

September 2022 Wenhaston Warbler

The 25th Village Show

In spite of the weather the Village Show was a great success, with the fruit and vegetable judge saying it was the best show he had been to



this year. Well done everyone. There were 39 entrants with 213 entries. Helen Jones won best of show with her beautiful quilt depicting snakes and ladders. 26 people came to the carpark to have their potatoes in a bucket weighed, and Janice Claxton won the prize with the heaviest

amount. The display of scarecrows was disappointing but well done to those who did participate.

The hall was decorated with lots of amazing art work from the school,

which was good to see. The afternoon was well attended, people especially enjoying the locally found artefacts and Wootton's plant stall. The display of photos of the last 25 years of village shows provoked interest; the photos were enhanced by beautiful flower arrangements by Cyrilla. As always the Church members produced wonderful cakes to accompany a welcome cup of tea.



The afternoon was rounded off with a fantastic raffle with many interesting prizes. Well done Dee for organising it. And so, grateful thanks go to everyone who helped put on the show. A lot of hard work goes on behind the scenes, with all the preparing and clearing away. We give thanks to the school for participating, and to the Church for the teas, also to all groups for supporting the show and to everyone who attended. Lastly thanks go to the Parish Council and Woottons for their sponsorship



and to Peter Wildish for handing out the trophies.



Now comes the usual plea. After many years of helping to put on the show many members of the committee wish to step down, so numbers will be sadly depleted. If the show is to continue we need people to step forward to help. (A sense of déjà vu here) If you are interested do join us for next committee meeting on the 8th October, you would be more than welcome. A deep knowledge of horticulture is not necessary and that comes from someone who can hardly tell the difference between a dandelion and a daisy! *Felicity Jelliff*

Friends of Halesworth Library

In the series of book talks at the library, the Friends of Halesworth Library have arranged an event, on Thursday September 22nd at 2.30pm, by local author, Natalie Meg Evans, who will give a talk with the title "A Bridgerton too far". Further details will be available at the library, or via the Friends, closer to the date. Natalie, who has eight novels to her credit, is one of the trustees of the Friends and her book talk earlier this year was very well received. The talk is free, includes refreshments and is open to everybody, but booking is requested. Please ask at the Library desk, telephone 01986 875095 or email <u>friendsofhalesworthlibrary@gmail.com</u> if you wish to attend.

Mobile Library in Wenhaston

The mobile library will be at the Village Hall between 3pm and 3.45pm on Friday 9th September.

Wenhaston Walking Group

A local walk will start at 10am at Wenhaston Village Hall on Tuesday, 6th September. A second walk through the Saints with Liz Cunningham and Helen Bowyer will take place on Tuesday, 20th September leaving the Rumburgh Buck at 10am. Lunch menu to follow. If you are interested in being added to the circulation list, please email ipbigwood@btinternet.com Heather Phillips (01502 478545)

WEA – Autumn Course in Wenhaston

Following two most successful courses and a one-day 'Covid catch-up' session in Wenhaston Village Hall during 2021/22, the autumn 2022 term now approaches. Our course will be "Music in Film" and is described by our tutor, Andrew Fraser, as follows:

"Music in Film" is an exciting foray into the world of cinema and music which will enhance any film lover's depth of understanding of the medium of film. Have you ever been distracted by a film's music? Was this a good thing? Writing music for film is a particular skill and affords a special place in the world of composition. From the early days when silent movies were accompanied by live piano or organ playing to today's expansive spectrum of sounds, the music accompaniment might either elevate our experience of the film or clash with the narrative and scenic progression. It's not an easy task for composers; here we create a little time to explore what makes a soundtrack 'in tune', allowing for a truly immersive experience.

The course comprises 7x2 hour sessions starting at 10am on Friday, 30th September. A break for half term falls on Friday, 28th October and the last session will be on Friday, 18th November. You must book online at <u>www.wea.org.uk</u> (or by telephone on 0300 303 3464) quoting reference no. C2229021. The cost is £56. (For further details, contact <u>wenhaston.branch@wea.ac.uk</u> or 01502 478977).

Founded in 1903, the Workers' Educational Association is a charity dedicated to bringing high-quality, professional education into the heart of communities. It delivers friendly, accessible and enjoyable courses for adults from all walks of life. This course is described as for beginners and improvers and the only experience required is to have watched and enjoyed films!

We are a very friendly band of students and look forward to seeing you in the autumn. Get on-line or the telephone to book your place straight away! *Ian Bigwood*

Wenhaston Flower Club

We are back in September after our little summer break so hope to see all our regulars and we also offer a warm welcome to anyone who would like to come along for the first time. As always we do not charge an annual membership fee, it's just £5 on the night which includes tea/coffee and biscuits. We meet in Wenhaston Village Hall on the first Tuesday in the month.So our September meeting is Tuesday 6th at 7.30 pm in Wenhaston Village Hall.

