

village bulletin

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WEST BERGHOLT HISTORICAL VEHICLE SHOW

The West Bergholt Historical Vehicle Show takes place on Saturday 29th July and Sunday 30th July, starting both days at 10am, at the usual venue in Nayland Road.

It is expected that around 500 vehicles of all descriptions will be on show over the two days together with trade stands, including a rare Paxmans of Colchester steam engine, static displays and charity stalls. There will also be a funfair for the younger generation.

A parade of Suffolk Horses will take place on both days by kind permission of Bunting and Sons of Great Horkesley.

On the Saturday evening (July 29th) we will have a country and western event starting at 7.30pm near the beer tent. This is a FREE ENTRY event so PLEASE support this new addition to our Show.

On Sunday (July 30th) the show will be opened by BBC Essex presenter RICHARD SPENDLOVE M.B.E.

There will be our usual high class entertainment in the arena. This year we welcome for the first time, or indeed in this area, The Princess of Wales Royal Regiment Freefall team who will parachute into the Show.

Also taking part will be Hayley Rilings Motorcycle Stunt display team from Northampton, Aerobatics above the Showground by Nigel Willson Aerobatic Display of Ipswich, The Derby Midshipman Band from Derby and The Tigers.

There will also be the usual catering facilities at the Show.

Admission to the Show is £5 on Saturday and £6 on Sunday, reductions for OAP's and Children.

All proceeds from the Show will go to local charities.



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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

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Pharmacy	Chapel Road	☎	240 352
Post Office	Chapel Road (Half days Saturday)	☎	240 355
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BBC Essex Walk for Life

BBC Essex organised a "Walk for Life" to raise funds for the Essex Air Ambulance.

The walk began in Epping on 1st May and was planned to follow the Essex Way footpath to Harwich, 81 miles away. BBC Essex presenter Steve Scruton and Helpline Co-ordinator Angela Lodge, with a back-up team, planned to cover the whole route with other volunteers joining and leaving at different points along the way. The complete walk was planned to take thirteen days.

As some of you may know, each morning they reported progress in live broadcasts along the way. The editor had been listening and decided to reserve a page to allow this article to be submitted later than the usual cut-off date.

On Tuesday 9th May the West Bergholt stretch was walked. In spite of the bad weather that had soaked everyone the day before, thirty one people set off from Mill Road Nursery, Aldham on a dry, mild day. They strode along Ford Street, passed by Cook's Mill and stopped at Spring Wood for refreshments.



Norah Bates, on behalf of the village Bowls Club and Women's Institute, presented £100 to Angela Lodge from BBC Essex and Jean Twin, Community Fundraising Co-ordinator, Essex Air Ambulance.

Nora is pictured holding the Essex Way Staff which was carried along the walk by members of the local communities that the route passed through.



After zigzagging through the village the walkers stopped in Armoury Road where Michael Cullham was in his vintage Cecil Patton horse box waiting to be interviewed. The live radio broadcast concluded with the sound of the horse box leaving. After a short stop the walkers were on their way to Boxted where the day's walk ended.

The whole event had been very well organised. Arrangements had even been made for a bus to collect walkers at the end of each day's walk and ferry them back to their cars at the starting point. Congratulations to BBC Essex.



The Essex Air Ambulance provides and operates the emergency Eurocopter in the Essex area. It relies solely on the generosity of the people of Essex who make donations and fund raise in order to keep the emergency helicopter flying.

Contributions are always welcome.

Essex Air Ambulance,
The Business Centre, Earls Colne Business Park,
Earls Colne, Colchester CO6 2NS.
www.essexairambulance.co.uk

West Bergholt Craft and Quilters Group

We meet every fourth Wednesday in the month from 7.30 - 9.30 pm in the Methodist Church Hall. Hilary Davis is the tutor. For more information please contact Marie-Louise Fuell on 240642.

Friends of Hillhouse Wood



Continuously cold winds and chilly, often frosty, nights through March and into April retarded the wood's plant growth generally and the famous display of bluebells was later than usual in coming into full bloom. However, it was preceded by an unusually large and spectacular carpet of wood anemones, especially in areas cleared of brambles and scrub by winter work parties organised by the Friends of Hillhouse Wood under the direction of David Bull. The work team has opened up some impressive new vistas.

Concern continues over the browsing of vegetation and damage to tree bark and saplings by deer. Ray Tabor, of Essex Wildlife Trust, who is an expert on deer damage and control, is to carry out a further deer survey in mid-May and has offered a training course on deer during the same week. Extra protection has been given to the main colony of early purple orchid plants at the top of the wood by the erection of a netting fence.

Thanks to the generosity of Mr and Mrs MC Bashall, of Kings Vineyard, Fossetts Lane, Fordham, owners of the land known as Hilly Field which borders Hillhouse Wood, some space inside their boundary facing an open glade of Hillhouse has been used to erect a memorial bench to Mr Fathers of Fordham who was a regular visitor to the wood and loved its plant and wildlife. He and his widow wished that his affection for the wood should be permanently commemorated in this way.

Twenty people attended the early spring bird walk in the wood, led by Philip Smith and myself, on April 1st. At least six singing male chiffchaffs freshly back from winter quarters in Africa were located and three kestrels were seen over the wood. Recently two treecreepers have been seen in the wood, reviving hopes that this species will again breed this year. A male and female yellowhammer were seen in bushes in the lane leading to the wood.

Moth lamp surveys in the wood are being resumed by members of Essex Moth Group and Colchester Natural History Society – one scheduled for spring (April 28) and another in July (date to be notified). Well over 100 moth species have been recorded in and near the wood, including some of localised or uncommon distribution in Essex.

Work party clearance of spreading and enclosing bushes and vegetation round the top pond near the main entrance

has opened up the site, particularly for those using the memorial seat. Later in the year there will have to be removal of spreading growth of reedmace and some willow suckers as well as some deepening and desilting. Simon Leatherdale of the Forestry Commission is being consulted about this.

Nightingales and blackcaps were back in the wood in the second week of April, which raised hopes for the popular Dawn Chorus meeting at the wood in the early hours of May 7. Care has been taken by the work parties to ensure that suitable cover and habitat has been left for nesting nightingales and also for warblers such as chiffchaffs, garden warblers and blackcaps.

