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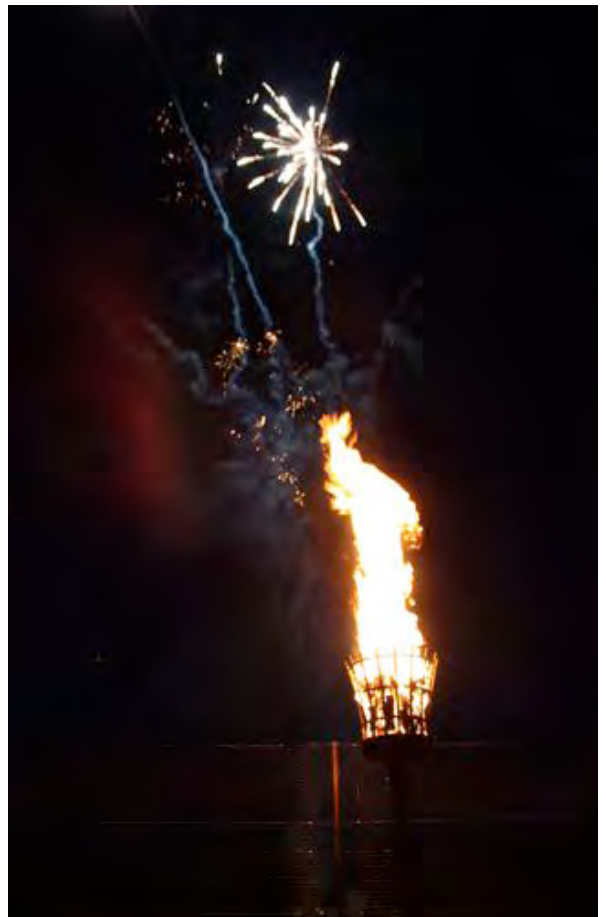
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John Jowers, an Essex County Councillor, opens the Youth Hut with Ciara Harlow and Sam Ryan from Bergholt Youth Group



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Diamond Jubilee Celebrations

It was so rewarding to see residents, relatives and friends get together and enjoy the Diamond Jubilee celebration events that we held in the village. The two events were aimed at getting back to traditional family village activities and gave the opportunity for the village as a whole to get together to celebrate the Queen's 60 years of service to the village, the country and a good part of the world.

The planning started last year when the Parish Council agreed to organise the celebrations. Every village club and organisation was contacted seeking volunteers for the two events. Twenty volunteers attended the first meeting and ideas flowed and a plan took shape. I was hugely impressed by the enthusiasm expressed and the overwhelming desire to make the 2012 celebrations something special to remember.

What started out as a beacon lighting ceremony grew into an evening of music covering the last 60 years. Adrian Leach volunteered to design and manufacture our village beacon. Having made an excellent job of our beacon and mounting it in its temporary location he and his team had to return two days later to remount it when a delivery lorry backed into the structure making it unsafe. The beacon is currently being weather proofed and will eventually be mounted near the village sign as both a memento and we hope for use in future years.

It is thanks to Ian Dickson and his team that our village now has a youth shelter which was formally opened on the same night the beacon was lit. We hope it will be appreciated by our village youth for years to come.

Thanks should also go to the West Bergholt Concert Band led by Graham Wilson who entertained us throughout the evening. Even when temperatures fell they continued to entertain right up to the closing firework display, which for me made it so worth-while in seeing the look of pleasure on the faces of all who attended.

The family fun day seemed to bring out the best in everyone who attended and endured the high winds. The decorated scooter parade from Heathlands to the playing field was a great success. The PTA, Bluebells pre-school and the Bergholt Heath Youth volunteers worked tirelessly to make it a special day.

I would like to thank everyone who helped organise the events and who helped make them a success. There were so many people who volunteered to help, we would need a much bigger village bulletin to list them all. These village events were run and organised by the village for the village. To me this is just another reason why I feel privileged to live in West Bergholt.

John Gili-Ross - Chair West Bergholt Parish Council and a very proud resident.



Murray Harlow, gatekeeper on the day - no going past without his OK



..... *First Letter received*

THE DIAMOND JUBILEE 2012

On Monday 4th June I went to West Bergholt to watch one of the beacons being lit. We also had food (you needed a ticket to get our food and we had one).

When the beacon was being lit I was really close, I even saw the people who lit it. I could feel its warmth, it was fantastic. After the beacon was lit, there were some fireworks.

Throughout the whole party there was a band that played classic songs, modern songs and the national anthem. I had a great time at West Bergholt.

From David Heap aged eleven



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Orpen Players

Needless to say we had bags of fun with "Senior Moments" a Diamond Review by Fiona Hunt. It was great to recall songs, comedy, and nostalgic moments from the past. We hope that you enjoyed it as much as we enjoyed performing it, and Thank You for your continued support.



