



October 2019

Wenhaston Warbler

What's in a hedge?

The highlight of my week at junior school was Sister Bernadette's nature walks when we would roam the countryside identifying anything in our path and displaying our finds on the nature table. I felt like I had been transported back to those happy days at Grove Piece today when Blyth Woods organised a hedge exploration session.



Marie and John Rolfe set up an identification post with reference sheets, books, magnifying boxes and a laptop with attached microscope and we spent a couple of hours exploring the hedges from high to low and noting our findings. Experts were on hand to share their knowledge and the results will be published on our website:

www.blythwoods.org

I now know how to differentiate between dog and field roses, common and woodland (or Midland) hawthorn, prickly lettuce and bristly ox tongue as well as learning much more about local flora and fauna to make future walks much more interesting. We enjoyed hedgerow bounty at the coffee break with sloe gin, bramble and apple pies and berry muffins. Look out for future events – everyone is welcome.

Geraldine Lines (Blyth Woods secretary)

Notes from the editors

Thank you for all your contributions. It looks as if we will have plenty to look forward to as the days draw in. Carry on keeping future pieces to a maximum of approximately 200 words, about 1/2 a page, to ensure inclusion. Any longer articles should not exceed 400 words -one A 5 page - unless there is a very special reason for wanting to include more information. As ever, photos, drawings, or other artwork is very welcome.

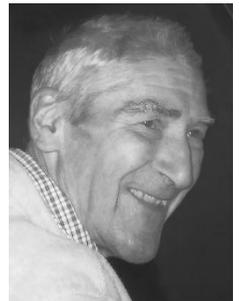
Contact wenhastonwarbler@gmail.com

Deadline for articles is the 15th October

RICHARD HAVARD

We are sorry to say that Richard Havard, who moved to Wenhaston with his wife Cyrilla, over 30 years ago, died on the 22nd August aged 78.

Prior to moving to Wenhaston from Henley-on-Thames, Richard lectured in dental technology at Brooklands College, Weybridge. Cyrilla was a familiar face in the reception of Portland House Dental Practice in Southwold.



On retirement Richard became an active villager, following his passions of nature conservancy and gardening. He was a stalwart member of the Commons Group, and with Cyrilla helped to found The Gardeners Club, which ran for many years. More personal pleasures were observing nature, music, mending and making things and furniture restoration. In the last few years he battled against ill health, but continued to participate in village activities, such as the Armistice celebrations and butterfly conservation. Many friends attended a celebration of his life on 17th September in St Peter's Church, and our sympathy goes out to Cyrilla and to his children, Catherine and Mark, and his five grandchildren.

**WENHASTON FLOWER CLUB
CHARITY NIGHT FOR CANCER RESEARCH
TUESDAY 1st OCTOBER**

7.30 pm WENHASTON CHURCH ROOM

£2 Admission to include complimentary tea/coffee and nibbles
Raffle, cakes, produce, tombola, cards etc

Everyone welcome. You don't have to be a membjust come along.

Donations of cakes, raffle/ tombola prizes greatly appreciated.

For more information contact Jean Spindler on 01502 478317

The Surviving Winter Appeal Saves Lives!

In Suffolk 310 vulnerable people died from causes attributed to cold and poor living conditions, and it is estimated that 43,330 households in Suffolk live in fuel poverty. The Surviving Winter Campaign, led by the Suffolk Community Foundation with the East Anglian Daily Times, CAB and other partner charities and businesses, and last year, the Suffolk Surviving Winter Campaign heated over 700 homes of older vulnerable people.