Joe Firmin

West Bergholt Concert Band



Kick Off The Summer with West Bergholt Concert Band

After scoring another two successes with our Spring Concerts, the band are now in training for a brace of Summer Concerts in Clacton and Colchester, featuring another programme of all new music. The first of these, on Saturday June 24th at Clacton's Westcliff Theatre, will find us sharing the stage with The Sweetening Swing Band for a concert titled "Bach To The Big Bands".

We'll then be marking the World Cup with our "Bands Around The World (Cup)" concert on Saturday 8th July at St Botolph's, Colchester. The concert title totally gives the game away – we'll be playing music from famous footballing nations such as England, Spain, Germany, Brazil and many others. If you enjoy "the beautiful game", it'll be a great way to celebrate the tournament...if you don't, it'll be a welcome evening away from the footie!

Either way, the July 8th concert is your opportunity to help us raise funds for Heathlands School. We've opted to play "away" rather than "at home" as finding a sufficiently large venue in West Bergholt led us to eventually concede defeat. However, St Botolph's is a fabulous substitute, with superb acoustics that make it one of the best places to hear the band, so we're looking forward to seeing a strong turn-out from our village supporters, for what will be a match-winning evening of music.

The summer term also means we bid farewell to some of our players as they leave for University. As always, we need to attract and always welcome new members of all ages, so if you're interested in playing in Training Band or Concert Band, come and see us at Heathlands on term-time Friday evenings. Everything you need to know about the band (including concert details and ticket-ordering) can be found on our website (www.wbcb.org), or you can call Graham on 01206 824157. Above all else, the band is fun...so it'd be great to see you at any of our rehearsals or concerts.

Joan Hardingham, embroiderer, at 90

Joan Hardingham, who has lived in the village for many years, will be 90 in September and is still making breathtakingly beautiful embroideries, bags and wall hangings. Joan is President of the Colne and Colchester Branch of the Embroiderers' Guild and the Branch wishes to celebrate her achievements by holding an exhibition of her work in St. Mary's Church from 2nd to 9th September.

Her Grandmother gave her a thimble when she was five and after that she was given one each year. Embroidery in those days involved decorating useful items for the home such as smocked dresses and aprons. Women knitted and crocheted and made the family's clothes. Joan was taught needlework at her school, Cardiff High School. After the Second World War Joan had to set up a home on coupons. She made curtains, lampshades and cushions. She has been a member of the Guild since she came to this area 48 years ago – roped in because she could type.

In embroidery, 1960s saw a freer sort of work. Joan went to handicraft and dressmaking classes in Grey Friars, which spurred her to apply to the London School of Fashion as a mature student. Beryl Dean, a renowned ecclesiastical embroiderer, recruited students to help her and that was where Joan learned to use the metal threads that she still applies in her work. Through Beryl she had the opportunity to work on parts of the hangings in St. George's Chapel, Windsor.

In 1973 she left the London School of Fashion having passed both parts of her City and Guilds with distinction. Her thesis was on Turkish embroidery. Her daughters having left home, she felt free to apply for a Churchill Fellowship, which she won in 1974. She was the first embroiderer to be awarded a Fellowship in a Religious Art category and it enabled her to travel for three months and study Armenian embroidery and the ancient civilisations of Turkey and Greece. She also represented Britain at the first International Folklore Congress in Istanbul and presented a paper on 'Symbolism in Turkish Embroidery'.

As one of the aims of a Churchill Fellowship is to promote the knowledge gained Joan, for many years, organised visits for members of the Guild to Turkey, Cyprus and Greece and has lectured all over the country on Turkish and Greek embroidery.

Until her retirement, Joantaught embroidery at both residential and short courses in many parts of the country, including Essex and Suffolk. There are many people in this part of East Anglia who have Joan to thank for encouraging them in a life-time pursuit. She is an inspirational teacher.

But when you visit the exhibition you will see that Joan still has a thirst for exploration and her work is contemporary and up to date. She boldly grasps modern techniques and materials and is not afraid to try out new effects and resources and incorporate them in her work. She uses paint a great deal and space dyes her own materials - silk, paper and threads.

Joan says that if you take pleasure in doing something, that enjoyment transfers itself to the work. So we hope that you will come and visit the exhibition and see for yourselves the many years of delight we have all gained from her work.

Joan Hardingham, Embroiderer A Retrospective Exhibition

St. Mary's Church, West Bergholt

September 2nd – 9th 2006
10 am to 4 pm



From strength to strength The Royal British Legion

Another three members have joined us over the last two months, so the Branch goes from strength to strength, now totalling 80 members.

The Great and Little Horkesley Branch, which incorporates personnel from West Bergholt, are always pleased to see new members join them at their meetings and functions on the second Tuesday of the month at the 'Beehive', Little Horkesley. We start at 20.00hrs and the meeting is conducted in a most convivial spirit.

We have representatives from all three Services; so there is always someone to chat about old service days, and maybe 'swing-the-lead' over tales of old?

We recently celebrated a superb dinner at the The Lion, Leavenheath, when the Branch broke their previous record for attendance by having 61 members with their wives attending.

Contact our Secretary, Mr Roger Drury (ex RN) on 271454 for details, or Hugh Brivent-Barnes, (ex RAF & Army) 243717 who lives in the village.

NSPCC

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Books, Board Games, Jigsaws,
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Collection Points:

MALDON: BP Tavern Garage, The Causeway,
COLCHESTER: Co-op Store at Abbotts Rd,
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COPFORD Barnplants Garden Centre,
Turkey Lane, Copford

Or phone 01206 271616 for collection of large amounts
within 10 mile radius of Colchester

**Our next Annual Book Fair will be on
28-29 October 2006
At Holmwood House School, Lexden, Colchester**

1st West Bergholt Scout Group

Congratulations to two former members of the Group, Lee Smith and Matthew Rodwell, who have been selected to represent the County (and Country) at next year's World Jamboree. There was terrific competition for the places available and these Explorer Scouts were tested on their Scouting skills and their ability to "get on" with the rest of the contingent. At the 2007 Jamboree, the Scout Association is planning to celebrate the centenary of the founding of Scouts with over 40,000 Scouts at Hylands Park, Chelmsford. Incidentally, 2006 sees the 20th anniversary of the founding of Beavers and 90th anniversary of the founding of Cubs.

