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Friends of St Mary's Old Church.

Following a meeting in the Church which was announced in the last Village Bulletin, a steering committee has been set up to establish a friends group for the old church. The Historic Churches Conservation Trust, who are responsible for the church, are very keen to see it used more frequently for community activities. To support this aim, the Friends' group will seek to keep the church open for visitors and organise events from time to time to ensure the premises are used and continue to form a valued part of the community.

The Friends Group is open to all who are interested in seeing this wonderful and historic old building remain a valued part of West Bergholt life. Membership of the Friends is set at £5 per family and the funds raised by subscription, donation, and other events will be used to assist in the conservation and develop the facilities of the church.

Plans are already in hand for future events, the first being the Annual Carol service to be held on Sunday 18th December 2011 at 2.30pm. The steering committee will be present at this event to give information about the Friends Group and recruit new members. The old church is regarded with affection by many villagers and several have connections with it through marriage and family. It is hoped that the Friends Group will provide a focus for this wonderful asset to be used for many years to come.

If you are interested in joining the friends support group please contact Rhys Lloyd (Hon Treasurer) at 4 Coopers Crescent West Bergholt telephone 240167.

Martin Long
Chairman Friends of St Mary's Old Church Committee. Telephone 240443

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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.

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W E S T B E R G H O L T P A R I S H C O U N C I L

VILLAGE NEWS

Edition One
November 2011

Welcome to edition one of *Village News*, which will be available on the months without a Village Bulletin. It will be put on village notice boards, available from the surgery and school. It will also be posted on the village website. Please would anyone with an item of news for this new venture let Liz Harrington know on 241411.

Anyone with concerns regarding travellers visiting us should contact, in the first instance, Marcus Harrington 241411, or Dennis Willetts 240314, our Borough Councillors, who will be able to obtain assistance for you.

“West Bergholt Oil Purchasing Co-operative”

We have been approached to see if there is sufficient interest in the village to run an oil purchasing co-operative, as is successfully run by other rural communities. There is also interest in Eight Ash Green, which could most likely help us here.

As we all know utility bills are rising again (typically as winter is approaching!), but oil prices in particular have rocketed over the past year. It would make sense if residents could order fuel for delivery to the village in one combined delivery reducing the cost, hopefully significantly for all, also making it more environmentally friendly delivery-wise, and traffic-wise less heavy lorries travelling to and from the village.

West Bergholt is quite a spread out village and residents especially on the outskirts, have no choice but to use oil to heat their homes. After being caught behind large oil delivery lorries a number of times in the village negotiating the smaller lanes, I was thinking it would make sense for oil users in the village to work together for these mutual benefits, and was wondering if there was anyone else in the village who would be interested in starting an oil purchasing co-operative.

Safety on Footpaths in winter - Volunteers wanted

During the ice and snow of last winter many people had difficulty going out because of the hazardous conditions. The Parish Council has organised for all necessary salt bags and equipment to be available to keep certain pavement areas and footways safer.

Following our request for volunteers in the last Bulletin only two residents offered their help, which was disappointing. More offers of help would be appreciated.

Priority areas have been identified:-

School/Heathland approaches; Orpen Hall areas; Co-op approaches; Bus stop areas; Unpaved roads; Doctors’ surgery approach paths.

If you live near these areas or if you are just keen to offer to be part of a “Snow Clearing” team of residents please contact:- David Short Tel: 2341715 or Jenny Church Tel: 240792 or Parish Clerk email wbergholt@tiscali.co.uk

Cleaner Footways in West Bergholt

Many thanks to the dog walkers who take care of our environment by clearing up after their pets and making use of the dog bins in the village.

The pavements are a lot cleaner than they were earlier this year. There is, however, still room for improvement.

The Borough Council Dog Wardens do visit the village and there is a large fine if any dog owner is not keeping to the law. A new poster campaign is planned for November to raise awareness.

So please be vigilant and keep your dogs under control and make use of the bins provided.

Colne Valley Flower Club



The club does not meet in December. January 16th 2012 is our AGM. We would welcome any member to join the committee if only for one year.

A very warm welcome will be given to anyone wishing to join the club.

If you have a love of flowers our Demonstrators will wow you with their wonderful arrangements. Our speaker at the AGM will be Brenda Green who is a Botanical Artist.

February 15th Sandra Price from Walton-on-the-Naze is our demonstrator and is also Chairman of the Colchester Group of Flower Clubs.

