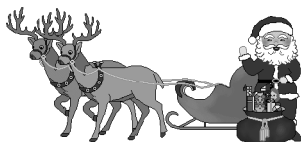




December 2016

Wenhaston Warbler



THE WARBLER TEAM WISHES ALL
OUR CONTRIBUTORS AND READERS
THE VERY BEST FOR CHRISTMAS.

Road Closed Redefined.



When is a closed road
not a closed road?
Apologies to all those
motorists who completed
the 5 mile diversion via
Halesworth when a 5
metre one would have
worked just as a well.

EXCLUSIVE

**The Shocking Truth About
Wenhaston Post Invasion
See Page 2**

Floodlit Wenhaston

At the November Parish Council meeting the council were advised that the show house off of St Michael's Way plays host to 24-hour flood lighting, much to the consternation of some residents. A request has been made to the developers to switch the lights off at night.

Room 101

A contribution from one of our younger readers this months for something to be consigned to Room 101, never to be heard of again

BOYS

Boys show off, pull your hair and tell fibs and Miss says they have got bad habits so they should go to the naughty room. My Dad's a boy, but he is kind and he believes in Father Christmas because he can't afford all the presents, so he doesn't have to go to the room.



Is this the last post?

Wenhaston – Post Invasion.

A shocking revelation has revealed that Wenhaston is in the midst of a post invasion. Resident Ray Ling says ‘It’s like Doctor Who, it started with Postageddon at the bottom of Blyford Lane and then another one appears halfway up the hill. At this rate it won’t be long before we can’t move for posts and folk will be going down with post-traumatic stress’. His neighbour Stan Chin was much more circumspect. He said ‘There are probably 628415 posts in Britain and they all have to go somewhere. Wenhaston has got to take its share’ P.S. If a post appears near you, do not approach it, but report it to the nearest Post Office...

Wenhaston Village Hall 100 Club Winners for November 2016

We are delighted to announce the winners who are:

- 1st prize Jill Daines (number 67) £33**
- 2nd prize D. Barker (number 86) £20**
- 3rd prize Bob Jellicoe (number 123) £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 so anyone wishing to join now, the fee is £9 for the year starting from December.

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.

Footpath Walking

As usual we shall have only one walk in December which will be followed by a bookable Christmas lunch.

Gail Attfield and Dee Barker will lead a walk round Southwold. Meet at the Harbour Inn at 10 am on Tuesday 6th December. For those not walking meet at 12 noon at the Harbour Inn for a festive lunch.

I would like to wish a Happy Christmas to everyone associated with our walks- leaders, walkers, publicans, publishers, landowners, for helping to make our walks so enjoyable. Thank you everyone.

Heather Phillips (478545)

Blyth Woods Community Woodland

Invitation to a CELEBRATION!

Friday 30th December 11-12.30 at *Grove Piece*

Now that Blyth Woods has secured a piece of land for our new woodland, the Steering Group and Friends plan to celebrate this big milestone. Why not clear away the Christmas cobwebs, wrap up warm and join us at Grove Piece (the old field name) - adjacent to Vicarage Grove, half way along the footpath between Bramfield Road and Bartholomew's Lane – look out for signs. There will be some refreshments, and you'll have a chance to learn more about our plans for the new woodland, as well as the benefits of being a Friend of Blyth Woods. See for yourselves where Wenhaston School will plant their oak trees. And of course we look forward to hearing your thoughts and ideas.

Over the years, many habitats have been destroyed by the removal of hedges and trees. A recent study has shown that overall wildlife in the UK has decreased by 58% since the 1970s. The UK has the least forest cover of any European country and disease is reducing the number of trees further. So, whilst Grove Piece is modest in size, it is a start for future generations to build upon and, according to a 2009 Japanese study, the present generation can benefit too. Simply being in the presence of trees has a calming effect on human beings. We don't have to actually hug trees, just walk by or sit beneath or work with them! We look forward to welcoming the whole village – in wellies and full of plum pudding.

Ian Bigwood

Wenhaston Warbler Wine

By the time you read this, Christmas will be a mere three weeks away. If you haven't already bought the wine to go with your Christmas bird here are a few suggestions which will probably make the choosing wine sound a lot more complicated than it actually is. First of all, most red and white wines go with roast turkey and chicken. If you want to "fine tune" then a lot will depend on the sauce and stuffing that comes with the bird. The richer the accompanying sauces and stuffing the richer and heavier the wine should be. For straightforward roasts a decent beaujolais would be good or a New World Pinot Noir or a Rioja Reserva. If you prefer to drink a white wine think in terms of an unoaked or lightly- oaked New World Chardonnay or whites from Austria or Southern Germany. Of course, a good red or white burgundy would be excellent but they are expensive. If you can afford to drink champagne throughout the meal go for it.

