



April 2016

WENHASTON WARBLER



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I Never Knew That

The blade tips of the Sotherton Sisters, the five turbines at a nearby factory, are visible from Hall Road looking over the rooftops of The Street. However, did you know that the turbines are also visible on exiting Southwold, north of Shadingfield, from the Bramfield-Halesworth Road and from Heveningham Hall. Like them or loathe them, landmark or eyesore, they are going to be a feature of our landscape for some time to come. Interestingly, when viewed from Mells, they share the same landscape as the old windmill at Holton.

Wenhaston WI

At our March meeting Mark Reynolds spoke about his life as a cartoonist. He certainly kept us guessing with the first character as he drew it upside down!

Having started at the age of 14 drawing a weekly cartoon for his local paper, Mark also became involved in the entertainment world as one half of a comedy act impersonating Laurel and Hardy. At times his talk was delivered in the style of Basil Fawlty, Frank Spencer and Norman Wisdom.

We were shown how to humanise cartoons with a reindeer quickly turning in to Ray Charles by the addition of a pair of sunglasses and a keyboard, and how just the stroke of a pen could change a character's expression from happy to puzzled, sad, angry, afraid, shocked and mischievous. Finally, we each drew a cartoon puppy. Despite following exactly the same instructions every puppy was unique. All good fun.

Liz Cunningham

The Wenhaston Village Hall 100 Club March draw

The draw has been made and we are delighted to announce the winners:

1. 1st prize Eleanor Gower (number 61) £33
2. 2nd prize Sarah Foster (number 130) £20
3. 3rd prize Heather Phillips (number 78) £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 £5 (that will be for the period to end August 2016) .

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.

A FOLK EVENING



WITH THE YOUNG ONES

**IN
ST PETER'S CHURCH
WENHASTON
SATURDAY 16 APRIL 7.30PM
REFRESHMENTS**

**Tickets £5 from
Wenhaston Post Office
by phone 01502 478418
and at the door**

REFUGEE AID

Thanks to everyone who donated clothing and bedding. Two collections have now gone - to Syria and more recently to Lesbos. Thanks also to the team who helped me sort it all into categories. We will continue to collect the same items for as long as necessary. So please bring to the Village Hall any donations of warm men's, women's and children's clothing and shoes, and blankets and sleeping bags. (No underwear, pillows or duvets) *Christine Buttle*

WENHASTON WITH MELLS HAMLET PARISH COUNCIL

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

Thursday April 14th 2016

7.00 for 7.30 start.

At the Village Hall. All welcome

Call Your Bluff

Which of the following definitions is correct for the word?

CAUDLE

- a. A bundle of kindling tied with string.
- b. A warm spiced drink.
- c. (Medieval) Taxes collected at harvest time.

With love to Peggy for the loan of this word and the gift of her daughter.

A Glimpse From the Outside

My wife, Susannah, and our collie cross dog Rafa, recently spent a holiday in the vicinity of Wenhaston. It was our second visit to the area. We are drawn by a number of factors: the delights of Wenhaston itself, and the friendliness and welcome of those whom we have met, especially during our visits to the Village café where we very much appreciated the welcome given to Rafa! We love walking in Suffolk, and we have enjoyed the local walk along the Blyth, with Blyford on the horizon, towards Bulcamp Common.

We enjoy the proximity to the nearby coast, and had several invigorating walks: at Dunwich, towards Southwold, and to two of our favourite locations: Covehithe and Shingle Street. Although we have not been in the village at the time of any of the regular Tuesday walks, we are looking forward to joining one of these during our next visit. And we can't wait to have an opportunity to witness the cinematic delights of "Pics in the sticks"

My in-laws lived in Sudbourne, near Orford, for many years, and the general area is familiar. But Wenhaston, and the surrounding area, feels like a real discovery, and has become a very special place for us. My current home is in Birmingham. There are positive aspects of living in a large city: excellent public transport, a variety of cultural activities and a wide choice of places to eat. But the draw and attraction of the Suffolk air and sky, and the opportunities to enter and contribute to village life, have become stronger and more reflective of our values and principles. Our plan is to leave the city within the next twelve months, and our intention is to move to the Wenhaston area. So if you see a couple with a black collie peering in the window of a nearby estate agent, it will probably be us!