This year's campaign will be launched in early November. Together we will achieve even greater success if we encourage people in Wenhaston and the surrounding area, who need help, to contact their local Citizens Advice Bureau for help with their fuel bills or, for those who can afford it, the donation of all or part of their Winter Fuel Payment to help another. **To donate to the campaign visit www.suffolkcf.org.uk or call 01473 602602**

**CANCER RESEARCH
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SATURDAY 12th OCTOBER
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Nearly New, Books, Bric-a-Brac etc

Light refreshments (Teas, coffee cake 🍞☕)

Ample parking

A warm welcome to everyone so

Please come along and support us

Cemetery Care

Having lived in the village most of my life I recently moved away. Coming back to visit family and friends I very often drive past the Cemetery at the bottom of Narrow way. Mr Coby has maintained the Cemetery for as long as I can remember and it is always immaculately kept. With family members and friends laid to rest I, and I'm sure many other members of the village greatly appreciate all the hard work that Mr Coby does. This message is written with great thanks and gratitude. Thank you Mr Coby!

Matthew Leech

Village Show 2020!

The Village Show committee are not sitting on their laurels and are already planning the next show which is to be held on Sunday 26th July 2020.

In the past the number of craft section entries has been slightly disappointing. See below the categories this is to give people plenty of time to make a bumper display next year.

After all 'It is not the winning but the taking part that counts.' Although a cynic muttered that this was said by someone who lost!!

Craft Categories

- 1; Any Item – Cross stitch or tapestry
- 2; A hand knitted garment
- 3; A decorated pot max. size 6"/50mm
- 4; A painting – any medium framed or unframed
- 5; A cushion cover – any style
- 6; An imaginative bookmark

Felicity Jelliff

Anyone for table tennis?

An additional session of table tennis will be available in Wenhaston Village Hall from October. Sessions will run for one or two hours, depending on level of interest, on Thursdays from 4.00pm. If you would be interested in joining in please contact Kate Tickle at katherinetickle@aol.com or on 07851484265.

St Peter's Church, Wenhaston

Grand Jumble Sale

Saturday 12th October

Village Hall 2pm

**Cakes Raffle Refreshments
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In aid of Church funds

New Cut Choir News

Looking through notes from our weekly sessions, we were struck by how much ground had been covered since the New Cut choir formed around six months ago. We have already sung and performed a huge range of music from opera to spirituals, madrigals to pop, traditional songs from around the world, sea shanties, songs from the musicals and our own group compositions.

We sang in public for the first nail biting time at the Aldeburgh pop up bandstand (pictured), were featured



on BBC Radio Suffolk and we surprised browsers with a flash mob at the recent Halesworth Antiques Fair. Listen out, there are more performances in the pipeline! Why not be part of it? We meet every Tuesday at 7pm at the New Cut in Halesworth and the two-hour sessions cost £6. Wenham is well represented with five regular members and other singers come from Halesworth, Holton, Wissett, Walpole, Bramfield and other local villages so you may be able to lift share and continue singing on your journey home.

Fun, friendly and relaxed, the choir is led by local musicians, Alex Campkin and Rob Gildon who teach new material, mainly by ear. No audition is needed, just turn up, warm up and join in. Check out our website:

cutchoir.weebly.com

Geraldine Lines (choir member)

Hedge And Tree Cutting

It's that time of year when hedges and trees have reached their maximum annual growth. Unfortunately, there are some in the village that are now overhanging pathways in the village. So that pedestrians can pass safely along footpaths or without walking in the road could you please inspect your hedges and trees and cut them back as appropriate. Many thanks.

Parish Council

Epitaph for the Elm

I was recently sorting out our shed (yet again!) when I came across a wonderful book written in the 1970s by Gerald Wilkinson. It is a loving memorial to a great English tree that was part of our landscape for 8000 years. Most people under 50 will have little memory of the trees. They dominated our hedgerows and were much loved by Constable but they succumbed very quickly to an aggressive strain of Dutch Elm disease imported from Canada in the early 1970s and the Common or English Elm was hit the hardest. The great pioneering landscape historian, W G Hoskins, wrote in 1976: 'A whole landscape is disappearing in our time'.

