

village bulletin

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West Bergholt Concert Band



A Great Time To Join

As always the band's summer term was a busy one, with three concerts in three months culminating in our ever-popular "Last Night of the Proms" concerts. Through the years the band has performed hundreds of concerts, but this year's "Proms" concert in Clacton was easily one of the band's best ever events, with a grand finale featuring ourselves, the Cavender Singers and a 400-strong audience waving flags and singing at the tops of their voices. The two "Proms" also raised £2000 for the St Helena Hospice, so no wonder next year's are already booked up!

Looking ahead to the Autumn Term, we'll be holding three more open workshops with Training Band, which will no doubt be as successful as those we held in the last couple of Spring Terms. These are a great opportunity for anyone who's beginning an instrument to come along and enjoy playing in a band alongside lots of other first timers from a range of local schools, supported by the band's more experienced players. The workshops are great fun for everyone, so please do feel free to come along.

Saturday 17th October 2.30pm – 4.30pm, West Bergholt
Saturday 7th November 2.30pm – 4.30pm, West Bergholt
Saturday 21st November 2.00pm – 4.00pm, St Botolph's

The music from the workshops will also feature in our Autumn Concert, with Training Band performing everything from Abba to Motown in the first half, with the Concert Band playing a second half of English music, from Elgar to Eric Clapton.

Saturday November 21st : 7:30pm, St Botolph's :
In aid of Riding For The Disabled

After that...it's our ever-popular village Christmas Concert - but more of that next time!

September is a great time to join the band, particularly as we look to replace those members that have gone to University, and especially at the above workshops. 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.

The Orpen Players

Celebrating 40 glorious years!



In Honour of such a fantastic achievement we are celebrating in style with a Music Hall. It will be held on October 29th, 30th and 31st to be directed by David Wenden.

All members, both past and present, have been invited to participate.

Music Hall to include songs, sketches, monologues and melodrama. from the Victorian era to Noel Coward.

Refreshments are included and there will be a bar on hand for the inner man or woman. Tickets for each individual seated at tables will be just £10.

See you there!

JML.

Nominations for the North East Essex Theatre Guild awards 2009.

Pantomime Section

Best Production Aladdin, directed by Fiona Hunt

Set Design, Construction and Costumes.

Best Young Actress Abi Stringer for playing Aladdin

Best Supporting Actress Sandra Moorhouse for playing Wishie, Washie.

Full Length Play Section

Set design and construction for Farndale Avenue Murder Mystery and 84 Charing Cross Road.

Best Actress Debra Hornigold for playing Helene Hanff in 84 Charing Cross Road.

Best Actress for comedy Jackie Grant for playing Pawn in Farndale Avenue Murder Mystery.

Over 30 groups compete for these awards and the results will be announced at the Princes Theatre Clacton on September 11th.

Published in next bulletin if successful.

JML

See page 5 for more from the Orpen Players

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Colne Valley Flower Club



A club exhibit was entered at the Tendring Show on Saturday 11th July and gained 1st prize. The three members involved with this were, Pat Sharman, Jane Lawson and Liz Clarke.

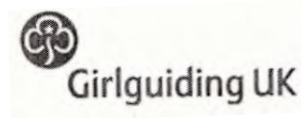
Our next meeting will be on Wednesday 16th September. Adele Kent from Hethersett will demonstrate and her title is 'Blooming Marvellous'.

Our October meeting on Wednesday 21st is 'Bring a Friend Free' a chance to introduce friends that may not have been to a meeting before so that they can get an idea of what goes on. Our demonstrator on this evening will be Mary Griffith from Mildenhall and her title is 'Kaleidoscope'.

The final meeting of our year will take place on Wednesday 19th November. This is our open meeting when we ask members to join us from other flower clubs in the area. The title of this evening is 'Christmas Delight' by Gill McGregor from Cuffley. Drinks and refreshments will be served.

1st West Bergholt Guides

This term we held a fund raising event at the local pond for Water Aid in Nepal. We sold cakes, sang songs and held a raffle. Each Guide will have gained a Change the World Challenge badge for taking part in this project.



We cooked outside and made camp doughnuts. These were amazing. They were made with three slices of bread, spread with jam; crusts cut off and then cut into four. We then dipped them into batter and shallow fried for a few minutes. The Guides loved these, especially with some ice cream.

The Guides earned their Water Badge by doing various water based activities.

We finished the term with a Kentucky Fried Chicken evening, which all of us enjoyed.

Next term we are holding our Centenary Party on 5th September to celebrate 100 years of Girlguiding.

Sandra Gates, Guide Guider

Laid to Waste

Lawn: a large, light-absorbing green panel, which gobbles up water and fertilizer and converts them to beetles, daddy-long-legs, large amounts of fungus and some grass clippings.

Methodist Church News

During the past few months we have been lucky enough to have the assistance of the Community Volunteers working on the grounds and buildings maintenance of our Church. You may have noticed the newly painted gates, garden clearance and hedge cutting and they are now beginning the decorating of the Hall. It is amazing what can be done in just one day a week with six to eight volunteers.

We look forward to our Harvest Festival on September 20th. We shall be decorating the Church on Saturday 19th from 9.30am. Any donations of flowers, fruit, vegetable, tinned and packet goods would be appreciated. They are distributed to Colchester Night Shelter and The Women's Refuge.

