

# *village bulletin*

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## **Best Kept Village in Essex**



West Bergholt can be truly proud of achieving this award from the Rural Community Council of Essex (RCCE) for villages with a population between 2500 and 5000. In 2007 we received a commendation with Theydon Bois winning the class and Coggeshall taking second place. Clearly in a year our village has moved forward as this time we beat Theydon Bois into second place. The judges recognised this, as in announcing the award, they cited our work on The Parish Plan, the efforts being made to engage with young people and the caring nature of the village. This being exemplified by the First Responder Group, the Care Network and the importance placed on looking after our environment.

Winning this award means we will have a sign to erect beside our own village sign. After some considerable effort the new sign was dug up by two members of The Parish Council and removed from Theydon Bois village green. (see page nine)

Also by winning this award it meant that we were automatically entered into the National Village of the Year competition. Here we were third with Langham being chosen to represent Essex in further competitions.. The criteria for this competition was

slightly different and resulted in a group of residents representing the village being interviewed by a panel of judges. I am grateful to those who gave their time to this but in particular Amber Harlow whose efforts on behalf of the young people may well have won us the award.

Now the challenge is to win this competition next year and hopefully the ideas in The Parish Plan will help to achieve this.

Harry Stone



# the village bulletin *information*

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*The Administrator is available to deal with enquiries at any reasonable time. Bookings should be made at the Hall on Thursdays between 7pm and 8pm. Please use the old side entrance.*

## SOME USEFUL NUMBERS

Police	210 441 or 211 680 or 762 212	In an emergency dial 999	
Doctor	Surgery - 2 Erle Havard Road	☎	241 137
Pharmacy	Chapel Road	☎	240 352
Post Office	Chapel Road (Half day Saturday)	☎	240 355
St Mary's Church	Rev. C Horseman, The Rectory, Ivy Lodge Road, Gt. Horkesley	☎	271 242
Methodist Church	Rev. Ruth Ridge, Marks Tey office	☎	210 141
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(for Essex County Standard and The East Anglian Daily Times) - submissions for news items to be in two weeks prior to publication.  
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# 1st West Bergholt Brownies



During last term we were able to spend many meetings enjoying outside activities.

The main one being our outing to Fingringhoe Wick, where the girls had to use their orienteering skills around a trail together with a scavenger hunt. A good time was had by all and nobody got lost!

At the end of this term the leaders and brownies said a big thank you to Tawny Owl (Lisa Kiernan) who after almost twenty years service with the unit as an Assistant Guider is leaving to spend more time with her family. Some older girls who had been Brownies at the unit, together with present girls, gathered to present her with Guiding gifts and a card. We are sure that Lisa will be available to come along during the coming term to help with badge testing and keep in touch with us all.

Next term it is good to record that we do have two ladies who are completing their Leadership Scheme with the unit, this will ensure that we can give the girls a full Brownie programme in the future

Carol Clarke – Unit Brownie Guider



## Art for Children

Jenn Smith, a school teacher and art educator, is offering fun art lessons for Year 5 and Year 6 children (max. 10 children in the group) at the West Bergholt Methodist Church Hall, starting Tuesday, September 16 to October 21. The cost is £35, all supplies included. Please contact [jennywrenarts@googlemail.com](mailto:jennywrenarts@googlemail.com) if you are interested. I am away until the end of August, but will reply then to firm up details.



## Jackson School of Dancing

Classes are held during term time in the Orpen Memorial Hall in West Bergholt. They are held every Tuesday evening between 5.15pm and 6.30pm. Pupils start from the age of three years old.

The new term will be restarting 9th September.

*All forms of dance are taught including:*

Ballet – Tap – Gymnastic Dancing – U.T.D. Syllabus

We can also arrange examinations for the students

We also perform an annual dance show for charity

For further details contact

Kate Jackson

48 Berridge Road, Halstead, Essex

Telephone: 01787 473607

# Bergholt Heath Youth Football Club



I am pleased to report that our Under 14 team was promoted to the A League and we all celebrated that feat, along with all of the other achievements of the managers and players, at our Awards Night at Orpen Hall in June.

We are all now working hard in preparation for the next season when we will be fielding teams at Under 10,13,14 and 15. All of the officers have remained in place other than our Child Welfare Officer who is now Tina Maryon. We welcome Tina to the club and I am sure that she is looking forward to attending the many workshops on the subject (even though she knows it already).

In the close season we have been taking part in several tournaments and it is pleasing to report that the Under nine team won the Tiptree Minors five-a-side competition for the second successive season. Fielding two teams they only just failed to end up playing themselves in the final! They also won the seven-a-side competition run by Colchester Villa - the club for whom they had previously played.

The next date for the diary is Sunday 7th September, which is when we will be hosting our Kick-Off Barbecue. So named because it usually coincides with the first League game of the season but this year it is one week before. This is due to the fact that the Stanway Villa pre-season tournament is on the Saturday (6th) instead of the Sunday. Our Under 15 team (as they will be) currently hold the trophy for their age group so let's hope they retain it!!

Hold the date for the barbecue and please try to come along to West Bergholt FC on the Orpen Field. You can obtain further information from your managers or me.

Finally, we are always open to ideas for fund raising or sponsorship so please contact us if you wish to discuss those matters.

Here's to another successful season!

Leslie Wright, Secretary

Telephone: 241438

## Knitting Circle

Is there a Knitting Circle in West Bergholt?

If not, is anyone interested in joining one?

Please contact Rosemary Milne telephone 241048

# West Bergholt First Responder Group

**DO YOU LIKE GARDENING, WATCHING TV, STAYING IN WITH A GOOD BOOK OR SLEEPING...?**

**THEN WE NEED YOU!**

The Community First Responders in West Bergholt are in an usual situation for a voluntary organisation. Thanks to the generosity of several local businesses and individuals our bank balance looks very healthy. What we are severally lacking in is people power, which is preventing us from giving 24/7 for the village. In fact our rota is never more than 50% covered.