On Sunday 23rd April 2006, we had an excellent turnout for our annual St George's Day parade: our thanks to Ron Seymour and Richard Chadborn for an excellent service. At the main parade and service in Colchester, a number of our Beavers received their Bronze Chief Scout Awards. Congratulations to Sally Slark on receiving her warrant as an Assistant Beaver Scout Leader and Nicola Peterson on attaining her Wood Badge. Special congratulations are due to Martin Dunn on achieving his long service award for 15 years as a leader.

We are two-thirds of the way through another year and the programme has been as busy as usual. In recent weeks, we have held Beaver sleepovers and Cub and Scout camps are due to be held in the next few weeks. In the summer, some of our Scouts are planning to attend the Norfolk Jamboree. Members in all of the sections have completed a great number of badges. We have also helped with a tidy-up in the churchyard of St Mary's and the Scouts have spent a few hours picking up litter around the village. The Scouts have also borrowed a wheelchair to discover whether West Bergholt is "disabled-friendly". Recent events organised for the members of the Group include a tobogganing evening at Wherstead, a visit by a paramedic, pond dipping and so on.

As always, we are grateful for Andrew Wilks who has coached Cubs football and organised our representation in matches in the local Cubs league. It is a shame that the results did not match Andrew's enthusiasm.

The Group's AGM will be held on Friday 16th June 2006 and we would like as many parents as possible to attend. We are desperately keen to bring some new faces on to the Committee, which serves to support leaders by taking care of the finances, building maintenance and so on, with the commitment of a very modest amount of time. If anyone is interested in helping the Group please contact the Group Chairman, Paul Brooks, on 01206 242292. If any of our parents do not want to become a leader or join the committee, perhaps they might take on organising an event? If you want to know about any aspect of the Group or it's activities, please feel free to call me on 01206 240549.

Kevin Sturdy



Charity No 299094

The Care Network held their 19th AGM in April. The Chairman, Mrs Betty Heard, opened the meeting on a sad note and paid tribute to Mrs Shirley Biddulph who had passed away suddenly earlier this year. The news was a great shock to everyone.

Shirley was one of the founder members and soon took on the job of telephone contact along with other duties. She was an inspiration to us all with her smiling face and pleasant voice, which was a joy to all who came in contact with her. She always managed to find the right words on the telephone when people were asking about Care Network. She would always put them at their ease in her own caring and compassionate way. Shirley was never one to give up and we are missing her very much.

On behalf of Care Network Betty gave fondest regards to her family.

Now entering it's twentieth year, The Care Network continues to provide a much needed service in the village. It mainly provides transport for people who need help getting to local hospitals, or to visit the doctor, optician or dentist.

Unfortunately our stock of volunteer drivers is slowly dwindling and we need more help to keep the Care Network working effectively. It is not a regular commitment - on average an hour or two a month at times to suit you and involves transport within the Colchester area for West Bergholt residents.

If you are interested in learning more about becoming a volunteer please telephone 241672 or 242319.

If you live in West Bergholt and need help getting to an appointment the Care Network may be able to help. Telephone the number, found on the back cover, for the day on which you make your call. If there is no response, please don't leave a message on an answering service, try any other number.

Library Times

The Mobile Library visits the village every Tuesday. The stops and times for West Bergholt are:

Orpen Hall	14.00 – 14.20
Erle Havard Road	14.30 – 15.10
Queens Road	15.30 – 16.00
Corner of Spring Lane and Chapel Lane	16.05 – 17.30

Neighbourhood Watch Scheme



YOUR VILLAGE NEEDS YOU - *continued*

There was a splendid response to the request in the March issue of the Bulletin asking for volunteers to join the Neighbourhood Watch Scheme. At the time of writing three new co-ordinators have been signed up in areas of the village which were not previously covered by the scheme. We are almost there, and if we could get, say three more co-ordinators to cover the centre of the village around Mumford Road and Close, Pirie Road, Donard Drive and Upton Close, we would then have a team which could make an effective contribution in making the village safer for all.

NEIGHBOURHOOD POLICE TEAMS (NPTs)

The Government has recently introduced NPTs throughout the country with the object of improving 'local' community policing. The team covering West Bergholt came into force in the middle of April this year. The size of the teams will vary according to their location, but the team covering West Bergholt (and other adjoining villages) will have four dedicated officers, who will work with local people to solve crime, nuisance and other anti-social problems. PC. N. Everett (see below) is the officer allocated to the village, and he is working closely with our area co-ordinator, John Ford, and other organisations (Neighbourhood Action Panels) in order to make this new initiative work.

AN ASBO IN WEST BERGHOLT

The village has received its first Anti-social Behaviour Order (ASBO) since the scheme was introduced. It has been served on a gentleman who dresses in German military uniform and who has unfortunately upset several people in the village. Any sightings of him should be reported to the Police and Neighbour Watch.

BOGUS CALLERS (and distraction burglary)

This is the time of year when bogus callers are very active, posing very often as salesmen or representatives of utility companies. Do not allow entry into your property unless you are certain of the person(s) identity.

'TROUBLE AT STORE'

At the beginning of April there was an evening incident outside the Co-op when a group of youngsters used unpleasant language to a person wishing to use the cash machine. They also acted in an aggressive manner when approached by shop staff. Anyone having a similar problem, or seeing groups hanging around the shop, is asked to report it to the Police or Neighbourhood Watch.

ORPEN HALL

Unfortunately the Orpen hall is becoming a target for burglaries and vandalism. The latest incident occurred on the night of 22nd/23rd March 2006. Fruit machines were robbed. It is also a place where groups of potential troublemakers tend to gather. If anyone should see suspicious activity near the Hall please report it to the Police and Neighbourhood Watch.

FIRST RESPONDER GROUP.

Neighbourhood Watch are considering starting up a response team for emergencies such as heart attacks, strokes and falls, etc. For further information contact Annie Neish on 01206 240469.

REPORTING CRIME AND OTHER INCIDENTS

All reports should, in the first instance, go to the Police with a follow up to Neighbourhood Watch. The more reports that are received, the more effective will be the fight against crime and other anti-social behaviour. (Remember to ask the Police for a crime number).

