the weight of all the candles.

This poem was found on a tea cloth in the kitchen at church.

West Bergholt Parish Council

Mrs Jenny Church was co-opted to the Parish Council at the July meeting of the Parish Council. She will sit on the Environment Committee.

Matters Arising - There was a discussion about adopting Paragraph 12(2) of the Code of Conduct, which is not mandatory.

To Discuss Proposed New Format of Future Meetings. Following a course attended by Mr Stone, he suggested the Parish Council could consider a new format for future meetings, to encourage participation of members of the public. Examples of possible agendas and a report had been previously circulated. A working party consisting of Mr Stone, Mrs Church and Mrs Walsom was formed. A progress report will be made at the meeting in September.

ENVIRONMENT REPORT - Letters will be sent to residents at houses with overgrown hedges.

Mr Johnson will explore the possibility of a village sign on the Newbridge Hill approach to the village and follow up on clearing the bridge area.

It was agreed to accept a quote of £400 to cut back the Willow tree by the Queen's Head Pond following the fall of a large branch.

Mr Johnson is communicating with Mary Moir, Footpaths officer for CBC about the condition and line of the footpath at Newbridge Mill, following a complaint from a resident. CBC is taking action and a reference number, 23707 has been allocated.

It was agreed that Mrs Fosker could proceed with installing a dog bin in Hall Road. There will be a cost to the Parish Council for its installation and an ongoing cost for emptying.

West Bergholt was awarded a Merit in the RCCE Best Kept Village Competition. Mr Gili-Ross thanked Mr Stone, his team and Graham Broom for their hard work.

Allotments - It was agreed, following an attack of blight on potato and tomato crops, that a 'one off burn' could take place as these crops cannot be composted. This will be carried out at a suitable time and will be carefully monitored. Mr Broom will trim hedges where necessary. Mr Johnson will confirm dates with Mr King for the village hedge cutting.

Poors Land - Atkins is to be contacted to check on the progress of the remedial work to the entrance.

A meeting is to be arranged between Pinnacle and the trustees to discuss grass cutting issues.

Lorkin Daniell Playing Field - Mr Savage agreed to arrange the repair of a large pothole on the car park.

Mr Short will look into making safe an electrical box by the MUGA. It is not clear whose responsibility the box is.

It was agreed to approve the revised plans for the new football club house. It was made clear that any buildings on trust land become the responsibility of the trustees and there may be no major changes to the Licence.

Following confirmation of the grant from the East Essex Area Forum bringing the total funding available to £16590, it was agreed to order the Mountain Climber at a cost of £14900

Village Green - A new lock is to be purchased to replace one missing from a rhino post outside the Scout Hut.

HALL REPORT - Mr Gili-Ross was confirmed as Chair of the Hall Committee. Meetings will be held on 2nd Thursday of the month at 7.30p.m. in the Ernest Blackwell room.

Mrs Mayhew will take on additional duties to deal with day to day matters affecting the Hall and report to Mr Gili-Ross or Mrs Walsom.

Mrs Mayhew is dealing with a smell in the kitchen and has arranged for Senroc to deal with pressure problems on the new boilers.

CCTV – The system is still not working properly and payment of the last bill of over £5000 is still being withheld. Mr Sleigh is dealing with this.

Lighting system – Mr Savage has met with a lighting designer to produce a specification required for the hall. Mr Short will arrange quotes.

Ceiling insulation – Mr Gili-Ross will take on the responsibility for this work.

Redecoration – Mr Sleigh will organise redecoration of the hall once the lighting and insulation work has been completed.

Flooring – This will be the last area to be completed. Responsibility for this work will be arranged at a later date. Mr Short will arrange for necessary remedial work to be looked at by Bob Hollock.

Hall fabric – internal and external – Mrs Mayhew will be responsible for regularly inspecting the hall both inside and out as well as the car park area. She is to produce a list of items requiring attention. It is hoped that Mr Broom will be able to take on some of this work. Work relating to the car park will be passed to the Environment committee.

