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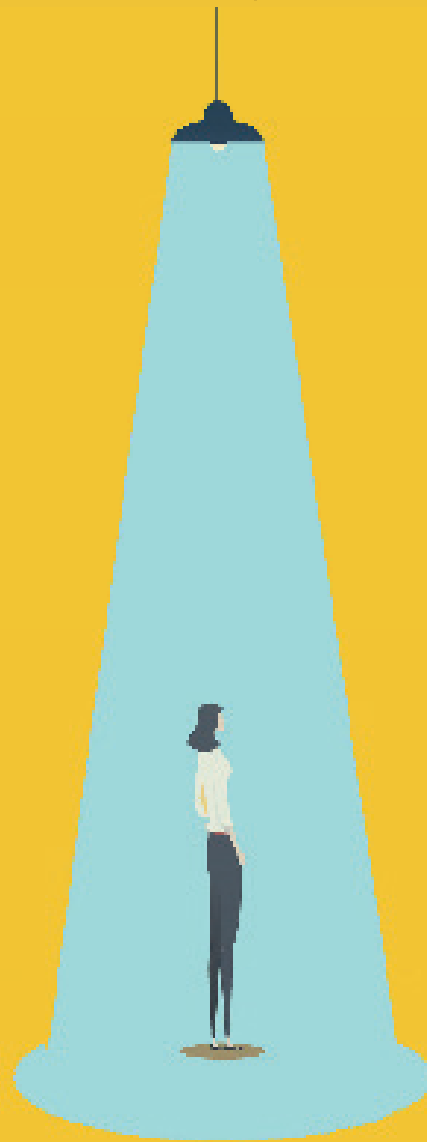
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## Hello...

Welcome to the Winter Bulletin. The weather has definitely turned and the Christmas season is well and truly upon us.

How is it nearly 2023 already?

Inside this wintry edition, you'll find details of the Orpen Players pantomime, a recipe for chocolate biscuits, a christmas themed wordsearch and details of the all-important Welcoming Space being organised by the Care Network that is available to all and maybe incredibly important to some during these troubling times.

We also have something for the little ones in this edition. Santa is off delivering all his presents... Can you find the hidden Santa on each page?

I'd like to say a huge thank you to everyone who has worked on the Bulletin this year to bring it to homes in the village as it is always a big team effort.

Wishing everyone a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

*Jacqui*

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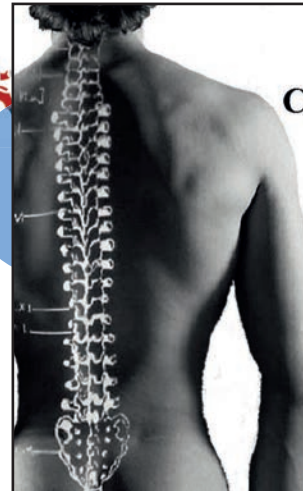
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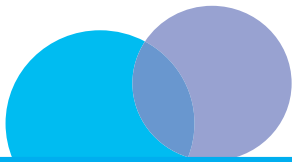
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## First west Bergholt Guides

September's return to guiding brought 26 Girl Guides and 3 Young Leaders, reaching our absolute limit on numbers to remain safe and the leaders to remain sane. We also have a very strong waiting list. It's wonderful that so many girls are attracted to the all-girl, fun, safe space to grow and learn. I'm pleased to be able to say that Great Horkesley Guides on a Wednesday evening still has space to take in new girls and I'm happy to put you in touch with the leaders so your daughters could get straight into guiding if they'd like to.

Last term ended with a great evening of canoeing and giggling. This Autumn term has seen us learn about the history of the Queen's long connection to Girl Guiding, being a Guide herself and starting off Buckingham Palace Girl Guide unit with her sister, and then respectfully marking her passing alongside our community at the Church service in the village.

We have also been on our first night away as a guide unit, with 28 of us staying at Thorington Scout camp and

taking part in a wide range of adventurous activities, alongside our crafts, cooking and experiencing our first big campfire sing song. A great time was had by all, and the girls are already keen to book something else in the diary.

Ahead of us is a trip to Chelmsford Cathedral for a science exhibition, a Christmas cinema trip and, in the new year, sleeping over at Colchester Castle.

Looking a little further ahead, our unit will be celebrating its 70th anniversary in March. We would like to invite previous leaders and guides from West Bergholt to join in this. Watch out for more information as our plans unfold and feel free to be in touch if you would like to help plan the celebration event.

If you are interested in having as much fun as the current leadership team and would like to know more about volunteering in Guiding, please also get in touch and we can share our experience with you.

