

# *Village Bulletin*

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& Village Fete - Save the date!

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# West Bergholt Parish Council Update

Dear All,

By the time you read this we hope you will see the roof on the WB Community Hub, its completion imminent, and opening before the next Bulletin!

In the foundations we have buried a time capsule containing photos, information about the village, money (which let's face it might not even exist when it's opened!), etc, to give those that open it in decades to come a glimpse of life in 2025.

Something the capsule readers will discover is that Richard and Nikki Bowdidge have been awarded MBEs for their dedication to the foundation set up in their son Tom's name. Congratulations to both on behalf of all the village.

Two new Parish Councillors have also joined the PC, Veronique Tyler and William Pigeon, both of whom you will probably know already from their village businesses. We welcome both and look forward to working with you.

We hope you will have seen the new inclusive roundabout in the Lorkin Daniel playground, funded by s106 monies (from house building) and a donation from Bluebells from monies raised at last year's Fete.

The balance was funded from the ring-fenced Parish Council's NP Implementation Plan fund, the 24/25 PC Projects budget and the Lorkin Daniell Field Charitable Trust.

We would just take this opportunity also to let you know the precept (council tax) the parish council has requested from Colchester City Council will be going up in the spring by 6p a week. Like all tiers of government, we have to follow prescribed pay scales, but unlike all other levels of government, parish councils have not been offered any relief from the Chancellors' increase to National Insurance! To keep to this minimal increase we have reduced our project and grants budget to £14,000, but

rest assured we have maintained the same level of grants we make available to local groups.

One date for your diary is this year's Annual Parish Meeting, which will be held on Wednesday 23rd April in the Orpen Memorial Hall. We cannot announce the names of the speakers as they have not confirmed yet, but it is always a great opportunity to have your say, so please come and ask your parish council questions.

After the Annual Meeting, Thursday 8th May will see 2025 marking 80 years of Victory In Europe. A commemorative event will be marked in West Bergholt, as over the rest of the country, by holding events around the lighting of the beacon on the Lorkin Daniell field. Please look for event advertising nearer the time.

One thing we are certain about, with great anger and regret, is any progress by Essex County Council on constructing a safe means of crossing and speed reduction measures on Colchester Road. Our latest communication from ECC is an apology that there has not been a comprehensive review following our petition submission in October! Disappointing to say the least.

Finally, please also note the logo at the top of the page. WB Parish Council has been awarded the Gold award in the Local Council Award Scheme, currently the only parish council in Essex to hold this level!

Best wishes

**Brian Butcher**

**Chair West Bergholt Parish Council**





## *Hello...*

After a rather grey and very chilly winter, it looks like Spring has finally sprung, with daffodils in bloom and the trees stirring back to life. Soon it will be time for pancakes and chocolate eggs, not necessarily together!

In May, the village commemorates the 80th anniversary of Victory in Europe, with events around the lighting of the beacon. We also have the Village Fete in June, so make sure you save the date!

We also have news of a new addition to the Orpen Playground, fabulous pictures from the Orpen Players Panto, Easter events at St Mary's Church and save the date for the West Bergholt Cricket Festival.

There's a lot happening over the next few months!

*Jacqui*

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## Vocal Zones Choir

Dear Readers,

Once again, Vocal Zones held its annual Christmas concert on December 20th in St Mary's church. Our choir director, Emma Bishton, chose a variety of songs and carols that suited all ages.

We had a fun evening and would like to thank our audience for attending. It's always appreciated. The singing was followed by a raffle, a glass of mulled wine/soft drink and, of course, a festive mince pie.

As we look to the spring and better weather, the

choir committee are considering the options available for a spring or summer concert. We will keep you updated with any decisions.

Our Tuesday evening sessions started again in January and we were very happy to welcome a couple of new faces. If you're interested in joining a choir, do come along for a free taster session. Everyone is welcome!