With fatter birds or chicken/turkey with rich sauces try reds from the Southern Rhone or New World Shiraz. Also reds from St.Emilion and Pomerol in Bordeaux. Creamy, soft whites such as Alsace and some Southern Rhone Blends could also be considered. Off-dry Chenin Blanc and New World Viogniers could also fit the bill. In short, the rule is that there is no rule. You can use the foregoing as a guide but in the end, it is your own palate and preference that should decide. Enjoy your Christmas.

Bernard Orme

Tables Turn a Profit

Amazing choices ranging from exquisite embroidery stitched by refugees to hand-crafted jewellery, origami cards, an exciting village woodland project, lovingly restored tools and much more were all on offer at the second Wenhaston Village Hall Table-Top Sale.

The event, which attracted 18 tables, raised £130 (including a generous donation from one of the stall holders) for VH funds, further boosted by £157 from bustling trade at the Café.

Following a break over Christmas and New Year it is hoped to launch the next sale in February, again on the last Saturday in the month, with a stronger emphasis on crafts and produce. The organisers would like to thank everyone for their support and look forward to seeing some new faces next year and welcoming back the regulars. *Ann Jones*

Wenhaston WI November Report

After the usual business of our AGM the evening was greatly enhanced by a visit from Marie Lloyd, the Alta ego of Rachel Duffield. Dressed in a costume similar to that which Marie would have worn Rachel entertained us with anecdotes about this well-known and much loved music hall star.

Marie was the eldest of eight children and brought up in Hoxton London. From an early age she wanted to perform and after being sacked from two jobs announced that she wanted to go on the stage. At the age of fifteen she was singing in the theatre at the back of a pub called The Eagle. She was only five foot tall but what she lacked in inches she made up for with personality.

Her first hit song was, 'The boy I love is up in the gallery,' which, as her audience would have done, we joined in singing lustily! Her saucy interpretation of innocent words got her into trouble with the National Vigilant Association who wanted to ban her. She was summoned to sing in front of them, this she did, demurely, so they found nothing to complain about. They did ask her to change the words of one song, she sits among the cabbages and peas', so she altered it to, 'She sits among the cabbages and leeks.' An uplifting and fun evening, enjoyed by all. Next month is the time for Christmas parties!

Wenhaston Flower Club

Yes it's that time of year again so our annual Christmas Party will be held on Tuesday December 6th at 7.30 pm in The Church Room. Do come and bring a friend if you wish. Please remember to bring a small gift for the Christmas sack and a small plate of party food. The flower club will provide the wine. Hope to see you all there. Ring if you need any help. Jean Spindler (01502478317)

Commons Conservation

On Tuesday 13th December Barry Norrington will lead a work party on Blackheath. Meet opposite chalet site at 10 am. Festive snacks afterwards at Golden Acres. Please note next year's work programme included in this edition of The Warbler. All volunteers will be notified by email or by hand in due course." HPP

Wenhaston Mothers' Union

It was a very wet day when David Priest came along to transport us to Fiji, Singapore and Borneo by way of slides and a very interesting commentary. David, a member of St Peter's congregation, is obviously a seasoned traveller and gave us a taste of his experiences. First, Fiji, which comprises 322 islands, many uninhabited. Some that he visited had to be reached by swimming 100 yards to shore! Global warming does not seem to have affected the water levels and the colours of the reefs were beautiful. The Fijians were very friendly and welcoming. Next, Singapore, where the population is mainly Chinese, where Raffles Hotel is a must, and the orchids are magnificent. The visit to Borneo was mainly to see the Orangutans, which David saw and photographed in the rain forest, after a trip up the Rajang River in a small boat. A truly memorable trip and a pleasant afternoon hearing about it.

We managed to fill 28 shoe boxes, which have been sent to their destination. Well done to all our members for their generosity.