Our next production is "Dancing at Lughnasa" by Brian Friel. A powerful drama unfolding a tender, poignant and humorous study of life for the five Mundy sisters eking out their lives on the breadline. The story is told through the eyes of a son's remembered childhood. The time is 1936 in Ireland during the annual Festival of Lughnasa when summer brings warmth and happiness to all in the spirit of camaraderie and the joy of kinship. The play is cast, the technical team is assembled and we look forward to seeing you at our ambitious Autumn Show!

Production dates are 25th,26th,27th October 2012.
Book tickets now from Roger Milne on 01206 241048.

3rd West Bergholt Brownies

We have had a very busy summer term starting with a Jubilee Tea Party with the village Rainbows and Guides. We had jam sandwiches, jelly and ice cream and played traditional party games.

Our first badge night was very successful with several girls passing badges - craft, collector, friend to animals were just a few.

At the end of June we went to Thorrington Circus Fun Day. We dressed up and joined in lots of fun activities.

After a couple of weeks taking part in Olympic activities we had our last meeting - a party - when we said goodbye to three girls.

Our leader Snowy is taking her licence with some Brownies at Thorrington this month. We wish them luck and hope they have good weather!

We look forward to getting back together in September
Amber Harlow

PANIC ON TOP FLOOR OF BULLETIN HEADQUARTERS!

At the end of July I received telephone calls asking me if I really was in Spain on holiday. Asking the callers why I was told that emails requesting 1000 euros be sent to Spain to bail me out. Funny I thought - that was until I opened up my computer. Alas all my emails and contact address lines were missing. Yes, that's when the panic started. I took advice from various computer people who have more experience than I do. It turns out that I had a malicious attack and 'they' removed all my details. I understand an email was forwarded to the fraud section at Police Headquarters.

My computer was taken away and the whole system was inspected to try to get rid of the virus that was lodged in the works. Due to the difficulty of the repair it took two weeks. Then the fun began.

I still could not gain access to the web, so had to phone BT. After three days each of two hour calls I managed to get back on to the web.

By then panic had really set in. The Bulletin deadline was looming even closer.

Thankfully there were no more disasters and here is the Bulletin. I apologise to those contributors who have had to send copy in twice. Also for any articles that may have been omitted. Hopefully my computer will be fully up to speed in time for the December edition.

Beware - whilst putting this Bulletin together I have heard that three other residents in the village have had the same problems.

Bernard Colbron, Editor

Copy for the December edition should be received by 1st November 2012.

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Friendship Club

We started the summer session in May with a very interesting talk on Benito Mussolini by Mrs. Frewer. Two weeks later saw twenty members at a local garden centre, where we had a cream tea and a look at the plants, wondering which to buy, a very enjoyable afternoon.



In June we had a talk by the Salvation Army about their work with the homeless in Colchester. Our second meeting in June was a 'Games Afternoon' where members played various games of their choice.

The first meeting in July was a talk by Dorothea Winter about her holiday in Kenya with slides. The last meeting for the summer was a 'Garden Party' at the home of Erika Cole on a beautiful summer afternoon. This was enjoyed by all members.

Our next session starts on Thursday 13th September which will be a talk by Judy Alden on snippets of the Middle East.

We meet at the Orpen Hall every second and fourth Thursday afternoon, between 2pm - 4pm. We look forward to seeing you if you are over 55 years old (men and women).

For further information telephone 240824.



West Bergholt Concert Band

The band's summer term was busier than ever, with three concerts in six weeks and a programme of music from Elgar, Lady Gaga and the Musicals, plus the unusual sight of audiences dancing during our performances.



The first summer event was a surprise addition to the band's timetable, following our invitation to perform at the village's Jubilee celebrations. Having proposed the format of the evening with a '60 Years Of Music' concert followed by dancing to a Swing Band, the latter was hastily formed and quickly rehearsed, but as people were dancing along, we think we got away with it! The whole event was an enjoyable one for the band, so we were glad to be asked to take part.

A couple of weeks afterwards the band returned to the West Cliff Theatre, and as always at this favoured venue the concert was great fun, interactive and really well received, with feedback including 'thanks to the members of the band for another brilliant concert'.

The term then concluded with a return to the beautiful St Peter Ad Vincula Church in Coggeshall, with a programme titled 'The Magic of the Musicals'. Highlights of the evening included local young singer Kathryn Peacock's performance of 'Over The Rainbow' and some wonderful new arrangements of classic and modern show tunes. The concert also included some surprises for the audience, who probably weren't expecting to dance to the Time Warp, but having been 'persuaded' to join in, it turned into a

spontaneously fun moment, with audience members commenting on what a great atmosphere the concert generated. Comments received after the concert included 'Thanks for a wonderful evening - my wife and I thoroughly enjoyed the music and the very entertaining performance'.

After a well deserved summer break, the band returns to its founding mission of promoting music to young musicians, with a series of band experience days at local schools during the term, culminating in 'A Youthful Concert' at St Botolph's on Saturday 24th November. This year's programme features music from Pirates of The Caribbean, James Bond and West Side Story alongside current hits from Michael Buble, Celo Green, Adele and Bruno Mars among others. The youth concerts and experience days are a great opportunity for young brass and woodwind players to experience playing in a fun band with the support of experienced players, so if you would like to join in, please visit our website www.wccb.org to reserve a place.

