



February 2018

Wenhaston Warbler

And the Latest News is!

Brave the Shave

2018 marks the 15th anniversary of losing my lovely dad Brian Canham to cancer. In memory of him I'm going to 'Brave the Shave' on Saturday 14 April, raising funds for Cancer Research UK, aided by local hairdresser Sian Kett. If you would like to donate please visit <https://fundraise.cancerresearchuk.org/page/beckys-giving-page-25> it would be really very much appreciated. In the mean-time I'm having some fun so you might see me with purple, pink or turquoise hair.

Becky Canham

Playing Field Sports Equipment



At the January meeting, the Parish Council agreed to a major upgrade of sports equipment at the playing field to include climbing cubes, outdoor table tennis, gym equipment and street soccer.

The equipment is intended for all age groups and some will be connected to an App so that users can challenge themselves and others. It is hoped that the new apparatus will be installed, up and running later this year.



Would you like to Join a Wenhaston Ukulele Band?

Is there anyone interested in forming a ukulele band in Wenhaston? It would be a "just for fun" enterprize, hopefully with results that sound something like music. Talent or musical ability is not necessary, but a ukulele would be handy. For more information contact wenhastonwarbler@gmail.com or Phil on 478505



Siskin

February Birds – Unusual Visitors

If a small bird has survived winter so far, it has done well, proving to be resilient and resourceful, and is three quarters of the way to entering the forthcoming breeding season alive.

However, it now faces its last and most insidious threat. On top of the pressure wrought by long, freezing nights and unreliable days, food supplies in the wild begin to run out. Consequently, February sees a great deal of movement from district to district, by flocks and by individuals, shifting like panic-buying motorists in search of fuel-stocked petrol stations during an oil shortage.

Many of these travellers find their way into gardens, and this month often results in unusual visitors, including redwings and fieldfares, the so-called ‘winter thrushes’. These nomads have a habit of turning up overnight in new locations to plunder the remaining berries. They come in flocks and often make themselves unpopular with the resident birds, especially mistle thrushes, who will have earmarked certain supplies for their own stomachs. Look out also for another much smaller visitor, the siskin, investigating the hanging feeders for peanuts or black sunflower seeds. It’s a small green and yellow member of the finch family, easy to identify because, though it’s a finch, it acts like, and is shaped like, a blue tit. Both species are tiny, dumpy and acrobatic, often hanging upside down from twigs. Their tails are of a similar length, but the siskin’s is characteristically sharply forked. There is often a small flock on Church Common.

Late February’s first great spring burst of buds and blossoms attracts another wayfarer, the bullfinch, the males having a stunning crimson colouration on the breast. A lovely bird to see in your garden and a protected species.

Feeding tip: If we do get a covering of snow, please clear an area of your lawn so that the ground feeders can search for insects. Roland Hammond

Royal British Legion

The total amount raised in the village for the poppy appeal was £597.43. Our sincere thanks to all the box holders and special thanks to you all for your generous contributions.

John Levy RBL.

St Peter's Church, Wenhaston
Shrove Tuesday

13th February

Wenhaston Church Room

11.30am—2pm

Soup & Pancakes



Raffle
Produce
Bring & Buy

Proceeds for Church maintenance

Thank you!

A sincere thank you from Halesworth Dementia Carers' Fund (*HdCF*) to the carol service congregation at St Peter's Church, Wenhaston on December 15th. The generous collection of £213.20 has now been sent to the local charity. It is a very welcome contribution that will help HdCF to support local carers with respite, information and support.

If anyone would like to know more about HdCF or become a friend, please contact Nikki Sawkins (Chair) 07733 668221; for one-to-one support Jonny Hawes 01502 514712; for respite care Jim and Teresa 01986 875641; or if you want to donate or fundraise, contact Dave and Jackie on 01986 875444.



*Coffee
Morning
and
Box Opening*



The Children's Society

**Wenhaston Church Room
Thursday 22nd February
10.30-12.00**

*Raffle Bring & Buy
Entrance £1 includes coffee*

WENHASTON CRAFT & PRODUCE MARKET

Our village monthly market has now been running successfully for over a year. An ever-changing range of approximately 35 stalls set up their wares at the Village Hall on the last Saturday of the month. Running alongside our Hall Café, the Market has raised hundreds of pounds for Village Hall maintenance and increased footfall at the café threefold.

Do pay us a visit on Saturday 24th February between 10am and 12.30. You will find local meat, eggs, vegetables, baking and preserves as well as all manner of craft items and plants and, in the café, freshly brewed coffee or tea with scrumptious home-made cakes.