We are delighted to welcome Sam and Lorraine from New Beginnings florists in Bungay. They will be giving a demonstration entitled "A Modern Touch" Advance notice about our 4th October meeting, this will be our Charity Night for the Halesworth Branch of Cancer Research UK. where we we will have stalls selling books, Bric-a-brac, Tombola, raffle, cakes, cards, jewellery, scarves etc. We will also be serving teas/coffees cake etc. This event is open to absolutely everyone so please come along and support Cancer Research by having a cup of tea and browsing the stalls. We start a bit earlier at 6.30 pm. and it is completely free to join us for this event.

If anyone has anything that they can donate for the raffle or tombola please can you bring it to the September meeting. Thank you.

For more information please contact Jackie Chenery 01502 478401

Wenhaston Commons Group

Next work party, all welcome.

Scheduled for Sunday 18th September

Meet Blackheath, south side, at bench on the hill which overlooks Church Farm Marshes at 10am. Refreshments provided. Bring own water.

Leader: Myles Archibald, call 07774 781186 if any queries

Wenhaston Commons group AGM

Thursday 6th October at the Village Hall. Opens 6.30 for 7pm start. Wine and nibbles served. Two main topics for the evening:

- Alan Miller will talk about 'Wilder Wenhaston' <u>https://www.wildeast.co.uk/cherished-land-wenhaston</u>
- 2. We will also present the draft for the new 10 year plan for Wenhaston Commons.

The existing 10 year plan is published on the Wenhaston village website (wenhaston.onesuffolk.net), WCG section.

Please review this and bring your thoughts to the meeting to share so we can ensure the new plan reflects villagers' views.

We look forward to seeing you all there for a lively evening of ideas and discussion. *Kate Archibald*

'Gratitude' Charity Concert Raises Over £1000 For Cancer Research

More than a hundred local people attended David Canham's evening concert on the 3rd August in his large and beautiful garden in Wenhaston, raising funds for cancer research and hospices. Over £500 was raised during the evening, with David's son Jonathan meeting the sum pound-for-pound to bring donations to over £1000. After four challenging years David was determined to celebrate his being given the 'all clear' from cancer by staging an evening of entertainment.

The very talented musician Marie Young opened the evening with a recital on her harp and later provided a delightful jazz interlude on her alto saxophone. The Wenhaston Ukulele Strummers gave a spirited performance, playing a number of popular songs, followed by the Black Deek Band (together with Marie Young on her concertina) to play the evening to a close. Technical support was given by the inimitable Roger Claxton who brought his sound-engineering expertise to the

musical performances. The evening was blessed by warm, balmy weather, and those who attended enjoyed a picnic on the spacious lawns.

David would like to express his grateful thanks to the audience who generously made donations to cancer research during the evening. He also extends his gratitude to villagers who freely provided gazebos and for the time and effort given by those who erected them.

Peter Wildish



Raising funds for maintenance of the Village Hall

New Life in Grove Woods



As I write, we have had no significant rain for weeks. The paths are rock hard between the stubble fields and any once green vegetation is withered and brown. We look with despair at our parched lawns, turned to deserts beneath the relentless sun. After a hot walk it is a delight to enter the

cool shadows of Vicarage Grove, where life has been burgeoning since spring and the work of the Blyth Woods group continues. In fact, in the Grove Woods Breeding Survey of April and June, a total of twenty-two species of birds was recorded, nesting or holding territory, including

new visitors sparrowhawk, barn owl (nesting for the first time), garden warbler and linnet. We also had a pleasing increase of blue and great tits fledging from our boxes in Vicarage Grove and Grove Piece.

On a sunny afternoon on 10th July, before the days of record temperatures, we had our annual Blyth Woods Friends' Picnic, which began



with the Bioblitz, a new survey of Malsters Little Field. It gave some interesting results, among them Fragile Stonewort, a pond plant, which is only found in fewer than six locations in the county. Its seeds had laid dormant in the bottom of the pond for years and germinated once the pond was restored. Twelve species of butterfly were recorded in less than two hours, including an Essex Skipper, rarely seen in Suffolk and which needs careful identification to separate it from the Small Skipper, along with many Gatekeepers. Other insects included a Tiger hoverfly, which looks like a wasp but is harmless. Afterwards, our guests retreated to the shade of a gazebo to have a delicious tea of chilled gazpacho, sandwiches and cake.

We were delighted to welcome visitors to our tables at the Village Show on 24th July and are planning more activities for the autumn. If

you are interested in becoming a Friend of Blyth Woods do email us on blythwoods1@gmail.com for more information.

www.blythwoods.org

Patricia Elliott

Wenhaston W.I.