For further information please telephone Clare on 01206 241145 or Alison on 01206 240262.



North Hill Medical Group - West Bergholt Surgery

Our Patient Reference Group has now been established but we are still looking for new members. Already one or two residents of the village have joined the group. If you are interested in being involved and helping us shape the future of healthcare or would like to join our 'virtual' group please e-mail us at nhmg.prg@nhs.net or ask for a leaflet at reception.



West Bergholt Football Club



With the season now well under way, the teams are enjoying mixed fortunes, and not looking quite as strong as last year, due to the loss of some key players. In this respect we are probably the victims of our own success in attracting the attention of teams from higher leagues to the quality of our players.

However things are starting to shape up, and we are especially pleased with the quality of our under 18 side, who have easily coped with the two year step up from under 16s, with some of the players also turning out for our senior sides. This bodes well for the future, and with the first team currently in sixth place in the Premier League, things are not looking too bad. Victory over Wormingford in our local derby keeps us in the league cup, which we have won three years in succession. Lets hope we can make it four!

Junior training is again proving extremely popular and attendance is up on last year, which is another plus for the club.

Watch our website for news and dates.
www.westbergholtfc.co.uk

We look forward to seeing everyone on match days

Michael Bell, Chairman

Friendship Club



We started the autumn season in September with a very interesting talk on The 'History of the Button' given by Mrs. Faulkner. Two weeks later, sixteen members met at Barn Plants for coffee with most members staying for lunch.

In October, Mr. Morrisey came and tested our brains with his popular quizzes.

For the November and December meetings our members can expect a talk on Peru, entertainment by the children at Heathlands School and a Christmas party and lunch out in a nearby restaurant.

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 please telephone 240824.



Workers' Educational Association

The autumn course which is taking place in the Methodist Hall is progressing well and a good number of people have been interested in 'Art in East Anglia'. This is the thirtieth year of the W.E.A. in West Bergholt and during that time we have been introduced to and enthused by many interesting subjects.

Sadly, Cyril Biddulph who was our branch Chairman for twenty-five years died recently. He stood down at our A.G.M. just a year ago and we were able, at that time, to recognise his long and devoted service.

All are welcome to our next ten-week course which starts on 17th January 2012 at 8.00pm and is of one and a half hour's duration. It will be 'The Architecture of Venice'. 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

On Monday 24th October family and friends attended the funeral of Cyril Biddulph at Colchester Crematorium. During the service a short history of his life was read out to the congregation. It appeared that he was interested in many things as well as WEA which resulted in a very busy life. Afterwards we gathered at the Cricketers for refreshments.

Little Ducks Singing Group

Little Ducks is an established, and very successful music group, who have recently moved to West Bergholt. Sessions take place at St Marys Church Hall and they welcome any parents/carers with pre-school age children to join. They are also very happy to have any older siblings in school holidays for the same price.

The group is based entirely on sharing nursery rhymes, action songs and percussion music. This fun, interactive and very noisy session promotes all areas of learning and hopefully gives parents lots of ideas to carry on the music making at home! As well as having lots of fun, nursery rhymes are great for language development - they have a lot of rhythm which catches the children's attention and repetition, which is good for speech development. It is important in sessions that the children not only enjoy being part of a lively group but actively participate in the music making and tidying away. The group's aim is to get all the parents and children, no matter how small, moving to the beat and playing with simple musical instruments and colourful finger puppets.

Research shows that children who are actively involved in music (who play or sing it regularly) do better in reading and maths when they start school and are better able to focus and control their bodies, play better with others and have higher self esteem. These are really important influences when Little Ducks structure and rework the group which happens every term. They are always looking to add new material to their session and like to involve children and parents in this process as it is a group for all ages! It is also really important that children are able to add their favourite songs and really get involved in the group.

The group will run for an hour and spends around 40 minutes on different musical activities. These involve finger puppets, musical instruments, beanbags, dancing and other rhythmical activities. They have found at their existing group that the children love the variety on offer with something for everyone. They finish the session with drinks and snacks and a time for friendships to be formed and old ones to be strengthened.

Running every Friday morning from 10.30-11.30am, the cost is £3 per family. This price includes a healthy yummy snack and drink for the children and a cuppa for the parents/carers. Little Ducks try to run through all school holidays where we are able to use the hall facilities but this is always subject to change. It is always lovely to welcome new faces so if you fancy a morning of lively, energetic, fun they would love to welcome any new faces who fancy giving Little Ducks a try.

