

# *village bulletin*

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## West Bergholt Women's Institute



June was an 'Open Meeting' with the president Pat Moran welcoming visitors from other W I's. During the refreshment break everyone was able to view the displays of press cuttings on our 90th birthday celebrations, together with old programmes and minutes.

Ex mayor, Sonia Lewis, talked about her mayoral year and included a typical day. She said that she had spent none of the council's money whilst in office and her audience were keen to hear about her various outfits worn for the variety of official duties she carried out. Two walks were organised and members then enjoyed a lunch at Barn Plants.

The July outing was a visit to Perrywoods garden centre where members enjoyed browsing around the extensive area before lunch.

This month Vice-President, Bea Girkin welcomed members and visitors to an 'Open Meeting', Mrs Louise Reed was introduced as Emmeline Pankhurst. She wore the fashion of the 1920's and gave an in-depth insight into life in prison and the traumas of trying to obtain suffrage for women.

We are looking forward to meeting past members on 15th September in the Methodist Hall from 2pm to 4pm to celebrate our 90th year. Invitations will be distributed this month.

## Workers' Educational Association

Now that the nights are getting longer, many people's thoughts are turning to daytime and evening classes and we are hoping that the evening course the W.E.A. is running in the village this autumn will enthuse people.

The subject is 'Art in East Anglia' with tutor John Parker. He says that this will be 'An informative course focusing on paintings connected with East Anglia. We shall be looking at a range of artists, their lives, techniques, motives and influences. Artists include Gainsborough, Constable, the Norwich school, Munnings, Seago and others'.

You may wonder whether you need to belong to the WEA or be introduced but this is not necessary. The WEA is a 21st century, democratic, voluntary and non-profit making adult education movement for all adults over the age of 19. We aim to provide friendly, informal and enjoyable courses with expert tutors. You are welcome to attend the first evening before deciding to enrol on the course.

Our course starts on Tuesday 27th September at 8.00pm and is of one and a half hour's duration. The venue is, as usual, the Methodist Hall and the cost is £45 for ten weeks. Some support is available for those on low incomes.

Further information from our Secretary on 01206 240791 or e-mail: [hurbal@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:hurbal@tiscali.co.uk)

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# the village bulletin *information*

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

Parish Council monthly meetings are held in the John Lampon Hall on the fourth 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.

## Friendship Club

We started the summer season in May with Mick Morrissey testing our brains with his popular quizzes. At the end of the month we had an interesting talk on owls.



In June seventeen members went strawberry picking at a local fruit farm followed by a cream tea. At the next meeting in June we learnt all about village signs including our own.

The first meeting in July had to be cancelled owing to personnel problems, but two weeks later, on a beautiful sunny day, saw over twenty enjoying a garden party at Alcroft Lodge, the home of Gerda and Geof Rumsey.

Our next season starts on Thursday 8th September at 2pm.

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 old (men and women).

For further information telephone 240824.

## The Friends of Hillhouse Wood



Generally it has been a good summer for the wood although the prolonged drought conditions of spring into early summer did have some effect on tree and plant growth. The high temperature in May brought forward a good showing of flowers and butterflies, with orange-tip and green-veined white butterflies particularly plentiful. The carpet of bluebells attracted many visitors.

It was good to have a return of two singing male nightingales after absence in 2009 and 2010 and there were nesting pairs of blackcaps and chiff chaffs. Also a willow warbler was seen and heard in the wood for the first time in recent years. A pair of nuthatches did nest in the wood but it isn't certain whether they successfully reared young.

A dozen attended the summer wildlife walk led by myself and Philip Smith on July 10. It was a day of light cloud and sunny intervals and butterflies seen were meadow brown; gatekeeper; small tortoiseshell; comma; red admiral; ringlet; large skipper; small skipper; purple hairstreak and white-letter hairstreak. Dragonflies and damselflies seen were brown hawker; banded demoiselle; ruddy darter and common blue damselfly. A Roesel's bush cricket was found.

Members of the Friends' committee were pleased to meet Robert Davidson, the farmer who is now owning and cultivating fields adjoining the wood and also owns nearby Stitchings and Alder Carr Woods. Mr Davidson has expressed interest in conservation and collaboration with the wood's management over hedgerow corridors and other aspects helpful to wildlife and other amenity.

Some essential repair work was carried out in summer such as seat repairs and path clearances and maintenance. The main work programme will resume in the autumn.

Joe Firmin

## Village Bulletin Quiz

A very successful Quiz Night was held in the Orpen Hall, organised and run by the Bulletin Team. Many thanks go to the intrepid quizzers who made up the thirteen teams from village organisations and groups.

They all did well answering the questions – some were easy, some a little bit harder! The winners of the West Bergholt Challenge Cup were The Orpen Players Team and runners-up were The Pedagogues.

The evening raised £311 for St Helena Hospice.