Elms survive in stunted form all around Wenhaston. On Bramfield Road and by the footpath next to Bartholomew's Farm you can see the remains of the massive trunks of mature elms. Elm timber was used for the keels of ships and barges and to repair docks and locks. The wood does not rot easily in water and in London elm water pipes some 600 years old have been dug up. Most wheels before the pneumatic tyre had elm at their hub.

Landscapes can recover but walking around Wenhaston there are some worrying signs of trouble. Ash die-back is present; ash trees on Bramfield Road are in a poor state and in the fields to the west of Bartholomews Farm two ash trees have lost big branches to the elements. The pond in the field to the west of Church Farm has completely dried up. I'm not aware it has been used for irrigation and it may be the result of a very dry winter and summer. Walking the dogs three times a day, I can count the number of really wet days on one hand.

Encouraging signs in our country side are: the growing area of set-aside and the planting of new hedges which provide a wonderful home for birds, small mammals and insects. Our ancient hedges (some good examples in Grove Piece) ought to be declared ancient monuments - some of them are as old as churches. Radio 4, Farming Today, is a mine of information about new agricultural practices - it is worth switching on at 05.45! Farming changes as good practice is seen to be profitable. 'Payment for public good' will hopefully replace single payments based upon acreage.

Brian Withnall



WENHASTON COMMUNITY CAFÉ.
AN APPEAL FOR HELP

The Café is a very friendly and successful place for the Community to meet and also a major contributor to the upkeep of the village hall.

On occasion, we are finding it difficult to find volunteers to man the Café, both on Wednesday and Saturday mornings. If you have a little free time and would like to be part of the group who run the Café, please use the contact below or talk to one of the existing team.

You only need to volunteer to your own convenience and as often or as little as you choose.

Full training will be given and this takes about ten minutes or less if the kettle boils quickly.

Also needed volunteer bakers to provide savoury items such as cheese scones or sausage rolls and there is a payment to cover the cost of your materials.

Please contact Phil on 478505 or email pcacdc@btinternet.com

A DATE FOR YOUR DIARY
CHARITY FUND RAISING EVENING

On Saturday November 30th, the Wenhaston Ukulele Group are organising a charity fund raising event with all proceeds going to Crisis at Christmas and other charities. There will be a stunning collection of wonderful acts, all of fifteen minutes or less, jam packed into a 7.30 to 10.00 time slot. Admission will be free with donations going towards the charity gratefully received. Bar, Raffle, Entertainment, Fun. More details in the November warbler.

Notes from Marsh Cottage for October WW

The last few house martins are swooping in the sky catching insects before they leave for warmer climes. Recently a hobby was seen chasing a small group of swallows left behind by the main party, also going south. The hobby itself has now gone, following the smaller birds to Africa.

We are left with the permanent residents, and although we love the company of the small garden birds, it is the raptor birds that live and hunt over the fields and marshes that continue to astonish us on each sighting.

The kestrels have been seen hovering in the wind over the grazing fields and marsh. One afternoon we saw four of them settling on the electricity cables that run across the marshland to Bulcamp, before they headed off under the poplar trees along the old railway track path, and then out again, flying over the marsh.

Two buzzards regularly make an appearance over the fields next to the house, calling to each other with their high pitched whistle. We later saw one on either side of the Blyth navigation hunting over the grazing fields.

We have seen red kites in the skies near Laurel Farm, but our favourite is the marsh harrier, seen over its hunting ground, intermittently gliding and flapping its wings as it alters height to search for small mammals.

The barn owls will make another appearance to us soon as the evenings darken and we humans are more likely to be outside at nightfall.

Update on the swans on the marsh: I had previously spotted two definite small grey heads in the nest before. Now we can see that the adult couple have five cygnets, observed clearly, washing themselves in the waters of one of the smaller drainage channels which joins the Blyth navigation below Bulcamp. Hopefully the colder nights will be kind to this later brood.

Kate Archibald

Footpath Walking

A morning village walk will leave from Wenhaston Village Hall at 10am on Tuesday, 1st October.

