

# *village bulletin*

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## Success For Bowls Club

The Prettygate Challenge Match was recently held, between twenty local carpet bowls clubs competing in a round robin competition followed by a knockout quarter, semi and finals. After winning all their games the West Bergholt '4' of skipper Paul Leach, Jan Lumb, Nora Bates and Eileen

Brown were victorious winning the Challenge Trophy, the first time for sixteen years it has come to the club. Congratulations to them all.

There is lots of activity at the club during the summer season. Our Annual Charity Match has been held and, thanks to the Parish Council donating the use of the Orpen Hall, we were able to raise around £100. Which



*Pictured - Eileen Brown, Nora Bates, Paul Leach (skipper) and Jan Lumb*

local charity it goes to will be decided at our AGM.

Friendly matches continue to be enjoyed by all who take part. Our results are fairly even taken all round.

Heathland's School Fete was supported by the club giving encouragement to young people to become bowlers

when they grow-up. Paul Leach and helpers gave plenty of advice. Jan Lumb, Marie Fitzjohn and others manned a tombola stall, with articles donated by club members.

Do come along any Thursday or Sunday evening at 7.15pm to the Orpen Hall. You will be made most welcome.

Phone 01206 240379 for further information.

### ***In your September Bulletin***

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BYG pose under gazebo - Editors letters - Scavenger Hunt report

*and news from clubs and groups in the village*

# 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.*

## ORPEN HALL ADMINISTRATOR

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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.*

Parish Council monthly meetings are held in the John Lampon Hall on the third Wednesday of every month starting at 7.30pm. Prior to the start of the meetings, between 7.15pm and 7.30pm, the public are invited to raise any item for consideration by the Parish Council at its next meeting.

The village bulletin is funded by the Parish Council as part of a community service. It is issued quarterly and distributed to every household in the Parish. The views expressed do not necessarily reflect those of the Parish Council.

# Allotments Update

Despite the dry weather that we experience in this part of the country it is a pleasure for those of us that enjoy producing our own vegetables to see the Allotments at the peak of their production. This is only achieved by consistent time and effort by the plot holders who on dry summer evenings can be seen descending like ants on the water supply.

For most village residents such a facility helps to retain the character of our village although the consequences of its location might be considered to be an occasional nuisance to a few. 139 plots in full production do generate a good deal of organic waste. Some materials can be made into compost although this needs to be done in a way which does not attract vermin. A yearly skip is made available to deal with some of the less combustible materials but a monthly bonfire in addition to this is the only sustainable practical solution.

In July the bonfire did generate more smoke than is reasonable and a few residents did have cause for complaint. For this we apologise. The Allotment Committee has produced guidance for plot holders on the times at which material can be brought to the fire and the need to ensure that the rubbish burnt is dry and not green. In July this guidance was not universally adhered to and the still, humid conditions resulted in the smoke hanging low.

A meeting of the plot holders has discussed this issue and in future more effort will be made to manage the bonfire and ensure that the guidance is followed. It was suggested that Monday was not the best evening and so from September the bonfire will be held on the first Tuesday of each month with material only added for two hours, after which time it will be allowed to burn out. Also the start time will be put back to 6.00pm except for November when it will be at 4.00pm. There will then be no more fires until March.

On a more positive note it is good to see the number of younger families with children taking on plots. The small area taken by the Bluebells Nursery Group is proving very popular and giving the toddlers much pleasure. The more established gardeners are always pleased, and probably flattered, to be asked advice and so it has been suggested that we publish some seasonal tips on a regular basis.

The Autumn period is a quieter time but the following are suggested:

✂ Order seed catalogues and begin to plan for next year based on a three yearly rotation

✂ Purchase and sow Garlic, Japanese Onion Sets and Broad Beans although early sowings of these may need some protection from the winter

✂ Think of plants that will attract bees. Lavender is a good one but now is the time to shear it back if you already have a plant

✂ Wash pots with Jeyes fluid and generally prepare equipment for next season

✂ Back home dress lawns and lightly prune roses to prevent wind rock and frost getting at roots.

Allotment Committee.

# Workers Educational Association

## 'Art in the Age of William Morris'

Our next course concerns the Arts and Crafts movement. It starts on 21st September 2010. Covering the life and works of that busy man William Morris, who died in 1896. His work had close connections with the Arts and Crafts movement and this aspect will be developed further. The tutor is Graham Slimming, a long-standing and experienced member of the WEA panel of lecturers.

The course will follow the usual pattern of ten Tuesday evenings, 8pm to 9.40pm, at the Methodist Church Hall with its wheel chair access and, should it be needed, a LOOP system. Fees are only slightly increased at £44 for the term, with nil fees for those on Income related benefits, or on JSA. Also financial help should be obtainable from WEA Cambridge if net household income is under £15,000 pa (from the Discretionary Learner Support Fund). Unfortunately the branch itself is not allowed to offer discounts nowadays.

If you are unsure whether the course is really for you, do come along and sample the first evening free.

Further information is available from our Secretary on 01206 240791. We look forward to hearing from you.