Mrs Mayhew is to ask Bluebell Pre-School not to put tables in front of fire doors.

Storage – Mr Colbron will look at possible improvements to the storage facilities.

Mrs Mayhew will look at ways of improving the office, particularly as this area is open to the public. She will also sort out and label all the keys currently held in the office. Mrs Walsom and Mr Gili-Ross should each hold a set.

Mr Stevenson will be responsible for carrying out a survey of the kitchen over the summer to determine short, medium and long term needs. Mrs Mayhew will be responsible for checking on the cleaners' work. This will be compared with their contract.

Mr Colbron will look into the possibility of having a lockable notice board in the hall as the current board is used by all and is in a mess.

Much of the work to be undertaken is reliant upon the success of grants for funding which Mr Savage has applied for. Mr Sleigh will look at problems with the loop system following a letter received from the Orpen Players. The Hall committee will look into the possibility of gaining a RCCE Hallmark. An entry form had been received for the Augustine

Courtauld Award. Mrs Walsom will deal with this. A letter from CBC about the 3 year review of the Licensing Policy will be passed to the Social Club.

PLANNING REPORT - SUMMARY OF PLANNING APPLICATIONS

071735 Mr Bennett, Tresillian, Bourne Road - 2 storey side extension - No comments

071811 Mr De'ath, Rosaville, White Hart Lane - Replacement dwelling - No comments

071813/071815 Mr Barrow, Horsepits Farm, Cooks Hall Lane - Barn conversion with sun room extension and reinstate driveway - Plans withdrawn

CC/COL/81/07/071862 Heathlands Primary School - Single classbase extension with internal alterations - No comments

071855 J Purdy and Sons, Wickhams, Bures Road - Replacement dwelling - The proposal shows the house set in a 1m deep hollow. Based on experience the PC is concerned that this may be changed once consent is granted

071901 Mr and Mrs Claydon, 44 Pirie Road - Proposed new sunroom conservatory - No comments

PLANNING DECISIONS FROM COLCHESTER BOROUGH COUNCIL

071340 Mr and Mrs Stringer, 91 Albany Road - APPROVED

071452 Mr and Mrs Forrester, The Armoury, Armoury Road - REFUSED

071488 Mr Giles, 7 Colchester Road - APPROVED

OTHER CORRESPONDENCE - Email has been received about the Colchester Skip Hire's proposal to build a 65,000sq ft processing plant on agricultural land. The PC has not yet received the application.

PARISH PLAN - Notes from the meeting of the West Bergholt Parish Plan Steering Group had been circulated.

FINANCE REPORT AND PROPOSED EXPENDITURE -

The accounts were presented to the Parish Council. The Financial Regulations had been updated by Mr Savage with minor changes. It was proposed by Mr Colbron, seconded by Mr Stone and approved by all members present to approve them

CORRESPONDENCE - East Essex Area Forum meeting on 13/09/07 at the Venture Centre, Lawford.

The Rural Housing Trust – New Affordable Housing Scheme – Open house at Rams Farm Road on 26/07/07 .

Borough Councillor's Report - There was no report.

VILLAGE BULLETIN - The Village Bulletin has been entered into the EALC and RCCE bulletin competitions. Details about hiring the MUGA will be placed in the next bulletin as well as an article about overgrown shrubs encroaching on footpaths.

More information of all the Parish Council meetings appear on the web site - www.westbergholt.net

Aerobics

Get Fit

A new Aerobics class - Legs, Bums and Tums has started in the Methodist Hall on Wednesday evenings from 6.45 - 7.45.

All levels welcome. For more information please phone Jo Clarke, 243773.



Bergholt Heath Youth Football Club

The season 2006-7 was a successful one for the club with the Under 11 team gaining promotion in their first season as an 11-a-side team and the other 3 teams gaining a creditable finishing position.