Contacts

Police PC Neil Everett (or his Deputy) 07966 197 134

Colchester Police 01206 762212

Neighbourhood Watch Scheme Area Co-ordinator

John Ford 01206 240995 or 241716



David Sands - more news

Since the last Bulletin was issued David has achieved one of his goals and has done some work in mainstream television. He spent two weeks filming in Bristol and will be appearing in BBC's 'Casualty'. He will be playing the part of 'Vinno' in an episode entitled 'Silent Ties' due to be transmitted on 10th June.

During May and June David is working for Red Earth Theatre Company based in the Midlands.



New Horizon Majorettes Open Competition

To be held on Sunday 16th July 2006

Starting at 8.30am

At The Orpen Memorial Hall, West Bergholt

Many troupes competing

so please come and support the day.

Refreshments available

Side Stalls

Please note: That music will be playing during the day but volume will be kept to a minimum.

ANYONE WISHING TO JOIN OUR TROUPE PLEASE

CONTACT RACHEL on 07888631316



DON'T FORGET THE BULLETIN QUIZ

Saturday June 3rd starting at 7.30pm

Contact Susan Swan for last minute bookings.

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The Orpen Players



The Orpen Players spring production of "Separate Tables Table number six", took us back fifty years, to a time when morals and indiscretion carried a far heavier burden to the individual than they do today. The cast of seven women and three men, all brought their characters to life with performances that demonstrated how abnormal behaviour was frowned upon in those days.

The set was up to its usual high standard thanks to a very talented back stage crew, who managed to capture the authenticity of the period. The costumes reflected this which resulted in a visual treat. All things considered, this made for an excellent night's entertainment.



DATES FOR YOUR VILLAGE DIARY

- 3 June - Bulletin Quiz - Orpen Hall - 7.30pm
- 10 June - Gardeners - Hatfield House Flower Festival visit.
- 16 June - Scouts - AGM
- 17 June - West Bergholt Village Fayre - Poors Land - 2pm
- 18 June - Methodist Church Anniversary Service.
- 24 June - Concert Band - Westcliff Theatre, Clacton.
- 2 July - Methodist Chapel - Ladies' Day Service.
- 8 July - Concert Band - St Botolph's, Colchester.
- 16 July - Majorettes Competition -Lorkin Daniell Field.
- 17 July - Teddy Bears' Picnic - Orpen Hall Playground.
- 29/30 July - Historic Vehicle Show - Nayland Road - 10am.
- 29/30 July - Gardeners - Thompson and Morgan visit.
- 2-9 September - Embroidery Exhibition - St Mary's Church.
- 27 September - WI Photo Competition - final entries due
- 30 September - WI Photo Competition - Orpen Hall - 10am



National Women's Register



The West Bergholt Branch of the National Women's Register has almost finished its programme for the year. It has included a quiz, an enjoyable meal at Dedham, a play reading and discussing our seven wonders of Essex. Before we finish in July we plan to visit Christchurch Museum in Ipswich, have a walk in the local area and plan our next programme that begins in September.

We meet twice a month on a Thursday and welcome new members. For more information please contact Gill Poole on 01206 240512.

West Bergholt Friendship Club



Our spring programme got off to a good start with an account of life in West Bergholt in the 1930's based on the memories of one of our members. We were taken on a tour of the village at a time when Daniell's brewery was still the source of much local employment and when the shops spread around the village catered for the daily needs of its inhabitants.

Another notable meeting took the form of a play reading put on by members of West Bergholt Women's Institute which held everyone's rapt attention until the final surprise outcome, We were most grateful to Susan Leng and the cast - Joyce Woolhead. Clarice Chittenden, Joyce Hollock, Marie Fitzjohn and Joyce Lucking - for their very entertaining afternoon performance.

Our varied spring programme also took in a Mike Morrissey Quiz, and another part of the late Revd. Harry Winter's memories read for us by Dorothy Winter and a talk on wild life by Jeff Martin. By the time this Bulletin appears, we shall have been on a lunch outing to Clacton.

Future Club activities will include a tombola stall at Heathlands School fete in June and a garden party at Alcrofts Farm in July. Our annual outing will be to Bury St Edmunds in August.

New Members are always welcome. Club meetings take place at the Orpen Hall at 2pm on the second and fourth Thursdays of the month

Gerda Rumsey, Chairman.



West Bergholt Parent and Toddler Group



At Easter the group welcomed its new chair persons: Steph Kilcline and Rachel Hutchings.

During the summer term there will be visits from Colchester Library and "Caroline's Cards", plus activities for the children including planting seeds and lots of crafts. The Teddy Bears Picnic will take place at the Orpen Hall playground on 17th July, and we will also host a stall at the Village Fayre.

The group meets Mondays during term time 9.30-11.30am in the Methodist Hall. New members are always welcome. For more information please call Steph on 01206 843761

West Bergholt Parish Council News

Snippets from the Annual Parish Meeting

Mr Gili-Ross, Chairman of the Parish Council, welcomed those present. He said that the Parish Council always listens and considers requests from residents. It is the responsibility of the Parish Council to look after the village, which can sometimes cause conflict with the responsibilities of being Trustees.

David Grocott then gave a presentation on the proposed new Visual Arts Facility in Colchester.

Environment

Litter in open spaces, especially around the recycling bins, is a problem in the village. Benches in the village have been refurbished. Parish Council thanks to Mr. and Mrs. Cole for continuing to clear roadside rubbish around the village. Lexden Road pond has had a fallen tree removed. A working party will be clearing up around the pond in the autumn. De-silting of the Hall Road pond will take place in the autumn. This will provide deeper water and inhibit re-growth of reed mace. Overgrown hedges continue to concern the committee. Householders could be contacted if their hedges cause a problem. Footpaths continue to be monitored and referred to the appropriate authority for repair. The tree warden, Mr Johnson, continues to check tree consent work schedules for tree protection.