September 27th "**BACK TO CHURCH SUNDAY**": Have you attended our Methodist Church at any time – been baptised, attended Sunday School, Youth Groups or married here in West Bergholt or just joined in our special services? – Why not come back to church on the 27th, you will be made most welcome.

130th ANNIVERSARY WEEKEND 17th & 18th OCTOBER

An exhibition of memorabilia, and history of the Church will be on display – a sponsored organ play – coin trail. Refreshments in the Hall with further displays from hirers of the Hall
Open 10.30 – 4.30pm.

SUNDAY 18th

Service led by Revd. Robin Searles at 11.00am.
SONGS OF PRAISE at 3.00pm with BOXTED BAND.

(See posters for more details)

We are arranging another 'QUIZ NIGHT' Saturday 3rd October at 7.00pm. Tables of four as usual £16.00. A real fun night as usual led by Mick and Anita. Booking with Judith 01206 241969.
(Please note the start time is 7pm.)

REMEMBRANCE DAY SUNDAY 8th NOVEMBER.
At 10.45am.

Our CHRISTMAS COFFEE MORNING is on Saturday 28th November from 10.00am – 11.30am in the Hall. Join us for coffee and mince pies, cards and last minute gifts and mystery parcels as we begin this very important time in the Christian Calendar.

Parish Council Monthly Meetings

Meetings start at 7.30pm

SEPTEMBER Wednesday 23th

OCTOBER Wednesday 28th

NOVEMBER Wednesday 25th

No meeting in December

Workers Educational Association

Our next course starts on 22nd September and is called "A Russian Journey". It is a wide ranging introduction to Russia, the land, its people, its literature, art, music and more in an historical context. It looks at the differences between the Russian Orthodox Church and Western Christianity. Important works of writers and composers will be identified and the roles of Ivan the Terrible and Peter the Great discussed. There will be lecture type presentations with slides and physical objects; also class discussions. The tutor will be Anat Vernitski.

We will follow the usual pattern of ten Tuesday evenings, 8pm to 9.40pm at the Methodist Church Hall with its wheelchair access and LOOP system if needed. Fees are only slightly increased at £43.50, with nil fees for those on Income Related benefits or JSA; also financial help should be obtainable if net household income is under £15,000 net p.a. (from Discretionary Learner Support Fund).

If you are unsure if this course is really for you, do come along and sample the first evening free. Further information available from our secretary on 01206 240 791.

Our subject for January 2010 will be –
Brunel: an Engineers Life.

Friends of Hillhouse Wood



The Friends of Hillhouse Wood, working for the wood's owner, The Woodland Trust, have been honored by being invited to a reception at No 10, Downing Street on July 22nd to celebrate the contribution that people make everyday in support of their local environment, wildlife and amenity projects and organisations. The invitation came from Prime Minister Gordon Brown. David Bull, who leads the work parties for the Friends in the wood to maintain and manage the wood's natural habitats, wildlife and the paths and public accesses and amenities, was one of two Woodland Trust representatives from East Anglia joining another eight from other areas.

David Bull, on learning of the honour, said "I will make it clear that I represent all the Friends playing an active part in looking after the wood and its many natural attractions and I think it also shows that the Woodland Trust holds our work in high esteem".

The top pond in the wood is now very overgrown with reed mace and other vegetation and is in urgent need of dredging. Encroaching scrub and blanketing growth also need removal. They are restricting areas of open water needed by aquatic wildlife such as dragonflies and damselflies and amphibia such as the great crested newts, a Red

Data species, known to be in the pond. It is hoped that this important work will be carried out in the autumn or early winter and a careful check will be made to assess the impact on wildlife resident in the pond.

The work party programme will resume in September and David Bull seeks further support from anyone in the village who would care to help with this rewarding and worthwhile activity. Anyone interested can contact David on his e-mail David Bull daviddb@virgin.net or by phone 01206 241684.

Nature walks in and near the wood have been very well supported throughout spring and summer. The popular Dawn Chorus birdsong walk lead by Joe Firmin and Philip Smith, held this year at 3.45am on May 17, attracted 23 early risers who enjoyed some marvellous early songs and calls with a nightingale providing a virtuoso performance, which was recorded by some in the party. The summer butterflies, dragonflies and other insects walk in and near the Wood on July 12, led by Joe Firmin and Philip Smith, luckily coincided with a sunny spell in the middle of some squally and windy weather and the dozen who attended saw 14 species of butterflies including the wood's specialty, the white-letter hairstreak; three species of dragonflies and damselflies; and a special day-flying moth, the six spot burnet.

The increasing popularity of the wood among walkers and dog owners is inevitably causing some disturbance to wildlife especially to nesting birds in spring and early summer. It is feared that such disturbance, especially from free-running dogs, has been partly responsible for pairs of nightingales leaving the wood in favour of undisturbed woodland and copses elsewhere in the village. This year only one pair of nightingales established nesting territory and this in Hilly Field, the patch of woodland adjoining Hillhouse but not owned by the Woodland Trust. Nightingales are ground nesting-birds as are some of the warblers so the Friends will appeal to dog owners in spring 2010 to keep their pets on a leash while walking in the wood in order to avoid future disturbances.

This year, as well, there has been increased cycling activity in the wood, which has added to environmental concerns.

