



September 2020

Wenhaston Warbler



Wenhaston Village Hall Cafe Re-Opening

We are pleased to announce that the cafe will be open in the main hall from September 5th on Saturdays, only from, 10.00am, last orders at 12 noon. The usual delicious cakes, savouries, coffee and other drinks will be available to welcome you back. Hooray!! Social distancing requirements will apply. **We look forward to seeing you all again.**

Annie Rice

Wenhaston Cinema Group

We are pleased to announce the gradual return of our local Cinema in the Village Hall on **Saturday 19th September** at **7:30pm** with a showing of **'Little Women'**. This is an American coming-of-age period drama written and directed by Greta Gerwig, a film adaptation of the 1868 novel by Louisa May Alcott. Donations can be made into our normal container at the Main Hall door. Seating will be socially distanced as per Government Guidance which will mean less seats. Our Hall size will allow for a maximum of 50 available seats, so the principle of first come first served will apply.

The usual red fabric chairs have been temporarily replaced by our older but more easily sanitised plastic chairs. As these are less

comfortable, it is recommended that attendees bring along their own seat cushion for the performance. The Bar will be open with socially distanced queueing and we would appreciate correct payments to avoid handling cash.

Whilst face coverings are not mandatory for our particular venue, I believe the system adopted by Leiston Cinema offers a pragmatic approach for minimizing the risk to our more vulnerable people. This means wearing a face covering on entry to, and exit from the Hall, queueing at the Bar and visiting the toilet but once seated it may be removed.

Subject to any further Government restrictions, and demand of course, we would hope to be able to resume 'normal service' of both Saturday and Thursday evening film nights in the coming months. Watch for future announcements on the Village Hall car park board.

Lyn Gedney

Wenhaston Village Show – 2020

Unfortunately, our 25th Anniversary Show this year became yet another victim of Covid-19...However, there was a survivor of our cancelled Show.....**The Potato in a Bucket competition...!**

Thanks to the excellent organisation of Jan Clements and Richard Atkins, this aspect of the Show still went ahead as planned and we had 14 aspiring potato growers taking part with their supplied buckets and seed potatoes.

The day of 'Weigh-in' and reckoning took place at the Village Hall car park on Sunday 26th July. Richard was there with his potato sorting trailer and Jan with her precision calibrated set of scales to determine the weighty content of fruits of the earth produced by the nervous but hopeful bucket entrants. Of course, nobody knew what riches lay beneath their soil until the moment of bucket upending...

A photo shows Buckets socially distanced with the odd pair together (same 'bubble') prior to decanting.

The weights varied greatly from my own paltry 500g to a massive 2kg, double that of the nearest other contender. This latter weight was produced by none other than Richard Atkins himself, but in the current climate of need for absolute transparency and verification, it was decided to independently review this amazing crop.

Accordingly, the potatoes were DNA tested against the original seed ones provided and a host of bagged supermarket varieties.



Needless to say, Richard's huge crop was totally genuine which therefore dispelled any hint of a suggestion it might have been one such bag surreptitiously buried in the bucket the day before.....

The story doesn't end here though because Richard, as joint organiser of the competition, nobly declined to take the double prize of a **Potato Masher and Potato Ricer** (kindly donated by **Morrisons of Beccles**).



So, these magnificent tools were awarded to the next highest entrant, with 1.1kg, Dee Barker. Here is our happy prize-winner at home with her potato masher in action.....

This competition was seen as a bit of fun in these somewhat dark days, with people determined to carry on where possible and I would like to reiterate my sincere thanks to Jan and Richard for all their efforts in organising it.

Lyn Gedny

Men's Breakfast We're brushing the cobwebs off the frying pan and sanitising the sausages for the re-opening of Men's Breakfast: Village Hall, 8.30am on Wednesday September 2nd. Looking forward to catching up!
Wil Harvey

Village Hall news

The Management Committee held the first full meeting for five months on Monday 10th August. This followed the easing of restrictions and the government advice that strict shielding measures for some had been lifted as the rates of transmission of coronavirus (COVID-19) in the community have fallen significantly.

A small group from the Committee have been meeting outside to consider all the Government advice and actions we have to adhere to before the hall is able to re-open. Our Café team and Cinema team have also been busy drawing up plans for how they can safely re-start. The Men's Breakfast team are considering how they can get back to serving up a Full English breakfast once a month. At our meeting these documents and plans were all agreed. Volunteers are making other things we will need to have in place. We have now agreed that the Village Hall can partially re-open with effect from Tuesday 1st September. This is subject to Government guidance and is in accordance with the COVID-19 regulations which are all subject to change at short notice.

All our regular hirers will have already been contacted with the necessary documentation to enable us to welcome hall hirers back to the hall. The café and cinema will re-start but we will be unable to start Kurling or the monthly Craft Markets yet due to the difficulties in social distancing, other issues and managing the numbers. Other large events will also be impossible to host and all new enquiries will be reviewed on an individual basis by the full Committee to ensure we are meeting Government guidelines.

