

village bulletin

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Twenty-five people attended the West Bergholt Care Network's 21st AGM on Tuesday 22 April.

At this meeting we were sorry to lose founder member Betty Heard, who retired after many years as Chairman and Trustee. Stanley Dean also retired as founder member and Treasurer for 21 years, but remains as a Trustee. Betty and Stan will be greatly missed and they were thanked for the many hours they have spent ensuring that the Care Network runs smoothly and efficiently.



A minute's silence was held in memory of Clare Short, another founder member.

The new Chairman, Harry Stone, and Treasurer, Pat Fosker, were warmly welcomed. After the AGM, the birthday cake was cut and everyone enjoyed a 3D slide show presented by Dave Weeden.

The Care Network exists to take people in the village to appointments at local hospitals, clinics and surgeries and it continues to expand; with 250 jobs carried out in the last year. However, the number of volunteers is decreasing and if the Care Network is to continue to provide this

valuable service it needs more help! Volunteer drivers do not have to commit themselves to a particular day or time; when they are contacted by telephone to do a particular job they can just say yes or no! Help is also needed with taking telephone enquiries and arranging jobs.

If anyone feels they can help, please contact Harry Stone telephone: 241026.

*Pictured:
Betty Heard and Stanley Dean
at the Care Network birthday party.*

the village bulletin *information*

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The Parish Clerk is available for Parish business at any reasonable time, but in particular on Tuesday evenings.

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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
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(for Essex County Standard and The East Anglian Daily Times) - submissions for news items to be in two weeks prior to publication.
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West Bergholt Baby and Toddler Group

With some renewed energy and leadership the Toddler group has been enjoying their Monday morning get-togethers at the Methodist Church Hall. We are extremely grateful to Ros and the wonderful ladies who come and make refreshments each week.

The group has enjoyed lots of craft activities over the winter months and been able to add a few new toys for the children to enjoy. Mums, Dads, Grandparents and Childminders enjoyed Hot Cross Buns as part of our Easter Celebration with chocolate eggs for all the registered children.

Lots of exciting events are planned for the Summer Term, with a trip to the Bluebell Woods, visits from Goats, Guinea Pigs, a complimentary therapist, the Health Visitor and Emma, the Village Community Support Officer. Term will finish on 14th July with a Picnic at the Orpen Hall play area.

A social evening is planned for 16th May at the White Hart – a chance to get together without the children for once!

All under 5's and their carers are welcome on Mondays at the Methodist Church Hall, 9-11.30am, for a mixture of play, craft, books, singing, parachute fun, snack and chat. Come along for the chance to meet others in an informal and friendly setting, and a great way to introduce your child to socialising and sharing with others through play.

More details from Rachel 242431/242342.



Jackson School of Dancing

Dancing classes are held in the Orpen Memorial Hall in West Bergholt every Tuesday evening. The classes are held between 5.15pm and 6.30pm. Pupils start from the age of 8 years old.

All forms of dance are taught including:

Ballet – Tap – Gymnastic Dancing

U.T.D. Syllabus

We can also arrange examinations for the students

We also perform an annual dance show for charity

For further details contact

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Workers' Educational Association

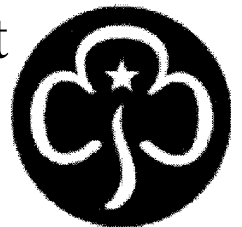
Our Essex County Organiser did eventually manage to arrange a substitute course to replace the cancelled one. This was on the subject of the Weather and was staged in April/May.

The focus was on the UK but also covered more general aspects. This time the tutor was the seasoned Adrian Wright who lived up to his high reputation.

In September we resume our normal pattern of twice yearly courses. The subject is Music at the Movies. The Silver End WEA Branch has reported favourably on this, so our expectations are high. More in the September Bulletin.



1st West Bergholt Guides



During last term we have celebrated Thinking Day in our unit by taking part in various games relating to the Guide Promise and Laws, which went very well. The Guide Leaders were invited to go to Westminster Abbey. Those of us that went had a lovely day; there must have been over 2000 of us there. It gave us the chance to see Lord Baden-Powell and Lady Olave Baden-Powell's memorials which are in the Abbey.

We created some lovely Valentines cards and gifts and for Mother's Day the Guides made some very nice boxes filled with pot-pourri, along with some very nice decoupage cards.

We have two Guides taking their Baden-Powell Challenge Award, Laura Clark and Alisha Patel. Jacqueline Newman is helping them, as she gained this award when she was a Guide and has a great deal of experience.

We have started our own unit Newsletter, which will go home to the parents once a term. Our first Newsletter introduced our new leader Katie Griffiths to everyone. Katie is studying for her degree at the University of Essex and comes from Norfolk. She is training to get her Leadership Qualification.

We are running a competition in the unit to design our own unit Mascot. All entries are to be in by 8th May. The winning entry will be handmade and will also appear in a red square on our Newsletter. There is a very nice prize for the winner.

We will let you know the winner in the next Village Bulletin.

Sandra Gates, Guide Guider

Womans Institute

Members were given an introduction to Marks Hall Estate at our February Meeting. The Federation had planted a tree as part of its 90th Birthday last year.

We were told of the on going work being done on the estate and encouraged to visit the grounds.

In March a small sub-committee arranged the meeting when our Speaker told us some of her very funny experiences when, as the sole bread winner, she needed to take on various jobs to make ends meet. Her talk entitled 'the Kitchen sink Upwards' was exactly where she started.

Washing up in the catering trade, eventually working up to outside catering, preparing and serving at many large functions and telling us of the many mishaps on the way.

She also demonstrated how to make a very healthy fruit platter with many unusual fruits which members were delighted to sample afterwards.

The Game Keepers Year was our topic in April. How our speaker enjoyed his life, out in the open in all weathers, an occupation passed from generation to generation, and now his own children are joining him.

Come along and enjoy our wide variety of speakers.

We are celebrating 'A Day at Ascot' at our June meeting, when members are being asked to dress in their finest – including hats.

Join us at the Orpen Hall 7.15pm the first Wednesday of each month.