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## Woods Bowls Club – Braiswick

We've had another enjoyable and successful season, due to the success of our 2021 open day. We entered more teams in the various leagues, enabling newer members to 'learn the ropes' in competitive games. The blend of experience and newer members served our Wednesday Fours B team well, finishing in a mid-table position. Our ladies were also able to enter a team in the Northwest Essex ladies league, something we haven't been able to do for many years due to a shortage of lady players at our club. Whilst they did finish in bottom position, all agreed that the steep learning curve will stand them in good stead for next year.

Our Men's' Triples A team finished Runners-up once again in the Colchester Borough Division, missing out on the title by just 3 points. In the Colchester Borough Fours, our Men's' team finished very respectably in 4th place, an improvement on last season's 5th. Our Men's' Triples B team WON the Colchester Borough Division and will

now join our 'A' team in the top Division next season.

More Success... in the Sudbury Knockout tournaments, a team from Woods ran out victorious in the Triples competition. Another success came in a lady's invitational tournament. In the Colchester Borough knockout competitions, no winners but a very respectable Runners Up prize to a Fours team. They had a great run to the final, beating teams of county players from other clubs and narrowly losing to a team of County AND International players from West End.

Internally we ran 7 competitions this year, more than we have ever done, and the weather this year hampered our green, so the club have invested in both a new mower and a scarifier. We have employed the services of a professional green keeper to assist us during the winter months, before he returns in the spring to help us get the green ready for the new season.

'Roll' on 2023.



## Vocal Zones Choir

You may already know that our community choir has recently been meeting on Tuesday evenings at St Mary's Church. We have a lively 90 minute sing with our fantastic musical director Emma Bishton.

We last sang publicly at the Jubilee Village Fete in June. We thoroughly enjoyed ourselves and loved being able to share our singing with everyone.

The next opportunity to hear us will be at our Christmas Celebration on Friday 16th December at 7.30pm in St Mary's Church. Families very welcome. Raffle and Refreshments available.

Please come and join us for this special celebration. The last time we were able to do this was in 2019!

Would you like to sing? You don't need to be able to read music or have a history of singing. New members are always welcome. You can just come along and have a free taster evening...

The Vocal Zones Choir sessions will restart on Tuesday 10th January 2023 from 7pm. We hope we will see many of you there.

If you have any further queries, please contact Ann Long on 07596 017636 or Julia Richardson on 07775 896494





## Chocolate Christmas biscuits

These easy chocolate biscuits are the perfect Christmas treat that both kids and adults will love.

Prep: 30 mins

Cook: 10 mins

### Ingredients

270g plain flour

50g cocoa powder

120g icing sugar

150g butter

2 eggs

### For decoration

melted chocolate, piping icing, sugar pearls, sprinkles



### Method

#### STEP 1

Mix the flour, cocoa, icing sugar and a pinch of salt in a bowl. Rub in the butter and then mix in eggs. Knead quickly with your hands to a smooth dough. Wrap in foil, press into a flat disc and chill for 30 minutes.

#### STEP 2

Heat the oven to 180C/fan 160C/gas 4. Line a couple of baking sheets with baking parchment. Roll out the pastry on a lightly floured worksurface to about 3mm thin. Cut out shapes from the dough. Put the biscuits on the baking sheets – it's best to put similarly sized cookies together. Bake for 7-10 minutes, depending on the size of the biscuits.

#### STEP 3

Knead the off-cuts of the dough together and chill again for 15 minutes. Roll, cut and bake as before. Cool completely.

#### STEP 4

When cooled, the cookies can be decorated with chocolate or icing and sugar pearls and sprinkles.



## BYG

Since returning last year after its COVID break, BYG has proved more popular than ever. We currently have over 100 children signed up for the current school year (starting September 22) and so far the average attendance has been an amazing 74 children - a new record.

All the usual activities continue and, of course, we are always open to any

new suggestions for both special 'one off' and ongoing events and activities.

The next major event we are looking forward to is our Christmas party/disco on Friday 16 December.

For updates and information please see our Facebook page: [bergholtyouthgroup](#)







## West Bergholt Allotments

Another growing season is almost over and what a dry year it has been! Some of the usual staples were slow to get going but there was plenty of veg in the end. Squashes and pumpkins were smaller than usual due to the drought, but next year we may be bemoaning the wet weather again!

We had the opportunity to dress a window in St Mary's Church again for their harvest festival, so thank you for any donations you made for this event as the window looked lovely.