Planning

The Planning committee always tries to have a balanced view on the design and impact of any proposals with respect to their effect on local residents. Planning application statistics are: the Parish Council made 31 no comments, 17 commented on ranging from minor comments to recommending refusal. Of these CBC approved 37, made three refusals and there are still eight to be decided. Mr Tyrrell had a meeting with CBC to discuss the possible "CBC rubber stamping" of applications to meet Government targets. The Deputy Chief Planner and Team Leader vigorously denied these suggestions. However, they did accept there was a lack of communication between CBC and Parish Councils and promised this would improve. There was a planning appeal by Vaughn and Blyth for two bungalows on land to the rear of 24 and 26 New Church Road. The refusal was upheld by the inspector. Monthly planning meetings are held on the third Wednesday of the month in the John Lampon Hall, and are open to all.

The Parish Plan provides the community with an opportunity to guide some of the change within the village. Two events have been held to publicise the Parish Plan. A constitution was adopted on 19th January 2006 and a Chair, Secretary and Treasurer appointed. Grant aid has been proposed from DEFRA via the Rural Community Council of Essex. This is a contribution towards administrative costs. A questionnaire is to be given to all village residents with the September Village Bulletin.

Bulletin

The past year has been a success. The layout and content has continued to improve. Five new advertisers have been taken on but there is still a waiting list. Delivery is always at the beginning of the month, with 1500 copies being circulated. The editorial team's thanks go to the people who deliver the Bulletin around the village. Debbie Holmes has moved to Cyprus. We welcomed Susan Leng to the Bulletin team.

Finance

The accounts for 2003/4 and 2004/5 have finally been approved. The chairman of the finance committee thanked Mrs Walsom and Mrs Hallam, internal auditor, for the work undertaken. Grants have been received for several ongoing projects. Due to increased financial aid from CBC we were able to announce no increase to the Parish Council Tax.

Report from the Charities

Open Hall - Bernard Colbron assumed the Chair when Debbie Holmes moved to Cyprus. The halls have achieved a high letting success. The committee has started to plan for updating the fixtures and fittings which include health and safety recommendations. Vandalism has been a huge worry with damage to the fabric of the buildings. Paving slabs have been prised up and broken, light fittings broken and many other problems. The biggest problem were the Social Club raids. They caused extensive damage to the doors and machines in the club and money was taken.

Poors Land - New goal posts have been provided and the marking out of the pitch has taken place. Trees and shrubs have been cut back or removed to make the area safe.

Allotments - A committee of allotment holders has been formed. It was agreed to allow attended bonfires only between certain dates during the year. Leaking taps and pipes have been repaired. An oak tree in the corner of the allotments has been the subject of a complaint.

Lorkin Daniell Playing Field - Phase two of the play area refurbishment is to be implemented. The play area will be closed whilst the work takes place.

Village Green - Bracken encroachment has been dealt with by treating it with herbicide specific to bracken. Further treatments may be required late summer. Parking in front of the Scout Hut has been an ongoing problem. Two lockable posts have been installed to deal with this situation.

Some residents present at the meeting raised questions which were answered by the chairs of the relevant committees. John Gili-Ross stated that the Parish Council continues to be under staffed and would welcome anyone seeking to support the local community to contact the Parish Clerk.

A full report of the meeting is available on request from the Parish Clerk.

West Bergholt Gardeners' Association



The Association ended its season of meetings in April with a particularly interesting talk by Dougal Urquhart, the Ranger of Cudmore Grove Country Park at East Mersea about the park itself and its wildlife - the surprising variety of swimmers, bloomers, fliers, crawlers and walkers who reside in it or who come for their summer or winter holiday (or occasionally by mischance) every one of them illustrated with splendid photographs.

Next season starts on Monday September 18th in the Orpen Hall at 7.30pm with the Annual General Meeting, and then our old friend and regular speaker Andrew Tokely, the Horticultural Manager of Thompson & Morgan, will talk about New Flowers and Vegetables for Your Garden.

If you would like a preview of some of the new introductions he will be telling us about, Thompson & Morgan have invited us to visit their annual Trial Ground Weekend at their Poplar Lane, Ipswich, premises on the 29th and 30th of July. If any of our members (or non-members) would like to take advantage of this event, please ring the Secretary for more details.

Our October meeting will not be the usual Orpen Hall gathering, but instead we have been invited to make an evening visit to E.W.King and Co. of Coggeshall Road, Kelvedon, for a demonstration and talk about Seed Production by Mr Peter Miller. More news about this and the rest of our 2006/7 programme will appear in September's Village Bulletin.

PLANT SALE

Many thanks to everybody who contributed on both sides of the counter to our successful charity Sale on May 15th. May all your purchases give you pleasure.

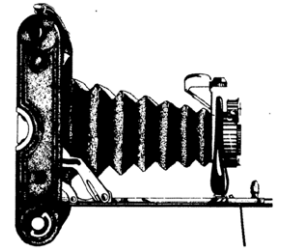
HATFIELD HOUSE FLOWER FESTIVAL

As this Bulletin goes to press there are still seats available in the coach for our visit to this grand event. We leave the Orpen Hall at 10am on Saturday 10th June and will leave Hatfield for the return journey at 4pm. Non-members of the Association are very welcome to join us and enjoy the splendours of the House and extensive Gardens in festive display. There are good catering facilities and picnic area.

The cost is £18 for non-members (£15 for members) Please ring Ian Collin on 240728 or Pat Fosker on 241103 for more information and bookings.

Have a great summer in your garden, and may the sun and rain bestow their blessings, each in proper volume and right time.

West Bergholt Local History Group



FEBRUARY - Philip Crummy, from the Colchester Archaeological Trust, gave a talk about the Roman Circus that was discovered last year in the former barracks area that is being re-developed for housing. By Philip's own admission, Archaeology can sometimes seem boring and stuffy but his obvious enthusiasm made this an entertaining evening. It was particularly good of him to admit that even the professionals don't always know everything. Apparently, they only realised this site was a Roman Circus when a journalist who was trying to get an interesting story flippantly suggested it would be good if it was one!

MARCH - Subscriptions were renewed before the Annual Meeting, when copies of the programme for the following year were handed out. Membership numbers are up and the group has received contacts from abroad asking for details of relatives who lived in the village from way back.

Mike Blackwell, who is not on the committee, kindly prepared the accounts and thanks were recorded to him and Gill Poole, our treasurer. The committee hoped that members enjoyed the talks and visits.

Betty Heard thanked the committee for the interesting evenings and said that the members do appreciate them. Coffee was followed with a talk by Ann Wise about the Braintree Silk Mills.