## **A Common Misconception**

We think the lack of volunteers can be put down to a misconception that being a First Responder takes up a lot of time. **This isn't true!** Try likening a First Responder to a Lifeboat Volunteer for the RNLI (although a lot less dangerous!). The RNLI volunteers work or live in the vicinity and get on with their everyday lives and commitments but are on hand should there be a 'call out'. A First Responder is just the same as this. There is two days initial training. But once approved you are given the freedom to put yourself on the rota for as little as four hours a month, and when on your shift all you have to do is have access to your car and be prepared to respond to a call should there be a call to a suspected heart or breathing condition. This doesn't mean waiting by the phone unable to get on with your life, you can still be gardening, watching the kids play football, doing the housework, watching the TV or even sleeping whilst being on the rota!

## **Please think again**

We hope this helps to dispel some of the myths which suggest being a First Responder as time intensive, in fact it is one of the **least time consuming voluntary groups you can join in the village** because unless you get called by the Ambulance Incident Desk you don't actually have to do anything. You can be on shift without even realising it sometimes! We want people to know that being a First Responder **fits around your life in West Bergholt** and would ask you to reconsider if you can join us in our quest to get 24/7 cover.

To have an informal chat please feel free to give Annie Neish a call on 240469 or why not come along to one of our monthly meetings to meet us and find out more about giving something back to West Bergholt.

### **Library Times**

The Mobile Library visits the village **fortnightly on a Tuesday**.  
For queries about the service telephone  
Answers Direct 0845 603762

The stops and times for West Bergholt are:

Albany Road	13.45 – 14.20
Scout Hut, Lexden Road	14.45 – 15.30
Queens Road	15.35 – 15.55
Chapel Road	16.00 – 16.45

# Workers' Educational Association

Not long now to our next course – it starts on 23rd September and the subject is 'Music at the Movies'. It explores the way that music has been used to enhance the experience of watching moving pictures from the early silent films to the latest blockbuster. As well as library books, there will be support from the playing of CDs and DVDs. The tutor is Christopher Green whose enthusiast presentation has won plaudits from previous students.

As usual the course runs for ten Tuesday evenings 8pm to 9.40pm at the Methodist Church Hall with its wheel chair access; loop system can be arranged by prior request. Fees are £43 standard, but unfortunately we are no longer allowed to have a reduced concessionary level. However, those on income related benefits or JSA are still entitled to enrol free and those with net income under £15,050 may be able to get financial help.

If you are unsure whether this course is really for you, you are welcome to sample the first evening free. Further information is available from the secretary on 01206 240791.

The 13th January 09 course will be on an entirely different theme, namely Spanish Art and Architecture. Its title is 'Gothic, Goya, Gaudi and more'.



## West Bergholt Women's Institute



Members and invited guests from other W.I.'s enjoyed a wonderful meeting in June when, dressed in our finery including hats, we took part in Ladies Day at Ascot. Our excellent speaker told us the history of Ascot, judged the best dressed ladies, and amid much laughter and competition encouraged us to choose and race our favourite fillies. We also enjoyed the delicious refreshments arranged by our committee. A really special evening.

July was our outing day. We visited Wrabness with its old church and bell cage before a 'Ploughman's Lunch' served by members of the local W.I. Groups then took a leisurely drive around the Tendring area before visiting Harts Delight Nursery at Lawford for afternoon tea.

We look forward to many more enjoyable meetings – why not come along the 1st Wednesday of each month to the Orpen Hall at 7.15pm.

# Neighbourhood Watch



POLICE NON-EMERGENCY  
TELEPHONE NUMBER  
0300 333 4444

This new number (first reported in the June 08 Bulletin) was introduced by the Essex Police towards the end of last year. The primary purpose of the new number is to take the pressure off the existing Emergency 999 Number, which has become overloaded with non-emergency calls and, all too frequently, hoax calls as well.

There were some initial teething troubles when the new service was first introduced, but the problems are now being ironed out by the Police, who are very keen for the public to make more use of the new number, whenever possible. Your correspondent, from personal experience, can confirm it is now much easier to contact the Essex Police, as they have claimed, using this number.

If there is a crime or serious incident in progress, or a threat to life and property then 999 should still be used. (See Crime Update Item 1). Otherwise use the NON EMERGENCY Number.

## CRIME UPDATE

In West Bergholt we still enjoy fairly low levels of crime, but we are not crime free. With the arrival of summer the level of petty crime, after a quietish winter, has reappeared. Examples are outlined below:

1. South Lodge in Cooks Hall Lane was the scene of an attempted break-in. The criminal was fortunately disturbed, the Police alerted and the Police Helicopter scrambled.
2. A car was broken into in Earle Harvard Road and the stereo was stolen.
3. A Raleigh Bicycle (unsecured) was stolen from Maltings Park.
4. Two cars went missing from Bourne Road.
5. Horse thieves were operating for several weeks (May/June) in the area, though not reported in West Bergholt. A night attempt was made to steal a pony in Boxted Straight Road, but the animal refused to go into the horsebox. It was found later with bad rope burns. The thieves were seen again a few weeks later in Gt Horkesley, taking photos of ponies. A white car and red van were also seen near the premises

Except for Item 1, when the crime was seen in progress, these are the type of incidents which the Police would like reported using their new non-emergency number.

## PROBLEM PARKING.

Despite efforts by NW and the Police to discourage it, pavement parking remains an all too common a practice in much of the village. Car owners are urged to think twice before parking in this fashion.

Cars are also being dangerously parked in the access to Albany Road, very close to the Chapel Road junction. This is creating a one-way system for cars entering and leaving the road and could well lead to a bad accident, if the practice is continued.

## CONTACTS.

Emergency Police Number 999.

Non-Emergency Police Number 0330 333 444

To Contact the Community Police Team at Copford use the non-emergency number or ring 01206 210441.

Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinator 01206 240995/241716.

Colchester Crime Reduction Officer 01206 717624

Crime Stoppers 0800555111.



## EXHIBITIONS AT CUCKOO FARM STUDIOS

Boxted Road, Colchester CO4 5HH

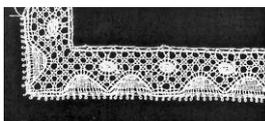
[www.cuckoofarmstudios.org.uk](http://www.cuckoofarmstudios.org.uk)

September	13/14	Open Studios
September	20/21 and 27/28	Linda Theophilus
October	11/12 and 18/19	Brenda Jones
November	1/2 and 8/9	Tracey Johnson



## West Bergholt Bobbin Lace Class

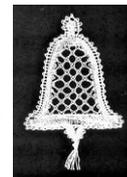
The bobbin lace class at St Mary's continued over the summer. The students continued with a diverse range of pieces. Some have continued working on pieces of Torchon and Bedfordshire laces.