West Bergholt Football Club

Another season draws to a close, and I am happy to report, a pretty successful one. At the time of writing, the first team are lying third in the Border League Premier division, with games in hand, making runners-up spot likely, and a mathematical chance of finishing top. The reserve team are second in the Reserve Premier league, with a very good chance of finishing top, and have just won the Border League Reserve Knock-Out Cup, in a game against Weeley, which they dominated, but with only one goal to show.

The new ladies team have enjoyed a fantastic season, winning their league and promotion at their first attempt in a season in which they lost only one game. Congratulations to all the managers on a great season!

On the social front, we enjoyed our Easter visit to Wetzlar, where a good time was had by all. Unfortunately we lost the football match 3-5 with various excuses ranging from the artificial pitch, to the excessive eating and drinking the previous night. I suspect the truth lies somewhere between the two. Fund raising for our new building continues, and



we are still looking for someone to co-ordinate the grant applications for which we are eligible. Anyone out there ??

Our annual presentation evening was held on May 10th at the Marks Tey Motel.

Thanks to our loyal supporters, I hope you have enjoyed the football this season and will continue to do so in the future. New players, male and female, are always welcome

Keep in touch with events on the website www.westbergholtfc.co.uk.

M.R.Bell, Chairman



Friendship Club



The first of our early winter meetings took the form of a multiple-choice quiz. Although having the answers to the questions doesn't ensure participants get them right, members find that it does jog the memory.

A bingo session at our next meeting provided a less taxing afternoon.

This was followed by one of Mike Morrissey's quiz programmes, which included some tricky but informative questions and an easy-for-some pictorial quiz.

In a more serious vein, Annie Neish told us about the First Responders team being developed in the village, with members of the team demonstrating some of their equipment.

For the final meeting before our annual meeting, we were entertained by Alan Chilvers, who spoke about his wartime schooldays in the Colchester area.

At the annual meeting, Gerda Rumsey stood down as chairman and Dorothy Winter took over for the coming year.

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

Gerda Rumsey.



Library Times

The Mobile Library visits the village **fortnightly on a Tuesday.**

For queries about the service telephone
Answers Direct 0845 603762

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

Bergholt Youth Group (BYG)

Following preliminary meetings at Stanway School three meetings have taken place between a small group of young people of the village and representatives of the Parish Council. The group has appointed a chairman and secretary and decided that it should be known as BYG. It is pleasing to report that such contacts are already underway, reflecting one of the priorities emerging from the recent Parish Plan consultation.

It is not surprising that the main topic for discussion has been the formation of a village Youth Club. In March three representatives of the group attended a Parish Council meeting to outline their aspirations and were pleased to receive the support of the Parish Council. At the latest meeting a representative from Essex Youth Service spoke to the group and gave advice on how to move the project forward. All present realised that this is a formidable task but are ready for the challenge.

In the next few weeks BYG will prepare a questionnaire to survey all secondary school pupils and year six at Heathlands School in order to gauge the level of support for a Youth Club and the interests of potential members. Adults in the village are also asked to consider if they are willing to become involved in the project as part of a management group or to work as volunteers with the young people (training would be provided).

These are early days but an indication of support from all quarters is needed if we are to proceed. It is expected to make more information available in a section of the village web site and an email address has been set up for contact:

bergholtyouthforum@live.co.uk

Anyone interested in offering help and support or requiring more information can also contact the Parish Council through the Clerk or Harry Stone (details on the information page of this Bulletin).

West Bergholt Gardeners' Association



On Monday, April 21st we held our Annual Plant Sale at Orpen Hall and this was highly successful. On offer was a range of shrubs, plants and seedlings and gardening bric-a-brac provided by members and supplemented by a number of generous donations from nurseries. A lengthy queue formed ahead of the opening time of 7.30pm and as soon as the doors opened it became extremely lively in the Hall!! Within a short time all the tills were in action as customers loaded with boxes and bags paid for their selections. Just over £600 was raised and this reflected the careful preparation and hard work of members of the Association.

On June 1st we are visiting Sissinghurst Castle House and Gardens, a National trust attraction in Kent. Our coach leaves Orpen Hall at 9am and most seats have been sold, but check with Gordon Dean (242194) if you are interested. The cost is £12 for National Trust members and £20 for non-members.

Joe Firmin will be leading a walk near and through Hillhouse Wood on Monday, July 21st starting at 7pm from the old church and we shall be visiting members' gardens during the summer season... our first "Garden Get Together" will start from 6.30pm on Monday, August 18th when we shall visit Betty Sleigh.

Our autumn session starts on September 15th, when Margaret Willis will be paying a return visit to entertain us and show how some gardening tasks should be done! The Annual General Meeting will follow Margaret's presentation. Two more welcome return speakers will be with us in the following months - Steve Canham, will conduct a "Your Questions Answered" programme on October 20th and Matthew Tanton-Brown will guide us through "Companion Planting" on November 17th. All these meetings take place at 7.30pm on the third Thursday of the month at Orpen Hall. Visitors and potential new members are always welcome.

In the last Village Bulletin, we mentioned that Ian Collin is producing a history of the Association and in order to illustrate this he is hoping that some readers may have photographs taken at past shows and functions. If you do have any such items, Ian would be most appreciative if you could lend them to him . . . he will take great care of them, his telephone number is 240728.

Methodist Church News

The Annual Quiz Night in April was another very successful evening enjoyed by all. A real social evening judging by the chat and laughter which could be heard until the last visitors left, requesting when the next Quiz Night would be. Perhaps in the Autumn – WATCH THIS SPACE

Our Minister Revd. Ruth Ridge is available in the Church each Tuesday from 9.30am – 10.00am for quiet prayer with a shared Village Communion on the second Tuesday each month at 11.00am.

Also arranged by Ruth are occasional Women's Fellowship meetings. The next one will be on 16th July at 2.30pm in the Hall.

West Bergholt Conservatives will be holding our second annual Treasure Hunt on foot around the village at 10.30am on Sunday 20th July this year. Last year we had 21 families enter and are hoping for more this year. A barbecue will be available for refreshments. The course will be different, so those who came last year can come again this year. There will also be donkey rides for children. The event is a friendly attraction for villagers and definitely not a political hard sell.