Paul Lawrence

Wenhaston Warbler Wine.

South America produces some very interesting wines at reasonable prices. Argentina is best known for red wines made from the Malbec grape originally imported from South-West France. It does, however, have its own white grape variety – Torrontes. This can produce fragrant but run-of-the-mill whites but a terrific Torrontes can be bought at Morrison's. This has had a small amount of Sauvignon Blanc added and been cool-fermented for three weeks. The result is a peachy/floral/spicy wine just right for those tricky-to-match Asian dishes. Torrontes Celebremos, Salta, Argentina is part of the Morrison's Signature Selection and costs £7-00.

Another South American import from France is the red grape Carmenere. Chile has really gone to town with this producing a range of largely hefty, dense but undeniably fruity red wines. A range of styles is now available, some much lighter in style. Our local Co-op stocks Fairtrade Carmenere made in Chile's Central Valley. This is mid weight but with bright fruit and a longish finish. Drink with roast lamb or a beef stew. Very good quality at £4-99.

Finally, a white wine I've recommended in the past, but not in this column, is Aldi's Exquisite Collection Clare Valley Riesling. From South Australia this a clear and brilliant Riesling that smells of lilac and lime and has a very refreshing taste of lime and grapefruit. A great mouth-cleanser; excellent as an aperitif or with seafood. £6-99 from Aldi and well worth the money.

Bernard Orme

Footpath Walking

A morning walk will leave from Wenhaston Village Hall 10 am on Tuesday 5th April. The walk on 19th April will be led by Ian Bigwood. Meet at the Greyhound at Westhall at 10 am for a circular walk returning to the Greyhound for lunch.

For any further information contact Heather Phillips on 478545.

Commons Conservation

On Tuesday April 12th Barry Norrington will lead a work party on Bickers Heath clearing paths subject to a poor nesting bird survey. Meet at the seat at 10 am

HPP.

Wenhaston Flower Club

Our next meeting will be on Tuesday 5th April 7.30 pm in the Church Room when we shall be pleased to welcome Lucie again who will show us flowers for Church and home arranging. This should be very useful and very good. Do come if you can for a happy and instructive evening. All welcome. Ring Jean if you have any queries on 478317.

News From The Church

Our Jumble Sale on March 12th was as always very busy and I am sure that there were lots of bargains to be had! The event made a net profit of £537.04, thanks to Margaret B and the many helpers for organising and manning the stalls.

Saturday 16th April will see the first performance of "The Young Ones" a folk group led by Colin Hooper. We extend a very warm welcome to them and we hope that the evening will be very well supported. It will be in the Church commencing at 7.0'clock and tickets will be £5.00 to include refreshments and are available from the Post Office, Colin or at the Door on the 16th.

Coffee and our Annual Parochial Church Meeting will on Sunday 24th April after our short informal service. There will be the reports and discussion of finance, but most important will be the opportunity for ideas and suggestions to be put forward and discussed on the future of our beautiful Church and the part that it plays in the life of the village. Although we are now only a small group, we are very much alive and want to be part of the community in Wenhaston and we would like to welcome the community to be part of life at St. Peters. If you would like to talk about this idea, please do come along, you will be very welcome.

Margaret Goldstone. Churchwarden

Café and Pics

Pics in the Sticks Films

After a highly popular showing of 'Spectre' last month, April's main film is a recent acclaimed British award-winner: it's on Saturday April 2nd, 7.30pm, and the next 'World Cinema' film is on Thursday April 21st.