We will also be holding our termly Open Rehearsal on Friday 21st September which as always is open to all brass and woodwind players.

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



Workers' Educational Association

This autumn term we are looking forward to a course which is rather different from most of the ones that are run in the village. The subject is "Islam in the Modern World" and we are hoping that it will be interesting and informative. Mr Muhammad Manwar Ali, our expected tutor, says it will be "An open and engaging assessment of Islam as a religion and way of life which will establish a sound basis for dialogue with Muslims".

The WEA is a 21st century, democratic, voluntary and non-profit making adult education movement for all adults over the age of 19. We aim to provide friendly, informal and enjoyable courses with expert tutors. You are welcome to attend the first evening before deciding to enrol on the course.

Our course starts on Tuesday 25th September at 8.00 pm and is of one and a half hour's duration. The venue is, as usual, the Methodist Hall and the cost is £45 for ten weeks which remains the same as last year. Some support is available for those on low incomes.

Further information from our Secretary on 01206 240791 or e-mail: hurbal@tiscali.co.uk



Friends of St Mary's Old Church

The friends group has been in existence for nearly a year and an annual meeting of the group was held in the Church on the first of July. After a brief presentation of the progress made so far and the present state of the finances, discussion ranged on what could be done to make more use of the Church. There are several weddings in the pipeline and it is good that villagers want to use the church for their big day. If anyone has plans for a wedding and wishes to use the Church joining the Friends Group is a good start to the process of obtaining the relevant consents.

We have also recently had the Church organ tuned by Mr Andrew Stevens who is a very interesting character. He looks after more than 200 organs nationally and has worked on those in cathedrals such as Norwich and Liverpool as well as the Albert Hall organ. Our own organ was built around 1850 and is still in very good order. The rather damp atmosphere of the building is one reason for its wellbeing. Heat and direct sun are bad for organs it seems. The process of tuning involves removing the large pipes in the front of the organ which then gives access to the several smaller pipes behind. These have small collars on them which can be adjusted up or down to give the correct note. The tuning process relies on the tuner being pitch perfect as each pipe is adjusted in turn. The organ is a pump type so someone has to inflate the bellows to ensure the air is there for the tuning to be completed. The more ornate pipes in the front of the organ have small adjustable vanes in the pipes which are bent slightly to give the correct notes. The whole process takes about forty minutes and culminates in a set piece which proves the tuning by playing every chord on each organ stop. Such music was lovely to hear as the Church has wonderful acoustics but it was quite hard work for the person pumping the thing!

One of the events to celebrate the Festival of British Archaeology 2012 was held at the Church on the 18th July. This was a talk given by the architect Simon Marks who works with the Churches Conservation Trust to ensure the condition of the church does not deteriorate. He spoke about the features of prayer book churches, of which St. Mary's is a good example, and how the interiors were changed from the medieval with the introduction of the new prayer book during the reigns of Edward VI and Queen Elizabeth I. The Church has undergone several alterations since that time, the last in 1928, but more that were planned were not implemented mainly due to lack of funds! It was interesting to learn more about the Church and hopefully more such events can be arranged in the future.

As part of the Olympic opening celebrations, the Church bell was rung on the appointed hour for three minutes. It is probably the first time this has been heard for some time.

The new rotas for opening and closing the Church seem, in the main to be working but we have had the odd time when

the Church has not been opened. For these lapses we apologise but we are all volunteers.

The Churches Conservation Trust has produced a new postcard of the wonderful coat of arms which is on the chancel wall. This was unfortunately whitewashed at some stage in history but the new picture has been digitally enhanced to show what the fresco would have looked like in its prime. It would be lovely to see it restored to its former glory.

Interest in the Church continues to grow with several villagers interested in having their weddings there.

Martin Long, telephone 240443



Allotment News

Visitors to West Bergholt often comment on how lucky we are to have an allotment site prominently placed, so that it is a feature that helps define the character of our village. The site is generally well maintained by about eighty plot holders, most of whom reside in the village, and the management is overseen by an Allotment Committee on behalf of the Parish Council.

The Committee does attempt to monitor the standard of maintenance of plots and does appreciate that the growing season this year has been trying for many plot holders because of the erratic nature of the weather. The things that seem to grow whatever the weather are the weeds and rubbish and so for some wet weekends have made it hard to keep on top of this problem, both on their plots and the surrounding paths.

Each year there is a turnover of about ten plots and some new tenants have found it disheartening to cope with the conditions and given up. To help in these circumstances the Committee is considering the following measures:

- Splitting a limited number of the 5 rod plots in two and letting them out on a trial basis
- Trying to ascertain the gardening experience of new tenants and offering the support of an experienced mentor if required
- For plots that have become overgrown offering more help in strimming and rotovating for a small additional charge on top of the usual rent.

