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Diamond Jubilee Celebrations

The Royal occasion to celebrate the Queen's Diamond Jubilee and her 60 years as our Monarch will be marked by two separate village events.

Village organisations have been working together, over several months, to help us mark this unique occasion in our village history.

We hope that you and your family and friends will join us at one or both events and make 2012 a special year to remember.



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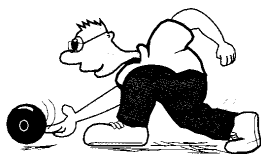
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Parish Council monthly meetings are held in the John Lampon Hall on the fourth Wednesday of every month starting at 7.30pm. Prior to the start of the meetings, between 7.15pm and 7.30pm, the public are invited to raise any item for consideration by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

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Bowls Club

The AGM of the Bowls Club took place recently at the Orpen Hall. A good attendance of members was able to enjoy a supper after the formal business of the night. Fees for the year and nightly rate are maintained at the previous four-year level, as are those for the tea and raffle.



The members of the Club are enjoying playing in more friendly matches and competitions as the summer approaches. They were runners-up in the 'Frank Gamblin' memorial competition held at Great Bentley recently. The team was Doreen Payne Skip, Jan Lumb, Nora Bates and Eileen Brown.

Following the AGM supper the years prize giving took place and the results were as follows:

Singles Winner: Paul Leach
Singles Runner-up: Eileen Brown
Singles Semi Finalists: Maureen Marshall and Pat McCarthy

Pairs Winners: Greta Leatherdale and Barbara Davies
Pairs Runners-up: Bett McCarthy and Paul Leach

Triples Winners: Bett McCarthy, Pat McCarthy and Paul Leach
Triples Runners-up: Greta Leatherdale, Barbara Davies and George Coppin

Fours Winners: Greta Leatherdale, Beryl Conway, Barbara Davies and George Coppin
Fours Runners-up: Nora Bates, Eileen Brown, Jan Lumb and Paul Leach

Two Wood Drawn Pairs Winners: Sheila Higgins and Doreen Payne
Two Wood Drawn Pairs Runners-up: Nora Bates and Bett McCarthy

Points Winner: Jan Lumb
Points Runner-up: Barbara Davies

CLUB CHARITY GAME

Winners: Paul Leach and Barbara Davies
Runners-up: Nora Bates and Beryl Conway



Methodist Church Graveyard, Chapel Road

With the growing loss of habitats for bees and insects, we are trying an experiment to add a few nectar rich flowers to a small part of the Church grounds. This small area will not be mown again until August/September. We are not neglecting these areas. Please bear with us in our experiment, and we hope it will be a help to the pollinating insects and give some pleasure to passers-by.

Thank you for your forbearance.

Pat Kay

Methodist Church News

The Womens World Day of Prayer was held on the first Friday in March. We began with a Soup n Snack Lunch in the hall enjoyed by 24 ladies. The service arranged by Christian Women of Malaysia was a joyous occasion and a donation of £112.00 was made. Next year the service will be arranged by the Women of France. Make a note of the date 1st March 2013.

We held another successful Quiz Night in March when twelve teams competed for the title. We usually arrange another Quiz in the autumn - watch the bulletin for further information if you would like to join us for a fun night.

Our regular services, coffee mornings, Womens Fellowship, Guild and Bible Study continue as usual, Dates and times are included in our Church Diary.

Rev Ruth Ridge is available on Saturday mornings from 9.30am - 10.00am in the church for quiet prayer or support. This date has been changed from Tuesday mornings. Rev. Ruth Ridge can be contacted at other times on 01206 242183

June 8th	Service at 11.00a.m.
June 10th	Service at 11.00a.m.
June 12th	Shared Village Communion 11.00a.m.
June 13th	Coffee Morning Church Hall 10.00a.m.
June 17th	Service at 11.00a.m.
June 20th	Womens Fellowship 2.30p.m. church hall With Wycliff Fellowship
June 21st	Bible Study 2.30p.m. Church Hall
June 24th	Service at 11.00a.m.

July 1st	Service 11.00a.m.
July 8th	Service 11.00a.m.
July 10th	Shared Village Communion 11.00a.m.
July 11th	Coffee Morning Church Hall 10.00a.m.
July 15th	Service 11.00a.m.
July 18th	Womens Fellowship – Garden Party at The Manse.
July 19th	Bible Study 2.30p.m. Church Hall
July 22nd	Service at 11.00a.m.
July 29th	United Service at St Marys 9.30a.m.

August 5th	Service at 11.00a.m.
August 8th	Coffee Morning Church Hall 10.00a.m.
August 12th	Service at 11.00a.m.
August 14th	Shared Village Communion 11.00a.m.
August 19th	Service at 11.00a.m.
August 26th	Service at 11.00a.m.