If you enjoy quizzes, why not try the Methodist Church Autumn Quiz – more details in this Bulletin on page 13.



*WINNERS OF THE QUIZ  
THE ORPEN PLAYERS TEAM  
with Bernard Colbron, Bulletin Editor*



*RUNNERS-UP OF THE QUIZ  
THE PEDAGOGUES  
with Bernard Colbron, Bulletin Editor*



# Bergholt Heath Youth Football Club



The season is now over and the Awards Night has taken place. Congratulations to the boys who won a specific award but also to all those from the six teams that played a part. All received recognition at our annual event. One of our Under-12 boys is receiving his last Bergholt Heath award as he leaves to join Colchester United next season. We all wish him well.

As already reported here, we lose our Under-18 team from last year but our Under-16 side now steps up to spend (hopefully) two seasons at Under-18 level. The squads are being signed up now for next season and there is no shortage of players for the 2011-12 campaign.

We had an uneventful Annual General Meeting in June where the attendees were the committee! Apart from Stuart Hill (who managed our Under-18 team) everyone agreed to continue and were voted in. Tina Maryon, our Child Welfare Officer, has indicated that she doesn't wish to continue beyond the end of next season so we are looking for someone to take on that role. It may be filled by the time you read this but if not, I will update in the next bulletin.

So, next season we have teams at Under 9, 13, 14, 16 and 18. If you think that you might like to start a 7-a- side team from Under 7 upwards, or a side at Under 11 upwards from season 2012-13, then let me know.

Our curtain-raiser to the season - the kick-off barbecue is set for 11 September, the first day of the season, and I will be manning the barbecue as usual. Precise details will be communicated by managers but all are welcome to come and sample some haute cuisine - well a cheeseburger, at least (with optional onions). Cooking starts at around 4pm.

If you have a strong constitution then come along and join in the fun.

Here's to a good season!

Leslie Wright

## Cricket Club

Results for our weekend senior teams have been disappointing so far this season and we find ourselves in lowly league positions. It is pleasing that we have attracted many new members to the club and we now need to turn close defeats to wins. Our Evening League team has won several matches and is about to compete for the Chairman's Trophy.



Meanwhile our Juniors have had a fantastic season with our Under 13s winning their league. In addition both our Under 15s and Under 11s finished second in their respective leagues. This year was also our inaugural season in the prestigious Peter Coe Cup in which we have enjoyed considerable success beating teams from bigger clubs in the Essex Metropolitan region. Our Kwik Cricketers also gained many successes and had great fun at a series of tournaments.

Our fledgling Ladies' team played a couple of matches, winning one of them and plans are afoot for them to enter a local league next year so that they can play more matches to a structured format.

Our Festival at the end of June was also a great success once again, achieving record attendances to the Manor Ground. We welcomed several visiting teams over the weekend for both our seniors and juniors to compete against. The Crown Law shield was won by a team from Great Horkesley CC in the inaugural 6s' tournament. Apart from all the cricket matches, there was also a well-supported Quiz Night and an array of attractions and side-shows for all the family to enjoy. Our thanks go out to the hard-working and enthusiastic Festival organising committee as well as the many volunteers and local organisations that helped us out.

Apart from regular senior fixtures continuing until late in September, we will be hosting the inaugural Treble Tile tournament at the Manor Ground, involving WBCC, Camul and GHCC.

For further information, please call Nigel Passmore on 240225/ 07769 697542 or e-mail [npassmore@sky.com](mailto:npassmore@sky.com)

Nigel Passmore



## Allotment News

After a topsy-turvy growing season with a drought in the spring almost all the plots are looking well and producing the usual glut of beans and courgettes. The problem for plot holders is that when vegetables grow well so do the weeds. This year it seems to have been particularly hard work to keep them under control, especially after the rains. Any period of more than two weeks without attention and plots become overgrown with all previous hard work undone.

Despite this, most plot holders are not deterred and only about six plots are not being let or worked. The aim of the Allotment Committee is to keep all plots in production as this enhances the overall good state of the site and avoids annoyance of neighbours. If you feel able to make the commitment to take on a vacant site please contact Terry Claydon, at [TerryClaydon@aol.com](mailto:TerryClaydon@aol.com) - the rent is small and the rewards great!

Harry Stone (Chairman of Allotment Committee)

## Good Service Award



Mrs Carol Clarke of Newbridge Hill recently received an award from the Guide Movement. Many girls and their parents in West Bergholt know Carol as she was leader of the 1st West Bergholt Brownie Pack for many years, having only recently retired. She is still Divisional Commissioner for Colchester North and worked tirelessly as District Commissioner until last year.

Carol was awarded the County Commissioner's Certificate for Good Service to Girlguiding in Essex North East.

Our sincere congratulations and thanks go to Carol for all her hard work.