Working a plot has many attractions both to individual families and for maintaining the character of our village. Five rod plots do become available at a very reasonable rent of £14 a year, and less with concessions. At the moment there is no waiting list. If you are interested in finding out more there are details on the Allotment page of the West Bergholt web site or you can contact Terry Claydon on 01206242124 or email terryclaydon@aol.com

Harry Stone (Chairman of Allotment Committee)

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

To the Editor

We would like to thank everyone who has supported us in establishing this local community pharmacy, which has served the village for many years.

This exciting business was once a mini supermarket in which we incorporated a pharmacy in December 1986. It became a thriving place where local people from the village visited to buy their groceries and collect their prescriptions. Over the years the shop was transformed into an open plan pharmacy, where we sought to provide the best possible pharmacy service for the people living in the village and for the community surrounding West Bergholt. Many people in the village who we have known for a number of years have become our very close friends.

It has been a pleasure in providing care for all of you over the past 25 years and we will both miss seeing you 'popping' into the pharmacy. We apologise for the quick exit as we were unable to say our good-byes to everyone and thank you very much for the support.

Mr. and Mrs. Patel



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Colne Valley Flower Club



At our May meeting demonstrator David Wright chose as his subject "Forever Chasing Dreams" with lovely flowers and a good rapport with the audience. Flowers were displayed from an afternoon workshop and commented on by David. A plant sale was held that evening raising £88.65.

In June Linda Harman from Ipswich chose "Pot Luck" as her subject, using interesting flowers and plant material.

The members evening in July was in the form of a workshop with members choosing from two designs, an encouraging and enjoyable evening.

In July, a garden party was held at Pat Kerr's, members enjoying her lovely garden, with £145.75 raised for charity.



Pat Sharman and her team will be arranging flowers at the Frinton Flower Festival on 7th – 9th September.

Plans are going ahead for our 60th Anniversary. Colne Valley Golf Club has been booked for the 20th July 2013.

At the September meeting a demonstration will be given by members in the form of "Ready, Steady, Cook" which should stretch their imagination!

We meet on the third Wednesday of the month at the Orpen Hall 7.30pm. Contact Pat on 01787 227833 or Alison 01206 240262 or just turn up for a meeting.

Bergholt Heath Youth Football Club



After a season of mixed fortunes we say goodbye to John Dixey and his team who are not going forward to play at Under-18. Our thanks go to John and his wife Jackie for their hard work over the years, and we wish the boys all the best. John will continue to look after the club website. We also say goodbye to Dominic Sabini who has achieved so much with his team who are playing in the Under 14 A League next season. As one door closes another opens as we welcome Simon Ashurst as their new manager. Simon has worked with youngsters over at West Bergholt FC and now has the opportunity to manage a team so we wish him all the best.

We are also introducing a team at Under 8 managed by David Lloyd so that we now have two mini soccer teams.

The next item on the agenda is the kick-off barbecue on September 9th at West Bergholt FC's ground. The food starts at around 3.30. More details from your manager or me nearer the time

Leslie Wright, Chairman





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OF THE
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Norman Way, Colchester CO3 3US
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Buses 65, 70, 71C and 88 stop in Lexden Road
serving Colchester North Station, Chelmsford,
Braintree and Halstead.

See online for latest details.




www.colchestermrc.org

Details correct at time of going to press.

First Responders



The West Bergholt Community First Responders are still ticking along nicely. Currently we have eight active first responders who, on average, cover approximately 34 hours a week. In the last year we have responded to 20 calls from the ambulance service.

Our group was formed in 2007 and as a result of this Sue and Phil Walby and myself have been awarded the Queen's diamond jubilee medal for five years service as volunteers for the first responders. A special mention needs to go to Jenni Pizzuto who has given many hours of her time but missed the medal by two months.

Rideouts (shadowing the ambulance crew for a twelve hour shift) are something that we, as responders, are now obliged to do following training and before becoming active. Recently two of our responders have done a twelve hour rideout and have found it a great learning curve.

As a group we have been to Chelmsford to learn about how the Ambulance dispatch works. It was an interesting visit. At headquarters there is a constant flow of calls coming in from the public and it was interesting to see how these were handled by the call takers. The appropriate ambulance is dispatched so the caller does not need to be concerned if the call taker keeps asking questions. The ambulance is dispatched and then the first responder for that area, if available and appropriate, will then be dispatched.

The group are most grateful to Mr and Mrs Catchpole who have offered their home as the venue for our annual testing in September. This requires each responder to be tested individually for at least ½ hour on their life saving skills.

We do have a poster at the Doctors' surgery but we have now supplied them with an electronic message for their waiting room TV information board.

We are always happy to hear from anyone who would like to be trained and join the group. Please visit our website www.west-bergholt-first-responders or call Annie on 01206 240469

Annie Neish Co-ordinator



Nayland Choir

Following our successful summer concert featuring a folk song theme, we're returning classic beauty for our Autumn offering.

The choir will perform a new arrangement of the Fauré Requiem with harp, cello and organ, along with pieces by Mendelssohn and Franck.

The concert will take place on 4th November in St James Church, Nayland.