Following our beautiful garden party held in the grounds of member Elda Hobson's glorious garden we came back to earth with a most amusing and informative talk by Liz Turner on the History of Knickers! Liz took us through from the age of the Victorian "split" bloomers, somewhat rudely named "Free Traders", to the present day, via corsets and waspies for the 22 inch waists, and the discomfort of 22 bones! Underwear was named an uncomfortable necessity and bras were generally not worn for many years.

Many members recalled what their mothers wore as we all handled examples, which Liz passed around. From rayon french knickers, to war time "make do and mend" items, Liz had them all. A great walk down a strange memory lane. *Wendy Mendham*

Wenhaston Mothers Union

The small group who braved the very hot weather for our summer outing to Dingle Hill Tea Rooms were able to find a suitable table in the shade and enjoyed the time which they spent together. Thank you to all whose who drove, I am very grateful.

I know that all our members will be very sad to learn that Dorothy Drew died in James Paget Hospital on the 13th August. Dorothy had been unwell for a very long time and had suffered very bravely. She was a lovely lady and a very active member of our branch and our prayer group. Those of us who visited her during her illness were always inspired by her thinking and her care for others. May Dorothy rest in peace and rise in glory.

In September 14th. we shall be meeting in the school room behind the Methodis Chapel at 2.30 pm when our speaker will be Seamas Fox who will talk about the work of the Emmaus Community. We look forward to seeing as many members as possible and of course friends are also very welcome.

The North Suffolk Area morning will be held in Reydon church onThursday, 22nd September. I do hope this will be well supported byWenhaston branch members and their family and friends.There will be various stalls, a raffle and a picnic lunch – please bringyour own picnic, drinks will be provided. After lunch the new DiocesanChaplain will talk, and our President Linda Ginn will up date us ondiocesan news.Margaret G.Branch Leader (01502 478378)

Wenhaston Blyth Spirits

Unfortunately the committee had to decide to cancel our summer garden party due to the very hot weather. This was a difficult decision to make and we hope that we did the right thing!

On Wednesday 21st. September, Janet Dann will be joining us to talk about "Suffolk Chapter and Verse." We shall look forward to seeing you at this meeting, together with friends, in the village hall, at 2.30pm. *Margaret G. (01502 478378)*

Starters and Puds Night On Friday October 7th at 7pm

in Wenhaston village hall

This is a fund-raising event for The Pear Tree Centre. Tickets include a glass of prosecco or soft drink on arrival, 3 starters and 3 puddings followed by coffee.

Tickets £25 pp are available from Jonathan Clarke 01986 873500 For further information please contact Liz Cunningham 01502 478964 <u>lizcunningham111@yahoo.co.uk</u>

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Raising funds for Village Hall maintenance

Editors Note: Please let us have your items for the October edition by the 15th September wenhastonwarbler @gmail.com

A Message from Mr Stone, Head Teacher

Dear Reader,

As we enter a new academic year, I am keen to continue to ensure that Wenhaston Primary School is at the heart of the community. I would love to hear from you if you have a talent, a skill or some knowledge you feel could benefit the school and its children. I am always willing to hear of anyone interested in volunteering their time to support the school. Furthermore, if as a local resident you wish to visit the school and see what we are up to, please do get in touch. We warmly welcome visitors.

Kind regards

Mr Stone - Headteacher

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Halesworth Dementia Carers' Fund



A.G.M.

The HDCF held its A.G.M. on July 11th at The Stables, Angel Hotel. 27 people attended, including the full committee, plus representatives from the Town Council, Pear Tree Centre, First Choice, Halesworth

Volunteer Centre and Friends of H.D.C.F.

The election of officers took place, with Teresa Fyfe continuing as Chair, Nikki Sawkins as Vice Chair, Iris Smith as Treasurer, and new member and trustee Alison Cackett was elected as Secretary. The rest of the committee were re-elected en bloc, and there were no further nominations. Paddy Cox was re-elected as Patron and Carer representative. The Chair presented her Annual Report and Iris Smith presented the draft accounts for the year. Both were accepted. Teresa thanked everyone for all their hard work over the last year, paying tribute to retiring committee members Bill Ellis and Sallyanne Cockrell. Particular thanks were expressed to Dave Rich who is retiring from the post of Secretary and Jackie Rich who is retiring from the position of Chair of the Friends of HDCF.

100+ Club.

This is being set up by Anna Mickleburgh and Jackie Richardson to raise funds for the HDCF. The appropriate licence has been obtained and the first draw will take place in October. Numbers will be £5 each monthly, and over 40% of monthly money will go in prizes. Anyone wishing to join is welcome to contact Anna on 01986 872207 or 07721 842802. **i Chameleon Shop**

I Chameleon Shop

HDCF will be taking over the shop from 22nd to 28th September. We would appreciate any donations but regret that we cannot take clothes or electrical goods. Please contact Teresa or Jim on 01986 875461 for further details.

