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URGENTLY NEEDED

The Warbler urgently needs an editor to take over the compiling of the newsletter when the current incumbent retires at the end of the year. This requires the use of Microsoft Word or similar and a few hours mid-month to assemble contributions and send to proof readers and the printers electronically.

For further information, please contact

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The Little Pale Ginger Stray Cat we call "Marmy"

I am a stray that has kindly been fed by two people morning and night in the village. I am timid and nervous and not a fighter. About 3 weeks ago I sustained a terrible eye injury which needed veterinary treatment but because I was nervous and frightened it took my human friends nearly three weeks to catch me and take me to the vets.

Sadly, the kind people at Wangford Vets could not save my eye and it had to be removed. There was a big piece of twig in it and it had pierced my eye. I was in a lot of pain and kept in the vets for four days. My human Mum's had a large vet bill to pay and they tell me that several of you have generously donated towards this. I would like to say a big thank you to all of you for being so kind to me. While I was at the vets they also gave me the SNIP!!

You may see me around the village. I do have shelter and I know my three human friends would take me in but at the moment I need to adjust and be free.

Marmy

This is to say a very big thank you to the kind people who wanted to donate towards Marmy's Vet bill. He unfortunately had to have his eye removed due to a serious injury; he is now on the road to recovery. We cannot believe how kind people have been towards this lovely little cat. Thank you so much.

Jane



St Peter's, Wenhamston
in conjunction with
'Inspired by Becker'
2018

Saturday 4th August

(Pictures in the church)

Refreshments in the Church Room

Coffee from 11am

**Light Lunches
(Delicious Desserts)**

12-2pm

ALL PROCEEDS FROM CHURCH ROOM CATERING
GO TO ST PETER'S CHURCH WENHAMSTON

FIRE WARNING

During this very long spell of dry weather would you please be very aware of the risk of fire.

Would you also please locate your nearest fire hydrant so that you are prepared if it should be needed.

Many Thanks
Lilian Spindler
Emergency
Co-ordinator.

Neighbourhood Plan

On behalf of the Parish Council, I would like to thank Roger and Janice Claxton, Barry Norrington and my husband Phil Corbett, for tirelessly working, on a voluntarily basis, to produce this excellent Neighbourhood Plan.

It has taken many hours over the last three years, but a solid team of intelligent people has managed, through consultation and great collaboration, to come up with a plan which was what the people of Wenhamston asked for.

We need now to respect the plan and ensure that the district council is mindful of it, when deciding issues related to our beautiful vibrant village.

Denise Corbett. Chair, Wenhamston Parish Council.

The Neighbourhood Plan is ‘Made’.

At a meeting of Suffolk Coastal District Council on July 17th, the Wenhamston with Mells Hamlet Neighbourhood Plan was ‘made’. This means that it is now a document that has full legal effect and is a material consideration in planning matters within the parish. You may now expect the parish council to use it in helping them to respond to planning applications and below are some of the policies they will apply.

- ✓ New development is directed inside the village envelope and should be one or two dwellings within a continuous frontage, low-density and with emphasis on the needs of the aging population and first-time buyers.
- ✓ Improvement to sports and leisure facilities and small-scale farm diversification will be supported.
- ✓ Energy efficiency and low carbon emissions projects will be supported where appropriate and development should respect local character and the dark skies.
- ✓ Development to respect and maintain character and nature of the commons and biodiversity will be protected and enhanced.
- ✓ Development will respect the important views and village skyline. Green spaces are to be protected and enhanced. Retention and planting of native trees and hedgerows will be supported.
- ✓ In areas of special village character, new development will recognise and accord with the scale, density, layout and materials prevalent in that area.
- ✓ Non-designated heritage assets will be conserved in a manner appropriate to their significance.
- ✓ Development should avoid areas at high risk of flooding and not increase the risk of flooding elsewhere.