## Colne Valley Flower Club



The club does not meet in August making our next meeting Wednesday September 15th at 7.30. Our Demonstrator will be Joyce Gursedonn from Knebworth and her talk title is "Inspire and Enjoy"

Come along to our meeting on Wednesday October 20th and bring a friend "free". It will be a good chance to introduce someone new to the enjoyment of flowers. Our speaker will be Patricia Ellis from Orpington Kent with her title "Serendipity"

By kind invitation of one of our members we are holding a Coffee Morning at Park Farm from 10.30 to 12.30, please come along and support us. Everyone welcome.

Wednesday 17th November is our last meeting for 2010. This is an Open Meeting and we are happy to invite non members to join us to see Lee Berrill from Earls Barton, Northants, demonstrating flowers on the theme of a "Winter Wonderland"

Further information about the club please contact our Chairman on 01206 241145 or Secretary on 01206 240262.

Our meetings are held at the Orpen Hall on the third Wednesday of the month.

# Friends of Hillhouse Wood



This has been a stressful year for the wood because of climatic factors. The longest severe cold spell for more than 30 years moved into a mainly cold and dry spring. Drought conditions continued into summer with only the relief of some periodic heavy showers associated with thundery heatwave conditions when the thermometer soared to 30C. Trees have suffered greatly from the lack of moisture and much of the scrub growth and the ground flora were shrivelled badly by July. However there was a good showing of bluebells and wood anemones in April and into early May and the colonies of early purple orchids near the top pond produced up to 40 flowering spikes including four of the rare white form. As usual, bracken has grown prolifically in the central area and will receive some control management.

The Friends' volunteer work parties under the direction of David Bull will commence their seasonal activity from September. Although clearances are necessary there will, in future, be increased care taken to ensure there is cover for wildlife and, in particular, birds which nest on or near the ground in spring and early summer. It is hoped that nightingales will return with improved habitat conditions. This year and last, we failed to have a single nesting pair of nightingales but there were several pairs of blackcaps and chiffchaffs as some compensation. Nightingales are especially sensitive to disturbance and as the wood attracts increased visitors, particularly in bluebell and wild flower time, pairs have moved to private woods with no public access. This year there were at least five pairs in Orange Wood and Spring Wood, West Bergholt, and a singing male was heard at Alder Carr Wood, near Millhouse, on the dawn chorus birdsong walk in May.

The heavily overgrown nature of the top pond is a matter of concern with loss of water level and it is hoped that clearance of reedmace and willow scrub, and some long overdue desilting will take place in autumn or early winter. This has to be undertaken with great care as the pond is home to a number of uncommon dragonflies and damselflies as well as a colony of the fully-protected great-crested newt.

Elm disease continues to affect the wood's remaining wych and common elms which support a colony of the white-letter hairstreak butterfly but in July several of these uncommon butterflies were seen flying round the tops of the tall wych elms on the edge of the wood near the main entrance. Efforts continue to be made to check the spread of elm disease.

There are continued signs of badger activity in the wood although, as yet, there isn't an occupied sett but there is a large sett at Alder Carr Wood and others on the close-by Woodland Trust Fordham Hall Estate. Muntjac deer are regularly seen in and near the wood and up to ten roe deer are often present on fields around the wood with some occasionally in the wood itself.

There was a good showing of the rare damselfly, the beautiful demoiselle, along the stream on the Fordham side

of the wood, both males and females. This is only the second site of this species in our area, the other colony being on the Roman River near Friday Wood. The seven who attended the summer butterfly and insect walk led by myself and Philip Smith on July 17th were rewarded with lots of gatekeeper and meadow brown butterflies, commas and red admirals and the day-flying six-spot burnet moths which were nectaring on field scabious blooms next to the path leading to the wood where the moths' larval foodplant, bird's foot trefoil, grows.

Tree-creepers have been seen regularly in the wood and are almost certainly nesting. A pair was seen during the spring nature walk in the wood on April 18. The annual fungus foray in and near the wood, led by local expert Ian Rose, will be on Thursday November 4th. Meet at the old church at 10am.

Joe Firmin.



## Cricket Club

We were very saddened by the passing away of Peter Redhead. Peter was very much involved with the cricket club and we will remember him for his kindness and enthusiasm. He distinguished himself nearly three years ago when, along with Mark Joel, he formed a new Junior Under 14 section. The fruits of their efforts can be seen in the tight-knit group that now represent us at Under 16 level; in addition many of this group now play at senior level as well. Peter was remembered at the club's annual Festival at the end of June with a minute's silence in his honour.



The Festival was once again very successful with entertainment provided to more than 300 visitors over the long, hot weekend. The club welcomed six senior visiting teams in total over the four days. On the Sunday, proceedings began early with a Kwik Cricket tournament involving youngsters from the club as well as from many local villages. This was followed by a senior cricket tournament involving four teams. The winners were the club's Under 21 team whose captain, Sam Brooks, was presented with the inaugural Trophy Shield by Nayna Patel of the club's new Kwik Cricket sponsor, Crown Law Solicitors of Langham.

Results otherwise have been disappointing for the senior teams with both occupying lowly positions in their respective leagues. New players are keenly sought so please encourage any cricketer you know that is looking to join an ambitious and friendly club to contact us. Our four junior teams enjoyed some notable successes in their leagues.