FREIGHTER SCHEME 2012

**For the collection of larger items
not collected by the weekly collections**

West Bergholt

Orpen Hall Car Park
11am – 12 noon

30th June 25th August

The West Vehicle



Bergholt Show

to be held at Nayland Road West Bergholt
on Saturday 28th and Sunday 29th July
starting at 10am both days

This is the 29th Show and is expected to be larger than last year's.

On the Saturday there will be a full programme of arena entertainment including:

Vehicle Parades of all classes of Vintage Vehicles

and on Saturday Evening we have a

FREE

Country and Western Concert starting at 7.30pm

On Sunday the show will be opened by BBC Radio's Richard Spendlove, MBE

We again have a full programme of arena entertainment which will include:

The Derby Midshipman Band from Derby (Two Performances),

and the Princess of Wales's Royal Regiment Parachute Freefall Team "The Tigers"

This together with over 500 Historic Vehicles of all descriptions

Plus - trade stands, charity stalls, static exhibitions and a funfair will make a weekend for West Bergholt to remember.

There will also be a Licenced Bar and the usual high class food caterers.

Further information can be obtained from M. J. CULHAM on 01206 271253



Bluebells in
Hill House Wood
photographed last
summer.

Friendship Club

We started the New Year with an afternoon of quizzes and games in January. In February we had a very interesting talk on 'Famous People in Essex' by Mr. Lovell and two weeks later members enjoyed a game of 'Call My Bluff'. March saw Mr. Mick Morrissey back with us, but this time he talked about his holiday in China with slides. April saw sixteen members going to a local carvery for lunch followed by a trip to a garden centre. At the end of the month we went 'Round Ireland' with Sue Leng and her excellent slides. In the next few months we have a talk on Benito Mussolini, a coffee morning, a garden party, a talk by the Salvation Army, and much more.

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 (men and women).

For further details please telephone 240824.



Bergholt Heath Youth Football Club

As we draw to the end of the season we can reflect upon a mixed bag of performances from our teams. Our Under 9 team acquitted themselves well and are currently faring well in the end of season trophy - by the time you read this they may have even won it! They will be looking for more players next season so let me know if your son is Year 5 come September.

Our Under 13s were the stars again and are currently 3rd in the A league with three games in hand and nine points behind the leaders! So very straightforward - just win them and score fifteen goals. The reason why they are so far behind on fixtures is because they managed to get to the semi-final in two cup competitions, unfortunately going out at that stage. A great season nevertheless.

Under 14 and 16 boys had a tough season but well done to them for keeping going. Our Under 18 team finished 7th in their league and will play their last season next year. Most of their players are from the 6th Form College and again new players are welcome.

As we all turn our attention to England's efforts in Europe, we will be having our traditional Awards Night on 26 May at Orpen Hall. All are welcome.

Remember if you are interested in bringing a team through the years, it is better to start them young with 7 a-side team from as young as 6 years old! Probably a bit late for next season as you read this but bear in mind for 2013.

Good luck England and Bergholt Under 13 team!

Leslie Wright, Telephone 241438



West Bergholt Village News

The Parish Council is producing a *Village News* A4 leaflet for the months inbetween the publication of the Village Bulletin. The aim is to keep village residents up to date with current issues. Some villagers have probably already seen it.

We have organised for this communication to be collected by villagers at the following outlets:-

Post Office Counter, Pharmacy
Hairdressers, Doctors Surgery
Ash's Store

The next issue will be delivered to these outlets in the month of July.

This newsletter is also available to be read on the West Bergholt web site www.westbergholt.net

Anyone who wishes to submit an item for the Village News should contact Jenny Church 240792 or Harry Stone 241026.



St. Mary's Church

One of Colin's last jobs before he retired was to help lead Groundbreakers our holiday club for primary school aged children. Around 70 children came along for an afternoon of fun, games and learning. 70 children need lots of leaders and so can we say a huge thank you to everyone who helped before, during and after the event. Groundbreakers is going to be held again during the school summer holidays - on an Olympic theme so look out for more information on the church website.

It was lovely to see so many people at Colin's farewell service at All Saints, Great Horkesley the first time many had been to his "other church". During the time that we are without a Vicar the visiting Ministers will also be leading services there.