## Colne Valley Flower Club



On September 21st Brenda Tubb from Attleborough is coming to demonstrate and the title of the talk is "In the Limelight"

At our next meeting, which is on October 19th we are asking members to "bring a friend free". There will be a stall selling cakes and produce, donations for this stall would be appreciated. Our demonstrator for this evening will be Patricia Ellis from Orpington, Kent and her theme is "Serendipity"

Our Open Evening is on November 16th, when members from other clubs are invited and light refreshments will be served. Our demonstrator will be Anna Steven from Horton-cum-Studley, Oxford and her flowers will show us the "Magic of Christmas"

Our meetings are held on the third Thursday of the month at 7.30pm in the Orpen Hall. For any further information please contact Clare on 01206 241145

Pat Sharman



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**WASTE FREIGHTER**  
The collection vehicle will be at the  
Orpen Hall Car Park on Saturday 1st October 2011  
between 11am and 12 noon

## West Bergholt Football Club



The new season is almost upon us, and we look to follow our last successful season with hopefully an even better one. Last season the first team finished third in the Premier League and won the Border League Cup for the third successive season. The reserves finished sixth in their league, but the stars of the show were our new under 16 side who 'done' the treble, winning the League Cup, the Open Cup and the league title in which they finished unbeaten. This season they will play in the Under 18 league and we wish them continued success.

Pre-season training has started and we have had several friendlies with promising results. Anyone interested in playing would be welcomed at Wednesday evening training sessions or on Saturday afternoons.

Junior training will be starting shortly, so bring your children along on a Saturday morning 09.30. You can register them on the day.

Watch our website for news and dates.  
[www.westbergholtfc.co.uk](http://www.westbergholtfc.co.uk)

We look forward to seeing everyone on match days

Michael Bell, Chairman



## West Bergholt Badminton Club Forty Years Old



The Badminton Club has been in action for forty years. We started in September 1971 with thirty members. The action took place initially at the school on two nights of the week. In March 1973 we moved to the Orpen Hall.

After the move we lost some of our members to other clubs or they moved away. We then decided to play only one night a week and still continue to do so.

During the years we have played many friendly games around Colchester including teams from Wormingford, Ardleigh, Wix, Halstead, Little Waltham and Woods Sports Club. Many away venues were difficult to play at. These included a church crypt and a hall with large low beams that one had to clear but all the games were played as well as possible.

Need more information about the Badminton Club please phone 01206 240297.

# Important Announcement

From July 1st, Essex Police became one of the first forces to switch to the new, national police non-emergency **101** telephone number.



**You can use this number if you need to contact Essex Police about any non-emergency crime issue, to contact your local Neighbourhood Policing Team, to seek crime prevention or personal safety advice, contact your nearest police station or to speak to us about any other non-emergency issues.**

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Essex Police is currently undergoing a major change programme in order to save money, whilst continuing to provide a first class service to the public, and has already begun to make positives changes.

The views of those who visit, live or work in Essex are extremely important to Essex Police and Essex Police Authority to enable us to take this programme forward and we would therefore be grateful if you could take a couple of minutes to answer questions in our public on-line survey.

To do this, please go to:

**[www.essex.police.uk/authority](http://www.essex.police.uk/authority)**

and click on the Reform Survey link which will take you into the survey, or go directly to:

**[www.surveymonkey.com/s/7GSFLG5](http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/7GSFLG5)**

This public survey is open to everyone and we are committed to seeking the views of as many people across Essex as we can and hope representation will be wide and varied.

So, if you know of someone who you think might be interested in having their say and making a difference in their community, could you please take a moment to pass these details on to them and ask them to do the same with their contacts.

Thank you very much for your time, and please visit  
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to keep up to date with the latest information on Policing in Essex



# Girlguiding UK in West Bergholt

## 1st West Bergholt Guides

On 5th May we raised £30 for Teenage Cancer Trust by holding a Rock Your Shades evening. The Guides decorated sunglasses. They all looked really great!



The unit has worked hard on various Go For Its, Interest badges and the Baden Powell Challenge.

Jacky Marsh, Harriet Stevenson and Katie Pullen have all now completed their BP Challenge and went to Bruges in Belgium for an International BP weekend away at the beginning of June. They had to complete many challenges and learnt a great deal from this experience. Well Done!

First Response spent the evening with us on 23rd June and the Guides had a great evening with them.

We cooked outside on 30th June. Not sure that the fires were lit with one match but they all had a go at getting the fires ready and cooked some very nice sausages.

We joined together with all the units in West Bergholt on 7th July and had an excellent campfire. We must have sung more than 20 songs and with the help of our Division Commissioner, Mrs Carol Clarke sang a new version of "A Pizza Hut". Everyone enjoyed the evening and the sun shone the whole time!

We finished the term on 21st July with a "Chilli Walk" down to the old St Mary's Church and then along part of the Essex Way and back to the Scout HQ for Hot Dogs. This was sadly the last evening with Jacqueline Newman who has been with us since she started as a Guide and then gained her warrant with us as an assistant Guider. She is now off to run her own unit in Myland and we all wish her the very best in her new venture.