This year we had fantastic donations of manure from Neil Pulford of Newbridge Mill Farm which were much appreciated, so thank you very much Neil and the helpers involved in bringing it up to the site. Many thanks also to Stuart Meadows for arranging it for us. Next year there

should be some bumper crops!

Plotolders put a lot of time and effort into maintaining the site in such good order and it is a real credit to the village. Unfortunately, we have had some vandalism at the allotments this year and some produce items stolen as well, which is very disappointing.

We have made donations from the Charity Stall proceeds to a lot of local good causes this year, ranging from Girl's football to Hillhouse wood for longer lasting bird boxes. 5T's, FiSH (a new venture to provide food in the school holidays) and the provision of new equipment for young people at the cricket club were also beneficiaries. All this is only possible with your donations at the Charity Stall, so thank you to all who support it.

The Stall is now closed for the winter but will reopen on the 1st March. Please do not leave any donations of items until then.

*Lynda Robinson*



## Colne Valley Flower Club



The Club does not meet in December.

We start our programme for 2023 on Wednesday 18th January. This is our AGM (Membership is not due until the February meeting). Brenda Eyes, who is an Area Demonstrator, is going to give us a talk entitled 'Outdoor Girl'.

Wednesday, February 15th, members

of Sudbury Flower Club are coming to demonstrate to us with 'A Night on the Town'.

We meet at the Orpen Hall, West Bergholt, on the third Wednesday of the month (not August or December). For further information, please contact Manya on 07759 331719 or Alison on 07792 397360



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SESAW takes in not only domestic animals but also wildlife casualties, including sick or injured hedgehogs found wandering during the day. This year, the prolonged dry weather delayed their release into supported sites, so two hedgehogs passed the time by helping increase their numbers to eight! All are now living in suitable areas where our volunteers oversee their welfare.



Hedgehog numbers are falling but

humans can help by supplying drinking water and cat or dog food to eat; never bread and milk. They need gaps under fences to move between gardens and a pile of leaves and twigs to hide under - please check for 'Spike' before you build a bonfire. The British Hedgehog Preservation Society ([www.britishhedgehogs.org.uk](http://www.britishhedgehogs.org.uk)) and People's Trust for Endangered Species ([www.ptes.org](http://www.ptes.org)) provide very detailed help and advice on what you can do.

The evenings are drawing in and it's too cold to stay out but I always grumble when Mother scoops me up to go indoors each night. Anyone who thinks I'm a pushover doesn't know me.

Ollie (the Black) Cat!

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Heathlands, supported by the Parish Council, has signed up to the scheme from the start of the Spring Term in January.

The elements of the scheme are:

### 3PR Parking Zone

An advisory no parking zone will be created outside the school based on an assessment to identify the zone. The 3PR Zone will be identified on a 3PR Parking Map and by lamppost signs throughout the zone.

### 3PR Parking Maps

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including pictures of the common parking problems that occur around the school (e.g. parking on zig zag lines and double yellow lines at junctions).



### Park and Stride

The scheme will identify suitable locations for parents to park their vehicles and walk the remainder of the way to school. This is great for exercise and will help reduce the number of cars near the school gates. Park and Strides can often help form a walking bus, which can increase walking numbers significantly.

3PR Schools receive extra parking enforcement at peak drop off/pick up times to encourage considerate parking.

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## West Bergholt Local History Group

We are now halfway through our programme for 2022/23, and although attendance at the meetings has not been up to precovid levels, it is gradually improving. We have had three excellent speakers with subjects on "Essex Lights", a talk on the navigation aids along the Essex coast, "Sutton Hoo", and "Colchester: 1880 -1980".

We begin the New Year with "Ipswich Transport Museum". Martin Long will be talking about this excellent museum on January 11th, followed by Pip Wright on February 8th speaking about "History Through Local Newspapers". The AGM

is on March 8th and Steve Pollington who spoke on Sutton Hoo has kindly agree to return the subject to be decided nearer the date.

All history group meetings are in the Orpen Hall on the 2nd Wednesday of the month and all are very welcome. Why not come along and see for yourself? At present, members pay £2 per meeting and visitors £4.

We do need members and visitors to support the History group if it is going to continue after March 2023. Costs are continually rising and we are in real danger of closing after this date. [wbllocalhistorygroup@gmail.com](mailto:wbllocalhistorygroup@gmail.com)



## Women's Institute

On September 6th, members travelled for a Deben river cruise, which was enjoyed with perfect weather, followed by a lunch at the Maybush Inn.

The vice president took the September meeting and welcomed a new member. The speaker was Designer, Amanda Sutherland with her talk entitled 'My Creative Journey' about her journey from college days to the present time. Members were amazed at the number of articles she brought with her, including delightful jewellery made from drink cans and then painted. There were necklaces, open fingered gloves, scarves, hats and fascinators which we were given the opportunity to purchase from this very talented lady.