For further details please contact Little Ducks directly -
Kirsty Rush 07775 427 422 and
Cathy Doyle 07795 084 328



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Proposed Expansion of Heathlands Primary School

Thank you to the many parents and local residents of West Bergholt who visited Heathlands on October 4th to view the plans for the proposed expansion of our school. The Local Authority received 48 written responses to the proposals which were as follows:

Yes, I fully support the plans	19	40%
Yes, I generally support the plans, but have some concerns	20	42%
No, I do not support these plans	4	8%
No recorded response (1 e-mailed)	5	10%
Total	48	100%

Whilst the majority of responses were in support of the plans, concerns were raised particularly with regards to the increased traffic congestion and parking problems. Essex Local Authority works with schools across the county, as do all Local Authorities nationally, to support them in different approaches to reducing dependency on the car in journeys to school. The normal approach to begin with is for the school to complete their own 'School Travel Plan'. Heathlands School currently has a 'School Travel Plan' which has been compiled after extensive consultations with all parents/carers responsible for getting children to schools. The main objective is to encourage a review of how they personally achieve this and their mode of transport used, if any.

In preparation for the proposed expansion, Heathlands will be updating its travel plan, and will undertake 'journeys to school' consultations again. The information from this and feedback from the consultation will enable us to evaluate the current impact of journeys to and from school. This, we also hope will refresh consideration given to the alternatives to using the car, particularly for those who live in the village, and hopefully improve the current situation.

Discussions are also taking place between our school and the Parish Council to look at possible solutions to easing traffic congestion in the village.

Thank you for your support.

Mr Neil Matthews, Headteacher



Olivia Lumb and trophy

West Bergholt Gymnast

Gymnasts from Colchester School of Gymnastics have had a very successful time in competitions held throughout the region.

In the Harlow Floor and Vault Competition, Olivia Lumb was a very well deserved first in the nine/ten age group.

First Responders



The village's First Responder group has undergone some changes in the last six months. Several new members have joined the group including Terry Hardy, a recently retired IT specialist and motorbike enthusiast and Michelle Wakeling who works fulltime in London. (both pictured) Terry and Michelle, along with our other new members, are looking forward to



supporting the community by providing vital medical standby support. We also have a new support worker, provided by the Ambulance Service, who has joined us for several of our evening meetings and updates the group on news and techniques.

At the October meeting a more advanced "Resusci Anne" was brought along so Responders could practice chest compressions to ensure the right depth of pressure was being achieved in line with new medical guidelines. Regular practical time at meetings helps build the volunteers confidence should they choose to respond to a call when on the rota. As it happens, call outs in the village are quite rare which reinforces the message that volunteering is not a time consuming activity (but so valuable when a call out does occur).

Many Responder groups regularly recruit home workers or employees from local businesses to be on their rotas, however, so far the uptake of people who work in West Bergholt has been poor. If you work from home regularly, occasionally, or are part of a business in the village why not enquire about supporting the First Responders during your working day? After the initial weekend training your commitment to being on a rota can be as little as 4 hours a month. Also remember you can carry on with whatever you're doing whilst on the rota, it's only should an emergency call occur that you will be asked if you are free to respond. Being a Responder is a great way to integrate into and support your community as well as providing you with excellent life skills.

For more information and an informal chat please contact Annie Neish on 240469.



West Bergholt Parent, Baby and Toddler Group

The Baby and Toddler Group meets every Monday morning during term time from 9.15am-11.30am in the Methodist Church Hall on Chapel Lane. Children from birth to five years old are able to play and meet other little ones with their parents/carers in a friendly and relaxed atmosphere.

There is a variety of toys including a kitchen, garage, train set, dollies and prams, ride-ons, a slide, see-saws and much much more. Coffee/tea and juice and biscuits are served at 10am by our lovely volunteer tea ladies. To round off the morning we have a singing session with our dedicated singing lady who uses a treasure chest, musical instruments and a parachute to entertain the children (and carers). This proves a really nice way to round off the morning's activities. We regularly do craft activities with the children – recent craft tables have included apple stamping, making a leaf and twig collage and leaf rubbing. Forthcoming craft will include halloween masks, and Christmas decorations. The children also regularly do colouring in and play doh.

Stall holders including Usborne books, Phoenix cards, Little Red Nest Gifts and Fire your Imagination (decorating pottery) regularly come and have a stall at the group. This ensures a regular retail experience for the parents/carers and a 10% donation to playgroup funds from all sales made.