We will return to Guides on September 15th.

Sandra Gates, Guide Guider

## 1st West Bergholt Brownies

In May the Brownies performed their Entertainers Badge to family and friends as a fund raising event for LEPR. A fantastic sum of £120.00 was raised.

This was my last meeting as their Brown Owl, after nearly 30 years with the unit, 23 of them as their leader. I was



presented with leaving gifts and cards by the Brownies, Division and the County. My time with them has been great fun, with lots of wonderful memories and I know that I have handed the unit on to three new leaders who will take the girls forward to new challenges in the future.

Carol Clarke



## 3rd West Bergholt Brownies

The Brownies have had a busy term with their activities continuing on from the Royal Wedding in April – making dresses from plastic bags, making sparkly tiaras and icing cup cakes.

They joined in a village campfire with the rainbows and guides.

The end of term finished with a sad farewell to leader 'Tawney' and young leader 'Kate'. All the Brownies enjoyed an evening at the new play area in Colchester Castle Park.

Looking forward to next term.

'Snowy Owl'.



# The Orpen Players



The Autumn production for The Orpen Players is 'The Unexpected Guest', a thriller written by the Queen of Murder Mysteries, Agatha Christie

Directed by Mike Poole the production dates are 27th, 28th and 29th of October

Lost in the fog, Michael Starkwedder stumbles into Richard Warwick's house to find him dead and Richard's wife, Laura, standing near him with a gun

But did she kill Richard?

## CREATIONS CRAFT FAYRE

The Creations Christmas Craft Fayre will be on **Saturday 26th November** at the Orpen Hall from 10:30am to 4pm.

There will be a wide selection of handmade items for sale – a great place to buy your Christmas gifts!

*Entry is free and refreshments will be available.*

Look out for posters with more information nearer the day.

## LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Dear Bernard

I write with concern over crime in the village.

In just the last few weeks I have seen/heard of at least three instances; a break in at Armoury Farm lock ups, abandoned car at Cooks Hall Road, instances of attempted identity theft resulting in bin bags being stolen and then abandoned on Albany Road (at the back of my house!).

Will Neighbourhood Watch or the Police highlight these cases to the village in the next Bulletin issue? I think as a Community we need to raise awareness of the thefts in the area and remind people that if we see or hear strange things (especially at night) we should report them.

Also we need to be reminded to shred letters etc, to prevent identity theft. We can't afford to be complacent otherwise criminals will see our village as an easy target for their activities.

Kind regards

Gemma

# West Bergholt Concert Band



The band returned to the village for their first "home" summer concert in eight years to help celebrate the re-opening of the church hall and treated a packed church to one of the band's widest ever selections of music. The concert finished with pieces by Stevie Wonder, Shostakovich and George Gershwin, and earlier included pieces by Lady Gaga, John Williams and Duke Ellington. Prior to this concert, the band performed another concert at Clacton's West Cliff Theatre, which raised over £1,100 for the theatre, taking our recent fundraising total to over £20,000.

The band's Autumn activities will again focus on promoting music to the area's young musicians with "A Youthful Concert" at St Botolph's on Saturday 26th November. This concert will feature music from Twilight, Family Guy, Star Wars and Jesus Christ Superstar among others, and will involve musicians from schools across Colchester. In preparation for the concert we'll be holding more of our popular band experience days where any brass or woodwind players can come along and try the band alongside experienced band members.

Saturday 15th October 2.30pm – 4.30pm, West Bergholt  
Saturday 12th November 2.30pm – 4.30pm, West Bergholt  
Saturday 26th November 2.00pm – 4.00pm, St Botolph's

These events are a great opportunity to experience playing in a band in a relaxed and supportive environment and have proven to be great fun for everyone involved. If you'd like to join in the fun, please visit our website [www.wbcb.org](http://www.wbcb.org) to reserve a place. We'll also be holding our termly Open Rehearsal on Friday 30th September, which is again open to any brass or woodwind players.

As you can see from all of this, the band continues to be as busy and popular as ever, with September a great time to join as we look to replace those members that have left for University. We always welcome new players along, so please either visit us at Heathlands on any term-time Friday evening, or come along to any of the events detailed above. The band's website contains details of everything we do, or you can email us ([Conductor@wbcb.org](mailto:Conductor@wbcb.org)) or phone Graham on 824157.

## Ladies

**Do you enjoy playing Badminton?**

If so please come along on Wednesday afternoons between 2.30pm and 4pm at the Orpen Hall. We are a small friendly group.

For more information phone Pat on 242075.





# Methodist Church News

We look forward to a busy few months of events, which we hope will encourage friends and visitors to join us.