A Harvest Supper, prepared by the committee, was enjoyed by members in October. A seasonal quiz followed, with winner, Julia Richardson, receiving a small pumpkin.

Six long standing members were presented with a voucher and a framed certificate acknowledging their commitment and dedication to our W I. Clarice Chittenden and Joyce Hollock 52 years, Jan Lumb 51 years, Barbara Buckley 50 years, Jacqui Hunns 46 years and Susan Leng 40 years.



Four members attended an invitation from Nayland WI 'Open Meeting' to hear their guest speaker, Helen Hillier, talk about cut flowers, arranging them and propagation.

The monthly coffee morning at the Queen's Head is well attended and monthly play reading is popular.

In November John Worland is our speaker with his talk entitled 'The Extraordinary Story of Ursula Kemp' who was hanged as a witch in 1582.

New members always welcome to visit on the first Wednesday of each month at 7.15pm in the Orpen Hall.

## West Bergholt Surgery

Covid booster and flu vaccinations are available for patients who are eligible: anyone over 65 years old, and anyone aged 6 months-65 years old with a chronic disease such as asthma, diabetes, COPD. This year, the Government also added that anyone aged between 50 and 65 years old can have the flu vaccine. If you have not been contacted by the surgery for your flu vaccination and would like to have one, please contact us to make an appointment.

We continue to offer appointments in the evenings and Saturdays as part of our enhanced access service.

We are still hosting a dementia café for patients with dementia and their carers.

We send out invitations to those patients who are eligible and offer a range of speakers providing information on different support services.

Our Christmas and New Year opening times are as follows:

Open - Friday 23rd December 8am-6.30pm

Closed - Monday 26th and Tuesday 27th December.

Open - Wednesday 28th December 8am-6.30pm.

Closed - Monday 2nd January 2023

Open as normal from Tuesday 3rd January.

Please keep an eye on our website for any updates regarding opening hours.



## West Bergholt Gardeners

Unfortunately, our programme of meetings did not begin as planned in September because the date coincided with the additional Bank Holiday called for the funeral of Queen Elizabeth II, and then the postponed meeting had to be cancelled due to the illness of the booked speaker.



Consequently, the meeting in October was the first of our new season. Thirty nine members enrolled and listened to an interesting and informative presentation on "Gardening with Climate

Change" by Jim Paine from Walnut Tree Nursery in Attleborough, a topic which was very relevant to the changes of weather we have been experiencing, especially during this past year. He explained how these patterns linked to rising global temperatures had emerged and how they would become the norm in the future. He then went on to suggest ways of managing and planting our gardens and also of caring for the wider natural environment to conserve and

protect native flora and fauna as temperatures rise.

The evening concluded with a short AGM, when the Chairman and Treasurer reported on matters concerning the administration of the Association, followed by a general discussion on the format of future meetings and visits.

Our next meeting took place on 21st November, when the talk by Chris Wiley from Sow Successful was about "Snowdrops" and on 24th November members and guests visited Hyde Hall for the annual "Glow" light show. Finally, we end the year with our Christmas Quiz Night on 12th December.

We do not meet in January so our first meeting of 2023 will be on 20th February and the speaker, Mike Lavelle, a lecturer from Writtle College, will be advising us on the "Do's and Don'ts for February Gardening".

Meetings are held in the Orpen Hall and start at 7.30 pm. Annual Membership fee is £20 or £5 per evening for Guests.

For more information, email [wbgardeners@gmail.com](mailto:wbgardeners@gmail.com) or telephone Terry Claydon on 01206 241256.



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## West Bergholt Baby & Toddler Group

We are a community group run by parents, many of whom have been coming to the group since their eldest were babies. When you first join us, we will always aim to introduce ourselves as well as being a friendly and approachable, so please ask if you have any questions. We meet at St Marys Church Hall, West Bergholt, every Monday morning during term time between 9.30-11.15am.

Every week there will be a variety of toys available for different age groups. We have different areas, including a reading space, a dedicated area for babies and a role play/cafe section. We also try to have a craft activity each week, linking into different events during the year. Snacks will always be provided for the children along with hot drinks for adults. We are very lucky to be supported by a wonderful group of ladies from the local community who help serve the drinks.

The cost is £2 per family, per week, and this covers all activities and snacks. We have a Christmas and Summer Party, which may have a small additional

cost.

As the group is run by volunteers we are always looking for extra pairs of hands. This can be as small as helping with set up or a larger role in the committee.

