October 2022



Wenhaston Warbler



HM Queen Elizabeth II 1926-2022

Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II

A Book of Remembrance is available in St. Peter's Church, Wenhaston, for anyone wishing to express their thoughts on the death of Her Majesty the Queen.

Wenhaston Commons Group News

I am sure the whole village is upset about the recent huge fire over two acres of Blackheath on 2nd September, which started around 1.30pm. Suffolk Fire and Rescue Service worked hard, with 15 appliances called in from 8 stations to contain and completely extinguish the fires. They were still on the west part of the Heath near Bramfield Road at 8.45pm, dowsing ongoing smouldering vegetation. The Wenhaston Commons Group will adjust the work plan to take in the new conservation issues caused.

Please join us for a work party in October...there is still lots of continuing conservation work to be done on our other precious commons.

- 1. Tuesday October 11th 10 am, Mill Heath, meet by entrance off Heath Road. Leader Alan Miller 07493 622852.
- 2. . Sunday October 23rd 10am, Bickers Heath, meet by seat off Cole's Hill. Leader John Holmes

Tools and gloves provided. Refreshments provided. Bring your own cold water. See Instagram wenhaston_common_group for ongoing news and pictures. *Kate Archibald Wenhaston Commons Group*

Wenhaston Walking Group

A local walk will start at 10am at Wenhaston Village Hall on Tuesday, 4th October. A second walk led by Alastair will leave The Eels Foot Inn, Eastbridge on Tuesday, 18th October at 10am. Lunch can be ordered on the day. If you are interested in being added to the circulation list, please email ipbigwood@btinternet.com

Heather Phillips (01502 478545)

WEA Autumn Course Cancelled

Due to the late withdrawal of the tutor, the 'Music in Film' WEA course, which was to have commenced on Friday, 30th September, has been cancelled. I am sorry to disappoint the students that were looking forward to the seven sessions. I hope very much that the Spring 2023 course will go ahead; watch this space! *Ian Bigwood*

Would you like to be the Local Recorder for: WENHASTON with Mells Hamlet?



Unfortunately, our Local Recorder has retired and a new volunteer is required. The Suffolk Local History Council runs a Recorders Scheme throughout Suffolk. They administer a network of volunteers to ensure that the 'present' is adequately

recorded at local level for the 'future'.

The Recorder notes significant happenings in Wenhaston with Mells Hamlet and collects our newsletters, leaflets, and other news of interest. At the end of each year, the Recorder is asked to submit a short report summarising the activities of our parish. The reports, together with the collected items, are deposited at the Suffolk Record Office and are available to future researchers.

If you are interested, please look at the Recorders' Pack by visiting www.slhc.org.uk to acquaint yourself with the guidelines of the scheme. You do not need to be an historian; you do not need any qualifications other than an interest in the 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.

Peter Wildish

Wenhaston Village Hall, What's On?

Here are some of the Clubs/Events/Activities that regularly take place in our Village hall:-

- Ukulele Club (weekly)
- Badminton Club (weekly)
- Table Tennis Club (weekly)
- Arts & Crafts (weekly)
- Carpet and short mat Bowls (weekly)
- Hoopers Hoot (Jam session) (twice a month)
- Darts Club (weekly)
- Knitters and Stitchers Group of ladies, who knit,crochet stitch, and natter. (monthly)
- Women's Institute Meeting (monthly)
- Community Lunch (monthly)
- Blyth Spirits (social group) (monthly)
- Men's Breakfast (monthly)
- Men's Coffee Morning (monthly)
- Ladies' Coffee Morning (monthly)
- Kurling (monthly)
- Flower Club (monthly)
- Cinema Club (twice a month)
- Café (weekly)
- Wine Club (monthly)
- Bingo (monthly)
- WEA (workers educational association) (term time only)

If you are interested in any of the above please contact me for details Sue McKeown mobile - 07563066482

Email - wenhastonhall@gmail.com

Or, contact me if you have an interest or hobby or want to start a club and you need a space to operate, we have two small rooms and the main hall for hire.

Wenhaston Flower Club

We resumed our monthly meetings after the summer break on Tuesday 6th September, and we had an exceptional time. We had one of our highest attendances ever and as a special treat our tea ladies for the night (Nikki, Jane and Diane) made a selection of delicious cakes to celebrate the start of our new year at flower club.