Village Hall Cafe

The Cafe continues to offer the best value coffee and cakes in the area! Don't forget the 'Men's Breakfast' on Wednesday April 6th, 8.30am for a natter over an excellent cooked breakfast. *Wil Harvey*

Wenhaston Mother's Union

Due to a very wet and windy afternoon, and lots of apologies, it was decided to cancel our MU speakers, who were coming from South of Ipswich. Margaret led us in a short service, when we prayed for Daphne, who has lost her husband, and for members and their families who are unwell. A collection was taken for 'Make a Mother's Day', and the proceeds of this will be sent to Mary Sumner House to pay towards projects to make life easier for underprivileged people in the UK and worldwide.

Plans are well in hand for the Lady Day Service in the cathedral on 4th April, and there may be seats available if anyone would like a day in Bury St Edmunds.

On 13th April, we will welcome John Fairbrother from Mission Aviation Fellowship. MAF, a Christian Organisation, has small aircraft available in Africa, Australia, Mongolia, Bangladesh, PNG, Timor Leste and other places, and they fly other agencies to remote places, evacuate sick or injured people to hospital, evangelize, deliver food and supplies and are a lifeline to many people. John will bring a short film and I know it will be very interesting, so we will be very pleased if any visitors would like to attend at 2.30pm in the Church Room.

Margaret Bloomfield

Road Widening at Narrow Way

Feelings ran high at the time of the Hopkins application, but it is now consigned to history. As an inclusive and supportive community we need to find a way to move on. On the one hand we do need to hold Hopkins to the commitments they made when applying for permission, but we must also embrace the changes which are going to take place whether we like it or not.

In this respect it would be a token of how generous spirited we are as a community if we were respectful to the contractors and their men currently working on the road widening, but who will presently be on site.

The contractors themselves are polite and helpful men and as they have said, "We are only earning a living to support our families - we are not Hopkins".

Treasure in our Midst



“a beautiful church with a lovely
ambience”
“Good to see lots going on in this lively
church building”
“Remarkable Doom - a treasure (in) a
living church today”

These are some of the comments written in the visitors' book in St Peter's Church over the last few months. As well as visitors from the local area, the church has been visited by people from Canterbury, Solihull and Scarborough and from countries around the world: USA, New Zealand, Portugal, Norway, Sweden. The Doom is an incredible example of religious art, regarded by many as the best example of its kind in the country.

The visitors' book also reveals that people are taking advantage of the spiritual space the church offers, reading the “Pause for Thought” materials on display and contributing to the prayer tree. One person wrote: “Touched by the poems, writing, prayers about “Hope” and the tree. Like the encouraging laminated passages”

Copies of some of the Lent poems were made available in the Village Café and around the village.

Last year, we drew the village's attention to the fact that St Peter's Church, like many other rural churches, is facing an uncertain future. Despite the challenges it faces, the church continues to work hard to be a spiritual presence within the village community. We are very grateful for all the practical and financial help villagers give us and it was good to welcome so many people to our Mothering Sunday celebration of family life.

The church is a treasure in our village. It is open every day, not just for tourists and art fans, but for villagers to make use of its quiet space. Drop in for a few minutes, look at our Doom painting and think about the impact it has had on generations of villagers. Sit in peace for a few minutes to read a poem or contemplate an image. Leave requests for the church to pray for a special time in your life or for someone you are worried about.

Alison Alder On behalf of St Peter's PCC

Gardeners Club Report

Some plants have more status in a planting scheme than others- the leading singers rather than the chorus, but despite their lowly habit, ground cover plants have an important role to play in the garden. Gill Stitt from Shrubland Park Nursery at Elmsett showed us how such plants can be most effective not only in the border but beneath shrubs and trees providing background and contrast to the bigger players. From Heucheras to Hostas and Lamium to Lysimachia there is a plant for most places and conditions. A useful and helpful talk on a sometimes neglected area of gardening.

Although some time away, the Schedule for the annual Village Show on July 17th was available and the items for the ever popular 'Heaviest crop of potatoes grown from one seed potato in a bucket' competition snapped up. This year we are introducing 'The Tallest Sunflower in a Pot' class. Seeds which have been donated by Thompson and Morgan will be available at our next meeting (13th April) or from Tony Gow (478977) along with the Potato in a Bucket items. Schedules are in a holder on the Gardening Club noticeboard at the Village Hall.