APRIL - Our visit to the Braintree Silk Mills was very successful. We looked at the many museum exhibits and at some of the actual silk samples. The weaving machines and tools that were shown on a short film of them in use was an eye opener to bygone ways.

MAY - We will be visiting Brightlingsea Museum.

JUNE - Last year, after David Cawdell had given his talk about the 100 year old bridge near his home in Spring Lane, Lexden, he invited the group to visit in the summer. This has now been arranged for June and we are hoping for good weather!

JULY - Unfortunately, the advertised visit to Great Tey has been cancelled. We are trying to arrange an alternative outing.

AUGUST - Following Steve Knight's interesting talk last year, the group will visit his Post Box Museum in Halstead.

Contact Bernard Colbron on 240297 for further History Group details.

Village man's incredible journey

For the last six months, a West Bergholt man has been taking part in an incredible adventure that has taken him from the lowest point on earth to the highest. Nic Clarke, whose parents live in Newbridge Hill, has cycled from the Dead Sea on Israel's eastern border 5,000 miles through seven countries to Mount Everest in the Himalayas

Nic is taking part in the EverestMax expedition which is raising money for charity, carrying out medical experiments and testing the endurance of the expedition members to the limit.

Thanks to the wonders of the Internet, Nic has been keeping the Village Bulletin informed of the expedition's progress from Base Camp on Mount Everest. In an e-mail on May 1, he told us he had just returned from an acclimatising trip to the North Col which at 23,500 feet is just 6,000 feet short of the summit. The night time temperature at Base Camp can drop to as low as minus 15C.

Nic, who is 31, says he has been a keen mountain walker since the age of three, when his parents first took him to the Lake District. When he was completing the Duke of Edinburgh's Award scheme and the Chief Scout's Award, he came to love the beauty of the mountains. It seemed almost inevitable then that he should become a mountaineer. He has climbed in the Alps and in Argentina and took part in a successful expedition to Mount Pumori in the Himalayas.

His "Action man" image is confirmed by his love of "adrenalin sports" including sky diving, bungee jumping and white water rafting. On a less dangerous level, he completed the last seven London marathons and has taken part in duathlons and triathlons at home and abroad.



Nic grew up in West Bergholt and after primary schooling at Heathlands, went to Colchester Royal Grammar School and then to Kingston University where he studied Resources and the Environment. He was a member of the village Cubs, Scouts and Venture Scouts. He has worked for the last seven years in health clubs, which, he says, gave him the opportunity to train others to attain their goals.

The expedition began its epic cycle ride last December from the Dead Sea, whose surface lies 1,300 feet lower than the nearby Mediterranean – making it the lowest point on earth. Their route took them through Jordan, Syria, Turkey, Iran, Pakistan, India, Nepal and China and they arrived at Base Camp on Mount Everest on April 12. On the way, Nic tells us he fell off his bike six times, had one collision, 11 punctures, numerous broken spokes and a worn bottom bracket (whatever that may be). He also lost four pounds in weight on the way.

Two scientist members of the team are using the expedition for research purposes. One is investigating the causes of mountain sickness and the other, the affect of physical activity at high altitude on the human body.

Sadly, because the Bulletin goes to press almost a month before it is published, we are not able to tell you the end of the story. In his May 1st e-mail, Nic said that ten members of the team were fit enough to tackle the summit, including him.

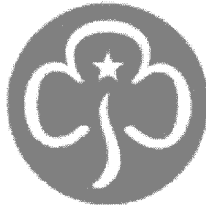
"When the weather window opens," he said, "the team will be chosen from the fittest and most experienced. At the moment, we all have a good chance. If there is not enough space in the first weather window for all the fit people, there will be an opportunity in the next window."

Nic said they were hoping the weather would be good enough by mid-May, but in the last few years it had not improved until early June. The Bulletin has sent him greetings from West Bergholt and wished him and his team-mates good luck.

You can follow the progress of the expedition on their website – www.everestmax.com.

Editor - Pictures and reports were e.mailed from the foothills of Everest by Nic to Jon Lander. Well done both!

1st West Bergholt Guides



We started February by bringing in the Chinese New Year by painting fans.

All of the Patrols are now working on the following Badges - Caterpillars - World Traveller, Daisy's - Culture, Sphinx - World Issues and the Pyramids - Personal Safety.

We celebrated Thinking Day at St. Helena School with our Division. There were various activities to take part in including making musical instruments and country dancing.

We were sent some egg dying kits from America and spent a very enjoyable evening dying egg shells ready for Easter.

We made 80th Birthday cards for Her Majesty The Queen which we all hope she enjoyed.

On 27th April we held a Fund Raising Craft Evening to help raise funds for Norjam 2006 and Clare Trent's trip to Toronto. We invited all of the Guides' parents, family and friends to come along and make crafts. We made £60.00 which will be shared between the two funds. Everyone had a great time and I am sure we will do this again in the future.

Sandra Gates, Guide Guider



Methodist Church News

The summer months seem a quieter time in our Church calendar. Our Annual Quiz in March was very successful and enjoyed by all the teams competing. The Good Friday service was with combined members of the Anglican and Methodist Churches at St. Mary's. Christian Aid received support around the village in May.

We look forward to a special weekend, June 17th – 18th when we will again be involved in a stall at the village school fete on the Saturday and our own Church Anniversary on the Sunday with a special service led by Rev. John Robinson, always a very welcome visitor.

The Ladies Day service takes place on July 2nd when we are very pleased to have Jane Allison, wife of our Superintendent Minister to lead worship.

The past two years have flown by extremely quickly since we welcomed Trevor and Judith Sands into our Circuit from the Baptist Church. They have both been very active in encouraging us all to try something new, whether it be by changing times of services, places of worship or joining with other congregations, and we hope to continue with these ideas. Their support has been very much appreciated – they have worked as a team and we shall be sorry to lose them as they leave in August for pastures new.

West Bergholt Women's Institute



The Orpen Hall was a very lively place on March 1st when an invited audience of W.I. members from other Colchester W.I.'s joined us for our Members Meeting. Martin Phillips was our entertainer – a very talented singer who could have continued entertaining us all for a few more hours, with such a large repertoire of songs.