Apart from new cricketers, we will be needing a new Treasurer and a new Secretary next year. If you are interested in helping us out or know anyone who might be, please call me on 240225 or 07769 697542, or e-mail [npassmore@sky.com](mailto:npassmore@sky.com)

Nigel Passmore

# Methodist Church News

We took part in the Heathlands School Fete again this year. It was quite a difficult day weather-wise, as our lucky dip polystyrene filling was being blown around the field one minute and soaked by the showers the next. It was quite a challenge, but we enjoyed it. In July we catered for a coach party tea for members of Witham Methodist Fellowship who are regular visitors each year for their annual outing.

Our Harvest Weekend, 18th and 19th September, begins a busy few months after a quiet time in August. We shall be decorating the Church on Saturday morning from 9.30am and donations of flowers, fruit, vegetables, tinned and packet goods can be brought along at this time.

September 25th is our next quiz night. Book a table of four for £16. Come and enjoy a lighthearted evening and good company led by Mick and Anita – don't miss out – book early by ringing 241969.

On Saturday October 16th a Craft and Hobbies Exhibition will be held in the Hall from 10.30am to 5.30pm. Displays, demonstrations, a chance to try a craft and also buy. Refreshments will be served all day. Look out for the posters.

Special Services in October will include our Church Anniversary on the 24th and a United Service at St. Mary's on 31st at 9.30am.

A Light a Candle Service will take place on Thursday 4th November at 7.30pm. This very thoughtful short service enables anyone who has a need to remember a loved one recently lost or maybe an Anniversary do come along and add their name to our prayer list.

Our regular communion, bible study, Women's Fellowship and coffee mornings continue.

The special Christmas Coffee Morning on Saturday 27th November is at 10am to 11.30am. Join us for coffee and mince pies, last minute gifts, cards and mystery parcels.

## West Bergholt Women's Institute



Vice-president Bee Girkin took the June meeting as the president attended the National AGM in Cardiff. Maureen Williams from SAGA spoke about the various services and holidays available from the company.

Members and guests enjoyed the annual outing to Carter's Vineyard in Great Horkesley. The history of the vineyard from inception followed by a tour of the wine making process was fascinating. Prior to lunch a selection of wines were tasted.

In August members were back in the Orpen Memorial Hall. John Morgan spoke about life and times down the coal mines. The president, Pat Moran gave her report on the Cardiff AGM. A walk, followed by coffee and lunch are planned for later this month in the John Lampon Hall.

## West Bergholt Concert Band



Back in 1978 when the band started, there were very few opportunities for young musicians to play in a concert band ...which is why the band was created.

It's still one of the band's main aims 32 years later, especially as local music teachers tell us that young musicians don't even know what a concert band is. So, five years ago we started to invite musicians from local primary schools to join with our Training Band for some weekend workshops...and these turned out to be hugely enjoyable for everyone, whilst also giving youngsters new experiences and exposure to lots of different types of music. This year's workshops will involve more schools than ever, and are being held on the following date :

Saturday 16th October 2.30pm - 4.30pm,  
West Bergholt

Saturday 6th November 2.30pm - 4.30pm,  
West Bergholt

Saturday 20th November 2.00pm - 4.00pm,  
St Botolph's

The workshops are a great opportunity for anyone who's beginning an instrument to come along and enjoy playing in a band alongside other first timers with support from the band's experienced players. The workshops are relaxed, great fun and include some great music - so please email [graham@wbcb.org](mailto:graham@wbcb.org) for further details or to reserve your place.

The workshops culminate in a concert at St Botolph's, with Training Band performing everything from Glenn Miller and Duke Ellington to Barry Manilow and Motown, followed by Concert Band playing 'The Best Of British', featuring music from John Lennon, Holst, Andrew Lloyd-Webber and Queen.

Saturday November 20th : 7:30pm, St Botolph's : In aid of Riding For The Disabled

All of these activities follow on from a typically busy summer term which saw the band perform three concerts of completely different music in ten weeks, which raised over £2000 for charities. Clacton's West Cliff Theatre reported 'very happy punters' after another successful Last Night Of The Proms concert in June, and our July concert at St Botolph's included a typically varied programme of music from Copland, Coldplay, Sondheim, Sousa, Artie Shaw and Elvis among others.

As you can see from all of this, the band continues to be a popular group for both musicians and audiences, and with September being a great time to join the band, please either visit us at Heathlands on any term-time Friday evening, or come along to our workshops. The band's website contains details of all our events, or you can also email us or phone Graham on 824157.

# Volunteers – The Heartbeat of Our Village

The Parish Council was invited to recognise the volunteers and their organisations that make such a difference to our village. The Colchester Community Volunteer Service held a thank you lunch for those volunteers nominated by the various communities in the Borough. Those attending were greeted by the Deputy Mayor in the Moot Hall and treated to lunch and presented with certificates as a thank you for their community spirit and involvement.

The Parish Council were faced with the difficult task of selecting the volunteers and organisations that make West Bergholt such a special place to live in. We had a maximum of four nominee invitations and with more than 20 volunteer organisations in the village this was not an easy task. I am always amazed and proud of the number of people who happily give up their free time to help and assist others. I view our volunteers as the heartbeat of the village whether they have just begun to operate a new organisation or are part of one that has operated for many years.

Our nominates were David Bowden, Murray Harlow, Bob Gooden and Susan Walby representing the BYG, Youth Football, Luncheon Club, the Church, Allotment Holders and First Responders to name just a few.