The club had yet another successful fund-raising event in its 4th(!) Race Night.....thanks to all those that participated either by helping, attending or sponsoring a race! Because of such fund-raising we are able to send the boys on end-of-season tours and our Under-13 team went to Yarmouth in May and enjoyed the tournament there – again with the help of the manager, Stuart Hill, and mums and dads. We even arranged (very hastily) a mini-tournament with a junior side from FC Bublingshausen – a German club with connections to the senior village football team.

The end of the season saw the departure of Simon Westley as Chairman and he was presented with a Club Shirt and pen (quite an expensive one) at the Awards Night. We have all appreciated his service to the Club since it was inaugurated in 1999 – as Treasurer, Manager and, latterly, as Chairman. With his departure and the decision of the senior team not to go forward to play at Under 18 level it has meant that Peter Redhead was in the position to step up to the position of Chairman. Thanks Peter!

So we look forward to the new season with excitement especially as we have a new Mini-Soccer team at Under 9 – who have already won a pre-season 5-a-side tournament!

Our first event is our Kick-Off Barbecue on September 2 at West Bergholt FC which is always a great family event and curtain raiser to the new season – a successful one we hope.

Finally – a big thank you to our shirt sponsors – Boydens Estate Agents and Fillpots Nurseries. Your support is much appreciated.

Leslie Wright

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Bernard Colbron, Editor, presenting the trophy to the Table Tennis Club team
Brian Morris, Simon Smith, Marlene Smith and Peter Digby

West Bergholt Bulletin Quiz

The Bulletin Quiz was held on 19th May 2007 in the Orpen Hall. If you did not enter a team then you are too late!

It was a very enjoyable evening with competitive 'combat' between the thirteen teams. This year we had the questions and answers arranged by Susan Leng who is a member of the Bulletin team. John and Nora Bates ran the raffle, Jon and Helen Lander were the 'runners' and Susan Swan and Robert Leng were the answer markers.

I, of course, had the hardest job by keeping the contestants in check and transferring the scores onto the master score board on the stage!

After a close contest the eventual winner were the Table Tennis club; second were the Scouts; third was a tie between the WI team and one of the WEA teams (they entered two teams); fourth was the Parish Council. Well done everyone.

There will be another Bulletin Quiz in 2008 - look out for the notice in the forthcoming Bulletins.

Thanks go to the Bulletin team for helping to arrange the evening.

Proceeds of £261.40 will go to East Anglia's Children's Hospices.

Thanks also to all the people who donated prizes, especially Scissorhands and Ashs Convenience Express for the raffle prizes.

Bernard Colbron

Warm Homes here to help!



**Are you one
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health is
affected by
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Are you a home owner or tenant of a private landlord who is worried by the cost of energy bills?

The Warm Homes Project, Colchester Borough Council, can help you *stay warm* and *save energy* by checking if you are eligible for a grant for heating or insulation. We can *also* let you know about other schemes and services that might make your home more comfortable, and save you money. Did you know, for example, *that by installing or topping up existing loft insulation to a thickness of 10 inches you can save around £40 or more a year on fuel bills?*

Give us a call **now** rather than waiting until winter comes round again.

Tel: 01206 282541

Melanie Rundle, Warm Homes Project

HEDGES OVERHANGING FOOTPATHS?

After the "summer" rains and the fairly good weather the vegetation is now growing at a pace. Along some of the footpaths it is getting difficult to walk without ducking or moving into the roadway to avoid obstructions. Some pedestrians who have restricted sight may not see any vegetation.

Please look at your gardens. If the vegetation is growing over the path, please prune it to allow safe passage for pedestrians.

Parish Plan Update

Before anyone asks, yes, we have finally finished the analysis of the various village questionnaires! It took a little longer than anticipated as we rely on only a few volunteers and due to the amount of detail you gave us to analyse - thank you for this fantastic support!