We regularly update information on Facebook and have a WhatsApp group which is used for last minute information, as well as keeping you informed of what is happening at our group.

On the run up to Christmas we will be having local businesses come into visit us, including Nay Nay Makes and Pink Parrott Pottery. We finish on Monday 19th December with our Xmas Party, including a visit from Father Christmas!

**WEST BERGHOLT Baby & Toddler GROUP**

Mondays 9.30am - 11.30am (Term time only)

£2 per family (Includes drink and a snack)

St Mary's Church Hall (Limited parking available)

Starts 6th September 2021

St Mary's Church, Church Close, West Bergholt, CO6 3JE

facebook.com/groups/wbbtg  
westbergholt@btinternet.com

## DISTRIBUTORS NEEDED

Could you help to deliver the Village Bulletin?

We're currently in need of more volunteers to distribute the quarterly magazine around the village.

If you feel you could help, please contact Victoria Beckwith-Cole 07434 949631 westbergholthall@gmail.com





## A warm, welcoming space in West Bergholt

Over the past couple of years, volunteers with the West Bergholt Care Network have become aware that there are many people in the village who would welcome a relaxed social space where they could go during the day. With prices rising and people facing difficult financial choices, we felt that demand may even increase this year.

After very helpful discussions and joint working with the Parish Council, the church and the trustees of West Bergholt Social Club, the Care Network committee are excited to be able to offer residents a "Warm Welcoming Space" in the village over this winter.

On Monday and Friday each week, the social club meeting room at the Orpen Hall is now open to everyone in the village between 9.30am and 12.30pm.

Free coffee, tea, biscuits and wifi are available, and all age groups are very welcome – although under sixteens must be in the company of an adult.

There is no membership, entrance fee, or booking required – simply turn up with friends, meet others or just enjoy a little time alone – the 'warm welcoming space' can be whatever you want it to be.

Care Network Volunteers are on hand to help you settle in and to answer any questions you may have.

Transport to the venue can be arranged via the Care network if needed - call 0300 777 3100 to book. Or you can contact the Care Network for more information about the 'warm, welcoming space' by emailing [carenetworkwestbergholt@gmail.com](mailto:carenetworkwestbergholt@gmail.com)



### All Welcome



## A Warm Space in West Bergholt this Winter

West Bergholt Care Network and the Parish Council are working together to offer residents a "Warm Welcoming Space" over this winter.

**Mondays & Fridays 9.30am to 12.30pm**

Social Club Meeting Room, Orpen Hall,  
Lexden Rd

Tea, coffee & biscuits, and free WIFI will be available, everything is free of charge, no membership or booking is required, and all age groups are welcome.

Meet others, come with friends, or enjoy a little time alone - the warm space can be whatever you want it to be.

Transport can be arranged via the Care Network if needed.

Contact [carenetworkwestbergholt@gmail.com](mailto:carenetworkwestbergholt@gmail.com) for more

information  
or call **0300 777 3100**  
to book transport.





## The Tom Bowdidge Youth Cancer Foundation

How can it be December already? What a year it has been for so many. TBF has been kept busy throughout and reached record-breaking pleas for help. We have been able to provide the support needed thanks to YOU, our wonderful supporters. You embrace all the events with such enthusiasm and generosity, and we are so grateful.

Thank you to Jo Beck for organising the Pumpkin Hunt and Autumn Sale Trail once again. We had a fantastic number of stall holders, and it was great to see people walking around the village supporting our villagers.

Hopefully you are reading this before Sunday 4th December because there is still time to come to our first Santa Paws walking event. Set in nine acres in St Mary's Lower School and beyond, we have been given permission to go on areas not available to the public.

Bring your dogs and dress in up festive

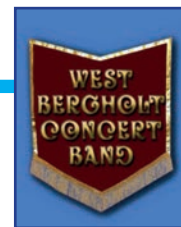
clothing. There will be a free Santa hat for adults, reindeer antlers for children and a bandana for the doggies. Go to [tombowdidgefoundation.org](http://tombowdidgefoundation.org) for more information.

We are presently planning The Feather Ball which will be held on Saturday 25th February in the stunning setting of Braxted Park. It is a wonderful event and if you have never been before then please consider coming along; we would love to welcome you. Contact Nikki at [nikkibowdidge@tombowdidgefoundation.org](mailto:nikkibowdidge@tombowdidgefoundation.org) to book a table.

Much of our work this year has been centred around problems caused by the Cost-of-Living crisis. We are making sure there is food on the table, heating in the house and comfortable bedding for our young teenagers living with cancer. YOU help make this happen. Thank you.