West Bergholt Football Club



It feels like the season has only just finished, yet by the time this report is published we will be well into the new one. Last season was a major success for the club with the first team carrying on their unbeaten run until the very last match, and finishing as league champions by a comfortable margin. This was a particularly gratifying result, as it was a very competitive season, with several teams in the hunt for the title, so congratulations to players and management alike.

The reserves also deserve praise for a very strong season which saw them finish third in their league, a very credible result bearing in mind that the side is often weakened when providing cover for the first team, so praise also for Jimmy Michie and his squad.

Last but definitely not least, our under 18s in their last season at that level, won the title with an unbeaten season, also reaching the final of the league cup. Let's hope they carry that success with them into senior football, hopefully with West Bergholt.

Pre-season training is well under way, with several friendlies arranged for both teams. Early indications are promising, with most of last season's squad being retained and some new signings in the pipeline.

Jubilee celebrations on the Orpen Field, along with other village organizations, were very successful and I think a good time was had by all.

As always, watch our website for news and dates www.westbergholtfc.co.uk and we look forward to seeing everyone on match days.

Michael Bell, Chairman

Cricket Club

At the time of writing the weather has finally changed and whilst the Olympics is in full flow the cricket season carries on.

So far it has been a successful season on the playing front.

We have three senior men's sides. Our Evening League sides finished third in their league and our Sunday side, who play in the Piri Piri North East Essex Cricket league, are second in their division. The Saturday side plays in the Two Counties league and have already won more games than last season and on the whole have been very competitive in most of their games so far.

The ladies team had their first season in the Beaumont Seymour T20 League, and exceeded expectations. They finished fifth out of six, but only narrowly missed fourth place. With a rain affected season, highlights were a



fantastic away win at Sudbury and a comprehensive 91 run win at home against Mistley. The team have received praise from the established ladies teams in the league for their performance during this debut season. They look forward to developing further next year.

The other highlight of the season has been our club festival which has been attended by hundreds of players and spectators. Thankfully the rain held off and all the matches were played. The highlights on the Saturday being victory by our Evening League side in our 'Bergholt Sixes' competition. For the second year running our U21 side were runners-up. The event has proved ever popular with other club sides queuing up to play, so it was especially pleasing that two West Bergholt sides got to the final.

Many thanks go to Simon and Mary Lockwood and Peter and Wendy Twydell for all the organising and work that goes into making a successful Festival week.

On the Sunday we had our hugely popular Kwik Cricket tournament and this was attended by hundreds of younger players from a variety of clubs and a huge vote of thanks to Mark Eves for arranging this.

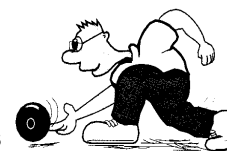
There will be more news on the Colts teams and players in the next newsletter and how the club got on in the forthcoming Treble Tile Cup, being held on Bank Holiday Monday.

As ever, the club is always welcoming new players. If you want to play or just see our beautiful ground then just pop down at a weekend where you will be made very welcome. We are down the lane opposite the Treble Tile.

Peter Twydell

Bowls Club

The summer season is a busy time for the Bowls Club, many friendly games are played against local clubs including Tollgate, Gt. Yeldham, Bures and Boxted.



Competitions were entered at Highwoods and Prettygate, although the club was not a winner this year they gave a good account of themselves.

In July a garden party was held at Fred and Eileen Brown's. A 'Mini Olympics' was its theme and all who came took part to play mini bowls, croquet, quoits, clock golf and others, with 'Gold Medals' awarded at the end of play.

The day was rounded off with a quiz bingo and a lovely tea organised by Nora Bates with ices at the end. A great day with lovely weather was enjoyed by all who came.

We are always happy to make and welcome new friends, so come along and join us at the Orpen Hall, Lexden Road, on a Thursday or Sunday evening 7.15 to 10 pm. I am sure you will enjoy it - call 01206 243301 anytime for information.

Methodist Church

On Sunday 30th September our Harvest Service will take place at 11.00am. Coffee will be served from 10.30am in the church. Everyone is welcome.

The next QUIZ NIGHT will be on Saturday 13th October at 7.00pm Tables of four are £16 and can be booked with Judith on 01206 241969. Light refreshments are included

On November 1st there will be a LIGHT A CANDLE SERVICE in the Church at 7.30pm This short service enables anyone who has a need to remember a loved one recently lost or an anniversary to add their names to the remembrance prayer list.

The special CHRISTMAS COFFEE MORNING will take place on Saturday 24th November from 10am to 11.30am. Come and join us for coffee and mince pies, last minute gifts, cards, cakes and mystery parcels.

All our regular services, meetings and coffee mornings will take as usual.



West Bergholt Women's Institute



President, Susan Leng, welcomed guest speaker, Barbara Faulkner, to celebrate the Diamond Jubilee meeting with members.

She began with a quiz of twenty questions about the Queen. No-one knew she had nine thrones! The evening continued with a sporting game. Barbara then played music for members to sing 'Land of Hope and Glory', 'Jerusalem' and 'Rule Britannia' whilst waving their union jack flags. Everyone was dressed in red, white and blue.