Many of you will have seen some of the initial results at the June Village Fayre, but as a reminder over the course of the past 12 months the following surveys have been carried out:

- Household questionnaire distributed via the Bulletin
- Survey of secondary school children at popular schools
- Survey of village organizations
- Survey of village businesses

Prior to these surveys there have also been a number of drop-in events

- Village Fayre stall
- Heathlands School event
- Initial drop-in event at John Lampon Hall

Altogether nearly 300 survey forms were returned from all the questionnaires. These have been examined, coded, entered on databases, analysed and short reports on each produced. At the time of writing these summaries are being submitted for inclusion on the village web site so check out www.westbergholt.net for further details.

The initial results of the surveys make interesting reading:

Household surveys (1500 households consulted) reveal that over 50% had lived in the village for over 15 years, over half support at least one village club/society, hugely value village life and the countryside setting, support local shops, consider local facilities good and generally feel safe in the village BUT have issues with over-development, anti-social behaviour and consider transport matters need addressing. Issues to do with speeding on the main roads, parking around

the Co-op and the lack of facilities for pedestrians and cyclists are just a few of the items raised.

Businesses (60 businesses consulted) consider that being close to the A12, rail line and town make our village a good base, however this is let down by poor broadband, parking issues and planning restrictions.

Young People (eight schools surveyed) think that the village is a good place to live but that the bus service needs improving and that there is a lack of facilities including a youth club, meeting place and sports facilities such as basketball and table tennis.

Village Organisations (47 consulted) consider that the variety of clubs and societies is good and that crime levels are low. However access to hospitals and large supermarkets is poor, parking around the Co-op needs addressing and facilities for young adults need consideration.



These results are vital in understanding priorities for the village, and because all plans have to be (in the planning jargon) "evidence-based". Currently, a detailed draft plan is being worked on covering the different questionnaire headings of **Community; Environment; Public Amenities; Shops and Facilities; Housing/Planning; Community safety; Transport and Council Services.**

Overall we have been really pleased with the positive and helpful responses received. Our stall at the Village Fayre was very well attended and the balloons, with their "old fashioned" styling proved collectors items towards the end of the afternoon!

As ever this update closes with a familiar plea to anyone who is interested with helping with the plan! Please contact either the secretary Catherine Bailey (Catherine@bailey72.co.uk) or myself Chris Stevenson (chrisstevenson@beeb.net or 01206 241708).

As we have proved already we cannot complete the plan without you!

Neighbourhood Watch



NEIGHBOURHOOD ACTION PANELS (NAPS)

At the end of last year, NAPs were set up with the object of getting interested parties to raise any problems affecting the quality of life in local villages and, to discuss with the Panels how these problems could best be addressed.

Your correspondent attended one such meeting at Dedham in July where the principal subjects up for discussion affecting the village were intimidating gatherings of teenagers at the Co-op and around the War Memorial and the fear of many of the elderly to go out after dark. All these difficulties we have been experiencing to some extent in West Bergholt and it is to deal with these sort of problems that the NAPs have been set up. It is, therefore, important that pressure is applied to these panels to insure that the "action" element of their title is translated into "action".

NW can provide the contact with the panel on 01206 240995 or 241716.

SUSPICIOUS TELEPHONE CALLS

At the end of July, a resident of the village received a telephone call claiming to be a Government message, which indicated that, if you had debts of over £15k, there was interest free help available - all you had to do was press 1 on your telephone for more information. This call was bogus and was, in fact, part of a much larger scam. If you think you have received such a call please inform the Police (see telephone number below).

UNSOCIAL PARKING

There has been a marked increase in the habit of cars being parked half-on and half-off the pavement in many parts of the village. Though the intention of the driver may be to keep the road clear for other traffic users it is, nevertheless, illegal for cars to be parked in this fashion. It can be a real inconvenience to users of the pavements, particularly mothers with prams and the elderly.

STRAYING DOGS - Asbo

The Borough Council Dog Wardens can now apply for a 'Petasbo' (what next!) on animals that regularly roam at large, unchecked by their owners. For more information contact the Wardens on 01206 282222.