Consultation on the First Draft of the Local Plan

For anyone wishing to find out more about SCDC Draft Local Plan which will cover the period until 2036, there will be a public consultation at the village hall on Wednesday 8th August from 4.00pm until 7.30pm.

**GRAND OPENING OF COMMUNITY GYM AND SPORTS
EQUIPMENT AT WENHASTON PLAYING FIELD.**

The official opening by a local celebrity will take place
on

Sunday 26th August (Bank Holiday Weekend)
At 2.00pm

Barbecue, Bar, Teas and Coffees Rounders match

This is a whole community celebration.

WENHASTON VILLAGE SHOW
SUNDAY AUGUST 12th 2018

2.00 – 4.00

THE VILLAGE HALL
BE A PART OF *YOUR*
VILLAGE SHOW!!

ENTRY SCHEDULES FROM
THE POST OFFICE AND THE STAR
ALL WELCOME TO ENTER

Plant & Produce Stalls

Village Groups

Grand Raffle

Tea & Cakes

Entry 50p

Children under 15 Free

Sponsored by Woottens of Wenhauston
and the Parish Council

WENHASTON

Produce, Craft & Flea MARKET

Saturday 25th

AUGUST



10am – 12.30pm

in the Village Hall

IP19 9EP

*A wide and everchanging range of local foods and produce,
crafts, plants, home baking and pre-loved treasures*

New stallholders always welcome - Pitch fee £6

To book your table (provided) phone

Christine: 01502 478511

or email christinemargaret@hotmail.co.uk

Raising funds for Village Hall Maintenance

FUN on a COLD WINTER'S NIGHT' - a date for your diary!

FRIDAY NOVEMBER 9TH

7pm in Wenhaston Village Hall

A BOLLYWOOD EVENING

Bollywood Dancing

Mild Curry (chicken and vegetarian)

Bollywood movie



Tickets £12.50 available September/October

Organised by Wenhaston WI in aid of ACWW (Associated Country
Women of the World)

More details will follow

August – Cross-Dressing Ducks & Disappearing Sparrows

August is the month when birds undergo their annual moult, changing old feathers for new. Most birds do this gradually so that they can maintain their ability to fly, but ducks are different. They moult all their flight feathers within a short space of time, which gets things moving even though it robs them, for a short time, of their power of flight, making them extremely vulnerable to predators. They seem to be prepared to risk this flightless period to speed things up, but only if they are no longer sporting conspicuous male plumage. So, the males (drakes) take up cross-dressing, moulting into a dull and cryptic transitional plumage, known as ‘eclipse’, which is almost identical to the appearance of females. Consequently, at this time of year, male ducks seem to disappear. They wear this female garb until they can fly again and, once full flight power has been restored, undergo a second, less severe moult, coming out as males once more, dressed in their renewed badge of masculinity and raring to indulge in a bit of autumnal courtship.

Another bird that seems to disappear in the month of August is the house sparrow, an absence we are especially likely to notice in our gardens in Wenhaston, living as we do close to a farming area.

This desertion would seem to be out of character, because sparrows are usually the most sedentary of birds, remaining faithful to their colony and to their colony’s turf for the whole of their lives. In August, however, they are seized by a collective tendency to wander to nearby farmland fields and hedges to take advantage of ripening grain and the farmers’ harvest. They don’t wander far, but they do wander en masse, and so in the madness of summer, all the local flocks go to feast on the plenty.

Roland Hammond



A male Mallard in ‘eclipse’ plumage

Jean Spindler 90th Birthday Celebrations

On Sunday 19th August at 2.30 pm in the Church Rooms Jean would like to invite Family and Friends to celebrate her Special Day.

There will be drinks, tea and light bites to indulge in.

Please no presents, but if anyone wishes, they can make a donation to Cancer Research in the jug at the door. A charity very close to my heart.

I look forward to seeing you all on my Special Day.