On Tuesday, 15th October Heather Hammond will lead a circular walk from Reydon and along the Blyth Valley. Meet near the café at Old Hall Farm (the Maize Maze) at 10am. Lunch will be at that venue.

For any further information contact Heather Phillips on 01502 478545.”

Commons Conservation

On Tuesday, 8th October Jonathan Alder will lead a work party on Mill Heath. Meet near the entrance off Heath Road at 10am.

On Sunday, 20th October John Holmes will lead a work party on Bickers Heath. Meet at seat off Coles Hill at 10am (but please park in Low Road).

Heather Phillips”

Commons Group Quiz Night - A Date for your Diaries

The Commons Group will be holding a Quiz night on Saturday 23rd November 2019 at 7 for 7.30 pm at Wenhaston Village Hall. There will be a mix of rounds from general knowledge, flora and fauna identification (pictures and songs/calls) to local places and others of interest.

The Bar will be open from 7 pm and light nibbles on tables. A 50/50 raffle will be held and a heads and tails fun finisher for the evening. Entry will be for teams of a maximum of 4 at £5.00 per person to be paid on the night, with a prize for the winning team. You don't have to be a wildlife expert to enjoy this quiz.

Please advise Jane at the Post Office of your table reservations with team names by Thursday 21st November, or email a table request and team name to Jonathan Alder at j.m.alder59@gmail.com by the same date. Alternatively ring Richard or Jan on 01502 478775 to book a table.

We do hope you and your friends will support this event with proceeds going toward the future work of the Commons Group.

Jonathan Alder

Wenhaston Mother's Union

The Mission for Seafarers was the subject for the talk at our September Meeting and we were very pleased to welcome David Offord and his wife,. David gave us a most interesting talk about the work of the Mission at both the ports at Felixstowe and Ipswich,

The Mission provides comfortable facilities in a modernised building where the seafarers can leave their container ship for a day and relax and appreciate more “normal” surroundings than there are on the ships. They are able to shop in the Mission Shop, enjoy meals in the restaurant and join in various sport activities. We were told that the men – and now sometimes women - are often on the vessels for a ninemonth contract and so we could well understand how important the work of the Mission is in providing these facilities.

They constantly need a supply of knitted hats and balaclavas and we now have the correct patterns, so hopefully our Knitting needles will be clicking this Winter!

Finally we shall again be filling shoe boxes with essential Items for the urgent Appeal for people at Christmas in Eastern European countries (Romania, Moldova. Ukraine and Bulgaria) and we should be very grateful to receive any items that people may like to donate. Please leave them at Spindleberry Narrow Way before Friday 18th. October or if you want more detail of items which can go into Boxes please telephone me 01502 478378.

Margaret G,

Wenhaston Village Hall 100 Club

Winners for August 2019

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

- 1st prize Nigel Morris (139) £37.50
- 2nd prize Andrew Bodiam(159) £22.50
- 3rd prize Angela Burnham(94) £15

Well done to all the winners this time! It's never too late to sign up. A chance to win a prize costs just £1 a month so anyone wishing to join now, the fee is £12 for the year starting from August. Please pay by cash or cheque, made payable to Wenhaston Village Hall 100 Club, and hand in, in an envelope clearly marked with your name, to the Post Office or either of the promoters, Kirsten West or Trish Gower. Half of this money is distributed as prizes, and half goes to fund our village hall.

All enquiries please phone Trish on 01502 478267.

Wenhaston St Peter's Church

It has turned very autumnal now so it is fitting that we are holding our Harvest Festival and Lunch on Sunday 29th September at 11.15am. Do join us for the service and lunch, or one or the other. The Wenhaston school children will have their Harvest Service in church on the previous Friday, to which all are invited, and we shall be auctioning the goods that they bring after the Harvest Lunch. The proceeds will be donated to the charity of their choice.

