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VILLAGE NEWS

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The Magnificent Two.

I would like to think that I speak for the voice of the whole village in saying a big “Thank you” to Dr Stuart Baldwin who retired at the end of March. He will be sorely missed in West Bergholt. 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 have and which serves our community so well. We all owe them a great deal and I am sure everyone will wish them a long and happy retirement.

Annelise Catchpole.

West Bergholt Sports Club

As many of you know, last year the management of the Sports Club (previously known as the MUGA) passed to the Parish Council. An Advisory Group has been encouraging new membership and simplifying the booking procedure (see notice board by the courts for details). A variety of sports can be played but football and tennis seem to be the main ones at the moment, although that could change in the run-up to the Olympics!! An open meeting has been arranged for

Thurs 19th April 7. 30pm In the John Lampon Hall – all are welcome to attend.

Care Network

This is a locally run charity offering help to anyone in the village who needs transport to a medical appointment or other local visit. The organization has been in existence for 25 years and has about 30 volunteers carrying out around 200 jobs a year. We are always looking for additional volunteers and so would welcome anyone interested to our Annual General meeting on **Tues 17th April 7.30 at the Chapel Hall, Chapel Lane.**

Car Parking

Car parking around the school area is often a hazardous problem. The Parish Council offers parents the opportunity to use the Lorkin Daniell car park when wanting to drop off or pick up children from school and walk the short distance to the school. This would help to ease the congestion.

St Mary's Old Church

A group called the Friends of St Mary's Old Church has been established recently. It is a good time to show appreciation to Eileen Bridges and Pam Leggett of Hall Road who have looked after the church for the last 22 years. They have opened up the church in the mornings and closed it in the evenings. They have kept it clean and well furnished with flowers and prepared it for any big events – weddings, christenings and of course the Candlelit Carol service. A big “Thank you” to both of them for all their years of hard work.

Parish Council

The Annual Parish Meeting will be held on **Wednesday 25th April 7.00pm in John Lampon Hall** all villagers are welcome to attend – come and find out what is going on in your village.

If you wish to include any news items for the next issue of Village News in May please contact Jenny Church 240792 or Harry Stone 241026.