Joe Firmin

The Orpen Players



North Essex Guild One Act Play Festival

The youth team took part in the North Essex Theatre Guild One Act Play Festival in June, staged at the Headgate Theatre and adjudicated by Jenny Burk.

The play was Lunch Hour by John Mortimer.

There was a cast of three, Ben Maytham, Holly Snowling and Amber Harlow. Michael Poole directed them. Ben won "Best Young Actor" and Holly won "Best Young Actress" awards. Well done to them!

West Bergholt Gardeners' Association



During the dry spells this summer, local gardeners have been anxiously looking up to the sky for signs of rain but had overlooked one of Murphy's Laws - "Rain will eventually arrive, but probably when you are least prepared for it". On the evening of June 15th a party of 36 members and friends arrived at Green Island Gardens, Ardleigh, to be greeted by a torrential rainstorm which kept many sitting inside their cars, whilst a few adventurous souls made it as far as the tearoom! Fortunately, almost everyone was able to make a re-arranged visit on July 13th, when we had a most enjoyable tour of this delightful haven of calm and its variety of cultivated beds and contrasting woodland. We were shown round by Fiona Edmond, whose single-mindedness and dedication has transformed the whole area from a neglected state to the attraction it now is. We ended the evening with tea and home-made cake.

We were also lucky with the weather on the following Monday evening, when John and Wendy Williams opened their garden to 30 or so members plenty to talk about and light refreshments helped to make this a most enjoyable event.

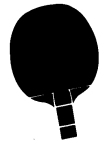
We will be making a club visit to the Thompson & Morgan Open Weekend on Sunday, August 2nd at 12 noon. This annual event has many attractions for gardeners and their families and, once again, we are keeping our fingers crossed for fine weather!

Our Autumn season of talks looks very promising and starts on Monday, September 21st, when a popular speaker, Matthew Tanton Brown has as his subject "Garden herbs - their cultivation and uses". We shall hold our Annual General Meeting later in the evening. Karen Kenny, a very highly regarded broadcaster and speaker will be visiting us on October 19th to talk about "Composting worms and comfrey for fertility". Karen has a reputation for her humorous style of getting her message across so we know we have an entertaining evening in store. For November 16th we have been fortunate to tap into the expertise of Peter Morris, FNVS. Peter is also a RHS judge and his talk "Vegetables for small gardens" is in response to a number of members' requests. Finally, on December 21st, members will enjoy a social evening of seasonal fare and entertainment.

By way of advance notice, we shall be visiting RHS Wisley on Wednesday, May 12th 2010 by Kings Coaches, leaving Orpen Hall at 9am and full details will appear in the next Bulletin, together with our Spring/Summer programme.

All our speaker meetings are held in the Orpen Hall, commencing at 7.30pm and we extend a warm welcome to potential members and visitors.

Table Tennis



ST MARY'S, WEST BERGHOLT PLAYERS DOMINATE COLCHESTER TABLE TENNIS TOURNAMENT

It was an incredibly successful night for St Mary's players at the Colchester Closed tournament at Rowhedge with our players taking three of the five major titles and Runner-Up titles in the other two!

It was an all St Mary's final in the Men's Singles with 18 year-old un-seeded Greg Green beating Gary Young in a close five set match. Greg started playing for the club when he was eleven and after a spell with Rowhedge it was Gary Young who ironically persuaded him to return this season, and has been instrumental in Greg's improvement!

Sue Welham made it a record breaking twenty-two Ladies Singles titles in the last thirty years, when beating Walton and former Clacton champion Annabelle Rodriguez in three straight sets.

Sue Welham then teamed up with Gary Young to secure their third straight Mixed Doubles title beating Greg Green and Hazel Hume, also in three sets.

Club Secretary Marlene Smith and Sue Welham failed to defend their Ladies Doubles Crown going down to Annabelle Rodriguez and Christine Edwards. Both Sue Welham and Greg Green made all three finals that they entered with Greg Green just missing out in the Men's Doubles with Rowhedge partner Kevin Gowlett.

Competing against such big clubs, with players from Braintree, Clacton, Ipswich and Walton speaks volumes for the West Bergholt club in what must have been our most successful tournament year ever!

Martyn Green, Press & Publicity Officer

Colchester and District Table Tennis League



Wesley Guild

Our final meeting on September 25th will be our AGM which is led by our Minister Rev. Ruth Ridge. We shall be looking forward to March next year and exchanging ideas for future talks.

We have enjoyed many interesting speakers in the past few months including a quick tour in pictures of "Round the British Isles" with Susan Leng, the work of West Bergholt First Responders and a DIY Evening of favourite poems, readings and music.

If you cannot join us for the AGM please look out for details of our next series of meetings beginning in March 2010. - you will be very welcome.

West Bergholt Women's Institute



May is resolutions month but as we had voted for the government to support more research into the decline of bees no further action was required. Eight members attended the County Annual Meeting at Towerlands Equestrian Centre, Braintree. Bea Girkin, our delegate, gave an excellent report on the speakers, Terry Waite and the Chief Constable of Suffolk. The evening concluded with Nicky Payne, a Castle Park ranger, explaining her diverse activities and tasks with slides depicting the seasons throughout the year. She also gave a brief history of the park which has been awarded a coveted green flag.