Our next **QUIZ NIGHT** will be on Saturday 22nd October at 7.00pm. Tables of four cost £16 and can be booked with Judith on 01206 241969. Light refreshments are included, book early to avoid disappointment.

We are arranging another **CRAFT EXHIBITION** on Saturday 15th October from 10.00am to 5.00pm. If you have any craft or hobby to share and would like to take part contact Pat or David on 01206 243574. Displays will be in the Church and Hall, refreshments will be available and you will have the opportunity to try your hand at some of the many crafts available. Posters will be available showing more details nearer the event.

Rev. Ruth Ridge is planning a special **SECTOR QUIET DAY** on September 24th. Our sector churches include members from Boxted, Marks Tey, Lexden, Eight Ash Green and West Bergholt and will take place at Fingringhoe Church from 11.00am – 4.00pm. If you would be interested in joining us further details can be obtained from Ruth on 01206 242183.

On November 3rd there will be a **LIGHT A CANDLE SERVICE** at 7.30pm. This short service enables anyone who has a need to remember a loved one recently lost or an anniversary to add their names to the prayer list in remembrance.

The special **CHRISTMAS COFFEE MORNING** will take place on Saturday November 26th from 10.00am – 11.30am. Come and join us for coffee and mince pies, gifts, cards and mystery parcels.

See our Church Diary of regular special services and events – you will be most welcome to join us at any of our meetings.

## ART AND CRAFT EXHIBITION

At Methodist Church and Hall  
Chapel Lane, West Bergholt CO6 3EF

Saturday 15th October 2011 10.30am to 5.00pm

Come and see the variety of skills on display. Entry £1

Further details Pat Kay 01206 243574

## Library Times

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

The stops and times for West Bergholt are:

Albany Road	13.55 – 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 6037628

## METHODIST CHURCH

### Diary

Sept 13th	Shared Village Communion 11.00am
Sept 14th	Coffee Morning Church Hall 10.00am
<b>Sept 18th</b>	<b>HARVEST SERVICE 11.00am</b> and <b>Harvest Lunch in Hall 12.30pm</b>
Sept 21st	Womens Fellowship 2.30 Church Hall
Sept 22nd	Bible Study Church Hall 2.30pm
<b>Sept 23rd</b>	<b>WESLEY GUILD Church Hall 7.30pm</b>
Sept 24th	Sector Quiet Day Fingringhoe 11.00am - 4.00pm
Oct 11th	Shared Village Communion 11.00am
Oct 12th	Coffee Morning Church Hall 10.00am
<b>Oct 15th</b>	<b>CRAFT EXHIBITION 10.00am - 5.00pm</b> <b>in Church and Hall</b>
Oct 19th	Womens Fellowship Church Hall 2.30pm
Oct 20th	Bible Study Church Hall 2.30pm
<b>Oct 22nd</b>	<b>QUIZ NIGHT Church Hall 7.00pm</b>
Oct 23rd	Church Anniversary Service 11.00am
Oct 30th	United Service (with St. Mary's) at West Bergholt Coffee at 10.30am Service 11.00am.
<b>Nov 3rd</b>	<b>LIGHT A CANDLE SERVICE</b> <b>Church 7.30pm</b>
Nov 8th	Shared Village Communion 11.00am
Nov 9th	Coffee Morning Church Hall 10.00am
Nov 13th	Remembrance Sunday Service at Orpen Hall 10.45am
Nov 16th	Womens Fellowship Church Hall 2.30pm.
Nov 17th	Bible Study Church Hall 2.30pm.
<b>Nov 26th</b>	<b>CHRISTMAS COFFEE MORNING</b> <b>10.00am - 11.30am.</b>

Every Tuesday 9.30am – 10.00am Minister Ruth Ridge is  
available in the Church for quiet prayer.

Regular Sunday service each week 11.00am

Minister: Rev Ruth Ridge. Tel. 01206 242182

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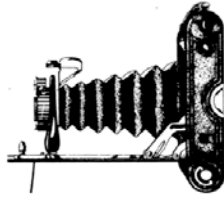
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# West Bergholt Local History Group



May was the first outing of the year when the group met at Pitchbury Wood. Unfortunately, that evening I received a phone call from 'a friend in need', which resulted in me being unable to go along. However I had reliable reports that it had been interesting to hear about the history of the area as well as the wildlife. Mitchell Mclean proved to be such an enthusiastic guide that we hope he will come to one of our Orpen Hall meetings bringing along some of his finds.

In June, we had a tour of the remains of a Roman Temple at Gestingthorpe, which proved to be much more than expected. At the family farm, Ashley Cooper introduced us to his father. This incredible gentleman had originally discovered the site and excavated it in his 'spare time' over many years. Both father and son treated us as valued guests from the start and were extremely enthusiastic to show their many finds, which are kept in display cases in the farmhouse. They are keen to encourage groups of children to visit and have created many display boards to help explain the site.