Flanders lace, as illustrated in this picture, is also made in the class. It is a fine Belgian lace suitable for a lace maker who is already

experienced in other types of lace.

Another student has been working on an attractive bell motif, which is much quicker and more straightforward to make. The finished piece is suitable for putting onto cards or small gifts.



The classes take place during term time from 1pm until 3pm. They will resume on 15th September 2008. The cost is £65 for a course of ten lessons. Please contact me if you would like to join us. I can teach the following English laces: torchon, basic Bedfordshire or Buckinghamshire laces. I can also teach the following Belgian laces: Bruges flower lace, Flanders and Binche lace.

Carol Maxwell, telephone: 0771 2648468

# Methodist Church News

Christian Aid Week in May was another success for West Bergholt. £2,245.48 was raised by door-to-door collections and a Hunger Lunch with Traidcraft goods on sale. Many people Gift Aided their donations which will also add to our total.

In June we supported the Village Fayre at Heathlands School on the Saturday and celebrated our Church Anniversary the following day.

The Women's Fellowship which had decided to close has, with the encouragement from our minister Rev. Ruth Ridge, been re-opened on a monthly basis. The next meeting will be on Wednesday 17th September at 2.30pm, to which all ladies are most welcome.

We look forward to our Harvest Festival on Sunday 21st September at 11.00am with Rev. Ruth Ridge. We shall be decorating the church from 9.30am on Saturday 20th and any gifts of produce and flowers would be appreciated. We distribute harvest gifts around the village and to the Colchester Women's Refuge and Night Shelter.

The Wesley Guild holds its A.G.M. on Friday September 26th at 7.30pm. This is our last meeting for this year, we commence again in March 2009.

## QUIZ NIGHT

Saturday October 4th at 7.00pm in the Methodist Church Hall. Teams of four at £16.00 per team. Book your table by telephoning Judith on 01206 241969.

Make a note in you diary as we are limited on numbers and tables are booked quickly.



## West Bergholt Concert Band

### Lottery 'win' for the Band!



As always the band's summer term was a busy one, with three concerts in three months, including our Summer of '78 concerts. These proved to be great fun for everyone involved, and we received some wonderful feedback – "Once again thanks for another brilliant night of great music. It's nice to see the same faces are still with you, particularly the younger musicians. Good music is, fortunately, still with us, thanks mainly to people, like yourselves, who keep the flag flying, and for that I'm grateful. Once again, every number was a winner."

After all that exertion, the summer break is always a welcome chance for the band's social side to surface. It's always been an important part of the band, and with so many friends made by joining the band, our summer barbecue is always a great chance to catch up and let our hair down. Our next concert is also as much a social event as a concert...we'll be playing some of our favourite pieces for the band's friends and family, and then putting our

instruments down to celebrate our 30th with a birthday party at Stoke By Nayland Golf Club.

We're also celebrating a lottery "win"...having seen the band through it's first 30 years, our antique stands and drum kit are finally being put out to pasture, courtesy of an Awards For All lottery grant. The band's drummer no longer has to worry about bits falling off the drum kit if she hits it too hard, and there'll be no more getting to band early to get a music stand that actually works! The award is also recognition of all the work the band has been doing with local schools to promote music, so we're very excited about it, and looking forward to using all this new equipment for the next 30 years.

September is a great time to join the band, particularly as we look to replace those members that have gone to University. If you are interested in playing, or know someone who is, either visit us at Heathlands on any term-time Friday evening, have a look at our website, or phone Graham on 824157. We also have an "Open Rehearsal" on Friday 19th September where lots of other first-timers will be giving the band a try, so come along and see us then.

Everything you need to know about the band (including how to join, concert tickets, details and directions) can be found on our website ([www.wbcb.org](http://www.wbcb.org)).

On a personal note...the band's newest member, James Robert Wilson was born exactly two weeks after our last concert...I'm informed he looks like a Trombonist already!



## Royal British Legion

The Gt and Lt Horkesley branch, that incorporates personnel from West Bergholt, has scored another record by having the youngest Standard Bearer in the County.

Simon Smith (from West Bergholt) at only 18 paraded our Standard at the 'Veterans Day' parade on 27th June. More importantly he joined a 'muster' of over eighteen other branches of the Royal British Legion at Hatfield Peveral, on a parade headed by the regimental band of the Parachute Regiment.

For further information of our branch, or to join the RBL, please contact the Branch Secretary, Mr Roger Drury, (271454) or Hugh Brivent-Barnes (243717) who lives in West Bergholt.



## BULLETIN QUIZ

The quiz, which was held last month, was a great success. Fifteen teams took part with very competitive competition between them. The team which took the laurels was from the Parish Plan. Members of team were Jenny Church, Victoria Power, Gunter Klaphake and David Short. Congratulations to the winners and to all teams that took part.

The proceeds, of over £300, will be donated to the First Responders.

# Plundering the sign

After a long evening and a slow journey back, the BKV sign is now in the village where it belongs! Pictured is Harry Stone manfully starting to dig up the foundations on Theydon Bois (where I grew up!) village green.

We weren't expecting a reception from the local Parish Council but could have done with one. What had been described to Harry as "wedges" holding in the sign post, turned out to be a large number of sizable pieces of wood, comprehensively anchoring the post within a concrete-enforced metal collar about 3-4 feet deep!

Egged on by local children and in full view of the busiest road in the village, we spent the best part of an hour ineffectually chipping away at the wedges. Eventually we sent for the cavalry, and Harry summoned the Theydon Bois planning committee from their meeting. We now had six of us, and eventually the pieces of wood were extracted and the sign freed from its moorings.

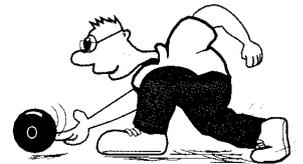
The sign and post must be about 10 foot in length, and stuck out of the back of the transit van by about 2 ? feet. We decided not to use the A12 on the way back, fearful of the consequences of losing the sign and post amongst the busy traffic, and took a local route home. We need not have worried: the post and sign are sufficiently weighty not to move around in the van, but we weren't to know.

If we don't win next year, I suggest we make arrangements for the sign and post to be taken down before the next winners take possession!