Our president, Pat Moran, welcomed visitors from eight surrounding WI's to our June meeting. Speaker, Ann Hardy, from Canvey Island spoke about her time as a Theatrical Costumier in London detailing her making of the costumes for the stars of stage and screen and television. Guests were treated to a cream tea, which was followed by a delightful talk by Joyce Lucking on how the WI drama group was formed 60 years ago and her involvement with acting and producing the Orpen Players.

Congratulations were given to Barbara Buckley whose photograph was one of twelve selected for the 2010 Essex WI calendar.

Our annual outing in July was a visit to Tropical Wings near South Woodham Ferrers. Members enjoyed strolling around the grounds viewing animals from meerkats and wallabies to otters and parrots. The highlight was a visit to one of the largest butterfly houses in the country where members wandered through an exotic paradise of tropical plants and free flying butterflies.

Jacqui Hunns



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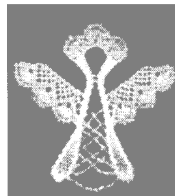


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West Bergholt Bobbin Lace Class

This term everyone has carried on with their own projects including several motifs for mounting in paperweights or in the top of small pots as gifts. Two of the ladies have decided to look ahead to Christmas and make a stylised angel which is suitable for a card. An alternative version can be stiffened and stand on its own. I adapted this pattern for them from a Belgian design.



The classes take place during term time on Mondays from 1pm until 3pm. They will be restarting for the autumn on 14th September. Please contact me if you would like to join us. If you would like to learn to make lace but are not available during the day, I will also be starting an evening class on Thursdays at Highwoods in September.

Carol Maxwell, Tel: 0771 2648468

West Bergholt Cricket Club



Thanks to fine, warm weather throughout the weekend and a band of willing volunteers, the club enjoyed another hugely successful Festival at the end of June.

Plans were more ambitious this year with extra visiting teams playing over the four days; also there were fun activities including a coconut shy, 'throwing the wellie', disco, horseracing and bouncy castle on the Saturday and Sunday. The club raised vital funds for future development thanks to the support of over 300 visitors over the weekend. In addition, thanks to contributions from visiting teams, money was raised for charitable causes including Marie Curie Cancer Care.

Results have been mixed for the club's two senior weekend teams, the senior Evening League team and the Under 11, 13, 15 and 16 sections. However, fine weather has ensured next to no cancellations this season so far and there have been some fine individual performances with both the bat and the ball.

The club is participating once more in the Jack Petchey Foundation scheme for Juniors from 11 to 25 years old. This season's proud winners so far have been Sam Brooks, George Wall, Thomas Banks and Matt Farthing. Funds raised from the scheme are helping the club to provide more practice balls and a battery for the bowling machine, new bowling end matting in one of the nets and new entrance gates.

For any queries, please contact Nigel Passmore on 240225 or nigel@weboffset.freereserve.co.uk

Village People

Yvonne Hadley is a familiar face to many in West Bergholt. Over the years, she has been seen taking children to Heathlands' school and walking her Jack Russell terriers.

She is also well known for her baking and cake-decorating skills creating delicious cakes, ranging from chocolate children's birthday cakes to five tier wedding cakes.

Not many are aware that Yvonne is a keen gardener too and that behind the walls of her home in Erle Havard Road is a garden which would inspire many. Yvonne's reputation as a keen gardener has now been recognised as she has been named runner-up for the best back garden in the awards run by Colchester Borough Homes.

So how does Yvonne's garden stand out from the dozens of entries of other council home gardens?

"I have tried to have a little of everything that I love and that makes it full of colour," said Yvonne.

Pastel coloured sweet peas and clematis climb up fencing, fuchsia and lobelia cascade from hanging baskets and flower beds are full of vivid red geraniums and busy lizzies. Flowers and shrubs abound in the small back garden, proving you don't need a large space to have a garden full of interest.

As Yvonne says, "I don't have room for a vegetable patch and so I grow tomatoes in hanging baskets, potatoes in pots and runner beans up the fencing." Growing her own fruit and vegetables is important to Yvonne who uses them in the jams and chutneys she makes.

For dogs Belle and Maisie, the garden is simply the place where they play. And so Yvonne says modestly that the garden is no show garden – it is a working garden.

This is not the first time that her skills have been recognised. Yvonne's help for her friends and neighbours was made public when Esther Rantzen presented her with the Gazette Woman of the Year award in 1993.

She has been presented with garden vouchers for her latest award at a ceremony at the Weston Homes Community Stadium in Colchester.



Colchester Railway Club

What's on Sunday 1st November 2009? The 2009 Colchester & District Model Railway Exhibition is being held at Marks Tey

This will be our second year at Marks Tey; where we have taken on all three halls at the Village Hall which is located on Old London Road. Access to Old London Road is from the A120/Coggeshall Road at Junction 25 on the A12. This year's exhibition is only a one-day show on Sunday 1st November starting at 10.00 and finishing at 16.30.

The club will be represented by Hunter's Grove and Mid Shires Light Railway (our narrow gauge layout). Other layouts coming this year cover the range from Z Gauge American California Coast, to the fine scale Foxup from

Watford. O scale is represented by Aldermouth. The piece de resistance is the NMRA Thamesider's Modular HO DCC layout with sound. MERG are represented by the local Essex group.

For the modellers, we have a good selection of trade coming. Brian Trains are a new trader to us this year. Malcolm Root the railway artist will also be present with his railway prints, calendars and cards.