YOUR COMMUNITY - YOUR PARISH COUNCIL

The Parish Council item in the last edition of the Village Bulletin gave an indication of some of the ways it proposes to reflect the aspirations of village residents and to engage with all sections of the community.

A new notice board is in place outside the Co-op store and together with the Village Bulletin and the village web site provides a communication medium for community interests. As reported elsewhere in this Bulletin meetings with the younger village residents have led to the formation of the Bergholt Youth Group and following a period of consultation a final version of the "Parish Plan" will shortly be available.

The Parish Council hopes that such activities will encourage village residents to share their views and issues by attending the Annual Parish Meeting in The John Lampon Hall on Wednesday 25th June at 7.30pm. The intention is to make this an informal public meeting so that residents will have every opportunity to raise any points of interest.

There will be a focus on the Parish Plan

Tear Off Strip

I expect to attend The Annual Parish Meeting on 25th June 2008 and propose the following point for discussion:

Name.....

and in particular the issues identified as priorities from the returns to the consultation document issued in February.

This is also an opportunity for village residents to raise local issues that are of concern to them. In order to manage this meeting efficiently it would be helpful if those wishing to raise a point for discussion would complete the slip below and return it to the Parish Clerk, Val Walsom, at 17 Armoury Road (or the school) by 18th June. The meeting will culminate with some light refreshments and an opportunity to talk informally with members of the Parish Council, Borough Councillors and the Police Service.

An agenda for the meeting will be published on the various notice boards and web site in due course.

The various formal reports on the operational aspects of the village that are a statutory requirement of the annual parish meeting will be provided to attendees in written form, and will be published on the web site.

Village People

An old sailor with some distinguished contacts

Cliff Fairweather, a long time resident of West Bergholt, is the founder of an old wartime comrades association of which the Duke of Edinburgh is the patron. Both the Duke and Cliff served during the war in V&W Class destroyers although they were never shipmates. Because of Cliff's involvement with ex service organisations and as a member of the "Not Forgotten" Association he and his wife Vivian have been frequent guests at Buckingham Palace Garden parties and commemoration ceremonies attended by various members of the Royal Family.

When Cliff launched the V and W Destroyer Association in 1990, it had a membership of more than 300. Now, time has done what the German Navy failed to do and there are just over 50 left. Members are scattered all over the world, but they keep in touch through the magazine that Cliff produces twice a year. He also organises reunions. Several of them have been

held in Russia because the V and W destroyers protected the convoys that took vital supplies to the north Russian ports. Their crews are still welcomed there as heroes. They had a vivid demonstration of how the Russians feel about them at a recent reunion, when the veterans' aircraft was delayed. They did not arrive in Murmansk until 2.00am but, in spite of the hour, they were greeted by a welcome ceremony that included schoolchildren presenting each of them with a rose.



Cliff Fairweather, aged 17

Cliff volunteered for the Navy when he was 17 - "to avoid being called up for the army." That was in 1943 and he was soon braving the intense cold and storms of the north Atlantic as a signalman in HMS Westcott. Being called Fairweather, he was of course known to his shipmates as Stormy, a name that stuck with him throughout his service.

On the subject of names, all the V&W Class ships, which were built between 1916 and 1920, had names that began with those initials. Prince Philip served in HMS Wallace in the Mediterranean. He also served in Valiant and Whelp but, despite their names, they were not V&W class destroyers

The name of the Association's magazine is a puzzle to the landlubber. Why is it called Hard Lying? Because of the age of the destroyers and the lack of any sort of home comforts on board, the crews were given what was called a "hard lying" allowance. When Cliff joined Westcott it was six old pence a day. Forty-eight of the V and Ws were still in

service at the start of the Second World War and sixteen were sunk. When they were first built they were the pride of the Royal Navy and they served with distinction in all theatres of war.

As well as the magazine, Cliff has produced a 340-page book, also called Hard Lying, which brings together the war stories of sailors who served in the destroyers from 1916 until they were pensioned off. Sales of the book raised £2,000 for the Royal National Lifeboat Institution.

After he left the Navy in 1946, Cliff, who was born in Colchester, went back to his old trade as a wood turner. He and his wife, who was a nursing sister at Essex County Hospital, have lived in West Bergholt for sixteen years. The walls of his study at home are covered with pictures of destroyers and of him and his wife chatting with members of the royal family. He says he's had an interesting life.



West Bergholt Cricket Club

After several indoor net sessions our senior players started the season in mid-April with some mixed results. Nearly 60 juniors signed on and, apart from the regular Friday evening coaching sessions, they are representing the cricket club in competitive matches at Under 11, 12, 14, 15 and 16 levels.



The club has been busy updating its facilities and the older practice strip now has a new net. We also now boast a new scoreboard. With the help of constant fundraising and generous grant aid, the club is determined to continuously invest in the future for the benefit of its many current and future members.

Plans are now well in hand for the annual Club Festival, which takes place at the beautiful Manor Ground over the long weekend from Thursday 19 to Sunday 22 June. As usual, there will be plenty of cricket played for both senior and junior members with several visiting teams involved. In addition there will be a bar and daily barbecues. All are welcome to come and join in the fun.

The club is still looking for new senior players as well as someone to help with the Teas (paid role). Please contact Nigel Passmore on 240225 or 07769 697542, or e-mail nigel@weboffset.freeserve.co.uk Keep in touch with us on www.westbergholtcc.co.uk

Nigel Passmore, Chairman.

Local Communities to share stories of the East Anglian Coast

Pamela Pearson, also known as 'the Wallasea Mermaid', will be the first person to share her story as part of *Holding Back the Tide* - a new Heritage Lottery funded project delivered by CoastNet.

Pamela grew up on the banks of the Crouch Estuary in Essex where her parents ran the Wallasea Yacht Club. Pictured here, at the age of 20, in her home made mermaid's tail you can understand why she went on to be a professional synchronised swimmer – having nursed her passion for being on and in the waters of the Crouch from a young age.