The County Annual Meeting was held at the Charter Hall in March. Along with the usual business meeting, we were entertained by Shirley Ann Field who told us about her life in the acting profession, and Paul Whittaker a profoundly deaf musician. He teaches music working tirelessly for the Music and the Deaf Association. He studied music at University playing several instruments – organ, piano and guitar. A very talented gentleman who also signs for films and the London musical shows – quite a feat.

The W.I. are already planning next year's varied programme of meetings and outings. Why not join us on the first Wednesday of each month at the Orpen Hall. Our June meeting is entitled "House Plant Style"

Calling all Photographers!

There will be a Village Photographic Competition organised by West Bergholt WI this year. The competition will be held in the Orpen Hall on Saturday 30th September and is open to all who live in the Village Bulletin area.

A photograph (film or digital) can be entered in each of the following classes:

Summer in West Bergholt	Flora and Fauna
Family Fun	Coastal Scene
Photo taken by a child up to 12 years of age	

Entry fee is 50p per photo. Only one photo per person in each class. Each photo must fit and be mounted onto a piece of A5 card (8¼ x 5¾ inches or 21 x 15cm)

All entries must have the photographer's name and address and category on the back of the card and children's entries must also include their age as on 30th September. You may include a title or caption under the photo if you wish.

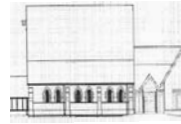
Prizes will be awarded to the best entries, and all photos will be displayed.

Come along to see the results at the WI Coffee Morning with Village Photographic Competition on Saturday 30th September from 10am to 12 noon.

Entries must be submitted from Monday 18th to Wednesday 27th September to Joyce Woolhead, Newbridge House, Newbridge Hill or Susan Leng at 36 Albany Road

Please collect your entry on the 30th at the end of the Competition.

St.Mary the Virgin, West Bergholt



Developing St.Mary's for a growing community

UPDATE ON PROGRESS TOWARDS REDEVELOPING THE INTERIOR OF ST MARY'S

The Steering Group has continued to work hard, and much progress has been made towards the proposed changes to the church. A question and answer session was held in February. Following on from that, a letter which aims to keep you informed of the present position will be distributed to everyone on the Electoral Roll.

Below is a summary of the proposals that went before the Chelmsford Diocesan Advisory Committee (DAC) at their meeting on the 7th March 2006:

1. That the Church be re-wired and a new lighting system installed
2. That a new heating system be installed.
3. That a sound reinforcement system and audiovisual equipment be installed
4. That the pews be replaced by upholstered chairs and the floor be polished and sealed
5. That the font is lowered and a "quiet area" created around it.
6. That the wood panelling be reduced down to the height of the side window sills, the staging on which the current communion table stands be removed and the current communion table be brought forward from the back wall and "made good" at the rear to allow us to gather around it to take communion.
7. That the interior front door of the Church be fully glazed and new church furniture be constructed by a local craftsmen in part reusing wood from the pews
8. That the interior of the Church be redecorated.

The DAC were asked to consider these proposals as the first stage in our application for a faculty permitting these changes to go ahead and a certificate authorising us to proceed to the next stage has now been issued

The Steering Group that is overseeing these developments met on the 14th March and will meet again shortly to put together a detailed project plan to ensure sound management of the implementation of the proposals.

This plan will be available during a 28-day period of public consultation when details of the proposals will be displayed on notice boards both inside and outside the church.

After this period, if all is in order and approved, a Faculty will be issued allowing work to commence before the end of the summer.

If you require any further information at this stage please contact Colin Horseman (271242), Peter Finlay (241517) or Ron Seymour (242123).

The St Mary's Church Development Steering Group.

Web Site www.stmaryschurchwb.org.uk

West Bergholt Parish Plan

The West Bergholt Parish Plan – work continues...

The members of the Parish Plan Steering Group are still hard at work preparing for the West Bergholt Parish Plan. Following the Inaugural Meeting held on Thursday 19th January, donations to cover the cost of printing the village questionnaire are being obtained and information listed in the last Village Appraisal Plan is being verified to ensure it is still valid, to mention just two of the tasks currently being carried out.

It has now been agreed that the questionnaire will be issued to all households in the September bulletin and not the June edition as previously communicated, in the expectation that more villagers will be available outside of the main holiday season. Please look out for the questionnaire in the early autumn and complete it to ensure you have your say about the future of the village.

For further information or to get involved with the Parish Plan, please contact Catherine Bailey, Secretary of the West Bergholt Parish Plan Group by e-mailing: catherine@bailey72.co.uk.

Jo Gouldthorpe
Publicity and Information

Colne Valley Flower Club



We welcome any new members to our meetings on the third Wednesday of the month at 7.30pm in the Orpen Hall. We have a great programme of demonstrators lined up for the year as well as trips to gardens and workshops. On May 17th we held a plant sale. On the 28th June there is an Open Garden at the home of Mrs Anna Norfolk, 48 Lexden Road, West Bergholt from 7pm in aid of the Alzheimer's Society.

Please call Clare Heyes on 01206 241145 for details

**The village needs more people
to serve on the Parish Council.**

Why not join us?

**If you are interested, please contact the
Parish Clerk for more details.**

Address on page two of this Bulletin.

West Bergholt Football Club



The end of the season is upon us, and it looks like the first team will have to be content with second place in the Premier League, a spot we have occupied for most of the season. There is still a chance of finishing top, but this depends on other results going our way. Still a credible result by any standards, especially considering the mid-season upheaval in management. All credit to Kevin Ketley and Mark Farthing for stepping into the breach and achieving this position, possibly missing top spot by one point. The Reserves will finish in the top half of the First Division, also a good result considering the calls on players to cover first team injuries. Thanks to Terry Bethall for his efforts there.

The Easter visit by our twin club RSV Bublingshausen, Wetzlar was very successful, with a good time had by all, and we won the football match 8-4. Lets hope the World Cup is similar.

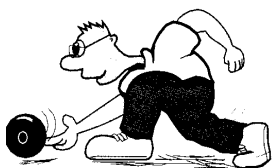
The junior football coaching sessions on Saturday mornings are still going strong, and proving very popular, with continuing good attendances. Something we will be hoping to carry on with in the future.

Plans for the new clubhouse have hit the buffers a bit in recent weeks, but we now think we have a possible way forward. More on this when we have some positive news.