Ashley then guided us up to the actual site where the walls are represented with plants - which provide a visual guide without being intrusive. A great idea! We returned to the farmhouse for tea and were astounded to find that there were barns crammed with even more finds, some old agricultural machinery and other bygone artifacts. With much too much to take in during one evening, it was not really a surprise to find that, even on a summer evening, it was dark when we eventually left.

The other end of the bus route was our destination in July when we met Ros Watling from the Rowhedge Heritage Trust. She guided us through some interesting parts of the village and quayside area before our visit to their small museum by the river for refreshments. Trust members have been fundraising for over five years. They plan to eventually demolish their existing 'hut' and replace it with an environmentally friendly Riverside Centre with much improved facilities.

In August we will visit Bixtend Airfield newly opened museum to view their collection of memorabilia of the wartime airfield.

Contact Bernard Colbron on 240297 for details.

## ***DON'T FORGET***

British Summer Time ends on  
Sunday 30th October 2011

*Put your clocks back by one hour*



St Helena Hospice  
your time...your hospice

Registered Charity Number 280919

## **FUNDRAISING EVENTS 2011**

Saturday 17 September, from 10am until 10pm  
**Annual Night Vision Relay event**, which is kindly sponsored by Topnotch Health Club, will again take place at the Weston Homes Community Stadium, the home of Colchester United

Night Vision Relay is a 12 hour fun-filled relay event open to people of all ages and abilities. There is no limit to the amount of people you have in your team. The aim of the relay is for participants to walk, run, jog or stroll around the course, keeping at least one team member on the track at all times.

Sunday 2 October., from 10am.

**The new fundraising Lighthouse Walk** along the Dovercourt and Harwich Promenade will follow a four mile circular route along the promenade, starting and returning to West End Lane.

The Hospice is hoping that everyone who takes part will be able to raise valuable funds for the locally based charity, and are urging people to sign up soon as possible as places are limited. Every penny counts towards helping patients and their families in the local area.

For more information or to register for either event call the St Helena Hospice Fundraising Office on 01206 791740.

**COLCHESTER & DISTRICT  
MODEL RAILWAY CLUB**

# Colchester Model Railway Exhibition

## Sunday 30 October 2011

### NEW VENUE!

Colchester County High School for Girls  
Norman Way, Colchester CO3 3US

10.00am to 4.00pm. Adults £4.00, children £1.00  
Light refreshments available  
Free car parking on site

Buses 65, 70, 71C and  
88 stop in Lexden Road serving  
Colchester North station, Chelmsford,  
Braintree and Halstead.

[www.colchestermrc.org](http://www.colchestermrc.org)

Details correct at time of going to press -10/5/2011

## Services at St. Mary's Church

### September

Sunday 4th	9.30am	Informal Service
Sunday 11th	9.30am	Holy Communion*
Tuesday 13th	11.00am	Parish Communion at Methodist Chapel
Sunday 18th	9.30am 6.30pm	Family Service Prayer Book Evening Service
Sunday 25th	9.30am	Back to Church Sunday *
Wednesday 28th	10.00am	Holy Communion at St. Mary's*

### October

Sunday 2nd	9.30am	Harvest Festival*
Sunday 9th	9.30am	Holy Communion*
Tuesday 11th	11.00am	Parish Communion at Methodist Chapel
Sunday 16th	9.30am 6.30pm	Family Service Prayer Book Evening Service
Sunday 23rd	9.30am	Holy Communion*
Wednesday 26th	10.00am	Holy Communion at St. Mary's*
Sunday 30th	9.30am	United Service with the Methodist Chapel

### November

Sunday 6th	9.30am	Morning Worship*
Tuesday 8th	11.00am	Parish Communion at Methodist Chapel
Sunday 13th	9.30am	Holy Communion*
Sunday 20th	9.30am 6.30pm	Family Service Prayer Book Evening Service
Wednesday 23rd	10.00am	Holy Communion at St. Mary's
Sunday 27th	9.30am	Holy Communion* (Advent Sunday)

\* with BUGs (St. Mary's Sunday School).

The above are the known times and dates of services at the 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 of 'Good News' delivered to your door please contact Kate Wilson of 01206 752056.

Visit our website at:

[www.stmaryswestbergholt.web.officelive.com](http://www.stmaryswestbergholt.web.officelive.com)

or contact us at:

[stmaryswestbergholt@googlemail.com](mailto:stmaryswestbergholt@googlemail.com)

Rector: The Rev Colin Horseman – telephone 271242

## St Mary's Church

In the last edition of the Bulletin we announced that we were waiting for a faculty from the Diocese before we commenced refurbishment of the church hall. This edition we can confirm that the faculty was received...and that almost all the works have been completed. The church hall layout has been remodelled providing a transformed, enlarged kitchen with new fittings and appliances, meeting room, new flooring, new toilets, new plumbing and electrics, heating, curtains and decoration.