When asked about the meaning behind the project's title, Dr Redding, CoastNet's Network Manager, said 'King Canute couldn't hold back the tide, nor can we hold back the tides of change. But by being aware of them helps to understand the present and take action for the future'.

The project will involve collecting stories, pictures and artefacts from East Anglian (Great Yarmouth to the Crouch) communities to tell stories of coastal change in the region over the last 50 years or more.



'The telling and sharing of stories can generate great pride in both individuals and communities, as well as reinforcing the value of the coast itself', says Suzanne Gattrell, project coordinator.

Holding Back the Tide will culminate in a travelling exhibition that celebrates this coast and changes faced as told by its inhabitants, thereby providing a lasting resource for the region's community.

'Projects of this kind ...[help to] foster a positive notion of identity in a changing environment', said James Steward from Great Yarmouth's Time and Tide Museum, in support for the initiative.

CoastNet has begun work with schools, community groups and museums throughout the area but would like to hear from anyone who, like Pamela, has a story to tell or picture to share about life along this fascinating coast.

For more information
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01206 728644
<http://holdingbackthetide.wordpress.com/>

Design Award Competition

West Bergholt resident, Julie Pettitt a graduate of Colchester Institute School of Art and Design, has been short-listed as one of eight finalists in the Hand-Making Heroes Competition.

Already the winner of the John Dan Ceramics Award, the 27-year-old is now hoping she will scoop this latest award.

Since she graduated five years ago, Miss Pettitt has carved out a successful career for herself designing and producing hand-made unique interior accessories created from porcelain.

The winner of the competition will be announced at the end of May.

Weekly News in Colchester

West Bergholt Concert Band

It Was 30 Years Ago Today...



The band continues it's 30th Anniversary Celebrations with two "Summer of '78" concerts featuring music from the year the band was founded. We'll be pulling on our musical flares to perform classics such as Copacabana, Bolero and The Muppets Theme, plus selections from Abba, Neil Diamond, Evita, Superman and Grease. As always, the concerts will be a fun evening of good music raising money for good causes, so it'd be great to see you at either (or both!) of the concerts!

Saturday 14th June - 7:30pm - West Cliff Theatre, Clacton (in aid of St Helena Hospice) – with the Sweeting Swing Band

Saturday 12th July - 7:30pm – St Botolph's, Colchester (in aid of Essex Air Ambulance)

Spring 2008 saw the band performing it's biggest ever concert, with over 100 musicians playing an emotional concert at St Botolph's in memory of the band's founder, Sid Cooper. The Mayor expressed his congratulations for the quality of the playing, and was blown away (literally, with that many musicians!) by the depth of musical talent among the youngsters in this area.

Classic FM's John Brunning, whose introductions brought the music to life, and whose reminiscences from the band's past brought many giggles and a few tears, topped off the evening.

Just before the concert...the eagle-eyed amongst you may have noticed an article in the Essex County Standard's "100 years ago" section. It reported that "West Bergholt Band" performed in the village in 1908 to raise funds for the new Organ...so maybe our 30th Celebrations are a tad late!

As always, the band continues to welcome new members, so wander up to Heathlands on any term-time Friday evening if you're interested in joining, or would just like more information. The band's uniqueness is that we have players from 7 to 70, so there's always someone younger/older/worse/better than you...and we're always glad to see new players of any age or ability.

Everything you need to know about the band (including how to join, concert tickets, details and directions) can be found on our website www.wbcb.org, or you can call Graham on 01206 824157.

We look forward to seeing you at some of our concerts!

With the help of this Joker you could win the Bulletin Quiz!



This year the quiz will be held on Saturday 28th June at the Orpen Memorial Hall, starting at 7.30pm. If your team comes first they will have the honour of holding the Challenge Cup for a year, then trying to win it back next year. There will be a raffle and refreshments - please bring your own liquid refreshment!

Each table consists of four people from your club or just good friends to make up the team.

Please fill in the application form and return it to Susan Swan at 20 Church Close by the 21st June.

All proceeds will be donated to the West Bergholt First Responders Group.

ENTRY FORM for the VILLAGE BULLETIN QUIZ 2008

Name of team

Name of person applying
.....

Address.....
.....
.....

Phone number.....

For each team of four people please enclose a cheque for £14 made payable to West Bergholt Parish Council

Letter to the Editor

Dear Sir

THE BAILEYS

I am currently researching and writing up the life and military record of my grandfather Major Frank Bailey, DCM. However, as this search developed it inevitably mushroomed and I uncovered many extended family members completely new to me.

Consequently, I am now urgently seeking information about any descendant or relative, however distant, of the family of Joseph (1834-1888) and Harriet Bailey (1844-1927), originally born in Fordham and resident in the Copford area.

They had eight sons and two daughters: Sarah (b.1865-) and Elizabeth (b.1872-1955).

My particular focus is on their sons: Joseph (b. 1867-), Charles Porter (b.1871-), Herbert Robert (b.1874-), Edgar Harvey (1877-1917), commemorated inside new St Mary's Church, West Bergholt, Ernest Edward (1878-1969), Henry Frederick (1880-1927) my grandfather Frank (1882-1956), who became a Major, and Albert (b 1886-) with specific reference to any first-hand personal histories, photos and any links to military service

If anyone is able to provide **any** relevant information, please contact **Dr Ted Bailey on 0208 397 4139**

Many thanks Ted Bailey



Wesley Guild

Our meetings take place on the fourth Friday of each month. March – September in the Methodist Church Hall, at 7.30pm.

Our meetings give us the chance to hear about a wide variety of topics.

In March we heard of the experiences of two volunteers taking part in the 'Hand to Hand' Charity helping with planting of trees and produce in small communities working alongside villages and sharing in their lifestyles in Kenya.

Our May speaker Rosie Stamp told us about our local Hospice - St Helena - and the work being done by such dedicated staff and fund raisers in our own community.

On June 27th our speaker will be Mrs Val Carter telling us about Quilting.

July 25th - Mrs Susan Leng will talk about Gdansk, in Poland.