Visit our website www.westbergholffc.co.uk for the latest news and league tables.

M.R.Bell (Chairman)

West Bergholt Indoor Bowls Club



The sixteenth AGM of the Bowls Club took place recently at the Orpen Hall. A plated supper and wine was followed by Mrs. Daphne Lambert, a founder member of the club, presenting the annual trophies.

The results were –

Singles Winner – Edna Ellison

Singles Second Place – Paul Leach

Singles Third Place – Keith Strutt

Pairs Winners – Barbara Davies and Greta Leatherdale

Pairs Runners-up – Eileen and Fred Brown

Triples Winners – George and Iris Coppin and Eddie Taylor

Triples Runners-up – Eileen and Fred Brown and
Nora Bates

Fours Winners – Paul Leach, Marie Fitzjohn, Eddie Taylor and Keith Strutt

Fours Runners-up – Eileen and Fred Brown, Nora Bates and Jan Lumb

Points Competition Winner – Eileen Brown

Points Competition Runner-up – Ron Bright

Carpet bowls at the Orpen Hall is a twice-weekly event at which people of all ages from the village enjoy a pleasant evening, a raffle is held and a cup of tea enjoyed during the interval. Play is in teams of two three or four people according to the number who attend the evening. Do come along and enjoy a new pastime. You could be the winner of next year's trophy or shield.

We are all looking forward to this year's Annual Charity Match. We hope to raise a higher total than our previous efforts. The charity for this year is the local Diabetic Society.

Bergholt Heath Youth Football Club



As we go to press, the national media is rife with speculation that Felipe Scholari is preparing to take over the reins as England manager after the World Cup. This has come as a bitter disappointment to all involved with Bergholt Heath Youth FC, as he was our principle target in our search for a manager for our under-10s side next season. The position therefore remains vacant - any parents who wish to become involved with a junior team, please step forward!

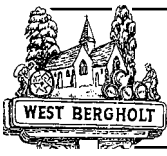
With a handful of games still to play, we approach the end of another season in excellent heart. This season has seen upwards of 60 boys and girls representing the club. Results have been mixed but without exception every side has shown an improvement during the season.

On the social side, we held our annual fund-raising event in the Orpen Hall on Saturday 22nd April - a family Race Night. A wonderful time was had by many players and their families and friends, and thanks to the generosity of everybody who attended and of several local businesses who sponsored races, we were able to raise a significant amount of much needed money.

As our season comes to a conclusion we are looking forward to our end-of-season awards evening on Saturday June 10th, before we immerse ourselves in the World Cup.

Simon Westley
Club Chairman

Colchester 01206 540023



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Regular Village Events

Sundays:

Prayer Meeting, 10.15am 1st Sunday every month - Methodist Church

Service of Worship, 11.00am 1st,2nd,3rd & 5th Sundays and 3pm 4th Sunday- 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)

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, Beginners and Regular, 7.30-9.30pm - Scout Hut

Methodist Church, 11am 2nd Tuesday Communion Service

Badminton Club, 8.15pm - Orpen Hall

Wednesdays:

Coffee Morning, 10.00am 2nd Wednesday - Methodist Hall

Women's Fellowship, 3:00pm 1st and 3rd 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), telephone (01206) 240297 for further details

Parish Council Meeting, 7.30pm 4th Wednesday - Orpen Hall

Tai Chi, Beginners and Regular, Wednesdays in the John Lampon Hall telephone Roberta Sheps 762213

West Bergholt Craft and Quilters Group, 4th Wednesday (except Christmas) - Methodist Church Hall

Ladies Afternoon Badminton, Orpen Hall, 3.00pm to 4.30pm.

New members welcome - contact Pat Butcher for details 242075

Thursdays:

Friendship Club, 2.00pm 2nd and 4th Thursday - Orpen Hall

Squeels on Wheels, Service for pre-school toddlers, 2nd Wednesday of the month, from 1.45pm-2.45pm - St Mary's Church

Colchester and District Model Railway Club, 8pm - Armoury Farm

National Women's Register, 8.00pm fortnightly, telephone (01206) 240512 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

Fridays:

West Bergholt Concert Band, 6.00-7.00pm (Juniors), 7.00-9.00pm (seniors) - Heathlands school

Wesley Guild, 7.30pm, fortnightly - 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 response, please don't leave a message on an answering service, try any other number.

Monday	242 319	Tuesday	242 185
Wednesday - Try any Number		Thursday	241 672
Friday	240 291	Sat / Sun	242 075

St. Mary's Church Dates

June

Sunday 4th Holy Communion 9.30am

Sunday 11th Holy Communion 9.30am

Magnificat in St Mary's 7pm

Sunday 18th Family Service 9.30am

Sunday 25th Holy Communion 9.30am

July

Sunday 2nd Holy Communion 9.30am

Sunday 9th Holy Communion 9.30am

Magnificat in St Mary's 7pm

Sunday 16th Family Service 9.30am

Sunday 23rd Holy Communion 9.30am

Sunday 30th Praise Service 9.30am

August

Sunday 6th Holy Communion 9.30am

Sunday 13th Holy Communion 9.30am

Sunday 20th Holy Communion 9.30am

Sunday 27th Holy Communion 9.30am

The dates for PCC meetings will be promulgated in monthly issues of Good News

St. Mary's Church Creche

A Creche is available, as required for children under 5 years old

Bluebell Pre-School - Learning Through Play

Bluebell Pre-School employs Staff who are qualified to encourage the development of your child in all areas of the Pre-School curriculum, as defined by the Education Authority.

We are open from 9.15am to 3.15pm. Full day care and sessions available for 2 - 5 year olds. Sessions are held in two large halls daily.

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

FREIGHTER SERVICE

Colchester Borough Council will be providing a freighter service for the disposal of household rubbish at the Orpen Hall car park on

10th June 2006 - 5th August 2006

30th September 2006

All days will be between 10.45am and 12 noon

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John Bates 240741, Bernard Colbron 240297, Jon Lander 241288, Susan Leng 241748, Joyce Lucking 241743 and Susan Swan (advertising) 242319. Copy for September issue should be with the Editors before 1st August 2006 - Regrettably late submissions cannot be guaranteed entry into the Bulletin