In October we have a Jumble Sale on the 12th in the Village Hall at 3pm. We should be grateful for any jumble, cakes and draw prizes as well as any help to set up at 10.30am and in the afternoon.

Also we are very grateful to Phil and Denise Corbett who will organise a quiz in the Village Hall on the 18th at 7 for 7.30pm. The proceeds from this will be

split between St Peter's Wenhaston and St Peter's Thorington. There will be entry forms in the Post Office nearer the time.

It has been a sad time in the village recently as we have said Goodbye to Joyce Goddard, Rosemary Remy and Richard Havard. We send our heartfelt love and sympathy to their families at this difficult time.

Thank you to those who acted as stewards for the Ride & Stride, to the cyclist(s) and sponsors. I will publish the results when I have them.

Sidespeople and Services in October

6th October Team Service at Halesworth 10.am

13th October Eucharist 9.30am Viv Kemp

20th October Morning Prayer 9.30am Clive Watson

27th October Pause for Thought 11.15am

Margaret Bloomfield

Wenhaston WI Report

At the last minute Dawn Davis gallantly stepped into the breach as our booked speaker, Mark Hall, was unable to come. His lecture was to have been on, 'A History of British Funerals', so we hoped Dawn's talk on 'Geology the Foundation of Life', would be more cheerful. All living things are made of elements, minerals being their building blocks. Geology impacts on everything in life. The worrying aspect of what we were told is that we are squandering these elements and they are not finite. For example; should we really be using helium in balloons when it should be saved for important machines like MIR scanners? To be 'green' it is suggested that all cars should run on electricity but the problem is there are not enough of the elements needed for this to be possible. It is also forecast that in 20 years there will be no more zinc or indium, both of which are needed in the manufacturing of mobile phones.

All-in-all Dawn's talk showed us how important it is to recycle before civilisation as we know it grinds to a halt. British Funerals might have been more uplifting!

Next month Dr Isobel Skypala talks to us about allergies, this is an open meeting.

Felicity Jelliff

Rosemary Remy 4th of July 1937 – 15th August 2019

Rosemary was born in Guildford where she grew up. She moved to Hall Road Wenhaston in 1987 with her mother and two brothers, Tony and Ray.

She was a gentle, friendly lady with a smile for everyone she met and a great sense of humour, and she became my friend for over thirty years.

In her Christian life Rosemary was a faithful member of Wenhaston Methodist Church, becoming Steward and Senior Steward, and in 2007 a Worship Leader. She was an enthusiastic member of Women's Fellowship and of the Wenhaston W I, becoming at various times President, Treasurer and committee member, always willing to do anything asked of her.

She was one of the original members of the Wenhaston Blyth Players, taking part in almost every production and particularly enjoying playing in Pantomime. She was an hilarious Ugly Sister in Cinderella!

She was a member of Wenhaston Flower Club, winning prizes for her arrangements and creating many arrangements for our church.

Talented with her needle, she made and dressed peg dolls, always including a handbag for them! Rosemary herself liked her handbags to go with her colour co-ordinated outfits, she was a very smart lady !

She is sadly missed by us all, but we know that she is safely in the care of her Lord to whom she was so faithful.

Iris Baker

Wenhaston Methodist Church All Welcome at any Meeting

ALL SUNDAY SERVICES AT 10.30AM	TUESDAY MEETINGS AT 2.30PM
6 Rev Ian McKillop	1 Fellowship Meeting
13 Rev Bev Barclay HC	8 Bible Study
20 Rev Robin Searles	15 Fellowship Meeting
27 Julie Warren	22 Bible Study
	29 Healing Meeting

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Saturday 28th September and
26th October**

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Carol Hudson-Jary

**Tel@ 01502 478732 or e-mail:caz-
mike@outlook.com**

Raising funds for village hall maintenance

Wenhaston Warbler Information

The Warbler welcomes articles (please keep as brief as possible, max 150 words). The editors reserve the right to amend or not to publish articles which are unsuitable for whatever reason.

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