Whilst we have a vacancy for a vicar, services at St. Mary's will follow this pattern

1st Sunday	9.30am	Holy Communion
2nd Sunday	9.30am	Morning Worship
3rd Sunday	9.30am	Holy Communion
4th Sunday	9.30am	Family Worship
	6.30pm	BCP Evening Prayer
5th Sunday	Alternate with Methodists	

For special events please contact the following

Baptisms/Christenings - Ronnie Seymour - 273579
Weddings and Confirmations - Jon Smith - 243437
Funerals - Derek Webber - 271714

For general queries please contact Jon Smith our churchwarden

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or follow us on twitter ([@stmarysbergholt](https://twitter.com/stmarysbergholt))

Kate Wilson

Monday 4th June - Diamond Jubilee Evening of Music from 7pm

An evening of music and celebrations will be held on the Lorkin Daniell field and in the Orpen Hall. West Bergholt Concert Band will open the evening with 60 years of music that will culminate in the classic Pomp and Circumstance. Weather permitting this will be an open-air event on the playing field so bring your gazebos, canvas chairs, flags and party wear. A full bar will be available, or bring your own. Following this rousing musical will be a full Hog Roast dinner which will lead into our second act of music by a dance band in the village hall.



West Bergholt will host one of 2,012 Beacons to be lit world-wide on the evening of the 4th June. Your Parish Council registered with the royal jubilee celebration organisers and our village appears on the web site for this event at www.diamondjubileebeacons.co.uk.

Adrian Leach, a village resident, volunteered to manufacture our village beacon at no charge and this will take pride of place both at the Music Evening and later when it will be mounted alongside the village sign in Colchester Road.



West Bergholt has been allocated 10.15pm as the time to light our beacon. This is just before Her Majesty lights the main Beacon in London at 10.30pm. Don't worry you won't miss the London event as it will be shown live by a video stream using our high speed village broadband service in our halls. You can even bring your iPad or

Tablet for a personal table top viewing.

The evening will also mark the formal opening of the Bergholt Youth Shelter on the playing field. The shelter will be made by another local craftsman, Ian Dickson. The shelter will be opened by a local dignitary who for years has helped many communities fulfil vital projects throughout Essex.

Entry to the concert and dance band will be free, however a charge of £3.50 per head will apply for the hog roast dinner for tickets purchased in advance.

For catering planning tickets will be restricted to a maximum of 120 and will be available from Heathlands School, Bluebells and our shops.

The formal celebrations will conclude with a firework display on the field



Saturday 16th June - Diamond Jubilee Family Fun Day from noon

This family fun day aims to bring together the entire community young and old – children, parents and grandparents alike. The event brings together the organisational skills of our School PTA, our award winning Play School group Bluebells, Parish Council, WI, Youth Group, Scouts, churches and other organisations and clubs that make our village a special place in which to live.



The events start at 12 noon with our village children mounted on their jubilee decorative scooters, three wheelers or small bikes forming a parade that will assemble in front of Heathlands school before parading through the village to the Lorkin Daniel field. All children taking part will have their decorative “rides” judged by a panel and prizes awarded to the winners.



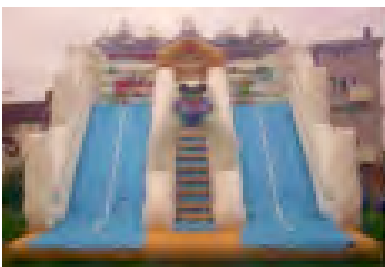
This will be followed by a celebratory tea party for all children on the Lorkin Daniel field where as well as the usual treats they will receive a diamond jubilee party pack.

Traditional village family games and events encouraging all to take part and compete in a family fun way during the afternoon. Youth activities will be co-ordinated by our Bergholt Youth Group and Football Club who plan all kinds of entertainment for the occasion.

There will also be a bouncy castle and play slide, fete stalls, music and donkey rides, all focussed on the fun and family sport arena at the centre of the playing field. The village History Group and Scouts will have displays. The WI will be selecting the best entry to a Diamond Jubilee competition for a card designed by a local child. A suitable verse written by an adult will also be selected to complement the card design and the winning combination will be professionally produced and sent to the Queen from West Bergholt.

The fun day will be the main funding generation event for both the PTA and Bluebells so please be generous and assist these excellent village organisations.

Entry to the family fun day will be free, however tickets for the children’s tea party will be 50p per child available from Bluebells and Heathlands School.



Come along, have fun and at the same time support your local organisations.

Please note dogs are not permitted on the Lorkin Daniell field at any time and in particular during the period of these two events.

Orpen Players



Firstly we would like to apologize to our patrons for the absence of our usual spring production in May. For reasons beyond our control it was not possible to present anything at that time. We feel sure that you would have been as disappointed as we were.

However do not despair because we have a real treat in store. To celebrate the Queen's Jubilee we are going to present "Senior Moments. A Diamond Review" by Fiona Hunt. It is fun filled with songs that will be familiar to all, and comedy sketches to bring a smile.

Light refreshments will be included in the price of £10. Fancy Dress is optional with a prize for the best Jubilee Costume. There will also be a licensed bar.