We are re-introducing some classes specifically for Under 15's in the hope that these might widen the appeal of the show.

On Wednesday May 18th. we are having an outing to RHS Wisley. The coach will leave at 8.00 from the Village Hall and the cost will be £22. There is no need to be a member of the either Wenhaston Gardeners or the RHS to come. If you would like to join us please contact Jenny Jeffrey (478815) or sign up on the sheet at the Village Hall.

Our next speaker on April 13th will be Roger Harvey of the wonderful Harveys Garden Plants on 'The Joy of the Spring Border'. *Tony Gow*

Wenhaston Playing Field. Sports Equipment.

Currently the skate park is very expensive to maintain and often appears to be little used. The parish Council is investigating installing facilities for all age groups to use both for sports and recreation and would like to hear views about the future of the skate park equipment by, or on the next meeting, April 18th at 7.00pm.

Wenhaston Snappers! A new photography club for all comers.
Starting this April Jason Gairn will be starting a weekly photographic club in the Village Hall. The club will meet once a week to take part in workshops, discuss techniques, familiarise folks with their cameras and take part in weekly photographic challenges. When the weather is fair the club can meet at locations and organise visits to other photographically interesting locations. This club is for complete beginners who might feel that their camera is intimidating or for more accomplished snappers who want to meet in an informal setting for a relaxed photo-centric experience. All types of camera owner are welcome, from iphone users to large format photographers. The weekly meets will be run by Professional Photographer Jason Gairn.

The first date for the club is Tuesday 12th April.in the Village Hall 7-8pm.

Normally the sessions will be £5 but this first one is a free taster. Bring your cameras and or laptops if you want. Or just pop along for a cuppa and a chat. Zero pressure, 100% fun!

If you want to know more Contact Jason on 478025 or email: jason@photonimage.co.uk . The club has a new facebook page www.facebook.com/Wenhaston-Snappers

Wenhaston Methodist Church	
Sunday Services at 10.30am	Tuesday meetings at 2.30pm
3 rd Mr. C Finbow	5 th Women's Fellowship Spring Meeting
10 th Rev'd Robert Soanes	12 th Bible Study
17 th Rev'd Ian Gardner US S	19 th Women's Fellowship Speaker
4.30pm Easter Offering at S. Lowestoft Bring and share tea	TBA
24 th Rev'd Robert Soanes	26 th Bible Study
Saturday 2nd. 9.30 - 11.00 am "Pray Awhile" on a come & go basis for prayer & meditation	
ALL WELCOME AT ANY OF THESE EVENTS	

Planning Matters

In the past month, two planning appeals have been decided by the Inspectorate and two applications have come before the Parish council Appeal. Pine Lodge, Hazels Lane.

The Inspector upheld the decision of SCDC to refuse planning permission for a temporary gypsy/traveller dwelling Appeal Site to east of Blyford Lane, Wenhaston,

The Inspector upheld the decision of SCDC to refuse planning permission for the rebuilding of Wenhaston station and coal shed, restoration of track plus additional track and bridge over ditch.

These two decisions are in line with the Parish Councils objections to both of these developments in support of the groundswell of local opinion.

Planning Applications. New house at Mylor Blackheath Road.

Extension to The Nook on Narrow Way. Both supported by the Parish Council

Bug Day in Vicarage Grove

Twenty-four excited children from years 3 & 4 headed towards Vicarage Grove to construct a permanent “bug hotel” and individual “hotels” to take home with them.

Eighteen parents, grandparents, and carers accompanied the group, along with teachers and volunteers from Blyth Woods, who organised the event.

Twigs, dead leaves, hog weed and grass were all collected, with the children happily exploring the wood and finding all kinds of beetles and bugs in the process. Comments from the children:

“Amazing – lots of fun – lovely”. The weather was kind and the sun shone, which made the day.