The highlight of the night however was the fantastic demonstration given by Sam and Lorraine from New Beginnings Florist in Bungay. The arrangements were all in a modern style and were truly stunning. The ladies were so knowledgeable and chatted away to us answering questions whilst describing what foliage and flowers they were using in the arrangements they were making. Sam and Lorraine are so passionate about what they do that their enthusiasm made it a truly enjoyable evening. They very generously donated their

arrangements as raffle prizes which some of the ladies were lucky enough to win. Our next meeting is on Tuesday October.

Halesworth Branch Cancer Research UK

Hello everyone. After our summer break we are back with two events in October. We are very grateful to Wenhaston flower club for hosting a Charity Night for us on Tuesday 4th October in Wenhaston village hall at 6.30 pm. This will be a drop in event with stalls and refreshments. The stalls will include books, Bric-a-brac, cakes, raffle, etc. We are also hoping to have a few craft stalls. The Cancer Research

Christmas Cards will be on sale and the very pretty limited edition pin badges. Please come and support our Charity Night, and ladies bring the menfolk along too.

Our next event is our very popular Jumble Sale on Saturday 15th October in Holton Village Hall. 10am - 12pm

There are always bargains to be had at our Jumble Sales so please come and have a browse.

We will be serving tea/coffee and cakes for when you need a sit down and a rest. We are very grateful for donations so please call me to arrange collection of items you may have. Unfortunately we can not take electrical items or large items of furniture etc.

As always, please don't leave jumble outside the village hall as we only hire the hall on the day so are unaware of things left there.

The committee is delighted to welcome Sophia France, Cancer Research's new Relationship Manager for Norfolk and Suffolk.

To all our valued supporters please continue to come to our events, I know times are very difficult at the moment but without you all we can not do the vital work of defeating cancer. Thank you everyone.

Dawn Davis(Chair)01986 873640

Dog Do-Do Suggestions Required

A number of residents have asked what the Parish Council could do to mitigate the apparent rise in the volumes of dog-poo along the lanes and walks of Wenhaston. Perhaps the increase can be attributed to the many holiday-makers who enjoy this part of Suffolk. They may not know about the many dog-bins dotted about the village or that another is being installed in the near future. They may not also know about the free dog-bags that are available from the Post Office. The Parish Council would welcome any other suggestions to make it easier for dog owners to dispose of the stuff. Thank you. **Peter Wildish**

Blyth Valley and Southwold Wildlife Group Historical Ecology

The Blyth Valley and Southwold SWT Wildlife group began the autumn programme with a talk on Historical Ecology from Adrian Knowles, who has worked in this field for many years.

The subject looks at the many ways that humankind has altered the landscape over hundreds and thousands of years. We looked at how records of land management inform what we see today, from the extraordinary Domesday Book, through to Tithe records, and the Ordnance Survey maps, originally recorded by the military in case of a Napoleonic attack.

The ancient names of fields, woods and buildings frequently give clues about their surroundings and use. Parish boundaries are often irregular, following hedges and woods. Planned, straight line fields are usually more recent than older, irregular boundaries — and yet Iron Age field systems reveal straight lined edges, so caution is always needed in assessment. Ancient woods will often be carpeted in bluebells, primroses and other flora, and have a range of particularly interesting slugs. A system of ditches and banks might be used, perhaps with hawthorn hedges on banks to keep animals out of coppicing woods, or ditches to keep animals, such as pigs, inside.

It was a fascinating view of land use and change over time., and an incentive to research our local area.

Our next meeting is on Thursday, October 13th at 7.30pm, Southwold Arts Centre, IP18 6JP, when Liz Cutting will be speaking about Arctic and Sub-Arctic Wildlife. Tickets cost £3 (rising to £4 in January) to include refreshment. Under25's are free, and all are welcome.

Contact us at swtblythvalley@gmail.com Penny Mansfield

WENHASTON VILLAGE HALL VOLUNTEERS WANTED

The committee are looking for volunteers to help with various hall activities including, organising entertainment for adults, young families and children. We also need help with hall maintenance and event preparation. Cafe volunteers are also wanted on Saturday mornings.

If you are interested, please contact:

Entertainment: Carol Hudson-Jary Tel: 07864 083296

Maintenance: Mac McKeown

Tel: 07545 869514

Cafe: Liz Cunningham

Tel: 01502 478964

Events in the pipeline include Motown concert, Children's Christmas Disco Party, New Year's Party, Village Talent Show?