Performance dates are

Thursday/Friday/Saturday 2nd,3rd,4th August 2012
at the Orpen Hall. Doors open at the usual time of 7.30pm for an 8pm curtain up.

We are going to set table and chairs in the hall to create a real party atmosphere. This will of course reduce audience numbers to a maximum of 60-70 per evening, so we would advise you to book early in order to avoid disappointment.. Bookings can be made NOW by calling Roger Milne on 01206 241048.

This is going to be a brilliant show for us all to enjoy and celebrate the Jubilee in Style. Don't miss it !!!

CAN YOU RELATE'

Forgetter Be Forgotten

My forgetter's getting better,
But my rememberer is broke
To you that may seem funny
But, to me, that is no joke
for when I'm 'here' I'm wondering
If I really should be 'there'
And, when I try to think it through,
I haven't got a prayer!!

Oft times I walk into a room,
Say 'what am I here for?'
I wrack my brain, but all in vain!
A zero, is my score.

At times I put something away
Where it is safe, but, Gee!
The person it is safest from
Is, generally, me!

When shopping I may see someone,
Say 'Hi' and have a chat,
Then, when the person walks away
I ask myself, 'who the hell was that?'
Yes, my forgetter's getting better
While my rememberer is broke,
And it's driving me plumb crazy
And that isn't any joke.

With thanks to Relate

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

The Magnificent Two

I would like to think that I speak with the voice of the entire village in saying a big "thank you" to Dr. Stuart Baldwin who retired at the end of March – I am sure that West Bergholt will sorely miss him. Mention must also be made of his wife Carole, who retired as Practise Manager late last year. Stuart and Carole played a large part in establishing the beautiful, spacious surgery that we now have in West Bergholt and which serves our community so well. We all owe them a lot and I am sure that everyone will wish both of them a long and happy retirement.

Annelies Catchpole

Dear Editor,

My husband, Sam and I moved into Bourne Road about two years ago. We both went to the University of Essex and both work relatively locally but neither of us lived in Colchester before moving here. Sam is a Senior High Intensity Worker for Rethink, a mental health charity, and I am an English teacher at Notley High School in Braintree. We recently got married in July 2011 at Layer Marney Tower.

The reason why I am writing is because I wanted to share our musings regarding West Bergholt and why we love living here so much. We both work very long hours (despite my fourteen weeks holiday a year...) and even though we haven't exactly thrown ourselves into village life as yet, we appreciate reading in the Village Bulletin about the wonderful things that happen within West Bergholt and feel that our type of semi-outsider perspective would be welcome to those who have lived here for many years.

The reasons why we think the village is so wonderful are:

The way strangers greet you with 'good morning' or 'good afternoon' when you pass them whilst out for a walk.

Bluebell Woods and its fantastic beauty and the smell of garlic flowers.

The way people help each other to clear the streets when it snows.

The charm of the Queen's Head Pub and how comfortable patrons are to speak to you even if you are a new comer.

The Co-op and the friendly staff who work there.

The Orpen Players and their desire to bring a little bit of culture to the village.

The fantastic provision of the primary school.

The beauty of the village and how people keep their gardens looking so smart and tidy.

I could go on but since the Village Bulletin is always so packed, I don't want to take up too much space. I hope that by sharing why we love West Bergholt so much, you read this and realise that even though we are young, we appreciate why this village has so much to offer and why we are so fortunate to live here.

Yours faithfully,

Fiona and Sam Lane

Cricket Club

Welcome to the 2012 Cricket Season

As soon as a drought was announced you knew it was the start of the Cricket season and we would have a month of non-stop rain! At the time of writing the pitch is under water and our first few games have already been lost to the weather. Despite this we are looking forward to a full and promising season.



The 2012 season promises a busy schedule for all of our teams, from the Kwik Cricketers through to the Senior Sides. Junior Cricket has gone from strength to strength over the past few seasons with our membership approaching 60 strong. Last year's U13 side, under the leadership of Trevor Rogers, won the NECL 1st Division and gained promotion to the U14 Premier League this season, with the U11's finishing as runners up in theirs. It is hoped that the Juniors will spur our Senior Sides, under the leadership of Peter Twydell (Two Counties Division 8 South), Trevor Rogers (Piri Piri NECL Div 4) and Phil Poulter (Colchester Evening League) to success this season and deserved promotion.

In addition to The Senior Male sides, WBCC Ladies under the Captaincy of Helen Barnes, will be playing League Cricket for the first time in 2012 in The Beaumont Seymour League. All Senior sides are continuing their successful recruitment drives.

