



WENHASTON WARBLER February 2016



HIGH TIDE AT WENHASTON!

Our trusty Senior Environmental Correspondent found himself in deep water whilst out on location in January. Whilst filming the flooding in Coles Hill, he stepped onto the bank to the left, only to find that it was in fact not a bank, but a ditch full of leaf covered water to a depth of about one metre. Undaunted, he scrambled to safety before the RNLI were called out and continued with his assignment, now officially one of the soggy bottom boys.

However, there is a warning to all here, the ditch at the junction of Coles Hill and Coles Lane is a real hazard.

Elsewhere in the village there was flooding on Bramfield Road and both sides of Blyford Lane in water meadows adjacent to the Blyth.

However, spare a thought for the real victims of flooding in the north of England and Scotland. They have had a truly desperate Christmas and New Year.

St Peter's Church, Wenhaston

**Shrove Tuesday
9 February**

Wenhaston Church Room

11.30am—2pm

Soup & Pancakes



Raffle
Produce
Bring & Buy

Proceeds for maintenance of Church Room



Wenhaston Church Room

Thursday 18 February

10.30 - 12

Raffle Bring & Buy

Entrance £1 includes coffee

Wenhaston Village Hall 100 Club - Winners for January 2016

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

1. 1st prize Andy Norris (number 34) £33
2. 2nd prize Joan Johnceline (number 137) £20
3. 3rd prize Ted Woods (number 74) £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 anyone wishing to join now, the fee is £7 (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.

Swings and Roundabouts

It is well known that the playground equipment is reaching the end of useful life and both ROSPA reports and the Neighbourhood Plan questionnaire identified the need for new and enhanced facilities. Following on from the groundwork done by Alison Alder and Wil Harvey and previous articles in The Warbler, a subgroup has been formed to plan and implement a phased programme of development both on the existing playground and the far field sports area near the skate park.

The first phase will be a total revamp of the playground with the aim of making it the best facilities for young people in the area.

The intention is to try to complete this during 2016 and this may cost up to about £30000 which should come from a variety of local authority funds and grants, other grants and fund raising. We have been pledged about £4000 from local Authority grants, have applied for £8000 from Section 106 (planning permission) sources and are fortunate and grateful to have received a gift of £2500 from the Pepyn and Lessey charity.

However, as this is a whole community project, it would be really good if the people and organisations of Wenhasston and Mells put their support behind this in any way that they can.

If you want more details of the progress, or have ideas of how you can help us realise this exciting, ambitious project, please contact either of the below in the first instance.

Lilian Spindler 478693

Denise Corbett 478505.

A Message From Suzanne Watkins

My family and I would like to thank all our friends, neighbours and the churches of Wenhasston and Halesworth, for the way in which their kindness and prayers have sustained us through the last years of Robin's life. We deeply appreciate all the messages of comfort and admiration for Robin which have been expressed since his death on December 2nd. Thank you so much.

Wine Wisdom for February.

I know that everyone who enjoys drinking wine is aware that wines made from the same variety of grape can taste very differently depending on where the wine was made and the inclination/skill of the winemaker. This thought came to mind when tasting the local Co-op's Craigmoor Shiraz from New South Wales, Australia. This is a lighter (13.5%), brighter style of shiraz rather than the usual Australian blockbuster. If your taste is for the denser, chocolatey Barossa Valley or McLaren Vale style then Craigmoor is not for you. However, for many people it will provide a refreshing change. Try with pork or lamb chops. It is also kind to post-Christmas budgets at about £6. (It's on offer at the time of writing).

If something between the two styles mentioned above is needed then a Syrah (the French name for Shiraz) from Southern France may fit the bill – try Baron de Badassiere, Pays d'Oc, from Blyth Valley Wines (online or 478687). About £8. Happy New Year! *Bernard Orme*

WENHASTON METHODIST CHURCH

All Sunday Services at 10.30am

7 Iris Baker

14 Rev'd Leslie Richards S

21 9.30am at ST.Peter's US

28 Rev'd John Sigsworth

Tuesday Meetings at 2.30 pm

2 Women's Fellowship Rev'd Jaqui Evans

9 Bible Study

16 Lent Group

23 Lent Group

Wednesday 10th 2.30pm Ashing Service

Saturday 6th 9.30 - 11.00 am

"Pray Awhile" on a come and go basis

For prayer and meditation



St. Peter's Church Times for February

February 2 No Service (9.30 am Halesworth)
February 14 9.30 am Parish Eucharist
 6.30 pm Evensong
February 21 9.30 am Parish Eucharist
February 28 11.15 am Short Service followed by Coffee



Flower Club

Don't forget the Flower Club's annual meal at the Queen's Head, Blyford on Tuesday 2nd February at 6.30 pm for 7 pm. We are very much hoping that Jean will be with us for that evening. Please let me know if you have any transport problems on 01502478106. *June Lewis*

Message from Jean Spindler

I would like to say a heartfelt thankyou to everyone for their kindness and help over the last 3 months. I am on the mend, it's slow but I was told to expect this. A Happy 2016 to you all, and a healthy one. Very Best Wishes. *Jean*

Footpath Walking

A morning walk will leave from Wenhaston Village Hall at 10 am on Tuesday February 2nd.