Regular 'prambles' occur to the Bluebell Woods and to the orchard as well as an annual teddy bears picnic and sponsored walk to Orpen Hall park. We also hold a summer and Christmas party for the children to enjoy! Every half term the parents/carers meet for a drink at the Treble Tile – which is nice to get to know the other parents/carers in a social environment.

This summer we raised £115 from the bake sale at the teddy bear's picnic and the name the teddy competition at the summer party. This money was donated to the Special Care Baby Unit at Colchester General Hospital.

The group is run entirely by volunteers from the tea ladies to the committee members. All funds raised from the weekly charge and membership fee are used to keep the group going and to buy additional toys as and when required.

There is a small weekly charge of £1 per family and if you want to become a member your child will receive a hand delivered birthday card, an Easter egg and a Christmas present from Father Christmas himself for a small annual fee of £5.

For more information please contact Thomasin Newton on 07500 443974





Girlguiding UK in West Bergholt

1st West Bergholt Guides

On 15th September we welcomed our new Assistant leader, Tanya Gates who is now training to become a qualified leader with us.

On 2nd October we went to The 'Big Gig' at Wembley Arena. We had a brilliant day and the Guides loved it. They saw many acts including Ed Sheeran, Eliza Doolittle, Pixie Lott, Olly Murs and the Wanted.

Jacky Marsh, Katie Pullen and Ciara Harlow were all presented with special Jack Petchey medals at the Charter Hall on 3rd October and had their photo taken with Lord Petre, Lord Lieutenant of Essex to Her Majesty, Queen Elizabeth II. It was the first evening for Girlguiding and 60



members in total received their awards. If you would like to find out more about The Jack Petchey Foundation please go to www.jackpetcheyfoundation.org.uk.

We have just returned from our Pirate Holiday in the Black Rose, aka Alpha House, Thorrington Scout Camp. The Guides took part in various activities including bouldering, 3D Maze, Aerial Zip wire and crate stacking. The crate stacking was amazing with them all trying to beat each other in height with Emma Rogers getting as high as 23 crates – well done all of you!!

The food was brilliant and I think they all liked finding eyes in their jellies! On the last day I presented them all with the Holiday Badge. Well deserved!

We still have many activities to go, including cooking outside, a presentation evening and hopefully a day trip just before Christmas.

We will return back to Guides on January 12th. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all of you.

Sandra Gates, Guide Guider

1st West Bergholt Brownies

Since the retirement of our long standing Brown Owl, Carol Clarke, Stacy, Belinda and I have had some pretty big shoes to fill. But I'm glad to say that with a bit of organisation we have managed well so far. We started the autumn term with three new Brownies joining our unit and together have been working on the 'Friend to Animals' badge. The Brownies have explored different species of endangered animals in fun and creative ways such as quizzes, games and craft activities. At one meeting the girls had the chance to bring in their pets, those that could not be accommodated in the Scout Hut brought in pictures and we talked about the importance of animal care. The completion of this badge culminated in a visit to Colchester Zoo when the Brownies enjoyed a sunny and pleasant day viewing all animals as well as having a mini beast and animal encounter presented especially for them by a member of the Zoo's staff.

We look forward to the rest of our meetings coming up which will include pizza making, a pamper night and to conclude this term a Christmas party.

I'd like to finish by saying a big thank you on behalf of all of us to Carol for all her help in handing over the reins to us and her ongoing support.

Sunny Kadar



3rd West Bergholt (St Mary the Virgin) Brownies

We have been very busy at Brownies this term with a full programme and six new Brownies joining us.

Since September we have spent an evening cooking; we made mini-pizzas and Gingerbread Brownies, they were delicious. We have also been sewing and we made owl badges out of felt to wear on our sashes.

We went on an Autumn walk and made collage pictures out of the leaves and seeds we had collected.

For our new Brownies Promise Evening, three Brownies entertained the guests and served them home made cakes with tea or coffee. This was for their Hostess badge. After Half Term we are looking forward to starting on the Seasons badge, making bird pudding and finding out about winter festivals.

Written by:
Isabelle, Alice, Imogen, Ellie, Abigail, Katie and Ciara.