We meet every Tuesday in term time at St Mary's Church in West Bergholt at 7pm. Please visit our website **[vocalzoneschoir.co.uk](http://vocalzoneschoir.co.uk)** for more information.

## Friends of HillHouse Wood

We're looking forward to our Spring events. This year, the 'Spring Flowers Walk' will be held on Saturday 26th April, starting from outside the Old Church at 2pm. The following month, the 'Dawn Chorus' event takes place on Saturday 10th May, meeting at 3.45am!

Further information will be provided nearer the time.

Something you will notice on our posters is that a QR code is now included. This provides a direct link to our website – it couldn't be easier!

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## Colne Valley Flower Club

Despite the weather, the flower club got off to a good start with its AGM in early January. The existing committee were voted in again and were delighted to have a new member, Christine Attmere, join them; an experienced horticulturist who brings great experience from which the whole club will benefit.

The meeting was followed by a talk from Dan Trussler, Vital Health, who gave an enlightening talk on helping to manage pain safely and effectively without medication.

In February, we welcomed a new demonstrator, Angelika, who gave an interesting and entertaining evening on "A wild Kitchen". Food for thought.

Now what's on for the next few months?  
In March we are looking forward to being

joined by florist Lisa from our very own village flower shop, Lily & Fern. I'm sure we are in for an informative and engaging evening and some beautiful arrangements.

- April 16th - Terri Potter, "Diary of a Floraholic"
- May 21st - Elaine Boubier, "My life in flowers"
- June 18th - Garden Visit, Bucklers Farm

We meet regularly on the third Wednesday of the Month in Orpen Hall at 7.30pm, where we host demonstrations, workshops and organise garden visits.

We welcome new members and guests and you will be sure of a warm and floral welcome.

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# West Bergholt Parish Council

## Solar Panels and Storage Batteries – are they right for me?

### Showcase Event at the Orpen Memorial Hall

**Wednesday 12th March 2025**

**Doors open 7pm for 7:30pm start**

It was mentioned last year that a public event would take place in the Orpen Memorial Hall to provide information on a scheme that provides the opportunity for residents to obtain Solar Panels and Storage Batteries without any upfront costs.

The scheme in this case is provided by Essex Community Energy (ECE) which was set up with support from Essex County Council. It will provide a pay-as-you-go option where the hardware remains in the ownership of ECE, but with the household purchasing solar energy at an affordable rate while buying their remaining energy requirement from a retail supplier as normal.

As an alternative, there will also be a customer-funded option.

The event will consist of around 40 minutes of presentations followed by a Question-and-Answer session. This should ensure that any questions that you may have (such as 'what happens if I want to move home?' and 'how much will it cost me each month?') will be answered.

Please note that free refreshments consisting of wine, soft drinks, tea, coffee and cake will be provided.

Please do pop in – hopefully you will find it very interesting.

**Andrew Savage**  
**Chair**

### **Climate Change Working Party**

*(Whilst neither the Climate Change Working Party nor West Bergholt Parish Council recommend any scheme, website or business, they try to provide sources of information for anyone interested to take a look at and make up their own minds).*



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# After School Drop In - Social Club

Since last September, the Youth Engagement Group of the Parish Council has organised a Drop in Centre at the Social Club for our village children in Years 6 to 11. The intention is to provide a safe place once a week for these young people to meet up and socialise with their friends, who on leaving Heathlands are spread out over many different Secondary Schools.

In practice it has catered for on average twelve participants, mainly from Heathlands, who have thoroughly enjoyed themselves.

The Centre has been run by a Youth Worker from YMCA with a small number of volunteers from the village. In the long term, this model is not sustainable financially nor is the demand placed on the small number of volunteers who have come forward.

As a result, unless more volunteers join the team, the project in its current form will come to an end at Easter.

However, those involved in running the

project and the Parish Council believe there is a need here to be satisfied, and the young people who currently attend have indicated that they would like to continue as they move through secondary school.