Come along and enjoy yourselves. Marks Tey's playing fields with skateboard ramps and a children's play area are alongside the Village Hall.

Adult entry before 13.00 will cost £4 and after 13.00 the entry price is reduced to £3.

David Bull reports on the Prime Minister's Reception he attended at 10 Downing Street on 22 July 2009

"To celebrate the contribution that people make everyday in support of their local environmental wildlife projects and organisations"

I was astonished to receive a personal invitation from the Prime Minister. Evidently I had been nominated by the Woodland Trust, owners of Hillhouse Wood in West Bergholt, to represent the "Friends" of the wood. An organiser from "defra" explained to us on the day that this event was to recognise the importance of the Third Sector (voluntary sector) as opposed to the Business and Government sectors, in environmental matters.

The 150 people invited from throughout the UK, were all volunteers, nine being from the Woodland Trust. Others came from organisations such as County Wild Life Trusts, R.S.P.B., B.T.C.V., Forestry Commission, National Trust, Carbon Trust, Inner City Environmental Trusts, Community Recycling Initiatives, etc.

In the initial queue at the Downing Street gates, I met up with the Yorkshire Woodland Trust Representative, and we proceeded together through the security procedures and took photos outside the famous door.

As we walked along the historic corridors inside No.10 the Prime Minister suddenly swept out of a door beside us, shook us by the hand. and thanked us most sincerely for the voluntary work you and your organisations do for local environments and wild life. He moved on very rapidly evidently having another engagement before the reception.

We assembled in the very pleasant garden behind Nos 10 and 11 on the large lawn where drinks and canapés were being served. Seven representatives from the Woodland Trust gathered together since we could recognise the smart oak leaf lapel badges of the Trust. The reps were from Suffolk, Kent, Yorkshire, Liverpool, Wales and Scotland, and also with us was the organiser of the B.T.C.V. from Colchester. It was very interesting to share experiences and views with other members.

The Prime Minister and two other ministers with environmental interests, Hilary Benn and Ed Milliband, moved slowly through the assembly, discussing and questioning various voluntary activities. Gordon Brown gave a lengthy, almost impassioned address about all the voluntary work going on for the benefit of environmental wildlife in the UK, and thanked us all most sincerely for "all the work you and your organisations carry out for the benefit of everyone". He seemed to be very knowledgeable on the extensive range of voluntary environmental work, and was only too aware how difficult it had been to select 150 people out of the many thousands working across the UK. "Please take my thanks back to your colleagues".

He made the point that "the government is pledged to do all it can for the environment; many of you were working in this field long before the ideas of climate change became widely recognised". He referred to the World Climate Change conference in Copenhagen later this year. "I hope all your organisations will join us in shaping the government's initiatives for slowing down climate change". His own children were mentioned for their efforts with the adjacent vegetable patch in the garden.

Lastly he put great emphasis on how much "you and your organisations are appreciated for the vital role you play in promoting and sustaining environmental wildlife for future generations; you are an inspiration to us all". (Previously we had been told that he well knew of the Woodland Trust since he had been planting trees with his family in Scotland).

To conclude, on the way out we were given further access to No.10 including a "general discussion between ourselves" around the cabinet table!!

Altogether a very interesting and uplifting experience which gave due recognition to all the voluntary work being done for the environment and wildlife, and more particularly to the work of the Friends of Hillhouse Wood.

David Bull



Parish Plan

PARISH PLAN BACKS LITTER PICK EVENT on Saturday 19th September

As many of you will recall, improving the environment by controlling and reducing litter in the village was an important action in the Parish Plan produced last year. In order to help take this action forward, the Parish Plan Steering Group is proposing that we support the national litter pick events being arranged by the Keep Britain Tidy campaign group.

Our litter pick day will be Saturday 19th September, and Steering Group members are in discussions with Colchester Borough Council who will provide equipment. Local groups and clubs are being contacted to help carry out the litter pick, but we would like to get as many people involved as we can so please consider taking part, and look out for information on the village website or the publicity posters which will advertise details of the event.

More details of the national campaign can be found at www.thebigtidyup.org.

Chris Stevenson, Chair, Parish Plan Steering Group (chrisstevenson@orange.net or 01206 241708).

West Bergholt Football Club



Our high expectations for last season came to fruition. The first team achieved the league and cup double for the first time in the clubs history, with the reserves finishing in a credible 6th spot. The ladies team won their league and gained promotion to the 1st division, so the Annual Presentation Dinner was quite a celebratory occasion. Congratulations to all the players, managers, and committee, on a fantastic season.

Looking forward to the coming season, we have retained most of the squad and, if pre-season training is an indicator, we look like adding several new players as well.

Some progress is being made towards the building of a new clubhouse. We have appointed a project manager to oversee and advise on grant applications and have been fortunate to acquire the services of Clive French, who has just completed a similar project for Great Bentley FC. I include here a report from the Sub-Committee for what we are calling the Lorkin Daniel Project.

Report re: Lorkin Daniel Project

The purpose of the project is to provide a new facility for West Bergholt Football and the village community.

The aim is to raise the necessary funding to finance the project.

The West Bergholt Football Club sub-committee is putting in hand applications to various bodies for grants that are available for this type of project. At the same time we are in the process of arranging a number of fund raising activities to assist further with acquiring the necessary finances.