On Tuesday 16th February Pat Kemsley will lead a walk round Blyford and Mells. Meet at the Queen's Head Blyford at 10 am. For any further information contact Heather Phillips on 01502478545. HPP.

Commons Conservation

Sunday 7th February Gus Jones will lead a work party. Meet in Vicarage Grove field entrance off Bramfield Road at 10 am.

Tuesday 16th February Barry Norrington will lead a work party on bickers Heath. Meet at the seat. HPP.

Brown Bins !

There has been some concern about the future status of our brown bin collection. Just to clarify – as there seems to have been some confusion – SCDC are NOT going to charge for brown bins (unlike Waveney).

A. Edwards

Adders on Blackheath

After an absence of many years, Adders were positively identified on Blackheath in 2015, including one individual unfortunately run over on Blackheath Road. We had received reports of possible sightings previously, but nothing definite. Depending on weather conditions, male adders will emerge from hibernation in early spring, usually during March. If you do happen to see one, please do not approach it - usually the snake will disappear if it feels the vibrations of a threat approaching. We would also be grateful if anyone sighting an Adder would report it to a member of the WCG.

Jonathan Alder.

Neighbourhood Plan Update

Over the next few weeks a team of volunteers will be carrying out a parish character assessment of the built environment and simultaneously a landscape environmental assessment is going to be drawn up.

Amongst other things these include evaluating the size and shape of the parish and also those things that make it special. This can include the marvellous views we all enjoy, the architecture and the living environment. The team have been working closely with Suffolk Coastal District Planners and also with guidelines laid down at National level.

Once all this information is gathered, the next task will be to start to draw up the Draft Plan setting out where the parish is now and how we would like it to develop over the next 15 years.

Within the next few weeks the results of the Business and Interested Party surveys will be available to view on line. To view the website go to wenhastononesuffolk.net and to contact the Neighbourhood Plan team email planwenhaston@gmail.com.

Phil Corbett

News From The Church

With Easter being so early this year we are already organising Lent and Easter events, and it will be interesting to see if there are any spring flowers around with the weather being so unpredictable. Shrove Tuesday is on 9th. February and we will be having our Annual Pancake Lunch in the Church Room starting at 11.30am. There will be a choice of soups and Felicity's delicious pancakes and of course alternatives for those who do not like pancakes.

This event is to raise funds to help with the upkeep of the Church Rooms and we urgently need to raise as much as possible as we had a deficit of over £300 at the end of last year. We know that village people are very keen to keep the Church Room but to do this urgent funds are needed to maintain it in good order. Please do try and support us on Shrove Tuesday and encourage your friends and neighbours to join you.

On February 18th, we are holding the Children's Society Box Opening again in the Church Room between 10.am and 12 o'clock. Please do come and bring your boxes for opening and have a cup of coffee and a chat. There is also a Bring and Buy Stall and Raffle and even if you do not have a box, you can come for coffee and chat!!

We are holding a lunch in the Church on Tuesday 23rd, February for our friends who live alone and invitations will be going out shortly. We would love to know of anyone who has not already been invited, but who may like to join the Lunchers for a Hot Meal!! Please just telephone 478378 or 478502 and we will fill you in with details. We organise transport for those needing lifts.

We were pleased that the Christmas lunch was so popular and much appreciated. Thank you for all the wonderful complements which we received.

We were all saddened to hear that Joan Smith had died quite suddenly at the end of December, she had been a faithful and supportive member of St. Peter's for many years. We shall all miss her and we send our love and prayers to Jo her niece and Ben her great nephew. A Service of Thanksgiving for her Life was held at St.Peter's on Friday 8th January

Margaret Goldstone (Churchwarden)

Southwold Railway Trust Report, January 2016

The Trust is both impressed and thankful that so many volunteers have given their time and energy to our cause in the last six months – and that still more active members are joining us. Undeterred by cold or wet, or even by the unrelenting and physically draining work, the team (within which the age gap between oldest and youngest is almost sixty years) continue to arrive to work, go home exhausted, and yet turn up again two or three days later. Such dedication should be rewarded.

It seems appropriate at this stage to clarify some things about the Trust, not all of which may be known in Wenhaston. The Trust is a registered Charity, No 1117041, which means that its Charitable Statement, below, has been recognised by the Charity Commission as appropriate:

“The Southwold Railway Trust exists to promote awareness of the heritage of the old Southwold Railway which closed in 1929, preserve any remaining artefacts of the railway, and instigate re-instatement of the railway as a local community and public amenity connecting Southwold to the main line railway at Halesworth.”