Thank you to all our volunteers.

John Gili-Ross



## *nicenstripy*

### Helps Cub Scouts Be Prepared!

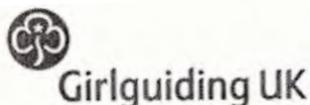


Lawn care and garden maintenance company, *nicenstripy*, stepped in to make sure the local cub group could live up to their 'Be prepared' motto when the Monday night Badger Pack were on the search for a suitable vehicle to provide transport for a trip to the Thorrington Scout Camp.

Andrew Ross, owner of *nicenstripy* commented 'We were delighted to be able to help out the local scout group to make sure they could get all their kit safely to their camp. We have always been keen to support the local community and indeed some of the boys involved in the camp are related to *nicenstripy*'s clients. As an outdoor-based business we think it is important for the younger generation to appreciate the benefits of an active outdoor lifestyle.'

'Perhaps we should talk to the Scouts about creating a Lawn Care and Garden Maintenance Badge next year!!'

# 1st West Bergholt Guides



We took part in a joint Centenary Thinking Day Celebration at the Charter Hall

on 20th February, with both Colchester North and Colchester South Division. There were many artists who performed for us including an amazing drumming band. All the Rainbows, Brownies, Guides and Senior section really enjoyed it. Jacqueline Newman carried the Union Jack and stood in front of all the units for the main event on the stage. It was an amazing event and I am sure not to be forgotten by those who took part.

At the beginning of March we made some papier-mache ducks. They were great fun to make – very sticky with lots of glue and paper everywhere – thanks Katie!

We raised some money for Sports Relief on 11th March by holding a sports evening and played some varied games including one with two hula hoops which made everyone laugh!

We took the Guides to Colchester Castle Park in July for a Teddy Bear's Picnic, part of Tracking Through Time, followed by a visit to Hollytree's Museum to see the Girlguiding exhibition. This was enjoyed by all. It was a very hot day and of course had to be finished off with an ice cream!

This term has been very busy with us taking part in many Centenary events including our Centenary Day Trip to London and WOW 100. We won two Jack Petchey Awards of £200 each. These were awarded to Katie Pullen and Ciara Harlow for the excellent work they have both done during their time with 1st West Bergholt Guides. These awards helped pay for the train fares and open top bus trip in London, which was enjoyed by all. We also went on The Eye and went down to Crystal Palace Park to visit the Centenary Maze. It was a brilliant day.

WOW 100 was our county, Essex North East, Centenary Day held in Tendring showground at Lawford. 4,500 Rainbows, Brownies, Guides and Senior Section members took part. There were many events held during the day including dog shows, majorettes, street dancing and Starburst. Other activities included archery, donkey rides, inflatables, circus skills, crafts and bungee trampolining. The evening finished with Josh Dubovie, he was our entry in the Eurovision Song Contest, and the girls loved him and were able to get his signature at the end. A brilliant day.

We are now about to go away camping for eight days in Norfolk. We will be joining 5,000 other Scouts and Guides for an international jamboree. We have 13 Guides taking part.

On a final note, Katie Griffiths has now sadly finished her course at university and has left to go back to Norwich; it is a long way to commute! We held a lovely leaving party for her and gave her a few gifts to remember us by, although I do not think she will ever forget us! As she lives in Norwich, Katie will be joining us at NORJAM.

We also have a new leader, Caroline Fitzgerald, a friend of Katie's from university. Caroline is an experienced Guider

and has already joined us for WOW 100 and will also be joining us at NORJAM.

Our term starts again on September 9th.

Sandra Gates, Guide Guider

## Bergholt Heath Football Club



It is with much sadness that we have to report the passing of Peter Redhead our Chairman who died in June.

The club expresses its condolences and was well represented at his funeral service by both committee and players. This was the measure of respect that Peter commanded within the Club and elsewhere. From his time as a team manager till taking over as Chairman in 2006 he has served the club with dedication and has been a great ally to me in the running of the Club. It was a great privilege for me to receive an award from him in our 10th anniversary season.

Peter was at the forefront of our sponsorship efforts and events planning in addition to doing battle with the League on a number of fronts. He chaired our committee meetings in his usual style - usually borrowing a pen from me and sipping his coffee while everyone else was swilling beer! No wonder he was always the most composed. We will miss his passion and contribution.

As a result I have taken over as Chairman and David Bowden is the new Secretary. Good luck David - I hope you are as good as me.

2010-11 season promises much as we now have six teams. We have added a team at Under 8 managed by Pete Sanderson and are the new home for an existing A-league side at Under 13.

As a reminder, we need to get all of our registrations to the league by mid-August and that means you need to ensure that you do the necessary paperwork and get it to your manager by the time you read this.

If you have any questions then contact your manager or me on the number below

Leslie Wright, Chairman, 01206 241438



*Not so old Memories!*

# Transport Matters

As part of its committee structure the Parish Council has a Transport Officer. Through this position we receive regular information from Essex County Council on any pending changes to our bus services and other issues concerning the village. At present there is nothing of note in the pipeline. An initiative in which all those eligible are urged to participate in the consultation on Senior Citizen bus passes. Details are posted on the village notice board. We periodically receive bus timetables for all Essex and these are available at the Post Office.