We very much look forward to welcoming hall hirers back to the Village Hall. Please help us to keep everyone safe by following the guidelines given for your individual activities by the organisers, so that one-way systems are observed which don't conflict with the Post Office users and that social distancing and hygiene requirements are followed.

Village Hall Committee

Bonfire Courtesy

With the onset of glorious summer days, it is such a pleasure to throw open all the windows and enjoy warm fresh breezes. What is not so pleasant is having to close the windows when someone lights a bonfire and the smoke intrudes. Worse still is having to rewash washing that had been drying on the line. Naturally, keen gardeners want to tidy up their gardens, but please check what your neighbours are doing in their homes and take care that your bonfires don't become a nuisance. In severe cases asthma sufferers can find that the smoky air causes them breathing problems. So please save your fires for times which allow us all to enjoy the summer weather to the full. **Liz Hill**



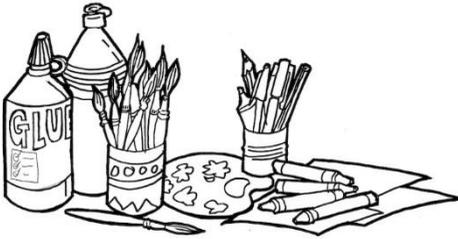
Coming Soon.....

Explore Club



A new online club for primary-age children.

Craft activities, challenges, games and quizzes, stories and reflection.



Run by the church, this club aims to help children explore and reflect on the world around them. We will use bible stories and simple prayers as part of our activities. The club hopes to introduce children to the Christian way of seeing the world,

but we are not seeking to preach or convert them. The emphasis is on having fun together.

For more details, please contact Revd. Alison Alder via email: alisonalder@hotmail.co.uk or tel: 01502 478855

Wenhaston Flower Club

Unfortunately, due to the current situation, Jean has very wisely decided that sadly we will not be able to meet for the rest of this year.

As we do not meet in January and February should have been our Christmas meal Jean will review the situation for the meeting in March 2021. Jean sends her best wishes to everyone and hopes you are all well. For any further information please contact her on 01502 478317

Ian Davis

A thank you from Violet Jackson



Violet in her new home, with flowers sent by her friends in Wenhaston WI

Vi has asked me to thank everyone for their cards and good wishes on her birthday. She was planning to move to Kent later in August but had hoped she'd be able to celebrate her century

in the village where she'd been so

happy. As it turned out, she had to leave a few days before. I've made sure she's received all the cards you put through her door. She can't thank everyone individually and hopes you will not mind. She misses Wenhaston and all her friends very much. And I'd like to add my own thanks to everyone who helped her remain independent so long: she was very lucky to live in Wenhaston amongst so many kind and caring people. You are all very much appreciated.

Liz Chinoy

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**Wenhaston Village Hall 100 Club
- Winners for August 2020 –**

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

- 1st prize Tony Wallin (number 48) £37.50
- 2nd prize Alison Alder (number 101) £22.50
- 3rd prize Jo Withnail (number 120) £15

Well done to all the winners this time!

It's now time to sign up for next year. 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 September.

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.

Pottering with Poppy

We have set out in the late afternoon and come to Westleton Heath and it seems as if we are the only ones here. It is very quiet; the air is mild and it is good to be out. We walk along our chosen track and Poppy is very busy catching up with all the smells. There is a clearing on our left,

made some time ago when they brought the Dartmoor ponies to graze the area but it now seems to be being left to revert to heath. The ground cover is very different as plants recolonise the sandy gravel. Everything is small and low growing. There is Common Centaury, Self-heal, Hare's-foot

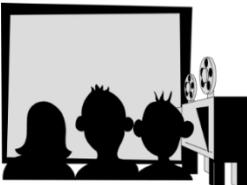
Clover and a St John's wort and all-around Wood Sage is in flower and further on it is intermingling with the Bell Heather which is in full bloom.

The path narrows and gets very sandy and as the slope descends there are lots of small mounds of freshly raised soil. I guess they are the work of solitary wasps, living in solitary burrows but together in a small colony and just a little further on I spot two in their burrow entrances excavating the soil.

On down the track I am looking, listening and hoping to see Dartford Warbler. There was a family here when we came last. I stop and listen but nothing. There is a Wren singing in the distance and a Chiffchaff. Crows and Rooks fly over but nothing else.

The heath is wide open now apart from the odd conifer and Silver Birch and I stand again to listen so that there are no distractions to my hearing of rustling jacket or my foot fall. I hear and see, almost at the same instant a male Stone Chat sitting on top of a tiny oak sapling and then another, a juvenile. There are also two small, dark, long tailed birds probably my elusive Dartford Warbles but they are not cooperating and giving me a good view. Just little glimpses as they move about the gorse bushes. In the distance a Yellow Hammer is singing. Poppy wonders what on earth all this waiting around is about and we walk on.

Jo Small



Youth Film Nights are coming back! (Fingers crossed)

We hope to hold our first film night for young people at the end of September / beginning of October. Open to all young people from Year 5-Year 8. Watch out for posters and flyers for more details.