West Bergholt Gardeners' Association



'Top Ten Trees of Colchester' was speaker Ian Baalham's topic when he addressed members at the AGM in September. And in October Richard Ford delighted his audience with an informative account of 28 years' experiences of both exhibiting and visiting national and county shows. Roger Harvey, nursery owner and Chelsea gold medallist, gave an interesting presentation on 'Hellebores in the Winter Garden'.



'A Taste of Autumn' was the theme for a coach trip to RHS Hyde Hall by thirty-five members late October. A celebration of everything that is autumn was on offer. The sweeping panoramas beneath big open skies gave way to an eclectic range of inspirational horticultural styles from traditional to modern.



Visitors were delighted by a 'mystery in stone' sculpture exhibition. Displays punctuated the gardens, adding interest and fascination. Right - 'United Women' by Washington Musonza representing the importance of coming together.

We will be meeting in the Orpen Hall at 7.30pm on the following dates –

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| 12 December | Do your own Christmas Arrangements- followed by buffet supper – Maureen Sayers |
| 20 February | To Prune or not to Prune – Ric Staines |
| 19 March | Vegetables for Value – Rodney Tibbs |
| 16 April | Hardy Bulbs Throughout the Year – Frances Mount |
| 21 May | Annual Plant Sale |

Coach trips to national and local gardens are organised during the summer months

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If you're interested in becoming a member or just visiting for the evening, annual subscription is £9; visitor entry £3.

For details on our Association please contact:

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Valerie Lofthouse 01206 855450 – valerielofthouse1@hotmail.co.uk

Methodist Church News

A wide variety of Crafts and Art work was on display at our second Annual Exhibition held in October. The opportunity gives many talented people a chance to display and demonstrate their crafts. Our thanks are given to everyone who took part and the many visitors who attended as well as Pat and David and team who arranged the event again.

Our Annual Gift Day and Parade Service takes place this year on December 11th at 11.00am. Rev Ruth Ridge will be welcoming the uniformed organisations in our village who donate Christmas gifts for distribution to women and children at Colchester Women's Refuge, The Night Shelter and Beacon House.

We are again Carol Singing around the village on Tuesday 13th December. Why not join us at 6.30pm at the Brewery Gates. Remember your torches.

Our traditional Candlelight Carol Service takes place on Sunday 18th December at 6.30pm, followed by coffee and mince pies in the Hall afterwards.

All are welcome to join us for our New Year Social on Saturday 21st January in the Hall at 3.00pm to 5.30pm. An afternoon of fun and games for all ages. No need for tickets. Bring and Share tea and we supply the coffee and tea. Contact Judith on 241969.

The Women's Fellowship has a full programme of speakers for 2011 – 2012. They meet on the 3rd Wednesday of each month in the Hall at 2.30pm. December 21st Xmas Carols and Tea. Jan 18th – speaker Jane Allison. Feb 15th – George Hay. All ladies in the village are invited to come along and join us.

Rev. Ruth Ridge is available each Tuesday 9.30am – 10.00am in the Church for quiet prayer and support



Taoist Tai Chi

The class at The Scout Hut did not restart in September as North East Essex branch is consolidating classes on Tuesday evenings at the European Centre in Bounstead Road.

If you are already a member of The Taoist Tai Chi Society you will be made very welcome at any other class. There are lots of classes at the centre. Look on the website <www.taoist.org.uk>, or try the following:-
Monday evening at Copford village hall- 7.30- 9.30pm; or
Tuesday morning at St James Church Hall, Bear St., Nayland -10.30am- 12.30pm.

If you would like to join the society as a beginner and learn the set, you will find lots of information on the website or can ring the centre on 01206 576167.

Fiona

METHODIST CHURCH Diary

- Dec 11th** Gift & Parade Service 11.00am
Dec 13th Shared Village Communion 11.00am
Dec 13th Carol Singing around Village meet
Brewery Gates 6.30pm
Dec 14th Coffee Morning 10.00am
Dec 18th Traditional Candlelight Carol Service
6.30pm followed by coffee and mince pies
Dec 21st Womens Fellowship - Christmas Carols &
Tea 2.30pm.
Dec 25th NO SERVICE WEST BERGHOLT sector
service Eight Ash Green 10.00am
- Jan 1st** New years Day Service 11.00am
Jan 10th Shared Village Communion 11.00am
Jan 11th Coffee Morning 10.00am
Jan 18th Womens Fellowship - Jane Allison, 2.30pm
Jan 19th Bible Study 2.30pm.
Jan 21st New years Social - Bring & Share Tea
3.00pm - 5.30pm
- Feb 8th** Shared Village Communion 11.00am
Feb 9th Coffee Morning 10.00am
Feb 15th Womens Fellowship - George Hay
Feb 17th Bible Study 2.30pm.
- Mar 2nd** Womens World Day of Prayer, Service 1.30pm

DO YOU KNOW WHERE YOUR RUBBISH SACK GOES AFTER PUTTING IT OUT FOR COLLECTION?