*For further information how to take part contact Christine on
01502 478511 or email: christinemargaret@hotmail.co.uk*

WENHASTON

Produce, Craft & Flea

MARKET

Saturday 24th
FEBRUARY

10am – 12.30pm
in the Village Hall IP19 9EP

*A wide and ever-changing 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

Wenhaston Flower Club.

Our next meeting on Tuesday 6th February is the Christmas Meal at the White Hart Blythburgh, 6.30pm for 7pm please. We are looking forward to seeing everyone there. On Tuesday March 6th we will meet again as usual at 7.30 pm in Wenhaston Church Rooms. New members always welcome. For more information ring Jean Spindler 01502 478317.

HALESWORTH BRANCH CANCER RESEARCH.
FUND RAISING JUMBLE SALE SATURDAY FEBRUARY 17th 10am-12 NOON.
RIFLE HALL HALESWORTH.

Book Launch Success

A wonderful crowd of people turned out at Wenhaston village hall on December 16th for the book launch of ‘Suffolk Ghost Tales’ by Kirsty Hartsiotis and Cherry Wilkinson. Bubbly was drunk and delicious locally made nibbles were consumed as the audience listened to professional Storyteller Kirsty with some stories from the book and Cherry, coming out of singing retirement, with songs to illustrate the ghostly theme. The well-kept secret of the book’s dedication was revealed as Heather Phillips of Wenhaston, received her complimentary copy and heartfelt thanks were given to all the stalwart helpers who worked so hard to make the event a success. The queue at the buying and signing table was long and Kirsty and Cherry were kept scribbling until all the books were sold! We hope they provided some spooky enjoyment over the festive period.

The book features stories from the local area as well as from all corners of Suffolk and fear not, more are now available. They can be purchased directly from Cherry (01502 478985), from the Wenhaston ‘Star’, the Wenhaston Post office, the Halesworth Bookshop, branches of Waterstones and good independent bookshops across the county – as well as Amazon.

Cherry Wilkinson



Footpath Walking

Both Walks in February will leave from Wenhaston Village Hall at 10.am. The first Walk on Tues 6th February will be exploring village footpaths. The walk on Tuesday 20th. February will be through Mells to Blyford Queens Head for Lunch and will be led by Heather Hammond. For further information or help please contact Heather Phillips 478545

Wenhaston WI January Report

In spite of the fact our speaker was conspicuous by her absence, our first meeting of the year was a jolly affair. Tea and, of course, wonderful cakes got the afternoon off to a convivial start. Good to catch up with everyone's Christmas news and to chat about hopes and aspirations for this year. At our February meeting Gus Jones's talk is entitled 'Pizza, Polizia and Mafia'. Sounds intriguing. Did you know that your Women's Institute in the village is almost 100 years old? See next item.

W.I. Centenary

In 2019 we will be celebrating the centenary along with the East Suffolk Federation.

As with many Institutes we have moved with the times and feature many interests. We go bowling, throw darts, play scrabble, do play reading,

visit theatres and dine out - frequently - and each month we have speakers on a variety of subjects. This year we will hear about the Mafia, birds of prey, the Clinks Farm project, medical alerts, singing for wellbeing and much more. No, we do not do "jam and Jerusalem" too often! We have lots of fun and laughter and make many new friends - we are never alone - except by choice these days.

We are, of course, just a small cog in a wide organisation - East Suffolk and National - but as a group of women we have gone from self interest to a position where we not only form opinion but indeed are asked by Governments for guidance from the many campaigns which the W.I. have led. Why not come and see what we are doing in your Village? We meet on the first Wednesday of the month at the Village Hall at 7.30.p.m. and you would be most welcome.

More details? Just ring Wendy on 01986 872590

Commons Conservation

On Tuesday 13th. February Jonathan will lead a Work Party on Blackheath. Meet opposite the Warehouse site on Blackheath Road at 10.am.

On Tuesday 20th. February Suffolk Wildlife Trust will lead a Work Party in Merton Wood. Meet by the Tool Store in the Wood.

On Sunday 25th. February Gus Jones will lead a Work Party in Vicarage Grove. Meet at the Field entrance off Bramfield Road. *Heather Phillips.*

Wenhaston Warbler Wine

It seems to me that, at this time of the year, wine writers fall into two camps. There are those who assume that their readers will have overindulged during Christmas and the New Year and will need pointing towards flavoursome but low (ish) alcohol wines. The other camp, looking out of the window at cold, damp miserable weather will conclude that the kindest approach will be to recommend rich, robust red wines to accompany warming Winter food.