Chris Stevenson



## West Bergholt Indoor Bowls Club



The summer season got off to a 'good start' with Paul Leach, Eileen Brown, Nora Bates and Jan Lumb gaining the runners-up cup in the Highwoods Charity Match in April.

Barbara Davis and George Coppin got as far as the semi-finals in the Wimbish Charity Match, and Paul Leach, Eileen Brown, Jan Lumb and George Coppin got to the semi-finals in the Nayland Charity Match. Well done to you all.

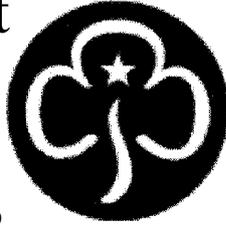
The clubs' own Charity Match took place in July at the Orpen Hall, with 16 members taking part. The winners were Barbara Davis, Greta Leatherdale and Beryl Conway. A donation to a charity will be given later in the year.

Two teams entered for the Bulletin Quiz and one team, Bruce and Mary Fulford and Pat and Bett McCarthy came 3rd. Well done to you four.

The Bowls Club had a tombola stall and bowls at the School Fete. The bowls proving quite popular. A donation was given to the school. At least the weather was a little better this year.

The Bowls Club welcomes new members at the Orpen Hall at 7.15pm on Thursday and Sunday evenings. Beginners welcome. Telephone 240824 for further information.

# 1st West Bergholt Guides



This term seems to have gone very quickly. On the 1st May we invited the Bows 'n' Belles along to show us how to clog dance. We had a brilliant time and all of us joined in. I hope that they will be able to come along again as I know the Guides would like to learn more dances.

On the 8th May the West Bergholt First Responders came along to our meeting and went through how they react to a callout and showed the guides various first response skills including how to use a defibrillator and the resuscitation dummies. This went so well we now have 10 Guides taking their First Aid badge.

We joined with the rest of our District in the Handicraft Show, which was held at the Orpen Hall on 10th May. We entered a tactile book which covered the story of a new Guide called Katie and all the things she likes to do in Guiding including walking her dog, pond dipping and camping. The Guides also entered many other craft items.

All of the Guides are working on various Go For Its including Chocolate, Parties, Showtime and Lights, Camera, Action. These we hope to finish next term.

St. Mary's Church held a special service for Girlguiding on 18th May. We had an excellent turn out of Rainbows, Brownies and Guides and the service covered all aspects of Guiding. It was very interesting and all of us took part in the service.

As mentioned in the last bulletin we held a competition in our unit to design a mascot to go on our newsletter. The winner was Felicity Hallam who drew a very good picture of Katie the Guide we illustrated in our tactile book. Our newsletter is going well with all the Guides writing pieces for it.

We held a joint evening with 1st and 3rd West Bergholt Brownies and played games outside followed by singing campfire songs inside. We finished the evening with enrolments both in Brownies and Guides.

With it getting close to the end of term we did some cooking outside, including us baking 24 sponges in a cardboard box in less than eight minutes! They were very light and fluffy!

We finished the term by taking the Guides to the swimming pool in Colchester. We held our first enrolment in the pool which went very well followed by tea at MacDonald's.

We have just returned from camp at Belchamps Scout Centre in Hockley. There were 31 in total, 11 Guides from West Bergholt and 12 Guides from Myland. We had a fantastic time learning how to be secret agents as our theme this year was James Bond. The Guides took part in many activities including climbing a 40ft pole, standing on

the ledge at the top and then jumping off to get down, all harnessed of course! They also took part in climbing, swimming, adventure playground and a splash pool. We only had a few Guides who had camped before but everyone worked well together, learning how to cook on open fires and sleeping in tents. We enrolled seven Guides from West Bergholt, four Guides from Myland and Jacqueline Newman and Katie Griffiths made their promises as leaders all around a camp fire on 29th July.

Sandra Gates, Guides Guider



## West Bergholt Gardners' Association



Although our season of Orpen Hall meetings ended in May, we have been active in the summer months quite apart from actual gardening! An evening visit on June 9th to "Growing Together" nurseries at Layer Marney was well supported, and after a wander round, Patrick Cadman gave a practical demonstration of the cultivation and care of a variety of plants and shrubs. On Tuesday, June 17th a 50-strong party travelled by Kings Coaches to Sissinghurst Castle and Gardens in Kent, a highly popular National Trust attraction. Fortunately, earlier damp and miserable weather had given way to warm sunshine and we were able to explore in comfort. Altogether a very enjoyable day out. Finally in June we entered a team in the Village Quiz and although we didn't feature amongst the winners we enjoyed an entertaining evening.

On July 21st, Joe Firmin led a party of a couple of dozen from the old church and into Hillhouse Wood for an evening's walk peppered with Joe's amusing and informative comments throughout. This ancient wood, now owned by the Woodland Trust, is almost unique in the variety of flora and fauna found there, and is a credit to the Friends of Hillhouse Wood, who do so much work in maintaining this special part of our heritage. Which brings us to August, when we shall be holding a Garden Get-together at Betty Sleigh's house.

On September 15th we start our autumn season when Margaret Willis will present "Bedding plants - their history and uses", followed by the Annual General Meeting. On October 20th, "Your gardening questions" will be answered by Steve Canham and on November 17th Matthew Tanton Brown will talk on "Companion planting".

These meetings at Orpen Hall all start at 7.30pm on the third Monday of the month, and new members or visitors are always made welcome. Our December meeting takes the form of a pre-Christmas social evening for members.

# Heathlands School Parent Teacher Association

## WEST BERGHOLT GRAND FIREWORKS DISPLAY

We are pleased to announce arrangements for this year's grand fireworks display, presented at Heathlands Primary School, West Bergholt, on Saturday 3rd November.

We have planned a spectacular show with the award winning Fully Fused Fireworks display team promising yet again to put on a dazzling spectacle for all the family. We promise a great night out for all, with a top quality entertainment package, new stalls and wide variety of food and drink.

Tickets/Programmes now on sale priced £2.75  
pre-purchased from local village shops  
or £3.50 on the night

Children under three FREE

Ticket reservations – telephone 01206-240288

Gates open 5.30pm – Fireworks from 7.00pm

Barbecue and hot drinks available

This highly popular event is now in its 14th year and has become a key highlight in the West Bergholt village calendar, attracting families from a wide area. It is organised by the Heathlands School Parent Teacher Association and is the main fundraiser for the school, providing essential funds for much-needed equipment.