Whilst many church family members helped with the refurbishment our thanks should particularly be given to Richard and Dorothy Chadborn and Jon Smith for their tireless work on the hall for us all to enjoy. There were not many days when it was possible to pass the hall without seeing them there.

The church hall is available for hire and now we also have a meeting room available too.

### Groundbreakers – Mission Rescue

At the start of the summer holidays we held "Mission Rescue" our holiday club based on a spy theme for children in school years R to 6. 60 children have looked into the life of Moses and particularly God's rescue plan for his people. The children had a great time with a workout led by the Spy Fitness Instructor (Charlie Richards), worship led by Caroline and the Code-Crackers, crafts, games, remote control cars, icing buns and races outside. One of the highlights was the "frog chorus" on the last day.

The next Groundbreakers will be around Christmas time so look out for details in Good News the church magazine. A huge thank you to everyone who helped.

### Looking forward at St. Mary's

25th September is Back to Church Sunday. If you have been to church in the past or even if you haven't we would love to welcome you to St. Mary's on any Sunday - but 25th September is when thousands of others will be going to church possibly for the first time for a while. Why not come and join in with Back to Church Sunday with us?

October 2nd – is Harvest Festival at St. Mary's followed by Harvest Lunch. More details in 'Good News' the church magazine or available on the church website.

Coming soon.... Seniors lunch in September. More details on church website or in 'Good News'. Alternatively speak to Murray Harlow on 242007 for more details.

**WORLD'S BIGGEST  
COFFEE MORNING**

Thursday  
29th September  
at St. Mary's Church  
9am to 12 noon

**All Welcome**

Cakes – Cards – Fair-trade – Raffle

**MACMILLAN  
CANCER SUPPORT**



## WEST BERGHOLT GARDENERS' ASSOCIATION

You are requested to come and join us on our ...

**RHS DIG  
TOGETHER DAY**  
Growing as a Community



**On Saturday 24 September from 10.00am** we are organising a day's community gardening activity in your village in which all residents are invited to get involved. The Parish Council has granted permission for improvements to the village sign area at the Colchester Road/Chapel Road junction. This will involve preparing a designated area, completing with a planting session. We would like to ask you for your plant suggestions for the location, and perhaps there is something you may wish to donate from your own garden. Please do get in touch with us (see below) if you are interested in participating.

Members have delighted in three garden visits this summer. A leisurely May afternoon stroll in Wickham Place Farm ancient walled gardens, dating from 1706 and 14 acres of woodland was much enjoyed. Our admission costs were donated by the owner to charities supported by the National Garden Scheme.



The ebullient and exuberant Old Vicarage Gardens in East Ruston were visited in June. We 'travelled' many continents seeing native plants from the Canary Islands to other exotics originating from the Americas, Africa and New Zealand. A walk into a meadow of cornflowers threw out a blue haze whilst in the wildflower meadow hardy geraniums and other herbaceous plants competed with the grass. And this is just a brief description of all we sampled.

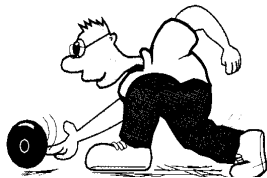
An historical and peaceful retreat of three acres of riverside gardens in a delightful setting dating from the 13th century was enjoyed by all on a July evening visit to Beeleigh Abbey Gardens, Maldon. The energetic

commitment to Beeleigh by the owners and their staff was reflected in the splendid show of English old roses; mixed borders; cottage garden; wild flower meadow; river walk; vegetable and fruit production and water features.

**Our next trip will be on Sunday 23 October** when we visit RHS Hyde Hall for A Taste of Autumn Weekend. This is a celebration of everything that is autumn – wonderful colours in the garden, fresh fruit and vegetables and traditional country crafts. A coach has been booked for this outing, leaving West Bergholt at 10.00am, returning from Hyde Hall at 3.15pm.

Our new programme begins on Monday 19 September at 7.30pm in the Orpen Memorial Hall, West Bergholt for the AGM. Speaker Ian Baalham will present on *'Top Ten Trees of Colchester'*. If you're interested in becoming a member or just visiting for the evening, annual subscription is £9; visitor entry £3. For details contact Valerie Lofthouse, Chair: tel. 01206 855450 - [valerielofthouse1@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:valerielofthouse1@hotmail.co.uk) or Terry Claydon, Treasurer: tel. 01206 242124 - [terryclaydon@aol.com](mailto:terryclaydon@aol.com).

# West Bergholt Indoor Bowls Club



The club has been very active in friendly matches and competitions during the summer months. Results have been mostly to our advantage; occasionally we get a hiding, which brings us back to earth.

We had a good attendance for our Charity Event, this year it was a pair's match and raised about £100. The winning pair was Barbara Davis and Paul Leach.

The Prettygate Bowls Club Challenge Match was not to be West Bergholt's this year. It was won by Birch Tey's club who will hold the trophy for 2011.