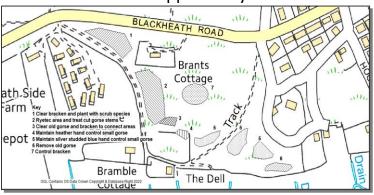
It's your Hall and we want it to be the centre of Wenhaston life. We're not asking people to sit on committees, but if you have thoughts on how we can achieve that, have a word with Jill Daines (01502 478016) or Jane Peters (01502 478196)

Wenhaston Commons Group AGM



Thursday 6th October 6.45 for 7pm At the Village Hall

Guest Speaker: Alan Miller on 'Wilder Wenhaston'
Also: A presentation of the draft 10-Year plan for the
Commons and an opportunity for discussion



Wine, soft drinks and nibbles provided Everyone welcome

Editors' Note: last date for submissions for the November Warbler is October 15th. Keep them coming, folks! wenhastonwarbler@gmail.com

Friends of Halesworth Library

There are a number of events organised by the Friends at Halesworth Library in October.

Monday October 3rd 2:00 - 4:30pm

Board Games Café

Open to all adults, an opportunity to play a wide range of games in a non-competitive and fun environment. Refreshments are served.

Sundays October 9th and 23rd 10:30am - 12:30pm

Sociable Sundays

Come to the library and meet some different people! We provide fresh brewed coffee and refreshments and a place to relax and chat about anything from world politics, to local events, and everything in between.

Thursday October 20th 2:30pm

Mark Mitchels, a local speaker, will give a talk on THE CRETINGHAM MURDER MYSTERY. "Murder most violent in a 19th century Suffolk village". Tea and cake will be served. There will be a small charge for the talk and we ask you to book ahead. Please contact the library on 01986 875095 or email friendsofhalesworthlibrary@gmail.com 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 7th October." *Nigel Frostick*

Wenhaston Ukulele Band

The ukulele band has been playing for four and a half years, give or take a lockdown or two, and is devoted to getting together musicians of all abilities to enjoy singing and playing music. Our playlist is wide ranging with the main focus being music from the 50's, 60's and 70's, but with earlier and later songs as well. We meet every Monday afternoon for our practice sessions and have also been known to perform in, and host the odd concert.

If you are interested in joining the band, you will find us a welcoming and friendly group of people who enjoy making a noise. The ukulele comes in a variety of shapes and sizes and is an easy instrument for absolute beginners to learn to play, only requiring four chords to get started on lots of tunes and many of our numbers have even less than this.

If you would like more information, just come along to the village hall on a Monday at 4.15 where we will be pleased to see you.

Alternatively contact Phil on 478505.

Phil Corbett.



Stalls available for individuals or organisations £10

Summer to Autumn on the Marshes

The exceptionally dry summer has created desert like colours in gardens and most of the fields around, with crops more desiccated the further away from the river you go. By contrast, on the river path, you are surrounded by the green leaves of the fresh new reeds and the purple brown of their soft seed heads which brush your face as they blow about in the wind. Beneath your feet, there is a dense growth of hardy dark green plantains. Walking along the river down from Blyford bridge, most of the marsh thistles are turning from clusters of light mauve flowers to fluffy seeds, and the pinks of the rosebay willow herb and Himalayan Balsam on both banks are being replaced by their dry seed cases. On the way back from the marsh, the blackberry bushes are covered in lovely ripening berries.

Down on the marsh grazing fields, there is growth of vibrant green grass illuminated by the sunlight, at the edges of the lower meadows. Part of the

field near to the river still looks and smells like dried out marshland, since the salty river water flooded it in the winter. The small pointed leaves and tiny pink flowers of Lesser Seaspurrey show amongst the remnants of dry salty grass. Under the poplars on the railway path, a large flock of lapwing are down on one of the fields next to the reeds. One flies up showing its large, flag like, black and white wings. Curlew are heard calling and seen flying around. A juvenile marsh harrier was spotted flying over the field on the other side of the river, and an adult is seen hunting over the main reed beds towards Blythburgh.

The sounds of the Reed and Sedge warblers have disappeared as these small birds have left to overwinter in Africa, though we continue to hear the beautiful song of the Cetti's warbler, which usually stays all year long, and these migrations remind us that mmer is turning to autumn.

Kate Archibald



Two-Saint-Peter's Quiz

Friday 21st October Wenhaston Village Hall

Raffle

7 for 7.30

Bar

Entry £16 for a table of four Proceeds in aid of both churches

Forms available at Wenhaston Post Office

Suffolk's Effluent Society... (or Going Through the Motions...)