Please come along and join us at any of our meetings.

Historic Vehicle Rally



25th Anniversary Show *SUPPORTING LOCAL CHARITIES*

The 25th Anniversary Show will take place on Saturday 26th and Sunday 27th July, starting on both days at 10am. It will be held at the usual venue off Nayland Road, West Bergholt. Over the two days we will have over 500 historic vehicles of all descriptions plus Trade Stands, Static Exhibitions and a funfair.

We will have a full arena programme of entertainment on the Saturday, which will include a parade of Suffolk Horses, Colchester Dog Agility display, Nigel Willson's Aerobic Display and RAF Helicopter fly-pass.

On Saturday evening there will be a FREE Country and Western concert, starting at 7.30pm.

On Sunday, the Show will be opened by BBC Radio Presenter RICHARD SPENDLOVE, M.B.E. We will again have a full arena programme which will include Battle of Britain Memorial flight, Melton Mowbray Soldiers Band, Imps Motorcycle Display Team, Princess of Wales Royal Regiment Freefall Parachute Display Team and a Parade of Suffolk Horses.

The usual licensed bar and catering facilities will be there and car parking is FREE.

So please come along to Nayland Road and support us in what is hoped will be a weekend to remember.



EDITORS KORNER

The *West Bergholt Village Bulletin* also appears on the village web site during the month of publication.

Any suggestions from readers will be considered by the Editorial team at their next committee meeting. If approved changes will appear in future editions of the Bulletin.

There is an alteration to the e.mail address for contributions. The new address is ***bernardcolbron@btinternet.com*** the old address will stay 'live' for the next couple of months.

Bulletin contacts:

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Contributions: contact any member of the editorial team.

Orpen Players

Our Spring production "*The Importance of Being Earnest*", introduced a new player to our audiences, in the form of



Andrew Dobrzanski who portrayed Algernon. Andrew joined us in September last year after attending our Summer recruitment campaign. He duly appeared in the chorus in our Pantomime.

Recognising his talent he was given the opportunity to play a major role in Oscar Wilde's trivial comedy for serious people. It was a giant

step for him to take, as previously his only claim to fame was playing the main mouse in a school production of "*Cinderella*". He met the challenge with enthusiasm and commitment, and demonstrated what can be achieved in a small amount of time.

We are going to run our campaign again this year in the form of workshops, held at the Orpen Hall on Friday evenings at 8pm, from Friday 4th July to Friday 8th August. If you are interested please come along and join in the fun, for who knows what talent there is around that has yet to be found. It could be you!



Andrew Dobrzanski and Colin Downer

Dates of next productions for your diaries

Thursday 23rd to Saturday 25th October 2008

Pantomime - January 30th to 31st 2008 and February 6th to 7th 2009

Village indicates its priorities for Parish Plan

In response to the consultation material and questionnaire in April's edition of the Bulletin over 150 replies have been received from households, businesses, clubs and organisations.



People were also asked about their top five priorities. Respondents tended to group issues together, and traffic and road safety; housing issues;

facilities for younger people; more policing and improvements to bus services were common responses.

Detailed analysis of the replies is being undertaken by the Parish Plan Steering Group, but early indications are that the top priority areas appear to be:

- Planning matters
- Safety (including road safety)
- Environmental matters

Those responding to the survey see Parish Council priorities as concentrating on issues to do with planning, young people and traffic.

The consultation material asked everyone to indicate their levels of priority for a range of suggestions which had been generated during previous consultations. Altogether some 49 individual suggestions were put forward for comment. The top ten priorities are:

1. Concern about levels of new housing for the village.
2. Controls over infilling and "backland" development
3. Do something about litter
4. Reduce dog-fouling
5. Conservation of the village character
6. More visible police presence
7. Anti-social behaviour
8. Road safety and traffic speed
9. The provision of a meeting place for young people
10. Promote opportunities for sale of local and seasonal produce

The consultation attracted many individual comments and suggestions which the steering group will consider in detail over the coming weeks. Very encouragingly many people also put their names forward to help with implementing proposals in the final plan.

With all consultation now complete the timetable to finalise the plan is as follows:

- Summary of consultation: May 2008
- Finalisation of Plan: June 2008
- Summary of Plan in Bulletin: Sept 2008

Two events to launch the plan are being planned, the first is the Village Fayre on 21st June, and the second is at the Annual Parish Meeting on 25th June.

Many thanks to everyone who has responded to the consultations; these responses are invaluable in finalising the plan and full details can be found on the village website www.westbergholt.net.

If anybody would like to help with the plan in the future, and has not yet put their name forward, please contact me on 01206 241708 or email chrisstevenson@orange.net.

Chris Stevenson, Chair, Parish Plan Steering Group

Hillhouse Wood

Spring Spectacular

The return of spring to Hillhouse Wood brought another bluebell spectacular and a complementary display of wood anemones plus an increase in the bright purple-pink flower spikes of early purple orchids. This continuing brilliant floral spectacular is testimony to the hard work of David Bull and his management team of volunteers for the Friends of Hillhouse Wood, who carried out such vital clearances of bramble and scrub growth as well as ensuring that paths were kept in good order. The winter gales caused damage with some trees and branches brought down and there was welcome help in dealing with obstructions caused by fallen trees from Richard Parmee, the River Colne Countryside Project Officer.

There have been some clearances of reed mace and sallow scrub from the top pond to provide areas of open water which are very important for the aquatic wildlife, especially dragonflies and damselflies. The Woodland Trust will be arranging a larger clearance and desilting operation for the autumn, but before this, Darren Tansley, the mammal and amphibian expert of Colchester Natural History Society, will be checking the pond for any sign of great crested newts, the possible presence of which would have an important bearing on future management. Darren has also been checking the presence of badgers in the wood as there are increasing signs of activity. There is a sett in nearby Alder Carr Wood.

Throughout the winter months, the management work parties paid attention to removal of diseased elms as part of the ongoing efforts to contain the spread of disease in order to protect the colony of the uncommon butterfly, the white letter hairstreak, the caterpillars of which feed on the leaves of elm and wych elm.