On a sadder note, some of the oak saplings which the children planted in November along the track at the top of Blackheath, have been removed. They were replanted and have been removed again. These were the trees from the school tree nursery, grown from acorns collected by the children, so it is very disappointing. If someone has a problem with where the trees were planted, please get in touch with one of the Blyth Woods team.

Ann Edwards – Blyth Woods

Southwold Railway Trust

For this month's SRT report see the Trust blog on
www.southwoldrailway.co.uk/category/wenhaston

St. Peter's Church times for April

April 3rd No service (9.30 am Halesworth)

April 10th 9.30 am Parish Eucharist

April 17th 10.30 am We join the Methodists at Stone chapel

April 24th 11.15 Short Service followed by coffee and our annual APCM



Extract from News from Fiona in Senegal.

Greetings from hot and dusty Senegal. This is the time of year when the dust in the air seems to get absolutely everywhere, through windows, into wardrobes, all over books and surfaces.

It has been just about cold enough for blankets on a couple of nights, but not every night as is usual this time at year. At the end of February, the children stayed in the dorms here at school while I was in Dakar for five days on a course called Sharpening Your Interpersonal Skills I am thankful for the opportunity to attend the course, and I also appreciated the freedom from responsibility for the children and the school phone, as well as the opportunity to meet new people, all missionaries working in various countries in West Africa.

It is almost the Easter holidays. The staff have put on a special evening for the kids, called Night on the Town, where we all run different "restaurants" and entertainments. I'm doing a smoothie bar again, and am hoping the kitchen can get hold of frozen strawberries for one of my recipes. Then we have to completely empty the sleeping wings of the 3 dorms and the school kitchen and dining room, in order for the twice yearly hygienic spray (against cockroaches).

We continue to make plans for the summer, and if you would like to see us and find out more about what we are doing, I am speaking at Beccles Baptist Church, Waldringfield Baptist Church, Grove Chapel.

We'd love to hear from you. Blessings Fiona, Katie, Carys and Callum



Halesworth Dementia Support Project

Halesworth Dementia Support Project aims to enhance the quality of life of people living with dementia and their carers in the Halesworth area.

Alison Begley from Alzheimer's Society will be available for anyone to drop in and see her at Wenhaston Village Hall from 10.30am – 12.00pm on Wednesdays 13th April, 25th May and 8th June. She will be available to answer questions relating to, amongst other topics, concerns about memory loss, what a diagnosis of dementia actually means and the support services available to anyone affected by dementia, with refreshments available from the hall coffee morning.

For more information contact Alison on 07773 230339 or Jonny on 07860 912458 or email alison.begley@alzheimers.org.uk

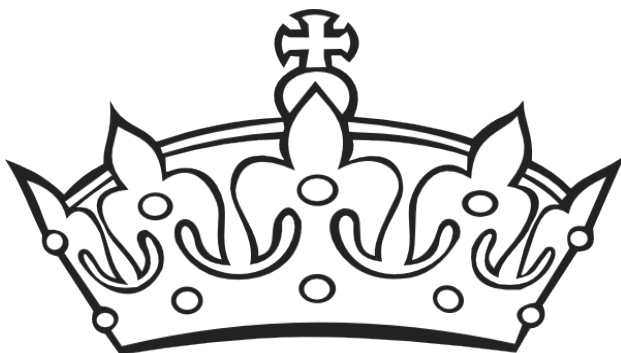
Just for fun! *By Carrie*

Did you know it's the Queen's birthday on 21st April? Happy Birthday!
Can You find the words relating to royal things in the grid below?

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- Queen
- Monarchy
- Celebrate
- Reign Crown
- Palace
- Jubilee

Would you like to be featured in the Warbler?
If you would like to have a special mention, email the warbler with 'Just for fun' in the title of your email.



Colour - me - in! How colourful can you make this crown?

Wenhaston Warbler Information

The Warbler welcomes articles (please keep as brief as possible, max 150 words).

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