CRIME UPDATE

The incidents of crime in the village have, in recent months, remained a little below average and for this encouraging development we must thank our Police Community Support Officer (PCSO) who has been targeting likely trouble spots in the village. Despite his efforts, though, we still seem to get our fair share of petty crimes and anti-social behaviour.

It is an interesting statistic that five bicycles are stolen every minute in the UK. One such incident occurred in Lexden Road when a green cycle was stolen.

Bogus callers, claiming to be Anglian Water engineers have appeared in the area again. They nearly always operate in

pairs and target single occupancy properties. Be careful not to allow strangers into your house unless you are aware of their bona fides.

Vehicle damage has occurred in Albany Road and New Church Road.

All these incidents are fairly low key, except to the victims, so please report crime or anti social behaviour to the Police initially, and then your NW representative.

CONTACTS

Police. Pc N. Everett of the Neighbourhood Police Team on 07966 197134

HQ Neighbourhood Police at Copford on 01206210441.

NW. Area Co-ordinator, John Ford, on 01206 240995.

West Bergholt Gardeners' Association



Our season ended with members and guests enjoying a coach visit to the delightful gardens of Helmingham Hall. Given that we went in the middle of the wettest June on record, we were fortunate to be blessed with some sunshine and a most interesting afternoon. We were a bit less lucky - as were so many others - at the Village Fayre on June 16th with a thunderstorm lurking around. Nevertheless, our painting and pumpkin-growing competitions were an attraction and around 50 children took part. Judging will take place a little later when, hopefully, there will be some sizeable pumpkins presented.

Our Plant sale in May was very successful, enabling us to donate £300 to St. Helena Hospice.

Our new season of meetings starts at the Orpen Hall on Monday, September 17th at 7.30pm when we shall have a talk on the cultivation and care of fuchsias and not "Bugs and beasts" as previously advised, followed by the AGM. On October 15th we welcome back Steve Canham from Mill Race Garden Centre, talking on Fruit Tree Cultivation, and on November 19th Malcolm Macbeth's subject will be "Thatching"

Visitors and potential new members are very welcome to these and our subsequent meetings.



INFORMATION REQUEST

The History Group is asked for information about people who have lived (or still live) in West Bergholt.

Information has been requested about Mrs. Angel. She was thought to be the local mid-wife around the 1930's. If anyone can give information please get in touch with the editor and the information will be passed-on.

Bernard Colbron

Friends of Hillhouse Wood



Freak weather makes work for volunteers

In a year so far dominated by what can only be described as freakish weather, the appearance and condition of the wood bears its mark. Vegetational growth has burgeoned to such an extent that in some areas it has towered above head height. David Bull and his team of management volunteers have had to undertake some out of season work to ensure users of paths can still enjoy their walks. Also the volunteers have had to deal with some fallen trees and branches caused by the often gale force winds which have accompanied frequent rainstorms. The main management work parties will resume in September.

April began the strange weather pattern with days of sunshine and high temperatures and what amounted to drought conditions and this brought on early wild flower blossoms. On April 14, Philip Smith and I led the traditional Hillhouse Spring Nature Walk, attended by a welcome 28. It was fine and warm, temperature 24 degrees Centigrade. Bluebells were already coming into bloom, plus lots of wood anemones, lady's smock (cuckoo flower), moschatel and some wild garlic (ransomes) showing white bloom. Several chiff-chaffs (fresh back from Africa) were singing as were blackcaps. Butterflies seen were brimstone, Green-veined white, comma, speckled wood, peacock and red admiral.

But by May 13, when the popular dawn chorus birdsong fixture was due at 3.45am, the impact of changing weather had a dire effect. Obviously the previous day's rainstorms and cool wind put off the punters, so only one brave person joined Philip Smith and me at the Old Church. However the rain held off and the nightingales and blackcaps were singing among the many other bird choristers.