To co-ordinate these activities we have appointed a project manager - Mr Clive French who, together with Mr Mike Bell, the West Bergholt Football Club Chairman, would be pleased to discuss any aspects of our intentions. We also intend to invite the local community to a public goodwill meeting in early September, where the project can be explained and discussed, and residents will be given the opportunity to air their views or voice their concerns. The date of this meeting will be made known to residents via a leaflet delivered to all households in West Bergholt.

Finally, we would respectfully point out that this is a project, not only for West Bergholt Football Club, but one whose facilities would be available to, and of benefit to the whole community of West Bergholt.

Contacts: Clive French, Project Manager, 01206 251000 or 07505 476890.

Michael Bell, Chairman, 01206 241710 or 07850 286112.

In conclusion, don't forget to visit our web site www.westbergholtfc.co.uk for up to date news, and please use the shopping link.

M.R.Bell Chairman.

West Bergholt First Responders

The growing family of First Responders

The First Responder group has been slowly expanding in 2009. Early in the year we welcomed our first 'First Responder' baby when member Clair Longman and her husband Tim welcomed baby Ben (pictured right) into the world. We also had our first 'First Responder' wedding when member Gemma Goskie was married at St Mary's.



By early summer we had two new members trained including local physiotherapist Peter Murphy who takes time to volunteer in between work and spending time with his partner Dawn and two year old son Finley (pictured left).

Currently we have sixteen active volunteers, plus me, waiting for training. Several people around the village have expressed an interest in joining us but have gone quiet since their initial enquiry. We'd like to urge you to get back in contact please to chat through any questions you may have, we need more people to join us.

On average every month our rota is up to 50% covered and so far this year we have attended four calls. First Responders are only called to category A calls where chest pains, risk of heart attack, stroke or breathing difficulties are involved, They aren't called to blood only injuries, bone breaks, road accidents, or calls where drink, drugs or violence could be an issue. Our aim is to plug the gap in time between a patient being taken ill and the ambulance service arriving, particularly in the vital minutes after a suspected stroke or heart attack when time is of the essence and a heart defibrillator could be needed. This year our calls have been to unconscious patients or those with breathing difficulties. Upon call out we have assessed the patients needs, administered oxygen, comforted relatives and looked after the patient until the paramedics have arrived - usually not longer than five minutes waiting time.

We are all given free training when we join and we have monthly meetings where we talk through any calls outs, review any new procedures and we have a simple retest on our resuscitation skills every three months to keep us fresh. The group has training kit we can borrow to keep us well practised; many people will have seen this used at our talks around the village or on display at village events which we regularly take part in.

If you'd like to consider being a First Responder why not have a chat with one of our members or call Annie on 01206 240469.

EDITOR'S KORNER

The Bulletin Quiz Night was held on Saturday 6th June. Fifteen teams of people from the various clubs and roads around the village took part. The 1st Responders entered two teams, 'Stand Clear' and 'Like to do it together'. The Bergholt Youth Group entered three teams of 'varying' ages. Many a comment was made during the quiz about the names of the teams.

The scores were fairly close throughout the evening, but one team pulled out in front near the end. The winners were finally St. Mary's Church.

Well done to all who took part!

Many thanks to the Bulletin Team for working hard to ensure that a good time was had by all.

During the evening there was a raffle with donated prizes. There was also a competition in the interval whilst refreshments were being served. With the entrance fees and the raffle ticket money the Bulletin raised £320 on the night. This was donated to the BYG to purchase more equipment for the Youth Club. The cheque was presented to them during a Youth Club evening.



Members of the St. Mary's Quiz Team receiving the Quiz Cup from the Editor of the Bulletin

Entry village signs on the verges were due to be erected early on a Monday morning. The Parish Council Chairman and a CBC supervisor in a high visibility jacket waited for the contractors who turned up at 10.45am. It was surprising how many drivers slowed up at the Nayland Road junction at the sight of the jacket. The workmen erected the posts and started to fix the signs up. At this stage it was discovered that the wording was wrong! The signs were removed from the site and not seen again for about a week. They have been replaced now and look good!

The level crossing barriers seem to be working well but there are still weekends when they are closed to road traffic for more work to take place.

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Badminton Club

The West Bergholt Badminton Club has been playing badminton in the village for over twenty-five years. The club started in Heathlands School hall and then moved to the Orpen Hall. We play throughout the year only missing the Tuesdays before Christmas and after the New Year. We also don't play when the Orpen Players hold their productions.

If you are interested in playing a few games of badminton do please come along.

We play on a Tuesday evening, between 8.15pm and 9.45pm, in the Orpen Hall.

See you there!

World's Biggest Coffee Morning 2009

24th September

St. Mary's Church,
New Church Road,
West Bergholt

9am to 12 Middy



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Bergholt Heath Youth Football Club



The 2008-9 season was a mixed one. Our Under 15 and Under 14 teams consolidated their positions in the higher echelons but pride of place goes to the Under 10 team in winning their league and remaining unbeaten all season. The Under 13s did not fare so well but won the Sportsmanship award for the age group which is as good as anything at the end of the day! Since the end of the season the two season teams have enjoyed a tour.

The club hosted its Awards Night in June with a guest appearance from Alan Stephenson, the ex-England and West Ham footballer, who will continue to work with the club next season, helping to coach the Under 16 side.

Next season 2009-10 marks the 10th anniversary of the club and we are planning some exciting events to mark it.