Merry Christmas and a happy, healthy New Year from us all at TBF.





## West Bergholt Concert & Training Band

West Bergholt Concert & Training Band are looking forward to our Christmas Concert (St Botolph's Church, Saturday December 17th) even more than usual, as this year we'll be joined by Heathlands School Choir for a very village-y Christmas. As well as singing some festive treats on their own, the choir will be leading the audience carols and joining with the band for some specially arranged Christmas classics for band & choir. Tickets will be available on the door, and as always will be in aid of charity.

Prior to that, the band have had their usual busy autumn, with a number of the band taking part in the village Remembrance Service, and both bands involved in the latest of our schools events. This year we're joined by young musicians from the Gilbert School for a programme themed around Heroes & Villains, with music from Batman, Star Wars, Raiders,

Pirates, and many more.

As well as being great fun, these events help to recruit young players into the band, maintaining the balance of all ages which is key to the band's success.

We're also looking ahead to the band's 45th anniversary in 2023, with our first concert of the year on Sunday March 5th at Clacton's West Cliff Theatre, featuring some of our favourite pieces from across the band's long history.

As always, the band remains open to Brass & Woodwind musicians of all ages and abilities, and is a fun & friendly way to improve your playing. Anyone can come and try Training Band (Grades 1-4), Concert Band (Grade 4+) or both, and we can even send you links to practice copies of the music. For more information on the band, please visit the band's website ([www.wbcb.org](http://www.wbcb.org)) or email us at [Conductor@wbcb.org](mailto:Conductor@wbcb.org).



## The Friends of Hillhouse Wood



Wednesday 7th December sees the 28th Annual General Meeting of the 'Friends' in the John Lampon Hall at the rear of the Orpen Memorial Hall complex. We usually have a guest speaker, and this year it's Dougal Urquhart, who was an Essex County Council Ranger for Chalkney Wood between 1983 and 2019.

As friendly 'Friends' we are more than happy to welcome anyone to this event. Please therefore don't hesitate to turn up - you don't have to be a member to attend. (You'll just miss the pleasure of

voting!)

Whilst the meeting commences at 7.30pm, light refreshments will be available from 7.00pm, and also following the close of formal business and before Dougal gives his presentation. So, why not come along, hear what's been happening in the Wood and meet others from West Bergholt and around who care about it?

*Andrew Savage*  
*Chair of The Friends of Hillhouse Wood*  
*[andrewsavage123@googlemail.com](mailto:andrewsavage123@googlemail.com)*





## St Mary's Church

As we venture into shorter days and longer nights and the weather begins to cool, many of us struggle, and this can be compounded by the world news. It can feel as though there is little to be cheerful about. But there is always hope!

We are in the season of Advent and preparations for Christmas are well underway as we prepare to celebrate Jesus coming into the messiness of this world, as a baby, to be our saviour: God with us, Emmanuel. So even when we are struggling, Jesus always brings us hope. May God bless you this Christmas, Rev. Heather.

We look forward to welcoming you to our Christmas Services, and especially look forward to returning to the Old Church after the break due to Covid.

Carols by Candlelight at the Old Church – Sunday 18th December at 2.30pm

Christmas Eve Services (Saturday 24th December)

- Crib Service at 3pm at St Mary's;
- Carol Service at 6.45pm at St Mary's;
- Midnight Communion at 11.30pm at All Saints' Church, Great Horkesley.



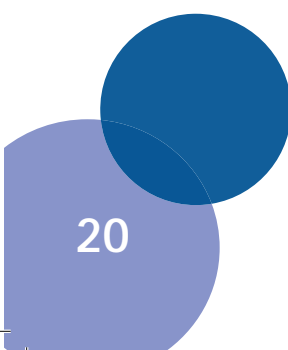
Christmas Day Services (Sunday 25th December)

- Christmas Celebration Service at 9.30am at St Mary's

Throughout Advent, Mary, Joseph and a donkey (knitted) will be visiting homes around the village. If you would like to offer them a place of shelter for a night or would like more information, please contact Heather on 01206 240906 or RevHWilcox@outlook.com

Finally, a date for your diary: Saturday 28th January 10am-12 midday. The church will be open for tea, coffee, bacon butties, cakes, reading newspapers, games and a Traidcraft stall. All are welcome.