Jean

Wenhampton Mothers' Union

Our June meeting on 13th was a very happy meeting when Linda Ginn, an old friend, came to visit. She reported on what the MU in the Diocese had achieved in the last three months, what is happening now and what we hope for in the future. It gave us much food for thought.

The North Suffolk Area Quiet Day on Thursday 28th June at Debenham was taken by Rev Susan Bates. Susan's theme was 'In God's Image', and she led us gently through the day ending with a Eucharist in church. The day was sunny and it was good to have time to wander around the pretty village of Debenham, to spend a quiet time alone with one's thoughts.

The Summer outing will be on 23rd August, when we will visit one of our former members, Pat Kemsley, in East Bergholt. We will travel by Community Bus and anyone who knows Pat and would like to come with us, is welcome to contact Margaret Goldstone on 01502 478378 *Margaret Bloomfield*

Footpath Walking

A morning walk will leave from Wenhampton Village Hall at 10am on Tuesday August 7th.

Ian Bigwood will lead the walk on Tuesday 21st August around South Cove and Frostenden Corner. Meet at Five Bells, Wrentham (Southwold Road). Lunch orders from 9.45am in the pub car park.

Commons Conservation. Only one work party in August.

On Tuesday 14th August, Jonathan Alder will lead a work party on Blackheath. Meet at 10am by the seat on the South side of Blackheath to clear paths and scrub.

For any further information please contact Heather Phillips 01502478545

Suffolk Churches Ride & Stride

This takes place on Saturday 8th September from 9am to 5pm. I shall put the sponsor forms in church around the middle of August for those who would like to ride or walk for Wenhampton St Peter's. The amount raised is then split between the Suffolk Historic Churches Trust and the church. I shall also be looking for stewards to man the church an hour at a time, please. I will put the rota in the church porch. *Margaret Bloomfield*

Wenhampton Warbler Wine

There are no recommendations this month while further research is undertaken.

Wenhampton Village Hall 100 Club

The Wenhampton Village Hall 100 Club July draw has been made and we are delighted to announce the winners:

- 1st prize Charlotte Gower (number 11) £35
- 2nd prize Debra Burrows (number 96) £25
- 3rd prize David Jenkins (number 80) £15

Just a reminder about the 100 Club, at least 50% of the annual income from subscribers goes towards the Wenhampton Village Hall. The other 50% is paid out in monthly prizes, plus a £50 bonus prize in December. Please keep supporting this worthy cause.

It's never too late to sign up! A chance to win a prize costs just £1 per month. Our accounting year starts in September, so for anyone wishing to join now, the fee will be £12 the year. You can pick up a form from Jane at the post office or phone Trish on 01502 478267.

Renewals for 2018/19 should be paid by the end of August by cash or cheque, payable to Wenhampton Village Hall 100 Club. Please hand in your payment in an envelope with your name clearly written on the front to Jane at the post office (thank you Jane for being our collecting person!), or to either of the promoters – Kirsten West or Trish Gower. To pay by BACS (and we like that!) please phone Trish on 01502 478267 for more details.

News from St Peter's

It is that time of the year when we welcome the annual BECKER EXHIBITION to St. Peter's and I am certain that it will be as successful and popular as in previous years. The Exhibition opens on Friday 3rd of August until Monday 6th. See posters for full details.

Supporting the Exhibition, the Church will be serving lunches in the Church Room on Saturday 4th from 12 o'clock until 2pm. We do hope that all our friends and visitors will come and join us for lunch if only to have one of our delicious desserts! We will also be serving Coffee from 11 o'clock.

The following weekend on Sunday 12th we have been invited to serve teas at the Village Show and we are very pleased to do so from 2pm onwards.

On Sunday 2nd September we are hoping to serve teas in Sue and Tony Gow's lovely garden in Narrow Way which they are kindly opening for us to raise funds for St. Peters. This is not a confirmed date at the moment so please watch this space in next month's copy of the Blyth Valley Times for full details.