For press information contact Elaine McLaren, chairman of the Heathlands School PTA Fireworks Committee on 01206-844300.

Heathlands C of E Primary School, New Church Road,  
West Bergholt, Colchester, Telephone 01206-240288

### PHOTO OPPORTUNITY

*Pre-publicity* – A photographer is invited to take a picture of young children getting in the mood for bonfire night, with their glow-in-the-dark wands, etc. We have in the past had a 'Safer at School' theme which highlighted the dangers of fireworks.

Just call Elaine McLaren on 01206-844300 and she will arrange for a group of young children to be available for pictures in a garden in the Braiswick area of Colchester at a suitably convenient time.

*Diary Picture* – a photographer is invited to cover the fireworks display on the night

# West Bergholt Football Club



Once again we look forward to the start of a new season, and hope to surpass last season's achievements, although given last seasons successes this may prove difficult.

We start this season with a slightly rearranged management team, Kevin Ketley will continue to be team manager, but will be assisted by Gary Wood who has joined us from Dedham F.C. We have unfortunately lost the services of last seasons successful Reserve team manager Kevin Mather, but have been extremely lucky to secure a more than able replacement in the experienced ex-Stanway Rovers manager, Jimmy McIntyre, who has played for us in the past. The ladies team will be temporarily managed by Mark Cutter in the absence of Noel Gambling who is off for a tour of duty in Iraq. We wish him a safe passage.

Fund raising for our new building continues, and we are still looking for someone to co-ordinate the grant applications for which we are eligible.

Training sessions and friendly matches have already commenced for the senior sides and Junior football coaching sessions will be re-commencing, so get in early, as they have proved very popular in the past.

Your support on and off the field is much appreciated, and new players, male and female are always welcome. Keep in touch with events on the website [www.westbergholtfc.co.uk](http://www.westbergholtfc.co.uk).

M.R.Bell, Chairman.



## EDITORS KORNER

The *West Bergholt Village Bulletin* also appears on the village web site during the month of publication.

Any suggestions from readers will be considered by the Editorial team at their next committee meeting. If approved changes will appear in future editions of the Bulletin.

There is an alteration to the e.mail address for contributions. The new address is  
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the old address will no longer be available.

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## Letter From Australia

I have recently discovered the West Bergholt Web site and have been reading it with very great interest. I lived in West Bergholt from 1938 until 1968 (with a couple of breaks), and have had great enjoyment in re-visiting so many of my old haunts on my computer. Many of the names in your Bulletin ring very loud bells with me, and I would love to know what has happened to all the people I knew back then.

We have downloaded a map, and it is all coming back to me. I lived in White Hart Lane as a child with my parents, William and Kathleen Prior, my two brothers, Ian and John, and my sister Jean. My father used to coach cricket and also was an umpire for ages. My mother used to run the Library on Thursdays, using the little room upstairs on the right as you go into the Orpen Hall. I used to help her deliver books to people who found it hard to get there. After my mother retired, Mrs. Eldridge who had previously been the district nurse ran the library. After I married we bought a house, "Heathfield", in Queens Road. It may interest you to know that my second son, Iain, was delivered there by Anne Adu, district nurse, and mother of Sade the singer (Smooth Operator etc. etc.) We were good friends, and my daughter Kath, went to primary school in Bergholt with Sade.

I am enclosing a photo of a group of villagers who performed at Gracie's concert party for many years. Front left to right Barney Leatherdale, Crissie Farthing, Shirley (Wig) Warren, Isabel Prior (Me). Next row. John Prior (my brother), don't remember, John Gage, Colin Nice, don't remember, John Bailey, Mary Farthing and Pat Bailey. Back row Jean Fullbrook, Grace Gage, Daphne Baker (possibly in Australia). Gracie was Mrs Grace Gage and she was very good at coaching us all, and making our costumes. We used to perform sketches, sing songs, all sorts of things, giving concerts in the Orpen Hall, and travelling around to neighbouring villages in a hired bus to raise money for charity. We always played to packed audiences, as entertainment was not as easily come by as it is today. I am sure that there are folk still in the village who will recognise themselves in the photo. We were taught to dance by Jean Fullbrook, who was very talented herself. Our pianist was Dorothy Grey, and we used to practice in Gracie's house, down a small lane before you got to Greta Claydon's shop and Post Office.

The Claydons also lived down White Hart Lane, and Stan Claydon the Baker used to deliver fresh bread to us. Lovely big loaves with crispy crusts. When I got to high school and went into Colchester on Heaths buses (Old Bedfords), I used to pick the bread up from the bakery on the way home, cutting through the field at the back of the bakery. The crust had always been nibbled (by me!) by the time I got it home.

The lane to the bakery was curved and also led to the blacksmith's shop, and I am reasonably sure his name was Smith. We children used to spend hours watching the farm horses get hot shod. I can still smell the singeing hooves as he pressed the hot shoe on. He used to let us pump the

forge. The lane came out next to the pond, which, I think, you have just cleaned up. There was another Claydon, (Eric I think), living in the house on the corner of the little lane and White Hart Lane. The farm across the road from the pond belonged to Mr. Hadley. His son, Ernie who married my friend Mary Digby, (from the shop in Chapel Road), was still living in a new (then) estate the other end of the village when I left. We used to get jugs of milk from Mr. Hadley, and in winter we'd slide on his pond, (in Hall Road). I remember Mr. Pettican's shoe repair shop, and Mr. Cardy and his veggie cart. My father used to gather up any manure for his garden.

The woods past the old church (now Highwoods) didn't have any name that I knew then, but they did have a big barn at the entrance, that we all called Hangman's barn. What the reason was, was before my time, but we were all scared to go near there! On the lane to the woods there used to be a little piggery, and we would always stop to have a word with the big sows. There were bigger, better piggeries further on past the old church, but we liked those ones best.

The school used to have an entrance on Lexden Road, and there was an alleyway opposite that led across the fields to the old church. Further along the Lexden Road was a road, (Cooks Hall?), that led to two woods, one either side of the road. The one on the right was rumoured to have a nudist



colony (Brrrr), and we used to lurk there a bit! Never saw a nudist though! The other wood used to be full of bluebells then, but we weren't encouraged to pick them as they used to die on the way home, clutched on our little hands.