From 29th June to 1st July 2012 the Club will be holding its Annual Cricket Festival. Last year's Festival saw the inaugural West Bergolt Sixes and a Kwik Cricket Festival run by Mark Eves amongst many other events. The number of visitors last year during the Festival was the highest in memory. This is a figure we are hoping to beat in 2012.

At the 2012 AGM The Club chose to acknowledge the huge amount of unpaid work and dedication shown over the years by Nobby Clark (former Chairman and President) and Brian Clark by making them Honorary Vice-Presidents. It was also at the AGM that our Chairman Nigel Passmore decided to step down after many years at the helm. The Club owes a huge debt of gratitude to Nigel for his Leadership and it is perhaps reflective of his efforts that no one felt they could fill his boots in 2012 with the Committee sharing the Chairman's responsibilities.

Thanks this Season go to David Jewell of Crown Insurance Consultancy who has very generously agreed to take over the sponsorship of The Kwik Cricket Section.

We are always looking for new players so should anyone be interested in playing then please contact Peter Twydell on telephone 241504

Peter Twydell



West Bergholt Football Club



The season is drawing to a close, and the first team have achieved a remarkable run of form having gone fifteen games undefeated since 17th December and moving up to within two points of the leaders Harwich & Parkeston with two games in hand. If we win our remaining five matches we will be champions, regardless of other teams results, but football is very unpredictable so we have to keep our fingers crossed and hope the results go our way.

Our manager Gary Wood was voted Premier League manager of the month for March, so at least we have one award already.

The reserves have had similar success, and are currently third in their league, also having reached the semi-final of the Tommy Thomson cup unfortunately going out to a 1-2 defeat by Great Bentley. It has been a great season so far for both teams, and the success has been down to the hard work of both players and managers alike,

Still stars of the show however are Mark Farthing's under eighteen team who are undefeated and top of the league with games in hand giving them every chance of winning the title. West Bergholt has much to be proud of on the football front.

On the social front, our bi-annual exchange trip to our twinned club RSV Bublingshausen, Gemany took place at Easter and a great time was had by all. We were grandly entertained by our hosts, with much eating and drinking as usual. In spite of this we managed to win the International match played on their new 650,000 Euro artificial pitch, by 5-2 with a display of passing football worthy of winning any game. The team was probably inspired by being led out by 82 year old veteran Bob Hollock. The visit culminated with a boat trip on the River Lahn and a final social event at the Restuarant of one of their former players. It was good to renew old friendships and form many new ones, with both teams looking forward to the return visit in 2014.

Please see our website www.westbergholt.co.uk for news, dates and photographs. We look forward to welcoming everyone on matchdays. We appreciate your support!

Michael Bell (Chairman)



Life Boat Collection in the village this year

For various reasons there will be no door-to-door collection for the R.N.L.I. (Life boats) in West Bergholt this June. You are always so generous to this charity, so if you would like to donate, there are three 'static' lifeboats in the Queens Head, the Treble Tile and the White Hart. Any money put in them will be emptied by me to send to lifeboat headquarters. Hopefully the collection will be in place for 2013 as usual.

Sandy Reeve.

1st West Bergholt Scout Group

The 1st West Bergholt Scout Group continues to prosper. We are one of the largest in this area with over 100 members and all five sections running at full capacity. It is a positive reflection on the dedication of the leadership team that we are able to offer programmes that keep youngsters attending on a regular basis. We are particularly proud that a number of members have progressed all the way through the Group from Beavers to Scouts (and in some cases beyond) and gained Chief Scout's Awards at all levels along the way.

Over the winter months, members have undertaken various activities and badge work across the range of the Scouting remit. As the better weather arrives, these activities will move to the outside to cover some of the more traditional aspects of Scouting including hikes, fieldcraft and camps.

The Group likes to maintain a visible presence in the community. Most recently you may have seen us parade to St Mary's Church on St George's Day and we will be manning our "Broken Crockery Smash" stall at the Jubilee Fayre. We also plan to have a display to celebrate 60 years of scouting in the village as part of the Fayre.

The Group owes its success to our uniformed leaders and to the parents who help out in various ways. Without them it would not have been possible for the Group to continue so successfully. If you are interested in helping out, in any way with the Group, please contact the Group Scout Leader (Kevin Sturdy 01206 240549) who will be pleased to discuss opportunities to contribute.

Finally, the AGM of the Group is scheduled for Friday 13th July starting at around 7.30pm. As well as a short business meeting, the evening will feature activities (including performances by the District Scout Band), refreshments and the opportunity to chat to Group leaders. We warmly invite all parents, former members, and friends of the Group to join us in our end of year celebration.

West Bergholt Concert Band

Beacons, Big Bands and Broadway

Spring 2012 was another successful term for the band, with a concert raising £1000 for a local charity at our most visited and favourite haunt, Clacton's West Cliff Theatre, as well as the latest of our concerts with local school musicians to promote music to the next generation of players.