Following tea a winning verse was chosen from the adult entries of the village card competition. This has now been printed, together with the winning drawings from the childrens' two age groups and sent to the Queen from the village of West Bergholt. The card has been reproduced on the back cover for you to see.

July was our annual outing. We visited the Van-Dal factory and outlet shop in Norwich with a tour and gifts for everyone as we left. The coach dropped us in the centre of Norwich to enjoy lunch and all the city had to offer.

The August meeting was well attended and members were entertained by the speaker, John Newmeir, who spoke about 'Unusual Experiences of a Paramedic'. Members were shown knitted squares and crochet work and were encouraged to have a go so blankets can be made for the premature baby unit at the hospital. The evening ended with a game of pictionary which was enjoyed by all.

W.I. in November

It sounds a long way off now, but November will soon be here! Following the success of our Fashion Show in March when visitors from the village came and joined members for the evening, we would like to invite you to join us again on Wednesday 7th November. This time we have a speaker – Mr W R Furnival Jones whose talk is entitled 'The Palace of Knightsbridge', which is, of course, Harrods. The meeting starts at 7.15pm in the Orpen Hall, and £2 is payable on the evening – no need to book – which includes refreshments. *Make a note in your diary now!*

Time is short - book your team in the Bulletin Quiz now

The Orpen Memorial Hall is the venue for the quiz which will be held on Saturday 10th November 2012 starting at 7.30pm.



If your team comes first they will have the honour of holding the Challenge Cup for year, and then trying to win it back the following year.

There will be a raffle. Some refreshments will be available - please bring your own liquid refreshment!

Each table consists of four people to make up a team. They can be from your village club or just good friends as long as one member is a village resident.

The cost for a table of four is £16.

Fill in the application form and send it, with the money, to Susan Leng at 36 Albany Road by 30th October 2012. - so come and enjoy yourselves.

All proceeds will be donated to the *Help for Heros*.

VILLAGE BULLETIN QUIZ ENTRY FORM 2012

Name of Team

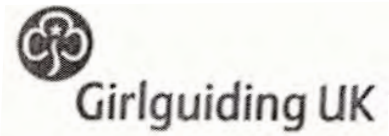
Name of person applying

Address

Phone Number

For each team of four people please enclose a cheque for £16 made payable to *West Bergholt Parish Council*.

1st West Bergholt Guides



At the end of May we made beautiful tiaras to wear at our Diamond Jubilee party on Thursday May 31st. We invited the Rainbows and both Brownie units to join us to celebrate the Queen's Diamond Jubilee. Sadly the weather threatened rain (again) so at the last minute we brought the party inside. We decorated the hall to look like a fifties style party, banners and flags everywhere!

We were lucky and were able to play musical statues outside, followed by a fantastic party tea with jam sandwiches and lots of lovely cakes, all home made. After our party tea we played pass the parcel outside which was enjoyed by all.

We finished the party with two presentations by Mrs Sue Sutton, Division Commissioner and Mrs Susan Leng our Division President, to Ciara Harlow and Eleanor Ringrose who both gained their Baden-Powell Challenge Awards, which is the highest award you can gain in Guides.

Before everyone left they were given a party bag with a few Jubilee goodies to help remember the party. It was brilliant fun and well worth running. I must say thank you to everyone who helped us run the event. *Well Done!*



We have been very lucky this year and have been awarded three Jack Petchey Awards to Natalie Rogers, Hannah Lucey and Emily Blackman for all they have done both in the unit and within the community. We have been able to purchase new tents and help pay for our Cadbury World day trip.

The Guides had an excellent evening pitching and striking two new tents and got all excited when they went inside them. It was a lovely evening and we hope to make very good use of these tents in the future.



We had a fantastic day on Saturday 7th July. The trip to Cadbury World there and back took 3½ hours each way but you would never have known as the Guides kept themselves amused the whole time. It always helps when the coach is comfortable.

Cadbury's was amazing, we started our tour at 12 noon (with a Crunchie and Curlywurlly) which then took us through the history of chocolate (with a few tasters on the way) and then on to how the factory is run and of course where the chocolate comes from. There was also an amusing little car ride which the Guides enjoyed as well as us Leaders!! There were many different activities around the whole tour to ensure everyone enjoyed the experience.

We have now finished for the summer holidays and return to Guides on Thursday 13th September.

Sandra Gates, Guide Guider

St. Mary's Church

Our holiday club for primary school aged children held the Groundbreakers Global Games during the first week of the school holidays, with children competing in the boat race, baton relay and teddy bear podium race, along with making crafts, media tower building and many other activities. The weather and children were fantastic and we all enjoyed learning more about being on Jesus' team.

The whole team pulled together and held the Closing Ceremony, with medals on Wednesday and a bbq and family fun evening.

Many thanks to everyone who helped in anyway to make the three days a great success.

There will be another Groundbreakers around Christmas time – the date yet to be announced so look out for details nearer the time.

30th September is Harvest Festival and Back to Church Sunday. If you have not been to church for a while or if you have never been to church, you are especially welcome to join us on this Sunday morning at 9.30am.