There have been many sightings of muntjac and roe deer in and near the wood and up to seven roe deer have been seen in groups especially on fields adjoining the wood. Some of these fields have been returned to arable cultivation and talks have been held with the new owner aimed at provision of margins and corridors helpful to wild life and to compensate for some ecological losses due to cessation of the set-aside regime.

The Friends' spring nature walk led by Philip Smith and myself attracted a smallish attendance probably due to the cool, misty grey day, but four or five chiffchaffs were heard and the bluebells and anemones were coming into bloom. On April 26, the bluebells and spring wildlife open afternoon was a big success with a large attendance and warm sunshine with a temperature of 20 degrees centigrade... Philip Smith and I led a record group of 43 on a circular nature trail and there was an exhibition of photographs near the Old Church showing the wood's wildlife and management activities. As well as a massive show of bluebells, the sunshine brought out the butterflies. Species noted were orange tip, peacock and green-veined white. The large support was certainly due in



main to the splendid poster campaign in the village by Chris Stevenson, the Friends' publicity officer.

There will be a summer butterflies and insects walk led by Philip Smith and myself and details will be posted in the village and notified in the local press.

Joe Firmin

NWR Group



With the onset of lighter evenings and nicer weather, we've chosen some 'lighter' subjects for the Spring and Summer Programme. During the last few weeks we've researched and talked about the life of someone with the same christian name as ourself, what was happening on our birth date in a particular year, found out about a lady centenarian (dead or alive!) and had a very interesting talk on The Jubilee Trust by its Chairman, Tom Stewart.

In the weeks leading up to our summer break we'll be learning about the benefits of massage, researching and talking about a famous Mistress, having an historical guided tour of Sudbury, visiting Otley Hall, having a Strawberry Evening and talking about our favourite garden and doing a summer evening walk (ending up at the pub!!).

You're welcome to join us please telephone Shirley on 240588.

Colne Valley Flower Club



We held our annual Plant Stall sale at our meeting on Wednesday May 21st.. Plants and seedlings were donated with proceeds going to our 2008 charity, 'The Acorn Trust'. Our demonstrator for this evening was Christine Makings from Stock and the title of her arrangements was 'My Favourite Things'.

June 18th is our Open Meeting and the Club's 55th Anniversary. Patricia Dibben, a national demonstrator from Middlesex, will be demonstrating and her title is 'This Magical Earth'. Refreshments will be served. The evening is free to members and guests are very welcome at a charge of £8.50.

Members evening July 16th at 7pm. Christine Jeffery has kindly offered to open her garden in Braiswick. This is a fundraising evening for our charity with stalls and raffle. A warm welcome will be given to all our members and their friends.

For further information on any of these events please telephone 01787 28117, 01206 240262 or 01206 240581

Pat Sharman

Kidney Research UK

London Bridges Walk 2008

Tower Bridge-London Bridge-Southwark Bridge-Millennium Bridge
Blackfriars Bridge-Waterloo Bridge-Jubilee Bridge-Westminster Bridge

Sunday 6th July 2008

Starts at 11am, Pottersfield, near Tower Bridge
Distance approximately 7 miles, takes 2-3 hours

- Special event t-shirt
- Medal & certificate
- Refreshments
- Closing date for registrations 20th June
- For further information on places to stay, public transport, fundraising tips and ways in which you can help, please visit www.kidneyresearchuk.org

**Entry fee £8
per person, (£10 to
register on the day)
all ages welcome**

Please ask your friends,
family and work
colleagues for sponsorship
or why not ask them to
attend the walk with you?



Call **08456 12 12 26**

Text **0777 562 6263**

Email events@kidneyresearchuk.org
for more information or to enter the event



New Look to Old Village Pond

Some will have noticed what appears to be a new pond in Lexden Road, but in reality it has been in place for many years. In late 2007 a decision was made by the Parish Council to open up the front of the pond to make it easier for the community to access the bank of the pond and enjoy its natural beauty.

In recent years the pond had been cared for by local residents and it is thanks to their diligence and efforts that the pond is in a condition that we can all enjoy and take pleasure in.

On a beautiful spring morning in April a number of enthusiastic residents assembled on the banks of the pond to plant up to 50 trees and bushes as part of a rejuvenation programme lead by Richard Parmee - River Colne Countryside Officer who has provided expertise for a number of similar projects in the Borough.

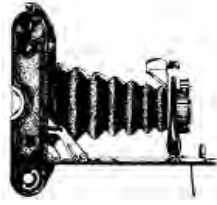
It is hoped that later in the year funds will be made available to place a seating area for visitors to the pond. The pond is already home to ducks and various species of pond life including a lively fish population.

Residents are encouraged to visit and enjoy the area but asked to respect the delicate nature of the new trees and bushes. Feel free to feed the pond wildlife but please dispose of rubbish responsibly.



Lexden Road pond after the rejuvenation of the banks

West Bergholt Local History Group



Yes, the History Group is still alive and well. I was aware that we had not found space in the Bulletin for some time – a case of the cobbler's children being the worst shod! – but was amazed to find our last entry was way back in December 2006. Where did a year and a quarter go?

Well, now is the opportunity to give a recap as far as the group is concerned. In January 2007 we regrouped for our traditional informal members evening with refreshments in the Orpen Hall. In February Kathleen Savage came to explain about the Essex Witch Trials Society. Although not to everyone's taste, it was interesting. Our Annual Meeting in March was followed by a talk from Brian Alderman of Earls Colne Heritage Museum. The last home event of the winter season was Patrick Denney, one of Colchester's well-known historians, back by popular request. A very knowledgeable but friendly speaker, he once again gave us wonderfully entertaining evening.

Last summer's outings began in May with a visit to the East Anglian Railway Museum at Chappel. Now, I must confess to two surprises that evening. The first was the large turnout - I had been prepared for the subject to have limited appeal. The second was to find that, in addition to the large exhibits I was familiar with, there was an assortment of smaller ones and several display boards, with photos in the shed that I had previously only known to contain barrels of beer and lots of people during the Real Ale Festivals!