I shall hedge my bets and recommend wines to accommodate either scenario and, as always, leave the final choice to you. For a simple refreshing white try a low alcohol Vinho Verde from Portugal. Sainsbury's Winemakers' Selection is crisp and appetising. It's alcohol level is reasonably low at 9% and so is the price – a fiver. My other suggestion is to try a Riesling from the Mosel region of Germany. Waitrose offer Dr Wagner Riesling which is off-dry and only 7.5% alcohol. It's pricier though, at £8-99.

For rich, warming reds I suggest you look at the South of France or its Australian equivalent. Try Morrison's The Best Cote de Catalanes 2015 for £7-50 or the Co-op's Les Jamelles Reserve Mouvedre, about £7-00. A smooth and rich Australian alternative produced from grenache, syrah and mouvedre grapes is Tesco's Finest GSM. About £8-00 the last time I checked.

Bernard Orme

Wenhaston Village Hall 100 Club - Winners for January 2018

We are delighted to announce the winners:

- 1st prize Judy Miller (number 60) £33
- 2nd prize Carol Hudson-Jary (number 2) £20
- 3rd prize Elda Hobson (number 58) £13

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 - our accounting year starts in September so for anyone wishing to join now, the fee is £7 (that will be for the period to end August 2018).

Please pay by cash or cheque, made payable to Wenhaston Village Hall 100 Club, and hand in, clearly marked with your name, in an envelope to the Post Office or either of the promoters, Kirsten West or Trish Gower. All enquiries please phone Trish on 478267.

Helping to Tackle Homelessness.

Homelessness is an issue which is rarely out of the news at the moment. Whether it is the plight of people forced to live on the streets, or the more hidden homelessness of “sofa-hopping” where people stay in different places each night, there is no escaping the fact that many vulnerable people are struggling because they have no permanent place to live. There are so many ways in which this can happen: family breakdown, mental illness, problems managing money or accessing support.

The Big Issue Foundation is an organisation that works to help homeless people in their difficult journeys away from poverty. This may be helping a Big Issue vendor to find a safe place to live, to reconnect with family and loved ones, to improve their personal health and well-being or to access training and development that will lead to a new career.

I have enrolled on the Big Night Walk on 2nd March 2018 and all the money raised will support the vital work of The Big Issue Foundation . If you would like to sponsor me, you can do this via my JustGiving page: www.justgiving.com/fundraising/Alison-Alder

Many thanks for your support, Alison.

News from the Church

We start our Fund Raising for 2018 with our annual Pancake Lunch in the Church room on Tuesday 13th. February - Shrove Tuesday. As always there will be a choice of soups followed by delicious pancakes, with coffee or tea to finish. A Bring and Buy stall and a raffle will also hopefully swell our funds. Come and support us and bring your friends to enjoy this lunch. Also in February, we have the annual box opening for The Children’s Society, this will be on Thursday 22nd commencing at 10 o’clock. There will be coffee and biscuits and again a raffle and a Bring and Buy Stall, all profits going to the Children’s Society. We look forward to seeing you and please do not forget to bring your box with you.

Also on the 22nd, there will be a PCC Meeting at Spindleberry at 7.30.pm. Our Prayers go to the Families of Sue Burns and Elizabeth Lovett who had Funeral Services at St. Peter’s just prior to Christmas. Sue had a home in St. Michaels Way; she loved Wenhasston and had hoped to eventually live in the village permanently. Elizabeth gave much to our village as a midwife and after her retirement she helped many people through the Halesworth Voluntary Care Service. She will be sadly missed.

Wenhaston Blyth Spirits

We started the New Year with an exceptionally interesting talk by Lyn Gedney on his visit to Antarctica last year. His photography of the landscape and wildlife was amazing. We started our meeting with a brief AGM and closed with tea and biscuits, altogether an enjoyable afternoon. Blyth Sprits is an informal group, meeting on the third Monday of every month in the Church Room and we welcome new members (male or female) to join us. Our meetings start at 2.30 pm and our Annual Subscription is £18.00 which is very good value.

Our varied and interesting programme is displayed in full on the notice board in the village hall. We arrange an outing in the spring usually through an "Invitation to View" - a garden meeting in June and lunchtime drinks and nibbles at Christmas. We shall be very pleased to see anyone who would like to give us a try and for the first three meetings it is only £2.00 at each meeting. For more information please contact either Margaret Goldstone (478378) or June Tate (47862) *Margaret G.*

Wenhaston Mothers' Union

In January, we start the year with a corporate communion service, which this year was taken by Edward. It is lovely to begin the year this way, it gets us off to a good start. This was followed by the AGM. Margaret, our leader, gave the annual report, and it is always surprising how much has been achieved. In 2017 we had some very interesting and inspiring speakers, a garden party, Christmas gathering, sent off shoe boxes and toiletries for the refuge, attended Deanery and Archdeaconry events, helped at the i Chameleon Shop and some of us attended the monthly prayer meeting. Margaret was presented with a garden voucher in thanks for all her hard work on our behalf. On Wednesday 14th February, which is Ash Wednesday, and the first day of Lent, we will welcome the Rev David Sochon to give us some Lenten thoughts. This meeting is in the Church Room at 2.30pm, and all are welcome. *Margaret Bloomfield*