The Council is aware that from time to time residents have good cause for complaint about our bus service and it is willing to take up issues with the Bus Companies. In order to do this hard evidence is needed so if anyone has a bad experience, such as buses cancelled without any notice, please do let us know. Details should be passed on to the Parish Clerk, preferably by e-mail or in writing. (Contact details are at the front of this Bulletin).

Harry Stone.



# 1st West Bergholt Brownies

The Brownies have been enjoying all this wonderful summer weather with unit meetings outside, playing wild games, walking through Hill House Wood on part of the Centenary Division 10 mile walk, having a scavenger hunt and outings. Lots of challenges have been marked off on our main Centenary badge "Tracking Through Time."

We had a day out in July to the Tendring Hundred Show Ground for the County WOW Centenary event. This was "Jamboree in a Day", lots of fun with trying out many new crafts, activities such as hand bell ringing, reptile tent (many of the girls quite happy to have a snake around their neck!), seeing camping as it was about 50 years ago, watching Star Turns from each Division in the main arena and being entertained by John Dubovie at the end of the evening. All returned home by coach very tired but happy after a great day out.

Now having a break for the summer holidays with another event being planned for 2010. 2010, 2010. At ten minutes past eight in the evening of the 10th October this year of 2010 all members of Girlguiding will be remaking their promise to bring to an end this wonderful Centenary year.

Carol Clarke – Unit Guider

## CRAFT EXHIBITION

*Saturday 16th October 2010*

*10.30am - 5.30pm*

Methodist Hall, Chapel Lane, West Bergholt  
Art -Beads - Lace - Patchwork - Quilting - Teas

*Some items for sale*

For further details phone 01206 243574

# St. Mary's Church

## Services and functions

News of other clubs, committees etc. which use the Church and Hall can be found elsewhere in this Village Bulletin,  
or [www.stmaryswestbergholt.web.officelive.com](http://www.stmaryswestbergholt.web.officelive.com) for the Village Diary where you will find what else goes on in West Bergholt

### September

Sunday 5th	9.30am	Morning Service and Bugs
Sunday 12th	9.30am	Formal Holy Communion and Bugs
Sunday 19th	9.30am	Family Service with Bugs
	6.30pm	Prayer Book, Evening Service
Wed. 24th	10.00am	Holy Communion
Sunday 26th	9.30am	Back to Church Sunday with Holy Communion

### October

Sunday 3rd	9.30am	Harvest Festival and Lunch
Sunday 10th	9.30am	Formal Holy Communion and Bugs
Sunday 17th	9.30am	Family Service with Bugs
	6.30pm	Prayer Book – Evening Service
Sunday 24th	9.30am	Communion Service and Bugs
Wed. 20th	10.00am	Holy Communion BCP
Sunday 31st	9.30am	Morning Worship and Bugs

### November

Thursday 4th	7.30pm	In Methodist Church Light a Candle remembering people we have lost
Sunday 7th	9.30am	Morning Worship and Bugs
Sunday 14th	10.45am	Remembrance service Orpen Hall
Sunday 21st	9.30am	Family Service with Bugs
	6.30pm	Prayer Book – Evening Service
Wed. 24th	10.00am	Holy Communion BCP
Sunday 28th	9.30am	Holy Communion and Bugs

The above are the known times and dates of service at time of going to press. Accurate times and services are to be found in 'Good News', the monthly church magazine.

If you would like a copy delivered to your door, please contact Kate Wilson on 01206 752056

A Crèche is available in the church hall for children under the age of five years old, if required.

Rector – The Rev Colin Horseman telephone 271242

# Scavenger Hunt Fun Had by All

We thought that the odds were stacked against the First Responders when the group decided to have a scavenger hunt to increase our knowledge of the village, vital for reaching calls out in good time. Not only was the hunt on one of the hottest days of the year but it also fell on the Sunday England played Germany in the world cup! Undeterred a total of 28 people attended the hunt which was a very encouraging number. Three routes around West Bergholt gave partakers a chance to enjoy an amble around the Village whilst picking up clues and learning about street names and houses some participants didn't know existed!



The photo shows some of the Scavengers having their answer sheets and scavenged items scored.

There was a mix of adults and children on the hunt and upon return to the Church Hall to have answer sheets marked, drinks and cakes were available. The success of the first hunt means a second one may be planned for the Autumn when it is hoped more people will come to learn about our beautiful and interesting Village, so keep an eye out on the West Bergholt website and for posters for information.

## 2010 Colchester MODEL RAILWAY EXHIBITION

Marks Tey Village Hall

Sunday 31st October

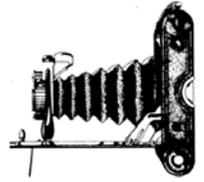
10 am to 4.30 pm

Car parking on site and nearby. Light refreshments available. Walking distance from Marks Tey station. Buses to and from Colchester, Braintree and Chelmsford

### Admission

£4 for entry before 1pm - £3 for entry after 1pm

# West Bergholt Local History Group



May was our first outing of the year when we visited Paycocke's in Coggeshall.