With this in mind, it is hoped that it will be possible to keep going after Easter, but this can only happen if enough volunteers come forward.

A rota can then be established which means that no one is committed for more than a couple of hours once every two or three weeks. Failing this, a new model may be considered, enabling the Centre to re-open in September for the autumn term.

If you feel that as a village this is something worthwhile for our young people and you can help, please make contact through the Parish Clerk [clerk@westbergholt-pc.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@westbergholt-pc.gov.uk)

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Spring means not only bluebells in the adjacent woods but also the arrival of many flowers in our churchyard. These are a cheering sight and make the churchyard really beautiful.

It is a great pleasure for many to sit and absorb the peace and tranquillity of the churchyard, whilst perhaps taking a break from the cares of the world.

Our events in December were well supported, especially the dance with "Abbey Road", which raised a lot of money as well as being a lovely social occasion.

The annual carol service was also very well supported. Thanks are due to all who helped or donated at these events.

It cost the Friends group a lot of money each

year to keep our wonderful old building in a presentable state.

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 and fit for generations to come.

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

## St Mary's Parish Church

We look forward to welcoming you to our Mothering Sunday Service at 9.30am on 30th March, featuring the Heathlands School Choir!

We also extend a warm invitation to all to our Easter Services in April. Events include a reflective service for Good Friday at 10am on 18th April, and an Easter Day Celebration Service at 9.30am on Sunday 20th April, with an Easter Egg Hunt and a shortened Communion. Please look out for more details on our website [stmaryswestbergholt.co.uk](http://stmaryswestbergholt.co.uk) and Facebook pages in March and April or contact the parish office on [6parishescolchester@gmail.com](mailto:6parishescolchester@gmail.com).

The six parishes for which Revd Heather is Priest-in-Charge (West Bergholt, Great & Little Horkesley, Mount Bures and Langham with Boxted) will now be known collectively as The King's Ridge Parishes.

### **Lent Lunches**

All are very welcome to join the King's Ridge

Parishes Lent Lunches on Tuesdays at 12 noon, to raise money for a new school van for the Utugi Children's home in Kenya. 11th March at St John's, Great Horkesley; 18th March at St Andrew's, Wormingford; 25th March at St Peter's, Boxted; 1st April at St John the Baptist, Mount Bures; and 8th April at St Mary's, West Bergholt.

We are delighted to announce that St Mary's has achieved the Silver Level award for the Eco Church Scheme! The scheme is for churches in England and Wales who want to demonstrate their care for creation as an integral part of loving their neighbour and following God faithfully. Things we introduced to achieve the award included using fairtrade and recycled products where possible, measuring our energy footprint, switching our energy supplier and pledging to take action with regard to our individual lifestyles.



# Women's Institute

In November, we welcomed Samantha Rowley from Colchester Roman Circus. She introduced herself as Antonia Augusta, dressed in full Roman costume, who enlightened her audience about the events which took place. It was interesting to learn the chariot drivers were young, small slaves similar to today's jockeys, steering 4 horses to each chariot with 8 laps of the 'hippodrome', with many accidents which the 16 thousand onlookers enjoyed.

Members were able to view the model of the circus which Samantha brought with her. A planned visit in April to the actual site, followed by afternoon tea at the Officers Club is eagerly anticipated.

Our December meeting was different this year, with a hot supper including home made quiches, jacket potato and side salad. Wine and fruit juice were on offer.

Following supper, crackers were pulled and chocolates enjoyed whilst puzzling over a selection of quizzes. As members left, a tin of shortcake biscuits was given to everyone. The

president wished the WI a 'Happy Christmas'. The president welcomed everyone who had braved the cold to attend the evening meeting in January. The speaker, Sharon Gould, was introduced with her talk 'East End to Essex'. With the aid of slides and a variety of objects, she related her life and evoked many memories.