Pollution of our coastal waters with sewage is very much in the news these days, so I thought I'd probe Wenhaston's local watercourses a bit! Now, here I must declare an interest. In the late 60's I worked at a sewage treatment plant in Warwickshire (lab analytical work and labouring), and ever since have cast an inquisitive eye on these matters...

Local water courses are an important part of Wenhaston's environment for both aesthetic

and practical reasons, and deserve our interest and protection. Wenhaston's own sewage is treated at the Treatment Works half a mile south of the village, and the 'purified' effluent is discharged into the river there, which then flows into the Blyth at Blythburgh. To the north, the Blyth carries the output of Halesworth's Treatment Works past Wenhaston. These streams and rivers also carry other pollutants, whether agricultural, domestic or industrial, which leach into, or are discharged into them.

Sadly, our local river data make grim reading, showing contamination from waste treatment, fertilisers (e.g. phosphate), fire-retardant chemicals (long-lived and toxic) and, believe it or not, mercury. Here is a national interactive map of (raw) sewage dumping https://top-of-the-poops.org/map.html?c=Suffolk+Coastal Note that the treatment works at Halesworth, dumping into the River Blyth, have a poor track record, (Southwold bad and Leiston awful, by the way). The second link is to the summary of the Environment Agency's own data on water quality- Wenhaston Water Body Catchment Area

classifications: https://environment.data.gov.uk/catchment-planning/WaterBody/GB105035046010

Back in the halcyon days of the 60's, I remember taking some pride in checking that the treated water discharged from the sewage works into the river was actually cleaner than the river itself. Alas, those were the days. I think our local watercourses, a vital part of our beautiful locality, deserve better. Don't you? **Wil Harvey**

A Senior Citizen Reflects on the Royal Family

The bells rang when I was born on June 3rd 1927. It was because my birthday was the same day as King George V and in those days our team of bell ringers rang the bells then every year.

Queen Elizabeth II was just over a year older than me so I was able to follow

her progress through the years. My grandmother was a gifted dressmaker who was able to make me similar dresses to those worn by the princess. Like the Queen, I had a very happy and loving upbringing. I was encouraged to work hard and take part in village activities.

Heather at the Wenhaston event to celebrate the Silver Jubilee of King George V in 1935. The bicycle was too big for her but the family had to buy her one which would last. Note the doll sitting on the seat.



On hearing the Queen saying that she would dedicate her life to her people, I thought to myself, I cannot do anything on the big scale but I could serve various causes in Wenhaston. During my 67 years as a parish councillor, I have been involved with many improvements and tried to follow the dedication of Queen Elizabeth II. One highlight was receiving my MBE in 2006 after 50 years as a parish councillor. I remember vividly the day we went to Buckingham Palace to receive it. Another was riding in a rickshaw to the village hall, to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. I felt like a queen for the day!

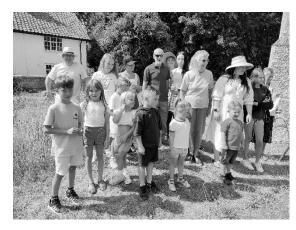
Heather Phillips MBE

St Peter's Church

We mourn the passing of our beloved Queen and remember her family and our nation at this sad time.

As we proceed into Autumn, we begin to hold our Harvest Festivals. The Wenhaston event will be held on Sunday 25th September at 10.30 am in St Peter's, when we will be joined by the Methodists. There will be drinks and nibbles afterwards and we are hoping for a good congregation.

Our walk and picnic event went well, thanks to the efforts of Abbi Parsley, who very kindly organised it and provided a delicious picnic. Many thanks to lan Bigwood who lead the walk. Luckily, a goodly number of Abbi's family came as, though the church put this event on to give the schoolchildren a treat, not one Wenhaston



family attended, which was hugely disappointing.

Our next event is the Annual Quiz on October 21st in the Village Hall at 7 for 7.30pm. See poster. The cost will be £4 per person and there will be a raffle. The proceeds will be split between St Peter Thorington and St Peter Wenhaston. Forms in Post Office from beginning of October.

Margaret Bloomfield

Services for October

2nd October Team Service, Halesworth 10am
 9th October Morning Prayer Bramfield 10am
 16th October Holy Communion 10am
 23rd October Pause for Thought 10am
 30th October Holy Communion Heveningham



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