Past the White Hart up the Horksley Road we went by Blakers Chase, (now Scarletts!), and we'd go for walks and bike rides way up the road to Piggy Lane (no Pigs there), and out on to the Nayland Road. A long walk but we did it a lot! There was an Old Folks home on the corner of Piggy Lane, and up the other road were more woods where we got blackberries.



A Women's Institute outing probably around 1948. I only know a few ladies. Mrs. Darville front right and her daughter Jean next to her. Next but one, Kathleen Prior (My mother). Left front Mrs. Whisby.

In one of your Bulletins I saw a photo of a Marlene Smith. She was receiving a table tennis award. I believe she may be the sister of Fredina Potter (nee Fisher) who was my best friend for ages while we were growing up. I'd love to know what happened to Freddy, so hopefully Marlene might read this if it at all possible.

I do hope you are not totally bored by my outpourings but it's like connecting with my past. Very nostalgic. I remember heaps more, but will give you a break. We are all very happy in Australia, but you never completely cut your ties with home, do you? I look forward with interest to your further Bulletins and hope you may find space to mention my letter. Any more correspondence will be by e.mail, as I don't think I have any more photos.

Yours sincerely,  
Isabel Wallace (nee Prior)  
11R Old Gilgandra Road, Brocklehurst, N.S.W. 2830, Australia

## EDITOR'S NOTE

Jon Lander's article on page 17 coincides nicely with the timely arrival of this letter. It is an excellent example of a benefit of the world wide web (WWW). Personally, I found it very interesting and am looking forward to Isabel's next installment.

The local History Group has a considerable stash of donated photographs and written recollections would be a welcome addition. As can be seen here, they do not have to be complete or even one hundred per cent accurate. If they are shared, someone else may be able to fill in the blanks or add more information. Did reading this letter prompt your memories? If so, please let us record them for posterity. Perhaps you don't feel able to write them down but if you are willing to tell, I am sure I would be able to arrange for a 'volunteer' to record them!

Also is anyone willing to 'own up' to being in Isobel's photographs, or can you fill in any missing names?

Bernard - 240297

## Colne Valley Flower Club



It was a very pleasant evening on 16th July when Christine Jeffery opened her garden for the members meeting. The evening was very well attended and was an enormous success. Proceeds from this will go to our charity for this year, Acorn Village.

On September 17th Mary Griffiths from Mildenhall will be coming to present her flowers under the title of 'Memories'

Our October meeting sees the return of Alan Smith from Ipswich, who was part of the team that exhibited at Chelsea Flower Show for NAFAS in 2007, and his title is 'Autumn Glow'

Visitors are always welcome to our meetings.

Pat Sharman

## The Big Tidy Up

As part of our annual spring clean volunteers and keen litter pickers! I am inviting you all to take part in Keep Britain Tidy's first national tidy up campaign. The Big Tidy Up.

<http://www.thebigtidyup.org/> If you are planning on organising a clean up In September, take advantage of the help and support ENCAMS (Keep Britain Tidy) can offer you. <http://www.encams.org/home/>



Whats it all about? Fed up with litter in your neighbourhood? Like to make your area a better place to live? Well now's your big chance. Keep Britain Tidy is launching England's biggest ever litter tidy up. Find out more about ENCAMS (Keep Britain Tidy) latest campaign and to organise your own Tidy Up.

When will it take place? The Campaign will launch on 1st September 2008 with events linking to World Clean Up weekend taking place later in the month. You are being encouraged to run your own tidy up in September, however tidy ups can happen throughout the year so you can take part in a Big Tidy Up whenever you choose.

### Who can take part?

Whether you are an individual wanting to clean up a local grot spot or part of a larger group looking for a team challenge to help get your local area clean - The Big Tidy Up is for you. People coming together from all areas of the community to make England tidy. Including

Local residents      Uniformed Groups  
Businesses          Schools  
Church Groups

But - Everyone's welcome and anyone can take part. It's a great chance to get together, have some fun and make a real difference to your local community

### How to register

Simply visit the Big Tidy Up website <http://www.thebigtidyup.org/> and register your interest online. Once registered you will receive a Big Tidy Up kit with posters, stickers, tabard bibs and badges, together with some top tips and guidance on carrying out your tidy up safely. Also included are details of competitions and information on other organisations that may be of use to you.

By registering online, you will also create an online profile page where you can advertise your tidy up and encourage others to join if you wish. Make sure you update your profile after the event to let everyone know how your tidy up went and how much you collected! As per our usual arrangements you can arrange to borrow equipment if necessary for your own tidy up.

Please feel free to call me for further details

Jolene Rogers, Street Care Development Officer  
Colchester Borough Council, PO Box 331, Town Hall ,  
Colchester CO1 1GL

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## Bergholt Youth Group

In the June edition of the Village Bulletin we reported on the progress in the setting up of a group to promote the interests of young people in the village. Since then a questionnaire on the issue has generated responses from about forty youngsters, mainly from Year 6 at Heathlands and Years 7 and 8 at Stanway Schools. The interest shown warrants an attempt to establish a Youth Club, probably once a fortnight on a Friday evening and based at The John Lampon Hall.

There were no surprises in the list of activities that respondents to the questionnaire would like to see at a Youth Club. These range from games such as football, basketball and table tennis to discos and dancing and access to computer games and the internet. Although the response was limited to the two schools it should be emphasised that we want to make this venture attractive to all young people in the village

On Friday 18th July the results of the questionnaire were shared with about forty young people who visited the Essex Youth Service Bus (pictured below), which came to the Orpen Hall car park. Hot dogs were provided and a good time was had by all. In fact so successful was the event that, before this article is published, the Bus will have returned with Essex Youth Service Staff to organise activities and games on August 18th. The Bus will then begin a series of monthly visits from September 5th. It is likely that a fortnightly meeting from 6.30 to 8.30pm will be arranged at the John Lampon Hall but this will depend on the availability of Essex Youth Staff. In the longer term the village will need to provide its own adults to support this venture under the guidance of a paid trained Youth Leader.

In order to move forward **VOLUNTEERS ARE NOW URGENTLY NEEDED**. Training will be provided and Police Checks will need to be carried out. If you feel you are able to help to provide a much-needed facility for the young people of our village please contact Harry Stone on 241026 or through the Parish Council. An email address has also been set up for contact: [bergholtyouthforum@live.co.uk](mailto:bergholtyouthforum@live.co.uk)



# Surfing West Bergholt



Those of us who can remember when television was a wonderful new invention have understandably been a little slow to embrace the opportunities offered by the World Wide Web.