First up is the annual kick-off barbecue which, subject to confirmation, is scheduled for Sunday 6th September at West Bergholt FC, Lexden Road, with a 3.30pm start. There will be the usual match between the oldest age group and a selection of rather more senior players, a barbecue, side stalls and much more.

Finally, if there are any players out there who are keen to join, there is training on a Saturday morning and we will be running Under 11, 14, 15 and 16 sessions next season.

Contact me or check out the village or club websites below
<http://www.clubwebsite.co.uk/bergholtheath/>
<http://www.westbergholt.net/football.htm>

Leslie Wright – 01206 241438

TIME'S PACES

When as a child I laughed and wept,
Time Crept.

When as a youth I waxed more bold,
Time Strolled.

When I became a full-grown man,
Time Ran.

When older I daily grew,
Time Flew.

Soon I shall find, in passing on,
Time Gone.

O Christ will Thou have saved me then?
Amen

The poem is attached to the clock face in the north transept of Chester Cathedral.

Bergholt Youth Group

There have been a few changes to the Youth Club in the last couple of months; Graham Pullen and Amber Harlow are now the club co-organisers. These changes have not affected the children and they are all still enjoying it as much as ever! This is shown by the average of forty who turn up every other week to attend the club evenings.

We have had some specialised events such as the Wimbledon day, where strawberries and cream were served whilst tennis was played. The Essex Association of Boys Clubs visited the club and members were able to take part in an archery session. As well as these events the regular activities are still being enjoyed, especially since 'Singstar' was purchased for the Playstation. We are now able to witness the local singing talent every fortnight!

With more activities planned, and the new Year Sixes attending from September, we have plenty coming up in the near future.

Vicki Bowden.



3rd West Bergholt (St Mary the Virgin) Brownie Guides



Our Brownies meet once a week on Wednesday evenings.

This year has been as busy and as much fun as always.

During the year the Brownies have worked towards their Brownie Traditions badge which meant they had to look back at how Brownies began and what it was like for their mums and grandmas when they were Brownies.

We took part in the Changing the World guiding programme. We helped to change a little bit of the world by raising £30 for St Helenas Hospice by holding a yellow evening - we had a yellow picnic and made yellow Easter bonnets.

This term the Brownies have used five different crafts as they worked towards their craft badge.

We had a very exciting day out at the Thorrington Fun Day when we were able to attempt abseiling and I think best of all for the Brownies was going on the Zip wire.

We finished the term and said goodbye to those leaving us and going onto Guides with a swimming party at Sudbury followed by a picnic in the park.

Anyone interested in adding their daughters name to the waiting list please contact Liz Isaac 01206 855206.

   **BacktoChurchSunday**

**St. Mary the Virgin Church
West Bergholt**

On Sunday 27th September we are joining with many other churches to hold a Back to Church Sunday.

If you've been in the habit of going to church and, for some reason, have stopped, this is an opportunity to come back. Last year around 37 000 people across the UK took this step.

I would like to offer you a really warm welcome to our church. The service will begin at 9.30am and will contain traditional as well as newer elements in the worship. There will be a chance to have a cup of coffee afterwards to meet old and new friends. We hope that everyone, adults and children, new to church or familiar with the set-up, will feel comfortable.

So whether you are coming back, or to coming for the first time, we look forward to seeing you and making you feel at home.

With all good wishes,

**Colin Horseman
Rector**



**Have you got a new neighbour?
or have you just moved into our village?**

If the answer is yes, we,
(a small group of friendly folk)
would like to hear from you to introduce
West Bergholt
and let you know what goes on.

Please ring Hugh on 243717 or 07875 428 120



Royal British Legion

The Gt and Lt Horkesley Branch have continued to meet on the second Thursday of each month at the Beehive, Little Horkesley and were pleased to welcome another new member in June. The next big item on our agenda is the branch 'Poppy Dinner' in late October which coincides with the start of the annual 'Poppy' collection, which year upon year becomes more important.

Last year the branch collected over £6.500! So we hope to increase this to well over £7000 this year. Work of the Legion is increasing, but unfortunately our members are getting fewer as the 'big-reaper' continues taking his toll.

You can make a difference by joining the Royal British Legion, and enjoying a good night out 'with the lads', once a month

For further information of our branch, or to join the RBL, please contact Branch Secretary, Mr Roger Drury, (271454) or Hugh Brivent-Barnes (243717) who lives in the village.

St. Mary's Church Services and functions

News of other clubs, committees etc. that use the Church hall can be found elsewhere in this Village Bulletin, or access via a computer

<http://uk.geocities.com/stmarywb/index.htm>
for the Village Diary where you will find out what else goes on in West Bergholt.