June led us to Castle Hedingham where the minister met us at St. Nicholas Church. Thankfully we were inside because, in typical English summer tradition, it poured with rain. As well as the wonderful building itself, it was worth the visit to see the tapestries of all the local buildings.

In July we went on a tour of Old Harwich, led by Clive Booth of the Harwich Society.

August was a visit to the Combined Military Services Museum in Maldon. This is in an old bonded warehouse building, which has been newly refurbished inside specifically for the displays. It contained much more than the expected uniforms and medals, which caused many cries of "Look", and "I remember"

Back to Orpen Hall in September when Charlie Haylock entertained us by talking and singing in local dialects about which he has produced several books and sound recordings.

In October Ian Baalham talked about the History of Colchester Castle Park and explained about the volunteer gardeners.

David Cawdell returned in November and gave an illustrated talk about his book on the history of brass bands.

Now 2008 - January was another informal members evening.

In February Tom Hodgson and Ciara Canning from Colchester and Ipswich Museum Service gave a presentation 'What the Papers Say' which was based on items held in the castle.

Harry Royle came in March to talk about Local Cinema History.

April was our first outing of the summer season when we went for a guided walk around the interesting village of Nayland and it did not rain.

In May we are due to meet guides at the Maeldune Heritage Centre and the Moot Hall in Maldon.

Although Bernard Colbron can be contacted on 240297 for details about the group, he did not write this article. It was a little fairy! Well, the Bulletin Editor wouldn't go to Real Ale Beer Festivals – would he?



Bergholt Heath Youth Football Club



We have almost finished our most successful season and I am pleased to report that our new Under 9 team finished second in their league - well done to Dominic Sabini and David Bowden. Two of our three senior teams have been or are poised to be promoted to higher Leagues. If our Under 14 team achieve their expected promotion they will be playing A-team football next season - the first time this has happened to one of our teams. A great performance by Stuart Hill and his team.

Our Under 13 team finished runner up and will be promoted so once again congratulations to Mark Duffy and the boys. John Dixey's Under 12 team have found it tough going after achieving promotion last year and will be looking for consolidation and new players for 2008-9. Please contact John or me at the number below if you or your son are interested in playing next season.

As the season draws to a close a family Race Night was held on Saturday 17 May at Orpen Hall. We also have an awards evening on Saturday 14 June at Orpen Hall - further details from Leslie on the number below.

Finally a big thanks to our sponsors, Boyden and Fillpots and everyone who has helped do their bit this year.

Leslie Wright, 01206 241438

Neighbourhood Watch



FIGHT AGAINST CRIME - Are there signs of progress?

For the first four months of 2008, it is encouraging to be able to report that crime and anti-social behaviour in the village has remained relatively low. The weather could have had some influence on this turn of events, but our NW Area Co-ordinator, John Ford, is sure that the greater willingness of the public to report incidents to the Police and NW is making a real contribution to the on-going fight against crime.

Minor incidents have occurred from time to time in the village, but one of the worst was in April when a Blue Vauxhall Astra was stolen from Mumford Road and was subsequently found burnt out in Hall Lane West.

BOGUS TELEPHONE CALLERS.

In March, a village resident had a call from a person who sounded rather foreign. Suspicions were aroused when the caller said he was aware of certain financial information concerning the recipient of the call. However, when the caller asked for further personal information, the call was very correctly terminated immediately. NW was informed, who in turn alerted the Police. The Police are very concerned about this type of scam and anyone who thinks they may be a victim of this crime, should call the Crime Reduction Officer, Colin Stiff, at Colchester on 01206 717624.

BOGUS WINDOW CLEANERS.

This is the time of year when they are active. Your correspondent has been a victim of one of these people. First they stake out the property to see when it will be left unoccupied, then they use the tool of the trade, the ladder, to gain access, very often through an open window. However warm the weather, do not leave windows open when the property is empty, it is simply inviting a burglar in who is pretending to be cleaning windows. Leaving valuables in view and where they can be seen from the outside through a window should be avoided if possible.

ROGUE TRADERS.

Rogue Traders have recently been targeting elderly residents in the area, though, at the time of writing (1/5/08) there has not been any reports of these Traders operating in West Bergholt. One victim was even escorted to a cash point for payment after having his drive re-surfaced. Claiming tree surgery is required to some trees on your property is another trick of these Traders.

POLICE - NON-EMERGENCY TELEPHONE NUMBER.

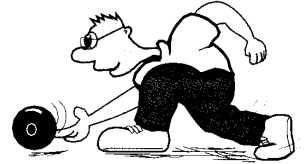
The Essex Police have recently set up a new Telephone Number for the public to use to contact them when a non-emergency crime has been committed, and which may, in the past, have been reported using the 999 system. Examples of when the new number could be used are, when a burglary has been committed, but the burglar is long gone. A suspicious car you saw 'yesterday', or overnight vehicle damage. The object is to take the pressure off the 999 number. The new number to use is

0300 333 4444 and is operated from Police Head Quarters in Chelmsford.

CONTACTS for reporting crime

1. Neighbourhood Police Team at Copford 01206 210441 or 07966 197134
2. NW Area Co-ordinator: J. Ford 01206 240995/241716
3. Emergency Number 999
4. Non Emergency Number 0300 333 4444
5. Crime Reduction Officer 01206 717624
6. Crime Stoppers 0800 555111

West Bergholt Indoor Bowls Club



First for club -member champion in county

The highlight of the year must be member Paul Leach becoming the Essex County Singles Champion, the first time that a member from West Bergholt has won a competition.

The annual general meeting took place at the end of March: this was followed by a 'jacket potato' supper and the presentation of the cups.