Our play reading group entertained with a tragic chinese story related by Suan Leng and Susan Windsheffel. All the characters, suitably attired, bowed when their name was mentioned and eventually died in sad circumstances. Rapturous applause followed from the audience.

Our National WI Resolutions were voted on and results were forwarded to Essex HQ at Hatfield Peverel.

We welcomed new members in 2024 and look forward to the lunches and outings planned for 2025.

**Jacqui Hunns**  
**Secretary**

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# West Bergholt Gardeners

West Bergholt Gardener's Club meets on the 3rd Monday of the month, September to December and February to May. We currently have over 50 members, but new members and visitors are welcome to our evenings which open at 7.15pm.

In February, photographer Roger Hance was back by popular demand, to show us Part Two of his presentation on Wild Flowers and Orchids in the Countryside.

In March, we have Joanna Hall of Benton End Flower Farm, who a few years ago decorated a life-size metal pony in white flowers and won First Prize at the Hadleigh Show.

In April (please note a week later on the 28th due to Easter), our speaker, Gail Harland, is talking about that early summer favourite, the Peony.

Our final session this year will be Sam of Baines Botanicals, who will be giving us advice on hanging baskets and container planting. We have a couple of trips planned for the summer – a self-drive visit to Green Island Gardens near Ardleigh in May. This garden has just won the RHS Partner Garden of the year in this region so we are very excited. There's another self-drive in June to Tendring Hall. We are also trying to arrange a coach visit in early July to Bury St Edmunds for the morning and on to Fullers Mill Garden in the afternoon. Details will be confirmed on the village website and Facebook page.

Sadly we will not be running an Open Gardens Event this year. We hope that this event can be resurrected in 2026, but we do need more people to help organise it, and we need more village gardens to participate – don't be shy!

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# Bergholt Heath Youth Football Club

The club have had a very successful first half of the season.

It has been great to see the children playing in our new teams grow in confidence as they become more familiar with playing against other clubs. We can see them improving on the ball week by week as they also begin to develop an understanding of what it means to play as part of a team. They are all having a fantastic time.

Those teams that have returned this season are also showing how far they have come. As the children grow older, the focus for them slowly moves from being about what they can do themselves on the ball, to what they can do as part of a team. It's great to see how so many of the children who remain a player at Bergholt Heath for a number of years develop and improve within their teams, and the enjoyment they take from playing football with their friends.

The youngest children who attend training at

our club, through the academy and phoenix sessions, have shown great determination and resilience to continue doing their best and enjoying their football through the coldest months of the year. It looks like they will be ready to play games of their own next season.

This Easter, the Under 13 team are travelling to Holland to play in a competition. You may have seen them running around the village through February to raise money towards their trip. They are very excited for the opportunity to represent their club abroad!

To keep up to date with all things related to Bergholt Heath, or if you wish to get in contact with the club, please do so through our website, [bergholtheathfc.co.uk](http://bergholtheathfc.co.uk), through Facebook and Instagram, or through our email, [bhyfcdevelopment@gmail.com](mailto:bhyfcdevelopment@gmail.com)



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In the run-up to Christmas, our families were extremely generous in providing gifts for those who are homeless. We supported this initiative for many years when it was organised by the local Methodist Church. This year, we were able to present a large box of toiletries and clothing (such as gloves and hats) to Colchester Emergency Night Shelter for homeless men, and two large boxes to Next Chapter for women and children.

In January we held our annual jumble sale. Due to the community's generosity, we amassed a great amount of jumble, toys, books, jigsaws etc, and we generated over £1,000 for our funds. We make the most of the remaining items by working with the local NSPCC fundraisers to pass on books and jigsaws, and other items go to organisations that can recycle and reuse the jumble. Once again, we are grateful to the Village for its support.

In the last few weeks, members of the Cub Packs and Scout Troop helped out at Yarra Farm, Stanway, by planting saplings. Yarra is a farm-based facility for young people and

adults with learning difficulties where they can have a safe, fun and invigorating environment. The Farm needed some help with planting saplings alongside existing hedges, and, with other volunteers, our Cubs and Scouts planted 600 whips in less than three hours. A truly great community effort.