September Film Matinee

For our next film matinee at The Cut on September 21st we are planning to show "Downton Abbey: A New Era".

This much anticipated cinematic return of Downton Abbey follows the Crawleys and their staff as they welcome a movie crew and their glamorous stars to Downton for the filming of a new silent movie, while other members of the family go on a grand tour to a villa in the south of France to uncover a mystery about the Dowager Countess and her past. With a screenplay by Julian Fellowes and starring the original cast alongside exciting new additions, Downton Abbey: A New Era is packed full of exuberant moments, excitement and humour, tears of joy and sadness and new beginnings for all your favourite characters. **Fund Raising**

We are very grateful to all those who work so hard to raise money for us. Recent donations include £64 raised by the Sibton White Horse at their recent quiz night; £241 raised at a W.I. curling event, and £443 raised by Janet Heath of Linstead at a recent Chari-TEA garden party. *John Wood*

Wenhaston Save Our Swifts Action Group



The swifts arrived in the village on 9th May this year and I hope everyone has enjoyed the sights and sounds of the screaming parties, particularly over the Star Inn garden and over Back Road and near Chapel Lane. The swifts have pretty much left at the time of writing, 12th August, but we are still waiting to hear if Alan's nest box

swifts have fledged yet! The flag will then come down until next May. The counts this July were quite similar to last year's counts. A maximum of 102 seen on the later count in the month, both years, with mean variation over both counts of 60-61 this year compared with 37-64 last year. So good news that there was no decline! We have had documented new nests established in at least four swift boxes. You will have all read Jan Clement's front page feature in last month's warbler showing the ringing of swifts from the swift box at her and Richard's home.

We have been in contact with Zoe at Framingham who provides local help for fallen and ill swifts. She has taken in 53 adult and 17 chicks this year and at time of writing had released all but 3. A fallen swift chick was rescued from the ground near the Star Inn, named 'Star' by Zoe and she grew to be a strong fledgling who was released a few weeks ago. We have donated funds from monies we obtain from activities to her feed fund. The Swift Pint walk on 2nd July was very enjoyable, with 17 of us at one point, with good weather and plenty of swifts seen. We were



joined by folk from Walberswick, Holton and Halesworth, and it was good to make links with other local groups and individuals interested in swifts.

We have also been able to make links with Suffolk wide swift contacts as well, including the Suffolk bird group and AONB who have been very helpful in providing swift boxes and callers to enthusiastic locals. I would love to hear back from anyone who had boxes installed this year about any interest from swifts as time goes by. It can take at least three years for a swift nest box to become inhabited by swiftsand a caller is necessary if the site has no other pre-existing swift nest sites. If anyone is interested to find out more about providing a home for swifts and improving their local environment to help them thrive, check our section of the wenhaston.onesuffolk.net website and also the save our swifts area of the Suffolk Wildlife Trust website. Contact me next year in March if you are interested in joining our group, or if you want any advice about helping these beautiful and extraordinary birds. **E mail me, Kate Archibald, at** wenhastonsosactiongroup@gmail.com

Village Harvest Festival

"Celebrating and supporting our local farming community"



Sunday 25th September at 10.30am followed by refreshments. EVERYONE WELCOME Summer has been lovely this year, especially for holiday makers, and school children on holiday. For gardeners, and, more so, the farmers, it has been worrying, due to lack of rainfall. We pray for a good amount of rain to save the crops. Even so, there was a splendid array of fruit, vegetables and flowers at the Village Show. The church served refreshments, and raised £256.40 for church funds. Thanks to all who supplied the delicious cakes, and who helped on the day. We are looking forward to our Village Walk and picnic on 20th August, and our Harvest Festival Service will be on the 25th September at 10am. All very welcome. *Meanwhile, a reminder that we have a quiz planned for 21st October.*

Services for September

4 th September	Team Service, Halesworth 10am
11 th September	Holy Communion 10am
18 th September	Holy Communion Wenhaston 10am
25 th September	Harvest festival 10.30am

Suffolk Historic Churches Trust – Ride and Stride

This takes place on Saturday, 11th September. Wenhaston Church will be open to receive cyclists and walkers and I am looking for stewards to sit in the church for an hour at a time from 9am to 5pm. I will put the rota in the church porch. If anyone would like to cycle or walk for Wenhaston, the sponsorship forms will be in church. Thank you. *Margaret Bloomfield*

Wenhaston Methodist Church All Sunday Services At 10.30am

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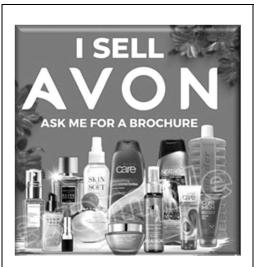
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