Heathlands School fete was held on a fine summers day, the club had three stalls this year, Target Bowls, Bookstall and Tombola, many thanks to all who helped at this very busy event. The School gratefully received a donation.

We always look forward to seeing new members trying the bowls - this year let it be you! !! We welcome all ages for a roll-up on Thursday and Sunday evenings at 7.15pm. Telephone 243301 for further information.

## Anyone for Tennis?

In a previous Bulletin it was reported that the Millennium Sports Club was dissolving and the Parish Council would assume responsibility for the tennis courts at the Lorkin Daniel Field (known to some as the MUGA). This transfer did in fact take place on 1st June and a new Sports Club (WBSC) has been established. Previous memberships were transferred and to date about twenty new families have joined. There is now a noticeboard beside the courts and details of how to join can be found there or on the village website.

It has always been the intention of the Parish Council to ensure that this village facility is used as fully as possible. This is clearly beginning to happen and as well as joining as a member, casual usage is possible. This operates thanks to the support of the Co-op and the help of the staff at our local store. A booking diary is held at the tills and payment can be made there for periods of one hour.

An Advisory Group, made up mainly of users of the facility, oversees the management of the courts and liaises with the Parish Council. It is important for the future success of the facility that the regular users become involved with its running. For this reason, as is announced on the noticeboard, the next meeting of the Group on Tues 18th October will be an open meeting and it is hoped that as many members as possible will attend.

Harry Stone (Parish Councillor)

## Severe Weather Policy

Although we are supposedly in the midst of summer, it is not too soon to make plans for winter weather. The Parish Council has formulated a "Severe Weather Policy" with the intention of mitigating the hazardous effects of snow and ice that occurred in key areas last winter.

Priority areas have been identified as follows: -  
School and Heath Land approach paths.  
Orpen Hall area paths and Shop approaches  
Bus stop areas and Unpaved roads  
Doctors Surgery approach paths.

The Parish Council is investigating the number of grit/salt bins in the village and identifying areas where we may need more. Clearing equipment will be required e.g. snow clearing boards/shovels, gritters, safety cones, high visibility jackets, safety gloves. Essex County Highways department and Colchester Borough Council will be contacted regarding support for this policy and supply of equipment.

If we are to mitigate the hazardous effects of winter weather we will need volunteers from village residents to set up teams to put plans into action when necessary. If you are able and prepared to help with implementing this policy we would be pleased to hear from you, particularly if you live in the vicinity of the priority areas listed above.

Please contact: -  
David Short,

Chairman of Environment Committee, Parish Council,  
telephone 241715,  
or any other Parish Councillor as listed at front of Bulletin.

Meanwhile let us hope for some summer weather before we need to put severe weather plans into action.

### SOME USEFUL NUMBERS

**Please note Police non-emergency number has changed.**



Police Non-emergency dial 101  
In an emergency dial 999  
Doctors Surgery - 2 Erle Havard Road  
Telephone: 241137  
Pharmacy Chapel Road Telephone: 240352  
Post Office Chapel Road (Half day Saturday)  
Telephone: 240355  
St Mary's Church Rev. C Horseman  
The Rectory, Ivy Lodge Road,  
Gt. Horkesley Telephone: 271242  
Methodist Church Rev. Ruth Ridge  
The Manse, Chapel Lane,  
West Bergholt - 01206 242183  
News Correspondent Jacqui Hunns  
The Laurels, Firmins Court  
Telephone: 240712  
Email [allanhunns@aol.com](mailto:allanhunns@aol.com)

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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  
**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  
**Weight Watchers**, Methodist Church Hall, 7-8pm,  
 www.karenrobinson@gmail.com.

### Tuesdays:

**NHS Primary Care Trust Baby Clinic**, 10am to 11am - Methodist Hall  
**Toast 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  
**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 240512 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**,  
 6-7pm (Training Band), 7-9pm (Concert Band) - 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: deboraht@tinytalk.co.uk



CHARITY NO: 299094

### West Bergholt Care Network – 24 years of helping

We are a Charity offering help and support to anyone in the village who needs transporting to a medical appointment or other local visit.

We are looking for additional volunteer drivers to provide occasional assistance (fuel, parking and telephone expenses reimbursed). There is no need to make a regular commitment, just a willingness to help out now and again when circumstances allow. It may only be a few times a year.

We are also looking for a telephone contact who will need to be available most Wednesdays to take requests for a day or two ahead and then make an arrangement with an available driver. All telephone expenses are reimbursed.

If you would like to be a volunteer or just find out more, please ring the Chairman, Harry Stone, on 01206 241026 or the Secretary, Clover Savage, on 01206 242015. Telephone the number below for the day on which you make your call. Try to phone at least a day or two before you need transport.

If there is no reply please try any other number but do not leave answer-phone messages as we are unable to respond to these.

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

### 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.