The waste sacks are collected on Thursday/Friday of every week by CBC. Some of the sacks are removed before the official waste collectors arrive in the village. These missing sacks are opened up and the contents looked at to see if any documents are interesting. This is how thieves get information about your private life and also guess when you may be away on holiday! They then dump the sack anywhere. Sacks have been found in Pirie Road and on the Lorkin Daniel Field.

The dumping of sacks is illegal. On finding these sacks it may be reported to CBC and they may approach the 'owners' of the sacks.

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Late additions cannot be guaranteed entry

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Cricket Club

It was a disappointing season for our senior weekend teams with our Sunday team being relegated to Division 4 of the Piri-Piri North Essex League and our Saturday team finishing in a lowly position in their Two Counties League division.



There were mixed results in the Evening League resulting in a mid-table position. However, several new players were introduced to the club this season and we have indications that others will wish to join us next year; we are optimistic that we will achieve greater successes next season.

As for our juniors, we enjoyed some excellent results, capped by our Under 13's winning their league. In addition our Under 11's were runners-up and the Under 15's finished in mid-table. Once again our two Kwik Cricket teams won more tournament matches than they lost. Many of our Under 13 squad were also represented in our entry into the prestigious Essex-wide Peter Coe Cup and they finished near the top of their league.

Our Ladies played three friendly matches, winning one of them, and they are hoping to enter the local league next season. We are hoping to attract new players so do let me know if you are interested.

In early October we held our Trophy Presentation Evening where many fine individual performances and volunteer work were recognised and rewarded. Our senior members as well as our juniors and their parents attended the event.

Indoor cricket is now underway with our Sunday team competing once again in the Braintree Indoor Cricket League and our Over 40's at the County Ground in Chelmsford. There will be indoor nets again in the New Year and details will soon be published.

If anyone would like to join the cricket club as a member or a volunteer, please contact me on 240225/ 07769 697542 or email npassmore@skv.com. Learn all about WBCC and follow our activities at www.westbergholtcc.co.uk

Nigel Passmore



Bergholt Heath Youth Football Club



There has been a mixed start to the season for our teams. The Under 9 side are finding competitive football to be a bit, err, competitive and are searching for their first win. Our Under 13 side are going well, having lost only one match to date. They are due to play (at the time of writing) East Thurrock United Under 13 team in the County Cup. In their first two rounds their opponents have amassed 31 goals and conceded none. We have strengthened the nets in anticipation!! Our other age groups are progressing well, although the Under 16 team are still in need of quality players. They have lost their goalkeeper - last seen running

screaming for the hills! and need an urgent replacement. Outfield players also needed so contact me if you are interested.

We recently unveiled a memorial bench on the Poors Field in the memory of Peter Redhead. The ribbon was cut by Sue Redhead and we hope that villagers will enjoy sitting there as much as Peter did. With Christmas coming we will be having our traditional event for the players, which will be at Leisure World where we are hiring the pool for the evening. Further details are available from your managers.

For those who attend matches, you will see that we have "Respect Barriers" alongside the pitch. These are intended to create a space between the playing area and spectators so please respect this!

Leslie Wright



West Bergholt Women's Institute



President Pat Moran welcomed visitors to the September meeting. The speaker was unable to attend at short notice but members enjoyed a fascinating and enlightening talk by the president on her childhood in a mining valley in South Wales. Later in the month a tea party was hosted for past members as our 90th year is celebrated.

October was Halloween evening with the hall being decorated with creepy crawlies and many members wearing witches hats etc. Barbara Faulkner was welcomed back with her talk entitled The Witch Report on Halloween. Her audience learnt many interesting facts about Halloween and the history of witches and their extermination in Europe and the UK.

With excellent weather another local walk was enjoyed by members followed by lunch at a garden centre.