Natalie introduced herself as the resident guide who was appointed by The National Trust and moved in last year. The weather was kind enough for us to walk down the long garden to see the progress so far and meet the chickens before being guided round the building. We were shown the examples of famous Coggeshall lace displayed in the house and the unusually intricate panelling and woodcarvings reflecting the wealth of the area generated by 15th and 16th century wool trade. As we were a relatively small group of nine, we were even allowed to go up rickety stairs to rooms that are usually out of bounds to visitors.

In June we visited Sudbury for a guided walk with Blue Badge guide Diana James, who was as friendly as she was knowledgeable. Bearing in mind the time constraints of an evening, we concentrated on the Saxon part of the town and Diana explained that what we could see was deceptive. New fronts had been built over very old wooden buildings. To allow all the businesses to have access for customers, each building had a very narrow shopfront but went back a long way to give plenty of space. It was fascinating to be given these hidden gems of information that are not obvious by just looking. Once again the weather was kind to us, which added to our enjoyment.

Our July outing was to Stoke-by-Nayland Church. After collecting the key, we let ourselves in and made good use of the self-guide sheets that were provided.

In August we will be visiting the History Group at Halstead to be given their first guided tour before looking at their small local museum.

September will see our return to Orpen Hall. Andrew Phillips has been booked to speak about the Land Army Changing the War but from past experience he will probably dive off in other directions as well.

At the time of writing, we are trying to organize a talk about Barge Restoration for October and November has yet to be arranged.

Contact Bernard Colbron 240297 for details.

# St Mary's Table Tennis Club

Sadly, the village Table Tennis Club which opened eleven years ago has closed due to lack of support. Although there were still plenty of members who liked to come along occasionally and who played throughout the winter in the Club teams, there was no-one willing to support the Club by taking over from the retiring Chairman, Secretary or Treasurer. The Club has therefore closed, with remaining funds being divided between St Mary's Church, as a donation to the church hall refurbishment fund, where we played, and a donation to the Colchester and District Table Tennis League.



*From strength to strength*

# The Royal British Legion

Although it may be September when you are reading this, we (your local branch) are already planning the 'Poppy Appeal' for 2010/11.

As an introduction to this year's appeal, the Branch Secretary and myself thought you might like to know that as 2011 is the 90th Anniversary of the Royal British Legion it is appropriate to review the foundation of the Legion, and what it does today.

In the aftermath of the First World War, returning veterans joined together in small and large groups to form mutual support groups.

Few members of the General Public could envisage the horrors the Veterans had been exposed to on the Western Front and there was comfort and support in being involved with each other in such groups.

Field Marshal Earl Haig, not the figure of scorn created subsequently by historians but a much loved leader, saw that if all these disparate groups could be brought together under one banner, they could form a more powerful group acting in support of the ex-service community. So 'The British Legion' with its focus on supporting the ex-soldier was born.

The title Royal British Legion came some decades later.

The focus of the Legion is still the same, although the definition of what is supported has changed and evolved into a much more holistic organisation focused on not just the ex- or serving servicemen, but their whole family.

The Branch will be having our annual dinner in late October which coincides with the start of 'Poppy Appeal' time. As last year, some members will be collecting house-to-house, whilst others will be standing outside the Co-op in Chapel Road.

Please stop and give what you can. No matter how small or large, your donation is needed. Last year West Bergholt's contribution was over £800. Let's hope that is only a target and with our extra members we will topple that.

For more information, or if you would like to join the RBL contact the Secretary, Roger Drury whose telephone number is 271454, or me, Hugh Brivent-Barnes, who lives in the village, on 243717.

## CREATIONS

Calling Crafters...Are you an artist or crafter interested in having a stall at a Christmas Craft Fayre? The fayre will be at the Orpen Hall on Saturday 20th November 2010 from 10am to 4pm (stall holders will be able to set up from 9am).

If you would like more information please contact Hazel Fisher on (01206) 241352 or email [hazel.illustrator@live.co.uk](mailto:hazel.illustrator@live.co.uk)

There is also a blog where you can find up to date information on the fayre: [www.creationsfayre.blogspot.com](http://www.creationsfayre.blogspot.com)

### 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.

### World's Biggest Coffee Morning

# 2010

Thursday  
23rd September

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

9am to 12 Midday



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### New to West Bergholt?

Looking for a way to meet people and give something to the community at your leisure

Why not come along to a First Responders meeting and find out what it's all about.

We're a voluntary group aged 18+ who all are interested in helping those in medical need. We don't all have a medical background and we give time to volunteer on our own terms with no rigid rotas or pressure. Being on call can be done at anytime day or night and fits around your time at home.

Come along to one of our monthly meetings to see what we do or give Annie Neish a call on 240469 for a chat.

### Library Times

The Mobile Library visits the village

**fortnightly on a Tuesday.**

The stops and times for West Bergholt are:

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

Queries about the service telephone Answers Direct 0845 603762

# Bergholt Youth Group

The BYG has had another successful year. There are 120 members on the books with between 40 and 60 attending the club on alternate Friday evenings. The young people who will be going into year 6 in September were invited to a "taster" evening, with their parents, to find out about the club. Some of the older members will be moving on to the Stanway Youth Club in September.

As well as the normal activities on Club Nights special events have been arranged during the year. Sport relief, World cup football, a tennis tournament as well as a special sports day involving sack race, egg and spoon race and tug of war which was thoroughly enjoyed by all the members and the volunteers alike. We have had support from the Essex Boys and Girls Clubs who came along occasionally and brought archery equipment offering a different activity.