For our summer concerts, we're delighted to be back in the village for the once in a lifetime "Diamond Jubilee" celebrations on Monday June 4th, with a programme that will include some patriotic classics together with signature pieces from the last 60 years, ranging from "When I Fall In Love" from the 50's right up to "Born This Way" from last year.



We're then back at the West Cliff for a "Miller to the Musicals" concert with the Sweetening Swing Band, who'll be performing music from their extensive catalogue of Big Band music and beyond as part of their 25th anniversary celebrations. We'll then perform a selection of music from the musicals, such as Kiss Me Kate, Mamma Mia and Les Miserables among others. Our West Cliff concerts always draw a good audience and generate a great atmosphere, with tickets being snapped up before we'd finished our March concert, so this really is an event not to be missed.

- Sunday 17th June – 3:00pm – West Cliff Theatre, Clacton (in aid of the West Cliff Theatre)

We then return to a beautiful venue we discovered last Spring, Coggeshall's St Peter ad Vincula Church, to perform a whole concert of "The Magic of the Musicals", with a programme that includes some brand new arrangements of recent musicals (The Jersey Boys, Opening Night on Broadway, Lady Marmalade), together with classics such as Chicago, The Time Warp, Send In The Clowns, Over The Rainbow, Embraceable You...and many more. It's a great programme at a wonderful venue, so come along for a fun evening of great music.

- Saturday 14th July – 7:30pm – St Peter ad Vincula, Coggeshall (Charity TBC)

The band will also be performing a number of outdoor events over the summer holidays, so please check our website www.wbcb.org for details. The end of the Summer term also means we bid farewell to some key players who are leaving us for University, so we're of course always grateful to see new players join the band to replace them. If you're interested in joining the band or finding out more about us, just come along our termly Open Rehearsal, or any term-time Friday evening at Heathlands school. There's no audition. Rehearsals and concerts are great fun and the band's uniqueness is that we have players from 7 to 70, so there's always someone younger / older / worse / better than you, as well as someone to sit with you to help you get used to playing in a band.

Everything you need to know about the band, including details of all of our activities, are on our website or you can call or email us. Have a great summer, and we look forward to seeing you at our summer concerts!

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Friends of St Mary's Old Church

Since the last newsletter our numbers have grown and there are now more than sixty families in the Friends Group. We could always use more! A new opening and closing routine has been set up which should ensure that the Church is open and available for visitors. In the three months to the end of March, there have been over a thousand visitors, some local and some from further afield. It seems our church is liked by all those who come to see it.

We would like to give thanks to Pam and Eileen who have looked after the church so well these last twenty odd years and hope that they enjoy their rest from the duties of minding the premises.

We were pleased that the church has seen the wedding of Laura and Dan for which the building was beautifully decorated and more importantly, the rain held off for the happy couple. This was in fact the last service to be conducted by our Rector Colin and we wish him and Penny a long and happy retirement. We have also held a refreshment stall for those visiting our spectacular bluebell display in the Village wood.

An assessment has been made to see where the building needs attention and this has shown some crumbling plaster and the lack of paint in some areas. Notices and direction signs are also under review.

It is hoped that some activities can be organised in conjunction with Heathlands School so that the younger generation can begin to appreciate the history that is embodied in the building.

If you visit the church, can you please ensure that you sign the visitors book each time as the number of visitors affects the grants that the Churches Conservation Trust are paid by way of maintenance and upkeep.

If any reader would like to become a member of the Friends Group they will be more than welcome. For details please contact Mr Rhys Lloyd (Hon Treasurer) at 4 Coopers Crescent, West Bergholt (240167).

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

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



Girlguiding UK

1st West Bergholt Brownies

Another busy term planned and we welcome one new Brownie to our unit. Everyone is looking forward to all our themed activities based around the two major events of 2012: HRH Queen Elizabeth's Diamond Jubilee and the Olympics. A visit to Rollerworld is coming up when our Brownies will wear red, white and blue.

A very special meeting is planned, inviting the Rainbows to join us for 'Jubilympics', where we will join in Olympic style fun and games wearing tiaras and finish with a tea party. Along the way we will be preparing our invitation and medals for this event and of course taking photos to help us earn our county badges this term. Later in the summer we plan to take our unit for the first time to the Fun Day in Thorington, which we are sure will be an action packed day and a first time experience for us leaders as well as our Brownies. We aim to finish the term with a trip to Tenpin bowling. Plenty of fun to be had by one and all.