Since the last Bulletin, one of our Young Leaders, Isla Roberts, has completed her visit to the Australian International Jamboree. It has given Isla experiences and memories which will last her a lifetime. Closer to home, Noah Gross and Etienne Saiz have been awarded their Chief Scout Bronze Awards and Wilf Dennis and Oliver Murphy have been awarded their Silver Awards. We have been able to introduce eight youngsters to Scouting since November 2024.

The Scout Group currently has around 80 young people in the four sections, from 6 to 15 years old. Scouting is very popular and we are having to run a waiting list for Beavers but, with more volunteers, we could eliminate the waiting list. We really need more adults to come forward as leaders or trustees and, if anybody thinks that they can help, please get in touch with me (at [kevinsturdy@aol.com](mailto:kevinsturdy@aol.com)).

**Kevin Sturdy**  
**Group Lead Volunteer**

## Orpen Players

The Orpen Players would like to thank everyone who came to watch our pantomime 'Dick Whittington' and for the positive feedback we have received.

Details to follow regarding our next production.



# West Bergholt Concert & Training Band

Both our Concert Band & Training Band were delighted to welcome some new members (both young & previously young) to our open rehearsals during January, and even more delighted to see those members enjoying playing so much they've joined us full time.

Our 2025 events start with a young musicians workshop & joint concert with a local school, reflecting the band's founding mission to promote music to young musicians. These events usually involve over 80 musicians enjoying great music in a full concert band setting, with pieces ranging from Bizet, The Lion King, the Black Eyed Peas, Duke Ellington, Moana and more.

Looking further ahead to May, the band will be playing their part in West Bergholt's VE day celebrations, as well as performing a VE 80th Celebration Concert at Clacton's West Cliff Theatre on Sunday May 11th in aid of the Royal British Legion. The band's concerts at the West Cliff are always a highlight of our year due to the wonderful audiences at the West Cliff,

so we can't wait to return to the theatre for a concert of marches, musicals, movies, big bands, classics and patriotic songs.

Anyone is welcome to join us on Friday night, either in our Training Band (Grades 1-4), our Concert Band (Grade 4+), or both.

Please visit the band's website ([www.wbcb.org](http://www.wbcb.org)) if you'd like more information, or get in touch via [Conductor@wbcb.org](mailto:Conductor@wbcb.org).

If you are interested in coming along, we can email you links to digital copies of the music so you can have a practice in advance.

Hopefully we'll see you at one of our rehearsals at Heathlands School or at one of our concerts this spring.



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## Woods Bowls Club, Braiswick

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### New to Bowls?

Most people find bowls an easy sport to start playing, the basic skills are not too hard and it doesn't require any great physical strength or athletic ability. We welcome anyone that would like to give it a go and we give 50% off our standard membership fees in the first year.

### What's happening in 2025?

Work has been underway during the Winter on the green and more work will be done in Spring to get it match ready for April/May. The inside of the clubhouse is going to be redecorated starting in mid-February. We hope that the outside of the clubhouse will also be done in time for the start of the new season.

We take part in Colchester & Sudbury 'leagues'

as well as playing friendly matches. We also play lots of internal club matches in various formats.

Come and have a go – you could be the next Nick Brett, 'Tatty' Marshall or Katherine Rednall!

Our open day is Bank Holiday MONDAY 5th MAY from 12pm. There is no charge, all equipment will be supplied, just bring some flat shoes (trainers or pumps ideal).

If you're interested but cannot make our open day, please call our club secretary on 01206 863854 and he will arrange a suitable time to meet you at the club.

Alternatively email us at [woodsbowlsclub@gmail.com](mailto:woodsbowlsclub@gmail.com). We are on Facebook 'Woods Bowls Club' and our website is <https://www.woodsbowlsclub.co.uk>. We look forward to seeing you soon!