We have to give praise to our young volunteers, Amber Harlow and Graham Pullen, who have given up so much of their time to organise and carry out activities. Sam Woodgate, another of our young volunteers has become a very active helper and is currently our Fundraising Officer ("fun raising" as well).

The club evenings will be held on alternate Fridays throughout the school holidays for all current members and the new Club Year will commence Friday September 10th.

We give grateful thanks to all the volunteers who help to run the club and are always very pleased to welcome new volunteers, of any age group, to help support the Club.

If you could give up a couple of hours on an occasional Friday club night we would be very pleased to welcome your support.

Contact Harry Stone - Tel 241026 for further information.



**BYG Volunteers at their end-of-year BBQ.**  
Thanks to Harry and Ros Stone for organising this

## Back to Church Sunday

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

On Sunday 26th 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 80 000 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 coming for the first time, we look forward to seeing you and making you feel at home.

With all good wishes,

Colin Horseman. Rector



## Friendship Club

In the last few months the Friendship Club has enjoyed a varied programme.

In May members spent an afternoon looking and buying at Philpott's Nursery, with a cream tea to round off the afternoon.

In June it was time for some exercise when Jennie came to the Orpen Hall and taught us how to do 'chair aerobics'. Also in June another outing, this time to Perrywood's in Tiptree, with another cream tea to finish off the afternoon.

In July on a beautiful summer's day, members enjoyed a garden party at the home of Dorothy Winter. Our last meeting before the summer break was back in the Orpen Hall where Mick Morrissey tested our brains with his well-known quizzes and puzzles.

We meet at the Orpen Hall every second and fourth Thursday afternoon between 2pm and 4pm. We look forward to seeing you if you are over 55 years (for men and women). The next meeting will be on the second Thursday in September. For further information please telephone 240824.



## West Bergholt Football Club



There is little to report on the playing front, it being the close season. Training has begun, and the early response is encouraging, with around forty players old and new at the early sessions. We have a slight change to the management team with the retirement of Kevin Ketley, probably our most successful ever manager. His assistant from last season, Gary Wood, is to take over together with last seasons reserve team manager, Jimmy Mcintyre. A new reserve team manager will be appointed.

We have unfortunately lost our ladies team due to problems with management and an exodus of better players, but this will be more than adequately compensated for by the introduction of an under 16 side to be managed by long time Bergholt stalwart Mark Farthing. Hopefully this will bring youngsters into the club at an earlier age than previously, which can only bode well for the future of the club.

Our plans for a new clubhouse have unfortunately had to be put on hold due to lack of funding from the F.A. So we are aiming to completely re-furbish our changing rooms ready for the new season. This work should be carried out during July/August, with a minimum disruption to activities.

For any interested players, training is on Wednesday evenings, and all are welcome. Junior training will also resume shortly, so watch our website for news and dates. [www.westbergholtfc.co.uk](http://www.westbergholtfc.co.uk)

We look forward to seeing everyone in the new season.

Michael Bell (Chairman)



## West Bergholt Gardeners' Association



Although autumn is approaching with the days noticeably shorter you'll be reaping your garden or allotment harvests. It's also time to start planting spring-flowering bulbs for next year.

Here are some other jobs to do in the garden.

Divide herbaceous perennials

Collect and sow seed from perennials and hardy annuals

Dig up potatoes before slug damage spoils them

Net ponds before leaf fall

Clean out cold frames/greenhouses before autumn use

Members have enjoyed four summer outings to gardens, etc. A coach trip in May to the flagship RHS garden at Wisley provided the opportunity to appreciate a huge diverse plant collection.

In June a party visited Olivers Gardens, Colchester for the National Gardens Scheme. Philip Morant's description of the garden in his 18thC 'History of Essex' was considered as apt today by the owner. A garden tour culminated in refreshments on the terrace.

Another June outing was to Cants of Colchester Rose Field. As Britain's leading rose specialist, members received professional advice on propagation, maintenance and rose types. The splendour of colours and fragrances was admired by all.

On a July evening Kings Seeds, Kelvedon, a leading supplier of vegetable, flower, herb and Sweet Pea seed since 1888, welcomed members. Our host informed us on the company's interesting history and stages of seed production during a conducted tour.

Our next meeting is on 20 September at 7.30pm in the Orpen Hall. Speaker Darren Tansley, Essex Wildlife, will present on 'The Search for Ratty'; based on restoring water voles to the River Colne focusing on the West Bergholt to Chappel stretch. The AGM will follow.

Large garden, small window box, devoted gardener or just a passing interest? Why not join your local gardening club?

There is always a warm friendly welcome for members and visitors. Joining us is simple and inexpensive. For further information, please contact the Chair, Valerie Lofthouse - tel. 01206 855450 - [valerielofthouse1@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:valerielofthouse1@hotmail.co.uk)

For further information visit <http://www.westbergholt.net/>

Dear Villagers.

Might I express my thanks to the people of West Bergholt for returning me as Borough Councillor for a second term of office at the May 2010 elections. I also extend my thanks to the other candidates for a robust election campaign where our differing policies for the village were clearly articulated.