Friday 7th September between 7.30 and 9.45pm is Wired – St. Mary's Youth Group for secondary aged children between 7.30 and 9.45pm.

Saturday 15th September - Seniors lunch will be held in the church hall at 12 noon. If you would like to come, please telephone Murray Harlow on 07989720256 for more information.

We will be decorating the church for Harvest on Saturday 29th September from 9.45am so if you have a couple of hours free on that day or some seasonal produce that we could use to decorate the church we would love to see you.

Our usual pattern of services is as follows:

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

*with BUGs –(St. Mary's Sunday School for primary school aged children)

For more details of church events see *Good News* our church magazine

If you would like a copy of *Good News* delivered to your door please call Kate Wilson on 01206 752056.

Visit our website at:

www.sites.google.com/site/stmaryswbergholt/ or contact us at stmaryswestbergholt@googlemail.com or follow us on Twitter [@stmarysbergholt](https://twitter.com/stmarysbergholt)

Christian Aid

The week of 13th – 19th May saw collectors out around the village collecting for Christian Aid. A total of £2,056 was raised and we are very grateful to everyone who gave up their time to help out.

The Parish Councillors are very keen to develop better communications with village residents so to that end we have installed a Suggestion Box to the left of the notice board outside the Co-op. Many thanks to John Leggett of Hall Road for designing and making the box. We have already had one note put in and one dry biscuit. We welcome more ideas, comments and suggestions but don't need any more dry biscuits or other extraneous items. You can still communicate with any of the councillors using the list and contact numbers at the front of the Bulletin or by email to murrayharlow@googlemail.com or westbergholtpc@googlemail.com

'LOCALISM' comes to WEST BERGHOLT

YOUR INVOLVEMENT IS REQUIRED

What do **YOU** want for the Future of West Bergholt ???

'HAVE YOUR SAY'

We engaged **YOU** with the 'Parish Plan' with success!! - i.e. County Broadband, BYG, Tennis Courts etc.

We need to build on this with the new opportunity of

'THE LOCALISM BILL'

We could develop 'OUR' own NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN!!! It would be used to influence Planning Decisions and implementation as well as use the assets of our village of West Bergholt

This can ONLY work with 'YOU' taking part

GET INVOLVED

**WE ARE HAVING AN OPEN MEETING
ON OCTOBER 6 or 13
in the John Lampon Hall.
PLEASE COME ALONG**

WATCH OUT FOR MORE INFORMATION

- ◆ We now have a Suggestion Box next to the Co-op
- ◆ Our Communications officer is Murray Harlow
- ◆ Contact murrayharlow@googlemail.com
www.westbergholt.net
westbergholtpc@googlemail.com

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 Sports Club

LOGO Competition

As readers will know from recent editions of the Bulletin, the tennis and football games area set up by the former Millennium Sports Club, is now being run by the Parish Council. An Advisory Group has been set up to oversee and operate the facility which is now known as the West Bergholt Sports Club. After the first year of operation under the new arrangements I am pleased to say that there has been extensive use of the facility for football, tennis and occasional basketball with a good mix of casual and subscription usage.



In the first year 20 families have signed up for annual subscriptions which allow unlimited use of the facilities. In addition, the games area is used by three tennis coaches, the football club and members of the BYG. The ability to book ad-hoc usage via the Co-op has been really well taken up and there have been approximately 200 bookings made in this way over the first year.

Moving forward we are keen to ensure that the facility is used by as many groups and people as possible. Having established a good working model, the Advisory Group is looking at ways to expand knowledge of the facility and to promote it.



One of the obvious things lacking from the present way in which we promote usage, is the lack of a logo or motif for the West Bergholt Sports Club. This is where Bulletin readers can help us! We would like to see designs and images submitted to the Advisory Group over the coming two months, such that we can select an appropriate logo or motif. So with this as a general aim here is how we would like to see entries submitted:

◆ logos or motifs need to sum up the activities or health benefits of participating in sport using the games area facilities. This could focus on one activity or a mix. Remember it is not just tennis that can be played on the games area; there is also football, netball and basketball.

◆ logos or motifs should be submitted by members of the village aged 16 or under

◆ logos or motifs can be submitted individually or through organisational groups such as schools, clubs or societies.

We will in any event contact the leaders of known young peoples' organisations and invite them personally to submit designs

◆ Any submission must be capable of being reproduced electronically in the future, since it will appear on newsletters and notices. However as long as the design is of a good standard it can be submitted on paper as well as in digital format. If a paper submission is selected, it can be subsequently scanned for future electronic publishing.

Finally please submit all designs for the new logo to the Advisory Group Chairman Chris Stevenson either by email to cdstevenson@gmail.com or by post to 74 Mumford Road, West Bergholt, CO6 3BL. The closing date for entries will be end of October 2012.

Good luck to everyone who decides to produce a design for consideration. The Advisory Group is hopeful of a good response such that we can use it to promote the continued good use of the facility in the future. For general queries on how to join the Sports Club or how to make an ad-hoc booking please send an email to Gill Simms our membership secretary on wbsc201@hotmail.co.uk

Chris Stevenson, Chair, West Bergholt Sports Club

West Bergholt Gardeners' Association

Members enjoyed a coach trip in May to Hatfield House; an Elizabethan park with a famous Jacobean house and '17th-century character' garden.