Following the ordinary business meeting Mrs Pat Beeching chaired the annual meeting. The committee remains with the exception of the president, Pat Moran, who will be succeeded in January by Susan Leng. President Pat has served WI well over the past three and a half years - three of those as President and before that, standing in when our last President passed away. She was thanked most sincerely by all the members for the dedication and enthusiasm she has given to the WI. Jan Lumb gave a fascinating talk on her stone head, which had been found in a field in Yorkshire. Keeping it in the family it resided on a rockery in Hertfordshire until 1976, its final resting place being in the village. Museum historians date it around the turn of the first century.

Hillary Nugent told members all about the talking newspaper which is distributed around Colchester and her involvement as part of the team which reads and selects the articles for each week.

Services at St. Mary's Church

December

Sunday 4th	9.30am	Morning Worship*
Sunday 11th	9.30am	Holy Communion*
Tuesday 13th	11.00am	Holy Communion at Methodist Chapel
Sunday 18th	9.30am	Family Service
	2.30pm	Carol Service – Old Church
Christmas Eve	3.00pm	Crib Service
	6.30pm	Carol Service
	11.30pm	Midnight Communion at All Saints Gt Horkesley
Christmas Day	9.30am	Christmas Day Family Service
Wednesday 28th	10.00am	Holy Communion

January

Sunday 1st	9.30am	Morning Worship*
Sunday 8th	9.30am	Holy Communion*
Tuesday 10th	11.00am	Holy Communion at Methodist Chapel
Sunday 15th	9.30am	Family Service
	6.30pm	Prayerbook Evening Service
Sunday 22nd	9.30am	Holy Communion*
Wednesday 25th	10.00am	Holy Communion
Sunday 29th		United Service with the Methodist Church

February

Sunday 5th	9.30am	Morning Worship*
Sunday 12th	9.30am	Holy Communion*
Tuesday 14th	11.00am	Holy Communion at Methodist Chapel
Sunday 19th	9.30am	Family Service
	6.30pm	Prayer Book Evening Service
Wednesday 22nd	10.00am	Holy Communion
Sunday 26th	9.30am	Holy Communion*

* 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:

<http://sites.google.com/site/stmaryswbergholt/>

or contact us at:

stmaryswestbergholt@googlemail.com

Rector: The Rev Colin Horseman – telephone 271242

The Orpen Players



What better way to spend a chilly October evening than in the presence of AGATHA CHRISTIE! The Orpen Players presented 'The Unexpected Guest' to an expectant audience. The experienced cast took us back to 1954 and a foggy November evening. The twists and turns of the story kept the audience guessing right up to the final curtain! A true 'whodunit' with colourful characters and unlimited possibilities!

With our autumn season over, we look to our Pantomime, which is being chosen at the time of going to press. Having won the award for 'Overall Best Panto' for North East Essex last year, it is Peter Cox who has taken up the challenge of directing our 2012 production, so don't forget to pencil the dates in your 2012 diary:

Friday 27th January (8pm start)

Saturday 28th January (matinee and evening performances - times to be confirmed)

Friday 3rd February (8pm start)

Saturday 4th February (two performances - times to be confirmed)

Watch out for further details after Christmas! Keep updated with all our news, and to see photos of our productions at www.orpenplayers.co.uk



Debra Hornigold and David Wenden with the Award for best overall production which was won by the Orps this year at the North Essex Theatre Guild in September at the awards evening in Clacton.

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

West Bergholt Concert Band



Home For Christmas

After another busy and successful year the band are coming home for Christmas for our favourite concert of the year, the Christmas Concert at St Mary The Virgin on Saturday 10th December at 7.30pm. As always, the programme will contain the full spectrum of Christmas music, including brand new pieces such as A Holst Christmas, Irving Berlin's Christmas, Santa Baby, Happy Xmas (War Is Over) and I Want A Hippopotamus For Christmas. We'll also be playing some of our Christmas favourites, including Sleigh Ride and Christmas Festival by Leroy Anderson, plus medleys of the classic Christmas tunes including Winter Wonderland, I'll Be Home for Christmas, Rockin' Around The Christmas Tree and Rudolph The Red-Nosed Reindeer among others. To top all of that, we'll be including our first ever Christmas vocal pieces, with White Christmas, Have Yourself A Merry Little Christmas and Christmas From the '50s showcasing a wonderful young singer, so please come along for what is always a cracker of a concert and a really fun evening of Christmas music.