Before the Dawn Chorus, the Bluebell and Wild Flower afternoon on April 28 attracted scores of people and the bluebells and other spring flowers were magnificent. In the sunshine, lots of butterflies were flying. The Friends' display of photos at the Old Church proved a big attraction and ten new members for the Friends resulted.

The Moths and Bats evening of June 22 was a success and attended by a group of West Bergholt Scouts. The moth lamp was lit by Ian Rose, of Essex Moth Group, and myself at 10pm, powered by our portable generator. Thirty species were recorded between 10pm and midnight, including a privet hawk moth as well as a large worker hornet that was boxed for the group to admire at a safe range. Darren Tansley, Colchester Natural History Society's mammals recorder, operated his bat detector, which identifies species from their high frequency calls, and two species were registered.

One of the most exciting natural history discoveries this summer is the identification of a rare damselfly, the

beautiful demoiselle. In 2006, a West Bergholt resident and naturalist, Nigel Rayner, reported he had found this species near Hillhouse Wood. Previously the only other Essex locality so far known was the Roman River valley at Friday Wood. Phil Smith investigated the report in June and discovered both the male and female demoiselles along the stream bordering Hillhouse Wood, adding a very special record to the Wood's growing wildlife community.

Joe Firmin

WEST BERGHOLT GRAND FIREWORKS DISPLAY

We are pleased to announce arrangements for this year's grand fireworks display, presented at Heathlands Primary School, West Bergholt, on Saturday 3rd November.

We have planned a spectacular show with the same award winning display team promising yet again to put on a dazzling spectacle for all the family. We promise a great night out for all, with a top quality entertainment package, new stalls and wide variety of food and drink.

This highly popular event is now in its 14th year and has become a key highlight in the Colchester village calendar, attracting families from a wide area. It is organised by the Heathlands School Parent Teacher Association and is the main fundraiser for the school, providing essential funds for much-needed equipment.

Tickets/Programmes now on sale priced £3 pre-purchased or £4 on the night. Children under 3 FREE

Tickets available from local village shops

Ticket reservations – telephone 01206 240288

Gates open 5.30pm – Fireworks from 7.00pm

Barbecue and hot drinks available

For press information contact Elaine McLaren, chairman of the Heathlands School PTA Fireworks Committee on 01206 844300.

Heathlands C of E Primary School, New Church Road, West Bergholt Colchester - Tel 01206 240288

PHOTO OPPORTUNITY

Pre-publicity – a photographer is invited to take a picture of young children getting in the mood for bonfire night, with their glow-in-the-dark wands, etc. We have in the past had a 'Safer at School' theme which highlighted the dangers of fireworks.

Just call Elaine McLaren on 01206 844300 and she will arrange for a group of young children to be available for pictures in a garden in the Braiswick area of Colchester at a suitably convenient time.

Diary Picture – a photographer is invited to cover the fireworks display on the night

1st West Bergholt Scout Group

Scouting in this corner of Essex has had a truly international feel over the last few weeks, as the 21st World Scout Jamboree has been held at Hylands Park, Chelmsford. Locally, Beavers, Cubs and Scouts have had the opportunity to meet Scouts from around the world. To mention a few of the ways in which contact has been made: ahead of the Jamboree, local Scouts provided Home Hospitality to visiting Swiss Scouts, a Dutch Scout Band played at the West Bergholt Vehicle rally, the Icelandic Scout Choir performed at Lexden, and much more. I am sure that quite a few of our members made their way to Chelmsford to sample the Jamboree as day visitors. It is great to be able to report that four Explorer Scouts who have links with our Group have been part of the UK contingent at the Jamboree: Alex Parker, Claire Smith, Matthew Rodwell and Lee Smith and I am sure that they will have life-long memories of this event.