# West Bergholt Allotments

After a cold, wet summer in 2024, we are hoping for a better one this year!

The amount of produce available on the Charity stall last year was well down on previous years because of the poor weather. However, we still managed to provide some funds for the Bergholt Youth Group and the new Drop-in centre providing after school facilities for young people.

Our previous donation to Heathlands enabled them to purchase lots of items for their Forest School to encourage the youngsters to enjoy outdoors. Hopefully there will be a lot of sunshine to allow them to be used!

The Charity stall will be open on the 1st April and there should be lots of rhubarb available by then.

The site suffered from Potato Blight last year, which also affected tomatoes so plotholders should consider blight resistant varieties of both crops to mitigate this. Obviously crop

rotation is also important to avoid all sorts of diseases building up in the soil.

There was a big effort by two of our Committee members - Phil Harris and Colin Waylen - to cut down overgrown hedges and scrub on the side of the allotment site next to Church Close. This was a massive job as the hedge hadn't been cut for some time, but we are hoping to be able to maintain the improvement now that it has been cleared. Many thanks to both men for their hard work.

There are still a few plots available to rent for the coming growing season, so if you are interested in "growing your own" fruit and veg, please send an email to: [wballotments@gmail.com](mailto:wballotments@gmail.com)

This is also the email address if you want to ask about a donation from the stall for a specific project you are involved in.

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Please call Clare or Martin on 01206 240644 or 07779 637282 and have a chat about booking your feline friend's holiday whilst you are away.

# Weekly What's On

## Sunday

**Service of Worship, St Mary's Church, 9.30am**

Contact RevHWilcox@outlook.com

**Bowls Club, 7.30pm Orpen Hall.**

Contact John Rookard, 01206 626045

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## Monday

**Bluebells Preschool, 9am - 3pm, Orpen Hall.**

Contact Jackie Leach 07969 510 120

**Baby & Toddler Group, 9.15-11.15am.**

Term time only. St Mary's Church Hall.

**Dance4health, 11.30am, Scout Hut.**

**WB Cubs, 6.30pm-8pm Scout Hut.**

Contact Kevin Sturdy 01206 240549

**Gardeners Association, 7.30pm 3rd Monday.**

Contact wbgardeners@gmail.com

**Orpen Players, 8pm Orpen Hall.**

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## Tuesday

**Bluebells Preschool, 8.30am - 3.15pm, Orpen Hall.**

Contact Jackie Leach 07969 510 120

**Pilates, 6pm, Orpen Hall.**

Contact fleur.parkspilates@gmail.com

**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, 9am - 3pm, Orpen Hall.**

Contact Jackie Leach 07969 510 120

**Ladies Afternoon Badminton, 2.15pm - 3.45pm**

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**

**Pilates, 7 - 8pm, John Lampon Hall.**

Contact fleur.parkspilates@gmail.com

## Thursday

**Open House, 9.00 - 11.00am (in term time),**

St Mary's Church Hall

**Bluebells Preschool, 8.30am - 3pm, Orpen Hall.**

Contact Jackie Leach 07969 510 120

**5T's, 2.30pm-4pm Weekly, St Mary's Church Hall.**

**WB Guides, 7 - 9pm, Scout Hut.**

Rachel Hopkins 07453 943059

**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, 9am - 3pm, Orpen Hall.**

Contact Jackie Leach 07969 510 120

**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, term time only, 6.30pm-8pm, John Lampon Hall.**

Claire Rodie 07887 724554

**Wired, 1st Friday, 7pm-9pm, St. Mary's Church Hall.**

Contact parish administrator 01206 243683

**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.**

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	David Short	Veronique Tyler	William Pigeon	Bob Tyrrell

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 [clerk@westbergholt-pc.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@westbergholt-pc.gov.uk) or telephone the Clerk, Laura Walkingshaw, 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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