At the Village Bazaar, we will have a mystery parcel stall as usual. Please could members provide small gifts, packaged and labelled with the price and for whom they would be suitable. Thank you

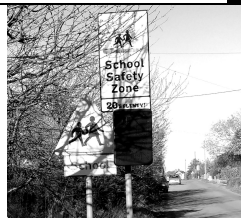
The Christmas Party will be on Wednesday 14th December at 3pm in the Church Room. Please would members bring a small plate of food to share, and also a guest, if possible. At this meeting we will raffle hampers, the proceeds going to MU charities. Please bring any gifts for the hampers to Margaret G by 12th December.

We wish all a very Happy and Peaceful Christmas.

Margaret Bloomfield

SHCT Ride and Stride. Many thanks to Maggie Goldsmith, who also rode for Wenhaston Church and raised £30. Thanks Maggie MB

Speed Monitor Installed in Wenhaston



A speed monitor has been obtained for the village and is currently deployed near the school at the top of Star Hill. It is a reminder to us all to take care when driving especially near schools and on our narrow lanes.

News From The Church

Harvest was celebrated at an ecumenical service followed by a buffet lunch. The service was taken by the Revd. Ian Gardner from the Methodist Church and was very well attended with most people staying for lunch. The Church had been beautifully decorated and children from the village school had previously had their Harvest Service which was led by the Revd. Jan Bunday and Mrs Bowles the Head Teacher. It was a very happy service and the children were great bringing lots of harvest produce. These items were auctioned at our Harvest Lunch and the £72.00 raised was given to the school for their charity - Syria Relief. From the collection and the lunch we were able to send £306.00 to Christian Aid.

St. Peter's x 2 was the title of the quiz held in the village hall on the 26th. Of October. This was a joint venture by St. Peter's Thorington and Wenhasston. It proved to be a very popular evening and the hall was full of teams all hoping to be the winner! The result was that both Churches received £290.00. This may well become an annual event. We seem to have been particularly busy in the last month as shortly after the quiz we held the Autumn Fair in in the Village Hall. The hot lunch as always proved very popular and we raised £516.00 for Church funds. A very sincere Thank You to everyone who helped in any way at these events, without you all we would not be able to pay our parish share and we are extremely grateful.

We now turn our thoughts to Christmas which will be with us very soon! The village carol service will be on Friday 16th. December in the Church at 7.00pm. We look forward to seeing many of our friends at this service which will be followed by wine and nibbles. On the same day we are entertaining all those who live alone in the village to a Christmas lunch. This will be held in the village hall and will be a very happy occasion.

Our Christmas service will be the usual Midnight Mass starting at 11.30pm. and we welcome all villagers and visitors to this beautiful service where we can reflect on the true meaning of the Christmas season.

Finally, may all our readers find peace and happiness this Christmas.

Margaret G. Churchwarden

Southwold Railway Trust

The Trust is very pleased to announce that we have obtained a complete historic steam locomotive for use on the revived Southwold Railway. 0-6-0 saddle tank Peckett “Scaldwell” of 1913 worked in the ironstone industry in Northamptonshire, providing the UK with ironstone for munitions during World War I. For many years the locomotive has been an exhibit at Amberley Museum on the South Downs: the museum’s railway is two-foot-gauge, so the asset was offered to appropriate new owners who could look after it, and restore it. The Trust succeeded in its proposal, and is very grateful that such a respected Museum as Amberley considers our Trust suitable to become responsible for this part of England’s railway history.

“Scaldwell”, which is complete but requires restoration, is one of the very few authentic three-foot-gauge English-made steam locomotives still extant. It will be a star exhibit at the new Blyth Road project in Southwold, first being stabilised and presented cosmetically to allow public access.

Volunteers have completed the decorative fencing and gates at the Blyford Lane site. These are in a style which is an accurate copy of what could be seen there from 1879. *James Hewett, Chairman*

Wenhaston Gardeners November Report.

During his amusing and informative talk on wall shrubs and climbers, Neil Ludman was kind enough to share with us some of his mistakes as well as his successes! When he lived in London he had a small garden and wanting to grow something that would grow quickly he planted a Russian Vine. He wasn’t aware that it had got out of hand until the people in the flat above him complained that the vine was creeping through their window. Subsequently he banned the vine to room 101. It seems that there isn’t an awful lot of difference between wall-shrubs and climbers, the former tend to be woody and benefit being planted against a wall especially if the garden is small as a wall contains vigorous growth. Climbers are more energetic and need a mechanism to attach to for a good shape. Among some of his beautiful slides was a house completely smothered in a Virginia Creeper, from foundations to chimney pots. Next month will be our Christmas party, when we will enjoy the music of the Ancestral Singers and an interesting buffet.