For information on all our regular services and special events, please visit our website [stmaryswestbergholt.co.uk](http://stmaryswestbergholt.co.uk) or follow us on Facebook. You can also receive an electronic copy of our monthly newsletter by emailing [lizdixon177@gmail.com](mailto:lizdixon177@gmail.com)





## The Orpen Players

Our Autumn Production "They Came From Mars and Landed Outside The Farndale Avenue Church Hall In Time For The Townswoman's Coffee Morning" brought many smiles and laughter from our audiences, and everyone appeared to enjoy this very amusing comedy. You have to be good to make it look bad, so a very well done to Michael Poole (director) and his amazing cast!

Next up is our Pantomime "Aladdin". Written by our very own Catherine Streatfield who has included some colourful characters to add to the fun.

It's going to be a cracker so make sure you make a date in your diaries for this one.

Performance dates: Sat 28th January Matinee + Evening, Sun 29th January Matinee, Fri 3rd February Evening, Sat 4th February Matinee + Evening.

We hope to see you there and thank you for your very valuable support.



## Friends of St Mary's Old Church

The church was shut for a few weeks in the summer as the contractors rectified some issues found with the recent redecoration. We've been advised that such is the age of the building there will always be such issues as the fabric changes over the years. The Friends seek to ensure that these are minimised so that the building will be available for future generations to use and enjoy.

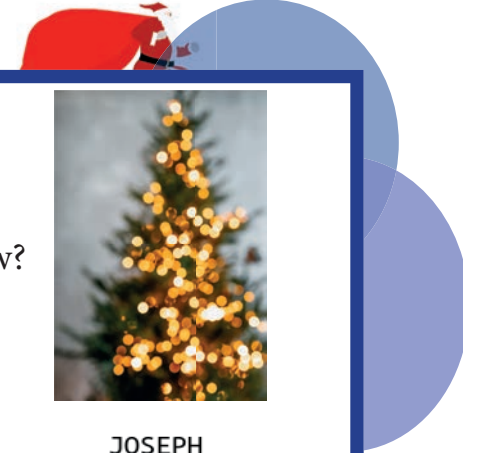
A number of planned events to raise funds sadly had to be cancelled due to outside influences. We will be hosting the annual village Carol Service on the 18th December at 2.30pm. This is always a popular event and early arrival is recommended to ensure a seat.

Christmas cards featuring the Old Church, which are great to send to former village folk, are available again from our event or from 29 Lexden Road.

The Friends group is open to all who love the church and support the endeavours of the group to see it used and become a focal point in the community. We hope to make the building the jewel in the crown of our wonderful village. A modest membership fee of £5 is charged which does not bring any benefits other than the knowledge that you are helping to keep the old place alive for generations to come.

*Martin Long*  
Chairman  
Friends of St Mary's Old Church  
01206 240443





# Bulletin Wordsearch

Can you find the 24 Christmas-related words in the puzzle below?

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- SANTA
- PRESENTS
- STAR
- ANGEL
- BETHLEHEM
- MYRRH
- SHEPHERD
- BAUBLE

## Bergholt Heath Football



This season started with Bergholt Heath fielding 11 teams of boys and girls, and an all girls team competing at Under 9 age group in the Essex Girls League - we welcome Emma to the club as manager. We already had an all girls team competing at Under 7, but they are in the Colchester & District Youth League so play against mixed and all boy teams as well!

We have new managers for our other new Under 7 teams - Ben and Steve, so a warm welcome to them as well as those that continue to progress with their teams.

Jamie is running the Academy (with a

bit of help!) so all is well!

Of course the players had an interesting dilemma at the start of the season as fixtures were postponed for a week to allow the pitches to become playable after the dry conditions.

We look forward to the rest of the season and are pleased to see that the Parish Council are considering providing facilities on the Poors Field, where we will have the opportunity of collaborating in the subsequent decisions.

This should all help in the exciting development of our club.



# WEST BERGHOLT PARISH COUNCIL



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RFO:	Andrew Savage			
Councillors:	Manya Barrow	Sara Cullis	Joel Fayers	John Gili-Ross
	James Owers	Katie Pulford	David Short	

Parish Council meetings are held at the Orpen Hall Complex every fourth Wednesday of each month except August and December, at 7.30pm unless otherwise advised (see notice boards). During the meeting the public are invited to raise any issue for consideration by the Parish Council during the "Questions from registered electors" item.

For general enquiries, email the Parish Council using [westbergholtpc@gmail.com](mailto:westbergholtpc@gmail.com) or telephone the Clerk on 07726 424419. Contact made in this way will be dealt with by the Clerk or forwarded to relevant Parish Councillors. For specific enquiries about matters dealt with committees, email the contacts provided below, although please also copy to the Clerk.