It all seems so complicated and inaccessible; the screen seems so cluttered and it's difficult to find the bit you want. And do we really need to bother with it?

Well, yes we do because it is the most wonderful development in communications EVER. The information available on the Internet is incredible. So if you want to dip your toe in and try surfing the web, why not start with your electronic village.

West Bergholt organisations have grasped the communications opportunities offered by the internet with enthusiasm and at the click of a mouse you can find just about everything you might want to know and a lot you didn't know about the village.

Start with [www.westbergholt.net](http://www.westbergholt.net), the official village website that is supported by the Parish Council. This is where you can find out what is going on in the village and when and where it will happen. There is all you need to know about the Parish Council and you can catch up on the Village Bulletin (including back numbers) on line. There are even aerial shots of the village.

West Bergholt Concert Band have one of the most enterprising websites. You can play pieces performed by the band, you can download tracks of their performances and order their CDs. On [www.wbcb.org](http://www.wbcb.org) you can read the band's history and find details of their charity work.

The BBC Look East programme suggested recently that village cricket was dying. Not in West Bergholt, it ain't! Go to [www.westbergholtcc.co.uk](http://www.westbergholtcc.co.uk) and see just how alive and well cricket is in our village. I wonder how many other communities can boast five youth teams. The website tells you where and when you can see all the Club teams in action.

The Football Club's website ([www.westbergholtfc.co.uk](http://www.westbergholtfc.co.uk)) provides league tables, details of the players and even some jokey pictures of them, as well as information about off-pitch activities. And there is a section devoted to the village's successful ladies' team.

Anxious parents worrying about admissions policy at the village school, can find out all about it [www.heathlands.essex.sch.uk](http://www.heathlands.essex.sch.uk). It's a smart website which is very easy to navigate and it has lots of useful information. For instance, there are details of the schools 12 extra-curricular activities which take place at lunchtimes or after school.

Colchester Model Railway Club which meets every Thursday in a barn at Armoury Farm, West Bergholt, also have a presence on the web at [www.colchestermrcc.org](http://www.colchestermrcc.org).

There is also a blog – to the uninitiated that's a web-log – providing an alternative news service about the village. It's at [www.westbergholt.blogspot.com](http://www.westbergholt.blogspot.com) and well worth a visit.

On my quick tour of the electronic village, I probably failed to find my way to all the websites that have been generated from homes in West Bergholt. (No doubt their creators will let the Bulletin know if I did). All the same it's a pretty impressive list. So if you find the idea of venturing into the world wide web a little daunting, you can play safe and start in the village.

Jon Lander



## West Bergholt Cricket Club



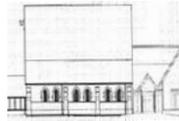
The cricket club's senior teams have struggled this season and were both near to the bottom of their respective leagues in late July. With some players retiring, the club has been proud to introduce several of its large number of colts to senior cricket. The club is in a transitional stage but there is every confidence that the talented younger players will develop their skills to soon make WBCC one of the strongest local clubs again.

In late June, the club hosted its annual Festival Week once more and no less than five visiting teams were welcomed at the beautiful Manor Ground. The weather was mixed but no cricket was lost and more than 250 people enjoyed either watching or playing in the endless round of matches. On the final Sunday, the Wynettes beat the Church team in a closely fought match. A total of £220 was raised for charity, split between the Church fund and Great Ormond Street Children's Hospital.

As for the junior section, there have been many successes and overall, across the five age groups, the club has won more matches than it has lost this year. The tireless Coaches and Managers of the junior teams are now taking a well-earned summer break! Earlier in the summer, the club managed to be accepted on to the highly coveted Jack Petchey Foundation Award scheme. This is a grant scheme for the club's benefit whereby a youngster between 11 and 25 wins an award every six weeks following a nomination process by his peers. Awards are granted for endeavour, helpfulness, commitment and the team ethic; congratulations so far to Matthew Rogers and Matthew MacDonald.

Nigel Passmore, Chairman , 240225  
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# St. Mary the Virgin, West Bergholt



Developing St.Mary's for a growing community



## *Sponsored Ride and Stride*

*Saturday 13th September*

*10am to 6pm*

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Raising money for your church or chapel and  
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Ron Seymour 01206 272449



## **'GROUNDBREAKERS'**

*for the*

*Children of St Mary's Church  
and West Bergholt*

## **Champions Challenge**

Over 60 children of various ages from the Village had a wonderful time in late July and early August in St Mary's Church and Hall during this year's summer holiday.

The children (except the little-ones) were divided into four teams and enjoyed Challenges in games – drawing – quizzes – bible teaching and crafts.

On the last day over 100 enjoyed a BBQ lunch, regardless of the weather. Even the Mums and Dads joined in!

Kate Wilson and Angela wish to thank the many people who gave up their time helping and coaching the children.

Next 'Groundbreakers' will be in the Christmas holidays – so watch this space!

# Hillhouse Wood

## Exciting discoveries



The status of Hillhouse Wood as a sanctuary for wildlife has taken on a new significance with the discovery of a colony of great crested newts in the top pond near the main entrance and also sightings of otters in the stream at the bottom (Fordham) end of the wood. Darren Tansley is a committee member of the Friends' of Hillhouse Wood and mammals recorder for Colchester Natural History Society and Essex Wildlife Trust and has expert knowledge of amphibia. He confirmed the presence of great crested newts during a committee visit to the wood in May and on the same evening found the distinctive spraints (droppings) of otters on the streamside bank. Friends' committee member Steve Hallam had reported sighting two otters playing in the stream earlier in May. Darren Tansley said: "It's always gratifying to be able to say 'I told you so' but I had predicted that otters would eventually make it to Hillhouse. The pair of otters seen were likely to have been a mother and well-developed cub. So what a fabulous event to be able to confirm the presence of two protected species of wildlife in one week."