Offers of help with this project are most welcome.

Revd. Alison Alder 01502 478855 alisonalder@hotmail.co.uk

Art Workshop with Annie Rice

3 hours for £35 all materials included

I would like to offer a 3-hour workshop in water-based inks in colours which are bright and cheerful, much needed after the events of the last few months I feel! Anyone can paint with them using bamboo pens and brushes. No previous art experience is necessary - you don't even need to be able to draw!

All equipment and materials would be provided by me and included in the £35 workshop fee. All you have to do is bring yourself and your pinnie! You will be socially distanced with a table to yourself containing everything you will need for the workshop.



I am a qualified and experienced tutor of art having owned my own art school for mature persons in Beccles and been a painting course Leader for HF Holidays for several years. I appreciate many people are nervous of joining in but I promise I will explain fully, demonstrate everything and help you enjoy the process of producing your own vibrant works of art!

My intention is to set something up with the support of the Village Hall (a proportion of your fee will go to Village Hall funds) in OCTOBER/early NOVEMBER 2020. Either 10–1 on one weekday morning, or 2 – 5pm on one Saturday afternoon (and maybe the following Sunday morning also).

If you are interested in coming along please could you ring me on 01502 478942 or 07906011676 to discuss times, dates etc. Annie Rice, St Michael's Way, Wenhaston. anniericeartist@gmail.com



Pause for Thought – A different celebration of Harvest

Sunday 27th September 11.15am

Due to Covid-19 restrictions, our harvest celebrations will be different this year. More details to follow but save the date.

alisonalder@hotmail.co.uk **01502 478855**

Struggling to make ends meet? The Foodbank and Community Larder can help

As uncertain times continue, some people are finding their working hours reduced or are facing redundancy. The Foodbank and Community Larders are there to help people over when financial difficulties occur. You can also access supplies of hygiene goods, including sanitary products.

Foodbank - St Mary's Church, Halesworth every Wednesday 10.30-11.30am

If you are self-isolating or cannot get to St Mary's, please phone: 07484 394749.

Community Larder – St Mary's Church, Halesworth every Wednesday & Saturday 10.30-11.30am and Thursdays 9.30-10.30am. You can:

- Bring food to donate
- Bring and take food
- Take food and make a donation
- Take food if you are in need.

Thanks to the work of Revd. Jane and Halesworth Volunteer Centre, the projects are now supported by "Fairshare", a scheme in which

supermarkets donate surplus food. We currently have good stocks of most things but would appreciate donations of “treats”: biscuits, chocolate and sweets, which can provide a real lift to struggling families. ***Revd. Alison Alder Blyth Valley Team Ministry***

St Peter’s Church

It was lovely to be back in church for our Eucharist, albeit in very changed circumstances. Anna presided at the first service and Alison preached. The congregation was all seated at a safe distance and we complied with safety measures such as face masks and hand sanitisers. It all seemed strange but so good to be able to worship together. We will have attended four more services in August but at the moment I don’t know the rota for September as I am writing this quite early as I am going off to visit my elderly mother. The rota will appear at the front of the BVT so please refer to that.

Some of you will know John Addison who had a holiday cottage next to Paul Nolloth. John always attended St Peter’s when in Wenhaston, and also joined the walking group until he had his kidney transplant. John sadly caught Covid 19 and though he recovered, it had an effect on his frail health and he sadly died in the North where he had gone to be near his sister, Joan. RIP John.

I hope you have all had a peaceful summer and will now enjoy the Autumn. I know lots of you will have been isolated and this can be depressing, so if any of you would like a visit from me, as Elder, or any of the clergy, do let us know.

Children’s Society

Ages ago, it seems, we held our CS box opening and coffee morning but as I was unable to visit a bank until recently and finalise the amount raised, I haven’t been able to let you all know the results. The

boxes raised £740.81 and the coffee morning raised £50 so we did very well. Thank you to all who contributed in any way.

Suffolk Churches Ride and Stride

This will take place on Saturday 12th September. If anyone would like to cycle or walk to raise funds for the trust and our church, could you collect a sponsor form from me please. We will not provide stewards this year, the cyclists will sign themselves in.

Margaret Bloomfield

Can you help the Parochial Church Council?

St Peter's Parochial Church Council is very grateful to Jenny Jeffrey for her time served as Minutes Secretary to the PCC, which ended at the APCM on the 23rd August. We very much hope that someone can come forward to replace Jenny. This is not an arduous task - the PCC meets (in normal times) around 4-5 times a year, but to enable the PCC to function properly it is obviously a vital role. Please let me know by email to j.m.alder59@gmail.com if you think you could help. We would also welcome any other parishioners who think they might be able to offer something generally to the PCC. Again, please contact me by email at the above address

Jonathan Alder

Footpath Walking

On Tuesday, 1st September a walk will leave from Wenhaston Village Hall at 10am. As soon as details are available of a walk on Tuesday, 15th September, information will be conveyed to people as best as possible. **(Contact Heather Phillips on 01502 478545).**

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