The West Bergholt and Eight Ash Green Ward is a large rural area, extending from the boundary with Horkesley in the North, down to Marks Tey railway station in the South. When first elected four years ago, I tried running "Councillor's surgeries". However, with such a large area to cover, I soon found that it was far more effective to make a personal visit, at a mutually convenient time, to any villager who has complex problems that cannot be solved via a telephone call or e-mail.

If you have any matters that you wish to raise with me about local government services, please do not hesitate to contact me on 01206 240314, or e-mail me at [cllr.dennis.willetts@colchester.gov.uk](mailto:cllr.dennis.willetts@colchester.gov.uk)

Yours sincerely

Dennis Willetts, Borough Councillor.



To: The Editor, Dear Sir,

I have followed with interest and some concern the correspondence regarding Hill House Wood and fully endorse the views of Mrs. Lander, Mr. Miller and Mr. Goodbourn.

My late husband and I were regular walkers in the area and were amongst the first responders to the fund which was raised by local residents. As I am now in my 94th year and disabled I no longer can enjoy our trips through the wood, which we hoped would be preserved for others to enjoy. The intention at the time was to preserve the area, - as it was - for local people (and their dogs) to enjoy!

I feel that if ground continues to be cleared at the rate it is currently occurring, then the wood in all its natural beauty and environment will cease to exist, and residents will have 'managed' walk ways and "vistas" (including of course the bluebells) and little else!

A wood has its own particular 'ethos' and natural undergrowth evolution in every season. Nature has its own system of checks and balances and perhaps a cull of deer might be just as appropriate as clearing of undergrowth and ponds, but as one writer expressed it, that would be opening "another can of worms"! I can appreciate the necessity to clear a large number of fallen trees after a storm but even a fallen tree in a wood has its uses in nature.

Views and vistas can be appreciated by walking in open country, but our woods and their special atmosphere and environment should be preserved for everyone to enjoy as WOODS, not managed as recreational spaces. We have so few woods left in our small island - they and their inhabitants should be left to be an important part of our environment, not as a well-meaning but managed facility. The return of foxhunting might help to control the ever-escalating increase of foxes in the woods and villages and urban areas - a feature the countryside in general considered a very necessary control.

This topic may be controversial, but I urge all readers to let their views be known and discussed.

Mrs. J. Hardingham



Dear Sir,

Please allow me, through the courtesy of your columns, to give credit to all five candidates in the recent Borough elections. National events (including Cleggomania and bigot-gate) and the surprise ingredient of an independent candidate made the result both unpredictable and fascinating. All the candidates have grounds to be pleased with their votes. In the end, the residents of West Bergholt voted quite convincingly for Dennis Willetts, the Conservative Party candidate, indicating who we believe will continue to give our village the best representation.

Your readers might like to know that our second Councillor, Jill Tod, has decided not to stand for re-election next year when the local elections are again upon us. I am honoured to have been selected by the Conservative Party to be the candidate to replace Jill. I look forward to working with such a dynamic and experienced Councillor as Dennis and hope your readers will support me next May.

The Conservative Party in West Bergholt and Eight Ash Green is active throughout the political cycle. Our third Safari Supper will be on Saturday 18th September. Our MP, Bernard Jenkin, will be attending and is willing to discuss affairs in similar fashion to the very successful "At Home" we held during the election campaign. Participants do not need to be Party members or even voters to attend. It is a social function, albeit with a political theme. If any residents would like to join in, either as guests or hosts/hostesses, please would they contact me on 241411

Thank you very much.

Yours sincerely,

Marcus Harrington  
Barn End, Cooks Hall Lane, West Bergholt





# village bulletin *what's on guide*

## Regular Village Events

### Sundays:

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

### Mondays:

**Bluebell Preschool**, Monday to Friday - Orpen Hall  
**Baby and Toddler Group**, 9.15-11.30am term time - Methodist Church 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**, Continuing Class - 7.30-9.30pm, Scout Hut. Fiona 240339  
*Anyone who has completed the Taoist Tai Chi set will be very 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 4pm.  
New members welcome - contact Pat Butcher for details 242075  
**Aerobics-Legs, Bums and Tums**, Methodist Hall, 6.45pm-7.45pm. Tel 272759.  
**Women's Fellowship** 2.30pm third Wednesday each month Methodist Church Hall.  
**West Bergholt Craft & Quilters** are now a house group  
Meeting 2nd Wednesday from 7.30pm - 9.30pm.  
For venue phone Marie-Louise Fuell on 01206 240642

### 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 240443 for details  
**British Legion**, Gt and Lt Horkesley branch which includes West Bergholt - meet Beehive Pub, Lt Horkesley 2nd Thursday at 8pm  
**Bowls Club**, 7.30pm Orpen 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  
**TinyTalk Baby Signing and Singing Classes**, 10 to 11am - Scout Hut  
School term times only. - Contact: Debs Taylor Tel: 01376 573241  
or Email: [deborah@tinytalk.co.uk](mailto:deborah@tinytalk.co.uk)

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Monday	241 103	Tuesday	242 185
Wednesday	242 319	Thursday	240 569
Friday	240 167	Saturday/Sunday	242 075

Just a reminder that the Care Network is also available to take people to visit relatives in hospital or to accompany people to appointments etc.

## SOME USEFUL NUMBERS



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In an emergency dial 999  
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