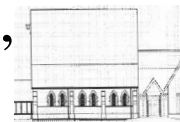
The summer term finished with the usual flurry of activities as badge work, hikes, sleepovers and camps were tackled. In addition to the usual badges, the youngsters had the chance to try for badges linked to Scouting's centenary celebrations. During the last few months, the young people have joined in with the celebrations, brought along friends for a taste of Scouting and taken part in a massive camp at Thorrington. The fourth badge was awarded for attending a sunrise ceremony (well, in truth, it was 8 o'clock!) for a renewal of "promises" with others from across Colchester in Castle Park on 1st August 2007. This was part of a greater ceremony for Scouts around the world. Beavers, Cubs and Scouts who missed out on these badges during the early part of the year will get the chance to "catch up" before the end of the year.

The Scouts finished their year with a week-long camp at Bures and hiked into Colchester for the sunrise ceremony. The camp gave them a chance to shoot, canoe, swim and take part in team sports, during a week that was mercifully free from rain. Congratulations to Steven Capner who has now completed his Chief Scout's Gold Award and I am delighted that there are another five Scouts who are working towards this prestigious award. I know that the Beavers and Cubs were also busy with their programmes and I will try to report on their activities and successes next time.

If anyone is interested in helping the Group, please contact the Group Chairman, Paul Brooks, on 01206 242292. If any of our parents do not want to become a leader or join the committee, perhaps they might take on organising an event? If you want to know about any aspect of the Group or its activities, please feel free to call me on 01206 240549.

Kevin Sturdy

St. Mary the Virgin, West Bergholt



Developing St.Mary's for a growing community



St. Mary's 'Youngsters'

Over 80 different aged children from our village had a wonderful three day holiday in July. The Church and Hall was decorated and transformed to an Egyptian theme called 'Pyramid Rock'

The buildings resounded with laughter and song as Kate's helpers organised games, making large paintings of pyramids and learning different crafts and finger painting.

There was a guest appearance of Joseph (Amber Harlow) dressed in a technicolor dream coat, and interviews with main characters played by members of the PCC.

Kate wishes to thank the many helpers who gave up their time for the children.



The next 'Groundbreakers' will be during the Christmas holidays, So watch this space!



Sponsored Ride & Stride

Saturday 8th September
10am-6pm

Walk or cycle round Essex Churches
To raise money for your church or chapel
And the Friends of Essex Churches Trust
For information or sponsor form contact
Ron Seymour 01206 242123

Scam to keep away from

Villagers have been getting a message from a Sarah Sidney of Abidjan, West Africa soliciting a scheme to transfer money from there to an account in the UK.

On no account should anyone have anything to do with this, it is a scam .

Please be advised



village bulletin *what's on guide*

Regular Village Events

Sundays:

Prayer Meeting, 10.15am 1st Sunday every month - Methodist Church
Service of Worship, 11am Morning Worship - Methodist Church
Bowls Club, 7.30pm - Orpen Hall

Mondays:

Bluebell Preschool, Monday to Friday - Orpen Hall
Parent and Toddler Group, 9.30-11.30am - Methodist Hall
Village Art Group, 2.00pm - Methodist Church Hall
Gardeners' Association, 7.30pm 3rd Monday-Orpen Hall (Sept-Dec, Feb-May)
SG KARATE, Scout Hut - Mondays 8:30 - 9:30 pm. £4.00 per class.

Tuesdays:

NHS Primary Care Trust Baby Clinic, 10am to 11am - Methodist Hall
Miss Jackson's Dancing Class, 5.30-7.30pm - Orpen Hall
Tai Chi, Continuing Class, 7.30-9.30pm - Scout Hut - Wendy 272745
Methodist Church, 11am 2nd Tuesday Communion Service
Badminton Club, 8.15pm - Orpen Hall
W.E.A., 8.00pm - Methodist Hall (Sept. to Dec. and Jan. to Mar.)