Would you like to be the Recorder for: WENHASTON



The Suffolk Local History Council runs a Recorders Scheme throughout Suffolk. We administer a network of volunteers to ensure that the '*present*' is adequately recorded at local level for the '*future*'.

A Recorder will note significant happenings in their parish and collect their local parish magazines, leaflets, election pamphlets and newspaper cuttings. At the end of each year, they are asked to submit a short report summarising the activities of their parish. The reports are deposited at the Suffolk Record Office and available to future researchers together with the collected items.

If you are interested, please look at the Recorders Pack by visiting www.slhc.org.uk, click on 'Recorders', then click on 'Recorders Pack' to acquaint yourself with the guidelines of the scheme. You do not need to be a historian; you do not need any qualifications other than an interest in your parish. In return you will receive a copy of the SLHC Newsletter and be invited to the annual conference specifically for Local Recorders. To volunteer to help in this important work, please contact recorders@slhc.org.uk

Wenhamston Methodist Church			
Sunday Services at 10.30am			
5 th	Iris Baker 6.30pm Songs of Praise for Action for Children Rev P. Bayliss		No Midweek meetings this Month
12th	At Halesworth Methodists		
19 th	Rev Clive Sutcliffe		
26 th	Sue Groome		
	ALL WELCOME AT ANY SERVICE		

SERVICES AT ST. PETERS

August 5 th	9.30.am.	Team Eucharist at St. Mary's Halesworth
12 th	9.30.am.	Parish Eucharist
19 th	9.30.am.	Parish Eucharist
26 th	11.15.am.	Pause for Thought with coffee and refreshments

Wenhampton Village Show. 2018

Out of the ashes of Wenhampton Gardening Club the phoenix of the Village Show is about to emerge. On the 12th August at 2.00pm for the modest sum of 50p you can view the many entries of produce, flowers, crafts, and photographs. There will be plants and produce to buy and various displays to gaze at. After all this excitement you can sit and enjoy a cup of tea and a slice of cake.

If you have entered one of the classes you could be the proud recipient of one of the trophies, or if you have purchased a draw ticket you might be the lucky winner of one of the amazing prizes in the raffle.

Certainly, this is not an afternoon to be missed, unless, of course you are in Scotland taking part in the glorious or not so glorious 12th.

Wenhampton WI July Report

Our summer party was held at the Crown in Southwold. About forty of us sat down to a traditional afternoon tea with finger sandwiches (no crusts) a scone jam and cream, and three miniature cakes. Needless to say, we didn't rush about afterwards! It was a very convivial afternoon spent with friends.

An exciting evening is being planned for the 9th November. Bollywood comes to Wenhampton! There will be dancing, a movie and a curry to consume and all this for £12.50. Any profit will be sent to ACWW (Associated Women of the World). Our next meeting is called' Medical Alert and Alert Assistant' given by Norma Howell. Nobody can say that our meetings are not diverse.

Criminal Damage and Graffiti.

Wenhampton is a lovely village and generally people take a pride in looking after what we have got. It is sad to report that a number of incidents of criminal damage, spray can graffiti and general nuisance have taken place over the last few weeks leading to a considerable cost of repair. The police have been involved in these incidents and their investigations are ongoing including reviewing CCTV images and the use of smart water technology. Anyone seeing suspicious behaviour should immediately ring 999 if it is an emergency or there is a threat to life or 101 to report other concerns.



Blyth Wood

Following our recent acquisition of Grove Piece, next to Vicarage Grove, we have been busy looking after the newly planted trees and watching a succession of wild plants springing up around them, some more welcome than others!

Local expert, Graham Peck, ran an informative plant

identification session which opened our eyes to the huge variety of flowers and trees in a relatively small area. Children from Wenhampton Primary School have been nurturing new trees in their nursery and they will be planted out later in the year. Grove Piece is community woodland and we welcome ideas and input from everyone. You don't need knowledge of trees to get involved but enthusiasm is key. We will have a stall at the Wenhampton Village Show on Sunday 12th August and look forward to meeting you and telling you more about our plans. If you can't come along then check out our website or send us an email:

www.blythwoods.org

geraldine.lines@hotmail.co.uk (Secretary)

Community Engagement Officer for Halesworth

Suffolk Constabulary have introduced nine Community Engagement Officers. Their role is to work with Safer Neighbourhood teams to tackle locally-based crime, anti-social behaviour and problem solving key local issues.