The band have also been busy leading up to Christmas, running a series of Training Band workshops for local young musicians, which culminated in "A Youthful Concert" at St Botolph's, in aid of Children In Need. Training Band's programme featured music from Glee, Lady Gaga and Disney alongside pop and soul classics, with Concert Band performing music from Twilight, Family Guy, Star Wars and Joseph among others. The workshops and concert continue the band's ongoing mission to encourage and inspire young musicians, with concert attendees MP Bob Russell and the Mayor of Colchester again congratulating the band on the



quality of the performance, and for the band's work with the area's young musicians.

These events also help us to replace those young players who promote themselves from Training Band to Concert Band and then eventually leave for University, so if you missed the workshops but are interested in joining the band, just come along to Heathlands School any Friday evening and we'll guarantee a warm welcome. We'll also be

holding our termly Open Rehearsal on Friday 13th January where Brass and Woodwind players of all ages can come and experience the fun and enjoyment of making music amongst a great bunch of fellow musicians. If you'd like any more information on the band, please either call Graham on 01206 824157 or visit our website www.wbcb.org.

Finally...on behalf of the band...we look forward to seeing you at our Christmas Concert, and we wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.



Blue Owl Gift Shop



At the beginning of September, I opened a new shop in the village called Blue Owl, selling nearly new children's clothes and gifts. The shop is located at 10a Colchester Road, which some of you will remember as 'Brown's General store'.

I have had lots of lovely, positive comments from customers who have been surprised at the variety of stock including children's toys, games and books, new-baby gifts, and home accessories. I am also selling some beautiful jewellery, accessories and home furnishing items, which are handmade by local craftspeople. Good quality greetings cards and wrapping paper have also been very popular and saved several trips into town!

In time for the festive season I have Christmas decorations, cards and plenty of ideas for children's (and adults) presents. I will also be serving teas and coffees very soon - by popular demand! I will keep my website updated with any news, promotions and events: www.blue-owl.co.uk

Thanks to everyone for their support so far, and we hope to see you sometime soon.

Alison Willard, 07918 074151

**WORLD'S BIGGEST
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MORNING**

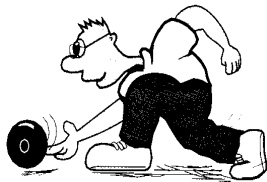
The Macmillan Biggest Coffee Morning was held on Thursday 29th September and it was a great success.

Thank you all who supported and contributed to the morning.

A grand total of £287.60 was raised.

**MACMILLAN
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West Bergholt Indoor Bowls Club



Are you fed up with dark evenings?

Nothing new on television?

We can change all of that; we meet at the Orpen Hall on Thursday and Sunday evenings at 7.15. We bowl, enjoy a cup of tea or coffee and buy a raffle ticket, with a friendly group of people of mixed ages. Why not come along and join in we'd love to see you.

Members have been taking part in the club annual competitions as well as entering the Essex County competitions held at Braintree Leisure Centre. We are proud to say we had two members win the discipline in which they took part in May. They were Barbara Davies and Sheila Higgins, well done both.

We continue to enjoy our friendly matches with teams round the area. The results are quite mixed, all taking part enjoy the evenings very much so don't forget, if you would like to join in, 243301 for any other information you might need.

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The Bulletin Team -
Susan Swan, Susan Leng,
Jane Williams John and Nora Bates
and Bernard Colbron
wish all our readers
a Merry Christmas
and a Happy New Year

Zumba Fitness

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Mondays - Bishop William Ward School at 6.30pm

Wednesdays – Methodist Hall, West Bergholt 6.45pm

Thursdays - Boxted Village Hall at 9.30am

For further information please call Jo on 07887518031

CHRISTMAS CLOSURE

The Orpen Hall and the Lorkin Daniel field are charity lands looked after by the Parish Council as Trustees.

To maintain the charitable status the areas will be **closed** from twelve midnight on Christmas Eve and re-open at midnight Christmas Day.

Please use alternative ways to travel around the area.

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

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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.
West Bergholt Knitting and Crochet Group is a house group Meeting 1st Monday 7.30pm - 9.30pm. Phone 01206 242015 for details

Tuesdays:

NHS Primary Care Trust Baby Clinic, 10am to 11am - Methodist Hall
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
Zumba Fitness, Methodist Hall, 6.45pm-7.45pm. Tel 272759.
Women's Fellowship 2.30pm third Wednesday each month Methodist Church Hall.
West Bergholt Knitting and Crochet Group is a house group Meeting 3rd Wednesday 2.30pm - 4pm. Phone 01206 242015 for details
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: deborah@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.