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A daily diary of village events can be found on the home page of our village web site at [westbergholt.org](http://westbergholt.org)

# Village Notice Board

## Sunday

**Service of Worship, St Mary's Church**  
**Bowls Club**, 7.30pm Orpen Hall.  
Contact John Rookard, 01206 626045

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## Monday

**Bluebells Preschool**, 9.15am - 3.15pm, Orpen Hall.  
Contact Jackie Leach 01206 241677  
**Baby & Toddler Group**, 9.15-11.15am.  
Term time only. St Mary's Church Hall.  
**Kelly's HIIT**, 9.30am, Scout Hut.  
Contact Kelly 07453 859583  
**WB Cubs**, 6.30pm-8pm Scout Hut.  
Contact Kevin Sturdy 01206 240549  
**Gardeners Association**, 7.30pm 3rd Monday.  
Contact Terry Claydon 01206 241256  
**SG Karate Club**, 8.30pm-9.30pm Scout Hall.  
Contact Stuart Glister 01206 365150

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## Tuesday

**Bluebells Preschool**, 9.15am - 3.15pm,  
Orpen Hall.  
Contact Jackie Leach 01206 241677  
**Pilates**, 6pm, Orpen Hall.  
Contact fleur.parks@gmail.com  
**Kelly's HIIT**, 6.30pm & 7.30pm, Scout Hut.  
Contact Kelly 07453 859583  
**Vocal Zones Choir**, 7pm, St Mary's Church Hall.  
Contact Ann 07596 071636 or Julia 07775896494  
**Badminton Club**, 8pm-10pm Orpen Hall.  
Contact Ian Hersey 01206 243378/07754140707

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## Wednesday

**Bluebells Preschool**, 9.15am - 3.15pm, Orpen Hall.  
Contact Jackie Leach 01206 241677  
**Ladies Afternoon Badminton**, 2.30pm - 4pm  
Orpen Hall. Contact Kathy Bamforth at  
kathy.bamforth@gmail.com  
**WB Beavers**, 5pm - 6.15pm, Scout Hut.  
Contact Kevin Sturdy 01206 240549  
**Women's Institute**, 1st Wednesday, 7.15pm,  
Orpen Hall.  
Contact Jacqui Hunns 01206 240712  
**WB Scouts**, 7.30pm - 9.30pm, Scout Hut.  
Contact Kevin Sturdy 01206 240549  
**Colne Valley Flower Club**, 3rd Wednesday,  
7.30pm, Orpen Hall. Contact 01206 241155  
**Parish Council Meeting**, 4th Wednesday, 7.30pm,  
John Lampon Hall

**History Group**, 2nd Wednesday, 7.30pm,  
Orpen Hall, (visits between April & September).  
Contact Gill Poole 01206 240512  
**W.B. Scouts**, 7.30pm-9.30pm, Scout Hut.  
Contact Kevin Sturdy 01206 240549

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## Thursday

**Open House**, 9.00 -11.00am (in term time),  
St Mary's Church Hall  
**Bluebells Preschool**, 9.15am - 3.15pm, Orpen Hall.  
Contact Jackie Leach 01206 241677  
**5T's**, 2.30pm-4pm Weekly, St Mary's Church Hall.  
**Kelly's HIIT**, 6.30pm, Heathlands School.  
Contact Kelly 07453 859583  
**Bowls Club**, 7.30pm Orpen Hall.  
Contact John Rookard 01206 626045  
**Colchester & District Model Railway Club**, 8pm,  
Armoury Farm.  
Contact [www.colchestermrc.org](http://www.colchestermrc.org)

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## Friday

**Bluebells Preschool**, 9.15am - 3.15pm, Orpen Hall.  
Contact Jackie Leach 01206 241677  
**WB Concert Band**, 6pm-7pm (Training) 7pm-9pm  
(Band), Heathlands School.  
Contact Karen Wilson 01206 824157  
**WB Cubs**, 6.30pm-8.00pm, Scout Hut.  
Contact Kevin Sturdy 01206 240549  
**Bergholt Youth Group (BYG)**, Alternate Friday,  
6.30pm-8pm, John Lampon Hall.  
Jamie Bowden 07581 202960  
**Wired**, 1st Friday, 7pm-9pm, St. Mary's Church  
Hall.  
Contact Mark Partridge 01206 241617  
**Orpen Players**, 8pm Orpen Hall.  
Debbie Hornigold 01206 242111

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## Saturday

**NEEGOG Model Railway Club**, 2nd Saturday,  
2pm, St Mary's Church Hall.  
Contact Martin Long 01206 240443  
**Kelly's HIIT**, 9am, Daniel Lorkin Field.  
Contact Kelly 07453 859583