Added to the presence of otters and great crested newts is confirmation of a resident colony of a rare damselfly, the beautiful demoiselle, along the same stream where the otters were seen. This also increases the importance of Hillhouse for rare wildlife as it already has a colony of an uncommon butterfly, the white-letter hairstreak which is associated with the wych and common elm trees in the wood. Increased disease of the elms is giving rise to anxiety for the survival of the butterflies and every effort is being made to contain disease spread

High winds accompanying rainstorms in the early summer brought down two trees which blocked paths and clearance action has been taken by a Woodland Trust contractor. There has been strong, tall growth of bracken in the central part of the wood and efforts are in hand to prevent encroachment on the paths. A request has been made to the Woodland Trust for some chemical and physical control of the bracken. An approach is being made by the Friends' committee to the Trust to carry out some trial coppicing of hazel and other trees in selected areas. It is considered this will enhance not only tree growth, but also be beneficial to the wood's flora and fauna.

Joe Firmin

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Copy for December issue should be with the Editors before 1st November 2008 - Regrettably late submissions cannot be guaranteed entry into the Bulletin



# 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  
**Bowls Club**, 7.30pm - Orpen Hall

### Mondays:

**Bluebell Preschool**, Monday to Friday - Orpen Hall  
**Parent and Toddler Group**, 9.30-11.30am - Methodist Hall  
**Village Art Group**, 2.00pm - Methodist Church Hall  
**Gardeners' Association**, 7.30pm 3rd Monday-Orpen Hall (Sept-Dec, Feb-May)  
**SG KARATE**, Scout Hut - Mondays 8:30 - 9:30 pm. £4.00 per class.  
**Bobbin Lace Class**, 1pm-3pm, term time only, St Mary's Church - Carol Maxwell, 0771 2648468

### Tuesdays:

**NHS Primary Care Trust Baby Clinic**, 10am to 11am - Methodist Hall  
**Miss Jackson's Dancing Class**, 5.30-7.30pm - Orpen Hall  
**Tai Chi**, Continuing Class, 7.30-9.30pm - Scout Hut - Wendy 272745  
**Methodist Church**, 11am 2nd Tuesday Communion Service  
**Badminton Club**, 8.15pm - Orpen Hall  
**W.E.A.**, 8.00pm - Methodist Hall (Sept. to Dec. and Jan. to Mar.)  
**Slimming World**, 7pm - Orpen Hall, Carol French 0794 660 3939  
**Morning Prayers**, 9.30am - 10am - weekly in Methodist Church

### Wednesdays:

**Coffee Morning**, 10.00am 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  
**Tai Chi**, Continuing Class, 1.30-3pm Orpen Hall - Wendy 272745 and New Beginners Class 1.30-3pm - John Lampon Hall - Tel. Nick 853127  
**West Bergholt Craft and Quilters Group**, 2nd Wednesday (except Christmas) - Joyce Lucking Room  
**Ladies' Afternoon Badminton**, Orpen Hall, 3.00pm to 4.30pm. New members welcome - contact Pat Butcher for details 242075  
**Aerobics-Legs, Bums and Tums**, Methodist Hall, 6.45pm-7.45pm. Tel 243773.

### Thursdays:

**Friendship Club**, 2.00pm 2nd and 4th Thursday - Orpen Hall  
**Squeals on Wheels**, a service for pre-school 'toddlers' and families in St Mary's Church, 10.30am every Thursday, in term time.  
**Colchester and District Model Railway Club**, 8pm - Armoury Farm  
**National Women's Register**, 8.00pm fortnightly, telephone 240588 for details  
**British Legion**, Gt & Lt Horkesley branch which includes West Bergholt - meet Beehive Pub, Lt Horkesley 2nd Thursday at 8pm  
**Bowls Club**, 7.30pm Orpen Hall  
**Table Tennis Club**, 7.30-9.00pm St Mary's Church Hall  
**Pilates**, 9.30am, - Scout Hut, Methodist Hall evenings tel: 564348 for details

### Fridays:

**West Bergholt Concert Band**, 6.00-7.00pm (Juniors), 7.00-9.00pm (seniors) - Heathlands school  
**Wesley Guild**, 7.30pm, 4th Friday - Methodist Hall (March to September)  
**Orpen Players**, 8.00pm - Orpen Hall

### Saturdays:

**The Performing Arts Centre**, 10.30am-12.30pm for pupils aged 6 to 11 years old - Orpen Hall

## West Bergholt Care Network

If you live in West Bergholt and need help getting to an appointment the Care Network may be able to help. Telephone the number below for the day on which you make your call. If there is no reply, please try any other number. Please note that we cannot respond to messages left on an answering service.

**Monday 241 103**      **Wednesday 242 319**  
**Tuesday 242 185**      **Saturday/Sunday 242 075**

## St. Mary's Church Services and functions

News of other clubs, committees etc. that use the Church hall can be found elsewhere in this Village Bulletin, also, if you have access to a computer, log into - <http://uk.geocities.com/stmarywb/index.htm> for the Village Diary where you will find out what else goes on in West Bergholt.

### September

Sunday 7th	9.30am	Morning Worship and Bugs
Tuesday 9th	11.00am	United Communion Service in Methodist Hall
Sunday 14th	9.30am	Holy Communion and Bugs
Sunday 21st	9.30am	Communion Service and Bugs
	6.30pm	Prayer Book - Evening Service
Wednesday 24th	10.00am	Holy Communion BCP
Sunday 28th	9.30am	Family Harvest Service

### October

Sunday 5th	9.30am	Morning Worship and Bugs
Sunday 12th	9.30am	Holy Communion and Bugs
Tuesday 14th	11.00am	United Communion Service in Methodist Hall
Sunday 19th	9.30am	Family Service
	6.30pm	Prayer Book-Evening Service
Wednesday 22nd	10.00am	Holy Communion BCP
Sunday 26th	9.30am	Communion Service and Bugs

### November

Sunday 2nd	9.30am	Morning Worship and Bugs
Sunday 9th	9.45am	Remembrance Service in Orpen Hall
Wednesday 11th	11.00am	Holy Communion BCP
Sunday 16th	9.30am	Family Service with Heathlands School
	6.30pm	Prayer Book-Evening Service
Sunday 23rd	9.30am	Communion Service and Bugs
Wednesday 26th	9.30am	Holy Communion BCP

A 'Creche' is available in the church hall for children under 5 years old, if required.

Rector - The Rev. Colin Horseman  
Telephone 271242

## Bluebell Pre-School - Learning Through Play

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If you would like to know more or put your child's name on our waiting list, contact Jackie Leach on 241677.