Sunny Kadar



1st West Bergholt Guides

We celebrated Thinking Day with Braiswick District on 26th February at St Helena School. The Rainbows, Brownies and Guides were split into huge groups and took part in various activities based on the Four World Centres, including Country Dancing, Making Piñatas and dressing peg dolls in saris.

The Guides made some excellent gifts for their Mothers for Mothers Day including some very professional looking cards.

As the Olympic Games are this year we are trying to include various different activities relating to the Olympics. During one evening we used our sports equipment to play a mini Olympics in the hall. It was great fun.

For Easter the Guides made some very nice chocolate nests and used various stamps and inks to make some very pretty cards.

This term we have started by celebrating Shakespeare with 'All The World's a Stage'. The Guides have written their own short plays, based on various Shakespeare plays, including Romeo and Juliet. They have all made characters from the plays and created their own stage scenery. Later this term we are holding a Diamond Jubilee party for all of the Rainbows, Brownies and Guides in West Bergholt. It will be a 50's style party (hopefully outside) with banners, flags, party tea and games.

We are going to Cadbury World at the end of term and the Guides cannot wait – Chocolate here we come!!

Sandra Gates, Guide Guider

Colne Valley Flower Club



We have had a successful start to the year, with a trio of good demonstrators. In April Sandra Price demonstrated with the title "Any Old Iron" using unusual containers to show off her flowers. Susan Horne in March remembered her family through flowers with 'Aide Memoire'. 'A little bit of something lovely' was the title of Lynn Barrows arrangements, using lovely flowers finally dressing an ancient bicycle.

On March 9th for the second year running our members Liz Clarke, Clare Heyes and Pat Sharman joined the Bergholt Youth Group in the John Lampon Hall, taking with them flowers, containers etc. 26 youth members spent the evening making arrangements for Mother's Day. A very successful evening enjoyed by all.



Pat Sharman (Club Chairman) and four other members will be decorating a choir stall at the Frinton Flower Festival on September 8th. Pat will also be attending Feering Flower Club's 50th anniversary at Colne Valley Golf Club. Pat and Liz Clarke are arranging flowers at Wormingford Flower Festival June 2nd - 4th. Entitled "Jub Olympics". On May 16th David Wright from Tunstead, Norfolk, is visiting to show us his interpretation of "Forever Chasing Dreams." Our plant sale is that evening. June 20th Linda Harman from Ipswich will be demonstrating "Pot Luck". Members are asked to bring an arrangement interpreting "The Queen and the Jubilee" that evening. The July meeting is a members evening in the form of a workshop, there will be a choice of two arrangements to work on. There will be no meeting in August.

To promote the National Association of Flower Arrangement Societies arrangements were shown throughout the country on May 4th. Ours was arranged by Sheila Greaves and was situated in Scissorhands in the village.

We have welcomed several new members to the club and would welcome more. We meet on the third Wednesday of the month in the Orpen Hall 7.30pm. The subscription this year is £28. Contact Pat on 01787 227833 or Alison 01206 240262 or just turn up to a meeting.

West Bergholt Women's Institute



The March meeting was our Fashion Show, and we welcomed visitors from six local W I's and a large number of other visitors. Ten of our members modelled clothes from the Viyella and Country Casual ranges stocked by Williams and Griffin of Colchester.

Everyone received a small bag of samples from Clarins make up. Flowers were presented to the six ladies from W & G who had generously given their time after working at the store all day. The evening concluded with a grand raffle with prizes donated by members. It was voted a very successful evening by the guests and members.

In April, donated cakes were taken to St Helena Hospice as our annual contribution. The speaker, Mrs Paula Short gave a potted history with slides entitled 'Artists Who Painted Horses.' She included Stubbs and Munnings, as well as some lesser-known artists. She was a very enthusiastic speaker who had done excellent research, and captivated her audience with an excellent talk.

The May meeting was 'Confessions of a Mass Caterer', by Jane Malyon who had us enchanted, amused and captivated with her tales of behind the scenes, when she does catering at large events such as weddings!

In June we shall be having an Olympic Race Night – why not come along and see what this enigmatic title means!

West Bergholt Women's Institute meets on the first Wednesday of every month (excepting July when we have an outing to Norwich) at 7.15pm in the Orpen Hall. Why don't you come along and try a meeting or two for free?

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

Methodist Church Rev. Ruth Ridge
The Manse, Chapel Lane,
West Bergholt – 01206 242183

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WEST BERGHOLT GARDENERS' ASSOCIATION

'To Prune or not Prune' ...

Was an informative subject expertly demonstrated by Ric Staines, professional horticulturalist, author, lecturer and BBC consultant, who entertained members at the February monthly meeting. In March, Rodney Tibbs delighted his audience with an illustrated talk on **'Vegetables for Value'**. Frances Mount visited in April who enlightened her talk **'Hardy bulbs throughout the year'** with slides. Our annual plant sale was held on 21 May in the Orpen Hall.