Helping Wenhaston Become Dementia Friendly

Following discussions in response to the Pause for Thought “Inclusion” exhibition, Ann Follows kindly agreed to speak to the Parish Council at the October surgery about the challenges for people with dementia and their families in rural communities. Many of the specialist support services are based in centres such as Stowmarket and Lowestoft, and difficult to access. At the surgery, the Parish Council agreed to support the following actions:

1. To contact our District Councilor, Raymond Catchpole, and our County Councilor, Michael Gower to highlight the poor provision of specialist advice and support in our area of Suffolk. Villagers are encouraged to send their own letters to both councilors and our MP, Therese Coffey, to support this initiative.

2. To publicise local organisations who can help:

Halesworth Dementia Carers' Fund:

<https://halesworthdementia-cf.com/>

Suffolk Family Carers: <http://www.suffolkfamilycarers.org/>

Halesworth Volunteer Centre: <http://halesworthvc.co.uk/>

Alzheimer's Society, North Suffolk (Alison Begley who visits the VH cafe twice a month is based here):

https://www.alzheimers.org.uk/site/custom_scripts/branch.php?branch=true&branchCode=13248

3. To share with village organisations advice on how to be “Dementia Friendly”. Copies of this guidance will be made available in the Village Hall and hopefully on the village website. Please contact me on alisonalder@hotmail.co.uk if you would like a copy.

4. To encourage events to promote what can help us become “Dementia Friendly”. A date for your diaries:

Saturday 14th January 2017 10.30-11.30am Wenhaston Village Hall

“Become a Dementia Friend” – find out about the small things you can do to make a difference. Further details: Alison Begley 07773 230339
Look out for posters.

Alison Alder

Wenhaston Methodist Church

Sunday Services at 10.30am		Tuesday Meetings at 2.30pm	
4 th	Rosemary Remy	6 th	Women's Fellowship
11 th	Rev'd Robert Soanes	13 th	Bible study
18 th	4.00pm. Carols by candlelight. Rev'd Ian Gardner	20 th	Women's Fellowship Carols/Tea
25 th	9.30am. Christmas family service. Gordon Frary	27 th	NO MEETING
NO PRAY AWHILE THIS MONTH ALL WELCOME AT ANY EVENT			

‘Ruth McCabe, artist’s last “STUDIO POP-IN” of 2016

Wednesday December 7th: 2 to 4pm.

Come and see what I'm working on, enjoy the new space, and the warmth from the quirky wood burner, and catch up on my experience of taking part in SKY ARTS’

“Landscape Artist of the Year competition 2016”.

If you are looking for Christmas ideas, I always have lots of sale items, wire forms on card which make lovely presents, and greetings and Christmas cards for sale.

Come through the garden to the studio at Threeways, Coles Hill.

www.ruth-mccabe-artist.co.uk and ruth@threeways.mail1.co.uk

'Pics in the Sticks' Films

Our first film in December is on Saturday 3rd: a very amusing popular British comedy based on the real-life rise (and falls) of an iconic British ski-jumper..... A heart-warming film!

Our family Christmas special on Thursday December 15th 8pm is a 2016 hit family fairy-tale which is a giant success!

The Cafe

Going strong in the Village Hall on Wednesday and Saturday mornings - great coffee and excellent home-baking. And don't forget the Men's Breakfast on Wednesday December 7th, 8.30am - a hearty breakfast with a Christmas flavour! Hope to see you there *Wil Harvey*

Christmas Joke

Q. Why is Christmas just like working for a living?

A. Because you do all the work and the fat guy with the suit gets all of the credit.

The Warbler Second Best Kept Secrets Series

Viv's Amazing Chocolate Cake	
225g dark chocolate (70% cocoa solids) 175g unsalted butter, diced 2 tsp vanilla extract 1/4tsp instant coffee powder 100g toasted almonds 2 heaped tbspn plain flour 1/2tsp salt 5 eggs 140g golden caster sugar 12 fresh or defrosted frozen raspberries 4 tbspn raspberry jam	FOR THE GLAZE 140g dark chocolate (70%)chopped 100ml double cream DECORATION 40 raspberries icing sugar
160C/140C fan/gas3. Line the bases of 2x23cm cake tins with baking parchment. Melt chocolate and butter in the microwave, leave to cool, stir in the vanilla and coffee powder. Whizz the almonds in a food processor until finely ground, add flour and salt and transfer to a bowl. Whisk eggs for 5 mins until doubled in volume. Slowly add sugar, whisk for 1 min more. Fold in cooled chocolate mixture until just combined. Sprinkle over half the flour mixture and fold in, then the other half. The mixture will be rather runny. Divide between the two tins and bake for about 15mins until a skewer comes out with a few crumbs attached (the sponges should be slightly undercooked) Cool in tin then turn out onto a wire rack. Choose the less perfect of the two and set on a serving plate. Mash 12 raspberries with the jam and spread on the base then top with the other cake. For the glaze, bring the cream to the boil, pour it over the chocolate and whisk until smooth. Leave for a few mins until starting to thicken then spread over the top and sides to cover. Decorate with raspberries. Chill for up to 24hrs. Remove 1 hr before serving, dust with icing sugar. Enjoy.	