Services At St. Peter's In Februry

- 4th. Team Eucharist At St. Mary's Halesworth. at 9.30am
- 11th. Parish Eucharist at 9.30am
- 18th. Parish Eucharist at 9.30am
- 25th. Pause for Thought followed by coffee 11.15am

Everyone is Very Welcome at All These Services

June Lewis

It was with great sadness that we learnt that June had died quite suddenly on the 3rd January at Lehmann House in Wickham Market.

June was a lovely Lady and a much-loved Member of St. Peter's Church where she had been a hard-working and respected Church Warden for many years and her guidance and wise words of wisdom were greatly appreciated by us all. After being Church Warden, she took over the job of Secretary of the PCC up until the time when she first became ill.

She was always ready and willing to be part of the Church Life and amongst other things she will be remembered for her Flower Arranging in the Church and her Cooking for Fund raising Events.

June was an active member of several village organisations. In the WI she was Secretary for many years and for a short period she as a very popular President. She loved her Garden and particularly the flowers and she was an enthusiastic member of the Flower Club in the Village where she was a talented Flower Arranger, she also enjoyed the Gardener's Club.

Her work had been as a Librarian and she loved books and reading being a member of a Village Book Group and also the WI Drama Group. Both these groups had been meeting with her at her home so that she could continue enjoying the company of the Groups.

As a Mother's Union Member for many years, she had led the Group in the Sussex Village where she and Peter were living and on moving to Wenhaston she immediately became the Branch Secretary doing the job with her usual efficiency.

June was above all a caring and understanding friend to many people, always ready to listen and advise and she will be greatly missed by us all. We have much to give thanks for in June's Life.

May she Rest in Peace and Rise in Glory.

Thank You

On behalf of all the family, please let me express my warmest thanks to all of June's many friends, neighbours and well-wishers in the village for their cards, condolences, flowers and sympathy on her unexpected death.

At the time of writing, a service of thanksgiving for her life is being planned at St Peter's Church on Friday 26 January at 2pm, and we hope to see her many friends in the village there.

Peter Lewis

Advice from Police Connect

Have you had a cold call from a company wanting to visit you recently? Have you been offered a one-off deal that is only available if you sign up at the visit? Does the offer seem too good to be true?

If you wish to purchase a product or service, always make sure you get three quotes from companies that you have selected yourself. Never feel pressured into signing anything until you have had a chance to consider it and get advice from family and friends if necessary.

If you have agreed to an appointment you have the right to cancel it.

If you have any concerns about a cold caller please call either Trading Standards on 01473 264859 or Suffolk police on 101 or 999 in an emergency. Please make sure you let vulnerable family and friends know. Help us keep our communities safe.

Police advice on a variety of subjects can be accessed via <https://www.suffolk.police.uk/advice>

To report something, or to otherwise contact Police, use the link <http://www.suffolk.police.uk/contact-us>

To report something anonymously call Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111 or visit www.crimestoppers-uk.org

Alternatively call **101** for non-urgent matters.

Always call 999 in emergencies, or if an immediate police response is required.

Police Connect Team

Wenhaston Methodist Church			
Sunday Services at 10.30am		Tuesday Meetings at 2.30pm	
4th	Iris Baker	6th	Women's Fellowship
11th	Sue Lovett	13th	Bible Study
18th	Rev John Sigswood	20th	Lent Group
25th	Rev Ernie Bosse	27th	Lent Group
	Wednesday 14th at 2.30 pm		
	Ashing Service Rev Louise Morrissey		
	Saturday 3rd 9.30 - 11.00 am "Pray Awhile" on a come & go basis for prayer & meditation. ALL WELCOME AT ANY EVENT		

Café Art in February

This cheerful bunch of Art & Crafters meets every Tuesday afternoon in the village hall for a very sociable chat, tea and biscuits and to busy themselves with a variety of activities from painting to needlework to knitting. Advice is always on hand if needed. The group was started by Denise and Phil Corbett three years ago, and anyone can come along whatever their activity or skill level.

From January the 16th you can see a range of their work displayed in the Café area with many of the pieces for sale – so why not come and enjoy some superb coffee and cakes on Wednesday and Saturday mornings and feast your eyes as well.

Photo and report Wil Harvey



Wenhaston Warbler Information

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