Results as follows

- Singles Winner: Eileen Brown
Runner up: Nora Bates
- Pairs Winner: Jan Lumb and Paul Leach
Runner up: George Coppin and Eileen Brown
- Triples Winner: George Coppin, Barbara Davis and Greta Leatherdale
Runner up: Jan Lumb, Eddie Taylor and Marie Fitzjohn
- Fours Winner: Jan Lumb, Eileen Brown, Eddie Taylor and Bett McCarthy
Runner up: Nora and Molly Bates, Pat and Bett McCarthy

Charity Match

Winners: Jan Lumb, Paul Leach and Eileen Brown

- Points Winner: Paul Leach
Runner up: George Coppin

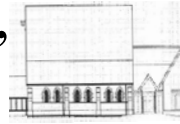
A couple of friendly matches have been played in the last few weeks with wins for West Bergholt.

The charity for the year 2007/2008 was 'First Response West Bergholt' and a cheque has been presented to them from the club.

A team of four members entered the Methodist Church Quiz, but no wins this time: perhaps we will do better in the Bulletin quiz later in the year.

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

St. Mary the Virgin, West Bergholt



Developing St.Mary's for a growing community

Summary of the Annual Parochial Church Meeting of St Mary's Church West Bergholt held on Friday 18th April

The meeting opened with a short prayer by the Rev. Colin Horseman.

A vote of thanks was given to the Church Wardens for all their hard work during the year. Mr Peter Finlay was voted back on as Church Warden but Mrs Slater is standing down, therefore we will need another Church Warden. The Electoral roll remains at 58, anyone who wishes to go on the electoral roll needs to be in regular attendance and be committed in giving.

We have 'Open House' on Thursday morning 9am to 11.30am and in the afternoon 2.30pm till 4pm. We also have a 'Daytime house group' on Tuesdays, Mrs Finlay to be approached if interested and Mrs L. Smith to be approached for an evening 'House Group' every other Tuesday.

During the year there were senior citizens lunches and Groundbreakers.

This year we had a Festival-of-light on Halloween evening and this was a great success.

There were two Deanery Synod meetings during the year and one thing being discussed was the Deanery boundaries.

Apart from the Charities which we support, Care Network and Christian Aid, the Rector put forward a suggestion that we support a project in Kenya to put up a wind powered generator, as the previous one is broken. The borehole is very deep and, before it was broken, cattle were brought to the area, which meant the men see more of their families.

Also the Evangelist could preach to everyone, with the children being able to go to school, and crops grown. The cost would be approximately £8000.



Royal British Legion

Branch members of the area, together with their partners and friends enjoyed the first social function of the year by attending a dinner at The Lion, Leavenheath in April.

In the March issue of Village Bulletin I mentioned that personnel may now become members of the RBL although they are not ex-service. We are pleased to announce that by the time this Village Bulletin comes to press, our first civilian member would have joined our branch of the Royal British Legion.

For further information, or to join the RBL please ring our Secretary Roger Drury, (271454) or Hugh Brivent-Barnes (243717) who lives in West Bergholt.



St Mary's Table Tennis Club

Meets every Thursday evening at 7.30pm. in the church hall.

All standards of players are welcome and coaching is given to those who wish help in their play.

Final positions of teams in the Colchester and District Table Tennis League

St Mary's 'A' Division 3rd out of 10
St Mary's 'B' Division 9th out of 10
St Mary's 'C' Division 6th out of 10
St Mary's 'D' Division 6th out of 10
St Mary's 'E' Division 6th out of 10



For more information of the Club, please ring Mrs Marline Smith 240845 or Mrs Susan Leng 241748.

Late results

In the Colchester and District Table Tennis League Championships, Sue Welham and Gary Youngs won the Mixed Doubles and Sue Welham and Marlene Smith won the Ladies Doubles.

Editorial Team:

John Bates and Nora Bates (distribution) 240741, Bernard Colbron 240297, Jon Lander 241288, Susan Leng 241748 and Susan Swan (advertising) 242319.
Copy for September issue should be with the Editors before 1st August 2008 - Regretfully late submissions cannot be guaranteed entry into the Bulletin



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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.
Bobbin Lace Class, 1pm-3pm, term time only, St Mary's Church - Carol Maxwell, 0771 2648468

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.)
Slimming World, 7pm - Orpen Hall, Carol French 0794 660 3939
Morning Prayers, 9.30am - 10am - weekly in Methodist Church

Wednesdays:

Coffee Morning, 10.00am 2nd 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 - 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 reply, please try any other number. Please note that we cannot respond to messages left on an answering service.

Monday 241 103 **Wednesday 242 319**
Tuesday 242 185 **Saturday/Sunday 242 075**

St. Mary's Church Services and functions

News of other clubs, committees etc. that use the Church Hall can be found elsewhere in Village Bulletin.

When this bulletin comes to press, The Rector, Colin Horseman and members of the PCC would have decided the formation and dates when to introduce a 'Structured' Communion, and an 'Evensong' service. Dates of these services will be promulgated in Good News, our monthly Parish magazine. If you would like a copy delivered to your door, please ring the Editor on 243717

June

Sunday 1st	9.30am	Family Communion & Bugs
Thursday 5th	8.0pm	PCC in St Mary's
Sunday 8th	9.30am	Holy Communion and Bugs
Tuesday 10th	11.0am	United Communion Service, Methodist Hall
Sunday 15th	9.30am	'Fathers Day' Family Service
Sunday 22nd	9.30am	Holy Communion and Bugs
Sunday 29th	9.30am	Praise Service

July

Sunday 6th	9.30am	Family Communion & Bugs
Tuesday 8th	11.0 am	United Communion Service Methodist Hall
Sunday 13th	9.30am	Holy Communion and Bugs
Thursday 17th	8.0pm	PCC in St Mary's
Sunday 20th	9.30am	Family Service
Wednesday 23rd	10.0am	Holy Communion BCP
Sunday 27th	9.30am	Holy Communion and Bugs

August

Sunday 3rd	9.30am	Family Communion & Bugs
Sunday 10th	9.30am	Holy Communion and Bugs
Sunday 17th	9.30am	Family Service
Tuesday 19th	11.0am	United Communion Service Methodist Hall
Sunday 31st	9.30am	Praise Service with Bugs during sermon

(Dates for PCC meetings are provisional)

A 'Creche' is available in the church hall for children under 5 years old, if required.

Rector - The Rev. Colin Horseman
Telephone 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.