PC Simon Green is our local CEO, based in Halesworth. He will be attending September's Parish Council meeting on Wednesday 19th September, hopefully from 7pm.

He can be contacted by email CEOHalesworth@suffolk.pnn.police.uk.

Further details about PC Simon Green's role will be displayed on the noticeboard at the village hall.

Alison Alder. Wenhampton with Mells Parish Council

Pause For Thought "Autumn Years" – September and October 2018

The next "Pause for Thought" project will focus on different aspects of getting old. However old you are, you are invited to make a contribution. You might want to share your own experiences, both positive and negative, your memories of your own parents, grandparents or friends in their old age or feel inspired to write a poem, short story or prayer.

There will be a display in Church which will include people's contributions as well as articles to read, information about local support and prayers and poetry linked to old age. We hope to hold a tea and informal service to both celebrate and support those in our village community who are in their "Autumn Years". To find out more, please contact me on 478855 or email me at

alisonalder@hotmail.co.uk.

Alison Alder. St Peter's Church

Class 4 Discover the Doom

On 2nd July pupils from Class 4 in Wenham Primary School came to St Peter's Church to find out more about our famous Doom painting. As well as studying the picture itself, they explored how difficult it is to judge someone on things they have done in their lives. The class also went around the church itself, finding out what happened in different parts of the building.

It was a real delight to welcome the young people into the church. They were extremely well behaved and made some thoughtful and thought-provoking contributions during their visit.

The congregation of St Peter's wishes all those leaving Wenhampton Primary School the very best as they move on to secondary school. Alison Alder



In Response to Dear Dog Owner.

Who was bitten? Who were the dogs' owners? Where and when did this incident take place? Why not report this to police as it was serious enough to take the injured person to hospital.

A dog is under control if on a lead held by someone able to control the dog. For example, a large dog would not be under control if its lead was held by a child or small adult who would be unable to restrain the dog if it strained against the lead.

It isn't necessary for dogs to be leashed at all times. However, dogs must be kept on a lead in designated zones and on land where livestock is present. Councils have bye-laws where leashing is required, such as in public parks.

Wenhamston and Blackheath and the surrounding areas are wonderful places to enjoy. We don't want lots of petty rules. *Tony Wollin*

Scone with the Wind

Last month's item about the correct pronunciation of SCONES stirred up a real hornet's nest, or should I say 'honet'. Although everybody knows that it should rhyme with cone, there are still those detractors who cannot speak proper, like what we do. One reader (a sensible and reliable person) sent in a YouGov survey which proved beyond doubt that it was the less sophisticated northern dialects that rhymed it with gone, while Cambridge, Oxford and Wenaston use the cone variant. In the same survey, 3% said their mouths were too full of scone to answer and a further 5% said that jaffa cakes were not scones.

Another reader (yes, we have two) said that there were more words starting with SCO that used the gone variation, excluding of course Scole, scope scoot, score etc. He went on to say that the word scone was of middle-German or middle-Dutch origin. That being the case, the most reasonable approach would be to canvas opinion from the folk of Low-stof-er (phonetic spelling) which is the nearest place in Britain to those two countries. Our Senior Lowstofer Pronunciation Editor, after considerable research, informs that the correct pronunciation is either the two syllable SCO-WEN (similar to Owen) or the three syllable SCO-WEN-ER in both cases with a slight whining intonation on the second syllable. I don't think we can argue with that, but just in case,

Tony Jones, moans and groans, phones then drones to Joan Soanes, who loans scones to bony crones. Try rhyming that with gone!