Members enjoyed a coach trip to Hatfield House, West Garden and Park in May. An Elizabethan park with a famous Jacobean house and '17th-century character' garden, Hatfield House is the home of the 7th Marquis and Marchioness of Salisbury and their family.



On Sunday 3 June a trip to WRITTLE COLLEGE GARDENS, near Chelmsford is planned. Non-members are also invited to participate, and car sharing will be organised between drivers.

There's fifteen acres of grounds with seasonal bedding displays to meander around and landscaped gardens designed and built by the College's students including a 'Centenary' garden." The gardens will be open from 10am – 3pm under the *National Gardens Scheme* – entry £4. Tel: 242124 or 855450 for details.



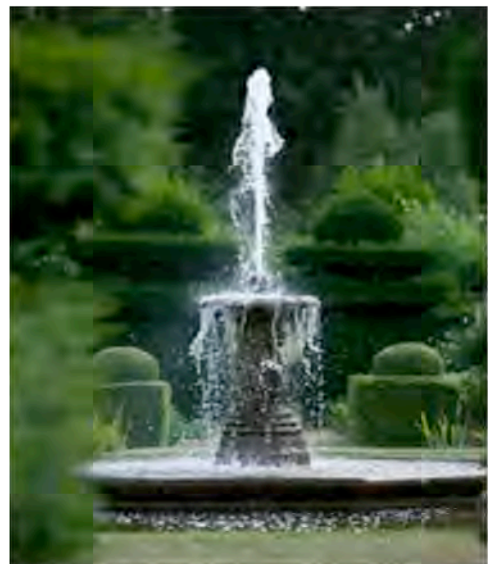
On Thursday 19 July we will be visiting WREST PARK, near Luton, Bedfordshire, coach departs from the Orpen Hall at 9.30am and returns 4.30pm from the venue.

After decades behind virtually closed doors, its treasures overgrown and largely unknown, English Heritage is reviving one of Britain's largest and most important 'secret gardens'. Enjoy miles of reinstated historic pathways as you discover the garden buildings, pavilion and statues. Stroll in the recently restored Italian and Rose Gardens.

£18 members; £20 non-members (includes coach; gratuity and Park)

**For further details and bookings, contact WBGA Treasurer, 44 Pirie Road, West Bergholt CO6 3TA
Tel: 01206 242124 – terryclaydon@aol.com**

The next speaker meeting and AGM will be on 17 September at 7.30pm in the Orpen Hall. Ben Potterton will talk on *'Perennials for late Summer Colour'*. New members and visitors always welcome. If you require information on our organisation please contact the Chair, Valerie Lofthouse, on 01206 855450 or valerielofthouse1@hotmail.co.uk





village bulletin *what's on guide*

Regular Village Events

Sundays:

Prayer Meeting, 10.15am 1st Sunday every month - Methodist Church

Service of Worship, 11am Morning Worship - Methodist Church

9.30am - St. Mary's 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-Nov, Feb-May, 2nd Monday Dec)

SG KARATE, Scout Hut - Mondays 8:30-9:30 pm. £4.00 per class.

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

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, Orpen Hall, Verity Jones 07926 073470

West Bergholt Knitting and Crochet Group is a house group

Meeting 1st Tuesday 7.30pm - 9.30pm. Phone 01206 242015 for details

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

Colchester and District Model Railway Club, 8pm - Armoury Farm,

Phone 01206 826609 (after 7pm) for details

St Mary's Church Open House - 9am @ St. Mary's - coffee, cake and chat with Squeals on Wheels at 9.45ish (music and a bible story for pre-schoolers)

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

5T's at St Mary's Church Hall, "Tea Together on Thursday @ Two Thirty"

an informal gathering, time for a chat with old and new friends. Held

2.30pm -4pm every 1st, 3rd and 5th (when there is one). All welcome.

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)

Open Players, 8pm - Orpen Hall

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

Saturdays:

Morning Prayers, 9.30am-10am - weekly in Methodist Church



CHARITY NO: 299094

It is good to report that the Care Network is thriving and now that more volunteers have been recruited we feel confident that we can respond to most requests for help with the transport.

The Care Network is there to help any residents of the village, whatever their age, to get to appointments if transport is needed and other means are not possible or available. Most of our journeys are to the Doctors' Surgeries or the Hospitals but other local appointments can be considered. 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	Tuesday	242 185
Thursday	240 569	Friday	240 167
Saturday/Sunday		242 075	

We are 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.

The Care Network held its Annual General Meeting in April.

If you are interested and are able to help please contact Harry Stone on 241026.



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.