Reasons to be Cheerful 1,2,3.

Jingle Bells, cooking smells, all your pals, Wenhaston with Mells,
Glass of sherry, feeling merry, Christmas fairy, champagne perry,
Stocking brimming, bit of trimming, Southwold swimming, New Year slimming,
Singing carols, beer in barrels, new apparel, Colin Farrell,
Santa's sleigh, kids at play, Christmas Day, Hogmanay.

Whatever your labours and aspirations, in the noisy confusion of life, keep peace in your soul. With all its sham, drudgery and broken dreams, it is still a beautiful world.

Be cheerful. Strive to be happy

Just For Fun

A Santa for you to Colour.



Don't forget to add in the background!

Wishing Mary Henry a belated 70th birthday on November 23rd and to wish Tony Wollin a very happy 70th birthday for 23rd December lots of love, Maureen, Julie, Mark, Owen, Bella & Hollie, Millie have a nice day XXX

Christmas Quiz

1. Which country gives a huge Christmas tree to Trafalgar Square?
2. Can you name all nine of Santa's reindeer?
3. How many 'Maids a milking' are there?
4. Who wrote 'How the Grinch stole Christmas'?
5. Which famous English person stole Christmas?
6. When is the feast of St Nicholas?
7. Which carol has the line 'Tis the season to be jolly?'

WENHASTON COMMONS GROUP WORKING PARTY PROGRAMME 2017						
Mon	Day	Date	Lead	Location	Meet at	Main Task
Jan	Tue	17	SH	Merton	Oakhurst, Blackheath Rd	Tree clearing
	Sun	29	JA	Black Heath	Opp. Warehouse site Blackheath Road	Fencing at Pit
Feb	Tue	14	BN	Black Heath	Opp Heathside Lodges	Coppice and chip gorse
	Sun	26	GJ	Vicarage Grove	Field entrance off Bramfield Road	Holly clearing
Mar	Tue	14	NA	Mill Heath	Entrance off Heath Road	Gorse /scrub
	Sun	26	JH	Black Heath	South side seat	Gorse/Scrub
Apr	Tue	11*	BN	Bickers	Seat off Coles Hill	TBA
	Sun	23*	JA	Black Heath	Opp Warehouse site Blackheath Rd	TBA
May	Tue	9*	JH	Church Com	Entrance to common	Paths
June	Tue	13*	BN	Bickers	Seat off Coles Hill	Paths
	Sun	25*	HG	Black Heath	Seat by pond	Paths/Bracken
July	Tue	4	GB	St Peters Ch.	Churchyard	Grass Scything
	Tue	11	NA	Church Com	Entrance to common	Paths
	Sun	30	JA	Mill Heath	Entrance off Heath Road	Bracken/Paths
Aug	Tue	8	JH	Bickers	Seat off Coles Hill	TBA
	Sun	20	BN	Black Heath	South side seat	TBA
Sept	Tue	12	JA	Bickers	Seat off Coles Hill	TBA
	Sun	24	BN	Black Heath	Opposite warehouse site Blackheath Road	TBA
Oct	Tue	3	GB	St Peters Ch	Churchyard	Raking
	Tue	10	HG	Bickers	Seat off Coles Hill	TBA
	Sun	22	JA	Black Heath	Opp. Heathside Lodges	TBA
Nov	Tue	14	NA	Bickers	Seat off Coles Hill	TBA
	Sun	26	BN	Mill Heath	Entrance off Heath Road	TBA
Dec	Tue	12	HG	Black Heath	Opp Chalet site. Festive snacks after.	TBA

If you would like any further information please contact one of the working party leaders below or our president Heather Phillips 478545.

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