September

Sunday 6th	9.30am	Morning Worship and Bugs
Tuesday 8th	11.00am	United Communion Service in Methodist Chapel
Sunday 13th	9.30am	Formal Holy Communion
Sunday 20th	9.30am	Holy Communion and Bugs
	6.30pm	Evening 'Prayer Book' Service
Wed. 23rd	10.00am	Holy Communion BCP
Sunday 27th	9.30am	'Back to Church Sunday' Family Service

October

Sunday 4th	9.30am	Harvest Festival Service
Sunday 11th	9.30am	Formal Holy Communion
Tuesday 13th	11.00am	United Communion Service in Methodist Chapel
Sunday 18th	9.30am	Family Service
	6.30pm	Evening 'Prayer Book' Service
Sunday 25th	9.30am	Communion Service and Bugs
Wed. 28th	10.00am	Holy Communion BCP

November

Sunday 1st	9.30am	Morning Worship and Bugs
Sunday 8th	10.45am	<i>Remembrance Sunday Service in Orpen Hall</i>
Tuesday 10th	11.00am	United Communion Service in Methodist Chapel
Sunday 15th	9.30am	Family Service
	6.30pm	Evening 'Prayer Book' Service
Sunday 22nd	9.30am	Communion Service and Bugs
Sunday 29th	9.30am	Joint Service with Methodist

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

Rector – The Rev. Colin Horseman telephone 271242

Library Times

The Mobile Library visits the village
fortnightly on a Tuesday.

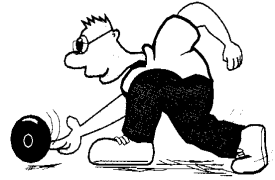
For queries about the service telephone

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

West Bergholt Indoor Bowls Club



The summer season came to the club bringing new activities to its members; they gave the prizes for a tombola stall at Heathlands School fete. This was manned by Jan Lumb, Marie Fitzjohn, Jill Nugent and helpers. £75 was raised for the club funds and a sum was donated to the school.

The Annual Charity Match was held in May when fourteen members held a competition; it was held on a Sunday afternoon and £102 was raised. It was followed by a nice tea provided by members. The match arrangements were by George Coppin, winners were Eileen Brown and Ivan Payne, with Barbara Davies and George Coppin runners-up.

On a lovely summers afternoon a Garden Party was held at the home of Eileen and Fred Brown. It was very well attended by members and our wonderful social members who enjoyed garden games, quizzes and bingo. Tea was served in the garden and an enjoyable time was had by all who came.

There have been several friendly matches held during the early summer. We had mixed results but the games were enjoyed by all who took part. If you would like to enjoy an evening amongst a pleasant group of people playing carpet bowls, do come along any Thursday or Sunday evening at the Orpen Hall. You will be made most welcome.

Please telephone 01206 240379 for more information.



Jackson School of Dancing

Classes are held during term time in the Orpen Memorial Hall in West Bergholt. They are held every Tuesday evening between 5.15pm and 6.30pm. Pupils start from the age of three years old.

The new term will be restarting 9th September.

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

Kate Jackson 48 Berridge Road, Halstead, Essex

Telephone: 01787 473607



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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, 2pm - 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
Dru Yoga, 8 - 9.30pm - John Lampon Hall, 07887 511412

Tuesdays:

NHS Primary Care Trust Baby Clinic, 10am to 11am - Methodist Hall
Miss Jackson's Dancing Class, 5.30-7.30pm - Orpen Hall
Taost Tai Chi, Beginners Class 7.30-9.30pm - Scout Hut - Fiona 240339
All Welcome
Methodist Church, 11am 2nd Tuesday Communion Service
Badminton Club, 8.15pm - Orpen Hall
W.E.A., 8pm - 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, 10am 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
West Bergholt Craft and Quilters Group, 2nd Wednesday (except Christmas) - Joyce Lucking Room
Ladies' Afternoon Badminton, Orpen Hall, 2.30pm to 3.30pm.
New members welcome - contact Pat Butcher for details 242075
Aerobics-Legs, Bums and Tums, Methodist Hall, 6.45pm-7.45pm. Tel 243773.
Women's Fellowship 2.30pm third Wednesday each month
Methodist Church Hall.

Thursdays:

Friendship Club, 2pm 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, 8pm 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, 7.30-9pm St Mary's Church Hall
Pilates, 9.30am, - Scout Hut, Methodist Hall evenings tel: 564348 for details
Bible Study, 2.30pm, - Methodist Church Hall - third Thursday

Fridays:

West Bergholt Concert Band,
6.00-7.00pm (Juniors), 7-9pm (seniors) - Heathlands school
Wesley Guild, 7.30pm, 4th Friday - Methodist Hall (March to September)
Orpen Players, 8pm - Orpen Hall
Dru Yoga, 9.30-11am - Methodist Church Hall, 07887 511412

METHODIST CHURCH Diary

Every Sunday 11.00am Morning Worship
Every Tuesday 9.30am - 10.00am Minister Ruth Ridge is available in the Church for quiet prayer
September 8th Shared Village Communion with St. Mary's
September 9th 10.00am Coffee Morning
September 20th *Harvest Festival*
September 27th "Back to Church" Sunday
September 25th 7.30pm Wesley Guild AGM
October 13th Shared village Communion with St. Mary's
October 14th 10.00am Coffee Morning
October 17th *130th Anniversary Weekend (see posters for details)*
October 18th *11.00am Morning Worship - Rev Robin Searles 3.00pm 'Songs of Praise' with Boxed Band*
November 8th 10.45 Remembrance Day Service Orpen Hall
November 10th Shared village Communion with St. Mary's
November 11th 10.00am Coffee Morning
November 28th 10.00am Christmas Coffee Morning

Minister: Revd. Ruth Ridge. Tel 01206 242182

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.



CHARITY NO: 299094

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 Tuesday 242 185 Wednesday 242 319
Saturday/Sunday 242 075

Please note there will be a new Thursday contact number from 1st October

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