In July we visited English Heritage's Wrest Park, near Luton, Bedfordshire enjoying miles of reinstated historic pathways, pavilion and statues.

The next meeting and AGM will be on 17th September at 7.30pm in the Orpen Hall. Ben Potterton will talk on 'Perennials for late Summer Colour'.

Our programme continues as follows:

15 October	Garden Maintenance – Tom Cole
19 November	Small Trees for Small Gardens – Graeme Proctor
10 December	Modern Day Conservatory Plants – Barry Gayton (buffet supper)
18 February	The Magic of Plants – Ric Staines
15 March	Climbers, Creepers and Crawlers – Michael Warren
15 April	Sir Cedric Morris, Iris Breeder – Sarah Cook
20 May	Annual Plant Sale

New members and visitors always welcome. Annual subscription is £10; visitor entry £3. If you require information on our organisation please contact 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)
- Orpen 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

INFORMATION FOR ALL GROUPS

Our new Communications Officer, Murray Harlow, is compiling a list of all the venues and clubs in West Bergholt. He is currently contacting all the groups he can. To make sure your group is included, please contact him on 07989720256



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
Wednesday	247016	Thursday	240 569
Friday	240 167	Saturday/Sunday	242 075

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.



Diamond Jubilee Celebrations - Monday 4th June 2012

The day started with all hands on deck - busy with bunting to hang, tents to setup, clearing the car park and putting finishing touches to the new Youth Shelter. The hog roast was started with salad bowls prepared. The West Bergholt Concert Band was tuning up and people were arriving with their gazebos and chairs. A real festival feeling came over the Lorkin Daniell Field. The Parish Council inspired event was ready!!

The Social Club and the Football Club opened their doors and there was a roaring trade at the bars. John Jowers, an Essex County Councillor, had the pleasure of opening the Youth Shelter officially, supported by Ciara Harlow and Sam Ryan from Bergholt Youth Group.

The Concert Band struck up with all the classics of the "BBC Proms" - great favourites with the crowd. The hog roast was served to the hungry hordes, BBQs were fired up and drinks flowed. At 10.15pm the Beacon was lit and a firework display followed - a never-to-be forgotten evening for all who were there. Next day an army of helpers returned to clear the field.

Many thanks to all who helped make this a grand event.

West Bergholt Family Fun Day - Saturday 16th June 2012

Another day started early setting the Lorkin Daniell field ready for this family Fun Day.

THE WIND WAS BLOWING A 'HOOLEY'

Still the food tents went up. The straw bales were arranged for the display arena. The BBQ stand, the popcorn stand, the bouncy castle, ice cream fridges and sweet stands were all there. The displays from the village organisations were prepared for the crowds. St. Mary's Church and the Methodist Group, the Friendship Club, Bowls Club and other exhibitors were set-up around the arena. The Scouts and History Group set up in the John Lampon Hall. County Broadband set up their sound system and compere Mike Foster was Master of Ceremonies. The WI card winner was announced. The decorated scooter cavalcade arrived from the school to parade around the arena. The Bluebell's "Teddy Bear Picnic" proved a success. All enjoyed their picnic boxes

. . . AND THE WIND BLEW!!!!

In the arena, we had singing, Tug-of-war, Zumba demos, dance and keep-fit displays. The Bergholt Youth Group had various competitions including the use of a football cage. The donkey rides were very popular.

. . . AND STILL THE WIND BLEW!!!!

It was a successful and memorable day for all, organised by the Parish Council and Heathlands School PT A.

Many thanks to all who contributed and who came to help clear up the next day.

From the July Edition of the Village News.





Thanks to Graham Pullen for all Jubilee photos

Dear Sir

A group of residents from Albany Road attended the Diamond Jubilee celebration in the Lorkin Daniell field and enjoyed the event so much that they would like to congratulate all of those who were involved.

So a huge "thank-you" to the organisers, the refreshment providers, the West Bergholt Concert Band and, last but not least, the firework display team for making the evening such a success.

Ray Barnett



This card was produced as part of a competition organised by West Bergholt Women's Institute, as part of the Diamond Jubilee Celebrations.

The pictures were by 9 year old Olivia Knights (cover) and 4 year old Lily Tyler (inside)

The verse was by Susan Barker

WI President, Mrs Susan Leng
36 Albany Road, West Bergholt,
Colchester CO6 3LB

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INSPIRING WOMEN



Copy of the card that was sent to the Queen - see page 14 for further details



Your Majesty,

This card is sent on your Diamond Jubilee with the heartfelt wishes of the people of West Bergholt, Essex

Thank you for your dedication,
Always working for our nation,
Doing lots to aid world peace
Constant schedules without cease.

Enjoy the love, the joy, the cheer,
In this Celebration Year.
West Bergholt folk would like to say
God Speed, Three Cheers, hip, hip Hooray !