Wednesdays:

Coffee Morning, 10.00am 2nd Wednesday - Methodist Hall
Women's Fellowship, 3:00pm 1st and 3rd Wednesday - Methodist Hall
Women's Institute, 7.15pm 1st Wednesday - Orpen Hall
Colne Valley Flower Club, 7.30pm 3rd Wednesday - Orpen Hall (not August or December)
History Group, 2nd Wednesday (not December) Phone 240297 for details
Parish Council Meeting, 7.30pm 4th Wednesday - Orpen Hall
Tai Chi, Continuing Class, 1.30-3pm Orpen Hall - Wendy 272745 and New Beginners Class 1.30-3pm - John Lampon Hall - Tel. Nick 853127
West Bergholt Craft and Quilters Group, 2nd Wednesday (except Christmas) - Joyce Lucking Room
Ladies Afternoon Badminton, Orpen Hall, 3.00pm to 4.30pm. New members welcome - contact Pat Butcher for details 242075
Aerobics-Legs, Bums and Tums, Methodist Hall, 6.45pm-7.45pm. Tel 243773.

Thursdays:

Friendship Club, 2.00pm 2nd and 4th Thursday - Orpen Hall
Squeals on Wheels, a service for pre-school 'toddlers' and families in St Mary's Church, 10.30am every Thursday, in term time.
Colchester and District Model Railway Club, 8pm - Armoury Farm
National Women's Register, 8.00pm fortnightly, telephone 240588 for details
British Legion, Gt & Lt Horkesley branch which includes West Bergholt - meet Beehive Pub, Lt Horkesley 2nd Thursday at 8pm
Bowls Club, 7.30pm Orpen Hall
Table Tennis Club, 7.30-9.00pm St Mary's Church Hall
Pilates, 9.30am, - Scout Hut, Methodist Hall evenings tel: 564348 for details

Fridays:

West Bergholt Concert Band, 6.00-7.00pm (Juniors), 7.00-9.00pm (seniors) - Heathlands school
Wesley Guild, 7.30pm, 4th Friday every month - Methodist Hall (March to September)
Orpen Players, 8.00pm - Orpen Hall

Saturdays:

The Performing Arts Centre, 10.30am-12.30pm for pupils aged 6 to 11 years old - Orpen Hall

West Bergholt Care Network

If you live in West Bergholt and need help getting to an appointment the Care Network may be able to help. Telephone the number below for the day on which you make your call. If there is no response, please don't leave a message on an answering service, try any other number.

Monday	242 319	Tuesday	242 185
Wednesday	241 103	Thursday	241 672
		Sat / Sun	242 075

St. Mary's Church Dates

September

Sunday 2nd	9.30am Family Communion
Sunday 9th	9.30am Welcome back service
Thursday 13th	8.00pm PCC Meeting in Church
Sunday 16th	9.30am Family Service
Sunday 23rd	9.30am Holy Communion
Sunday 30th	9.30am National 'Back to Church Sunday' and 'Harvest Thanksgiving Service'

October

Sunday 7th	9.30am Family Communion
Sunday 14th	9.30am Holy Communion
Sunday 21st	9.30am Family Service
Sunday 28th	9.30am Holy Communion

November

Sunday 4th	9.30am Family Communion
Thursday 8th	8.00pm PCC Meeting in Church
Sunday 11th	9.30am Holy Communion
Sunday 18th	9.30am Family Service
Sunday 25th	9.30am Holy Communion

The Church is open every Tuesday morning 9 till 11am for private meditation.

St Mary's Church Creche
A 'Crèche' is available in the church hall for children under 5 year's old, if required.

Rector – The Rev. Colin Horseman. Tel. 271242

Bluebell Pre-School - Learning Through Play

Bluebell Pre-School employs Staff who are qualified to encourage the development of your child in all areas of the Pre-School curriculum, as defined by the Education Authority.

We are open from 9.15am to 3.15pm. Full day care and sessions available for 2 - 5 year olds. Sessions are held in two large halls daily.

If you would like to know more or put your child's name on our waiting list, contact Jackie Leach on 241677.

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