The 378 members elect their Board of Trustees to carry out the aims of the Trust. Anyone can join (provided that they agree with the Statement and Aims of the Trust), all are welcome, and local residents are particularly encouraged. Organisations and groups can also join as “Group Members”.

In 2016, great things are expected of the organisation. This year’s successful efforts to increase membership will continue. Manufacture and assembly of steam locomotive “Blyth” will ramp up. The Victorian Heritage Train project, of which the loco is a part, is already well on the way, with completion of at least one replica three-foot-gauge 1879 wagon planned for this year. Stewardship of Trust land at Wenhaston will continue, and more events, like the successful Charity Open Day in July 2015, will showcase the volunteers’ work.

James Hewett

Village Hall Cafe

After a very successful few months since launching in May last year, The Cafe goes into 2016 with a spring in its step! We have two new helpers, Deborah Holmes and Gill Frostick, and have recently been ably assisted by young Joe Wakelin. We will be adding some delicious savouries to the choice of home-baked cakes, as well as fine, freshly brewed coffee. Do pop in - Wednesdays and Saturdays 10 - 1, and don't forget there's the mouth-watering extra of the 'Men's Breakfast' on the 1st Wednesday of each month at 8.30am. Look forward to seeing you there.

Wil Harvey

Pics-in-the-Sticks Cinema

Lots of cinematic treats coming along in 2016, with many recent 'blockbusters', some golden oldies, and several choice foreign-director films at our World Cinema Thursday evenings once a month. February's main feature is a 2015 award-winner, and will be on Saturday 6th, 7.30pm.

You may have noticed our elegant new sign at the corner of the village hall car-park which tells you about the next film, but to fill out your diary for the next few months, you will need to have a look at the programme in the village hall foyer.

Happy film-going in 2016!

Wil Harvey

Youth Club Dates

The Youth Club dates for the next two months are February 5th, March 4th and March 18th.

Richard Wakelin

Queen's 90th Birthday Celebration

Any groups or individuals who would like to be involved in organising a Queen's 90th Birthday Celebration around May 14th, please contact either Arthur Musk, David Cox or email The Warbler.

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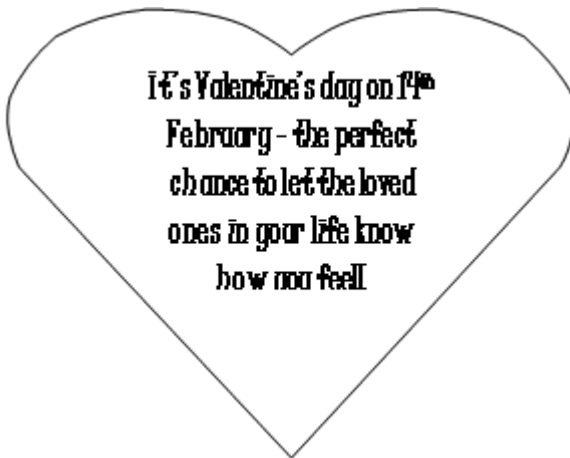
JUST FOR FUN

By Carrie



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Birthday Wishes from Friends, Family and the Warbler Team:
Happy Birthday to our lovely daughter Julie Woolnough on 1st
February - Lots of love from all the family XXX
Happy Birthday Andy Norris - Musician, artist and friend.



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.

Wenhaston Mother's Union

Our annual corporate communion was taken by Edward, and was followed by the AGM. Margaret, our leader, reported on a successful year of activities and fund raising. Margaret was thanked by Pat Kemsley, and presented with a plant in grateful thanks for all that she does for our MU. Pat gave the Treasurer's report and was pleased to say that we were in credit, and that we had given donations to various MU charities to further their work. Pat told us that she would probably be moving later this year and would therefore have to resign as treasurer. June Tate kindly agreed to take on this task, and Pat was thanked by Margaret and presented with a token in appreciation. The annual Children's Society Box Opening Coffee Morning will take place on Thursday 18th February from 10am to 12 noon in the Church Room. I should be pleased to receive any boxes before this date as there are quite a lot to open and count on the day. Please come to the Coffee Morning. We will be charging £1 on entry for coffee and biscuits, and there will be a Raffle and a Bring and Buy stall. Mollie Bunn, who sadly passed away last year, used to co-ordinate the box opening, and we are carrying on with it in her memory. On February 10th, which is Ash Wednesday, we will welcome Rev. Mary Joel, who will give us some Thoughts for Lent. This is at 2.30pm in the Church Room and all are welcome. *Margaret Bloomfield*

Wenhaston Sports Club Jumble Sale

The organisers would like to thank everyone who kindly donated goods, helped on the day, baked cakes, and all those who came and snapped up the bargains. It was another successful event and takings were £671.07. After deductions a healthy balance will be added to Sports Club funds. Again a huge thank you to everyone involved on the day.

Trish Gower

Wenhaston Gardeners January 2016 report

'How many of you grow vegetables?' was the question posed by Ric Staines at the beginning of his talk "Fork to Fork". He was very impressed by the number of people who did but less so by the response to 'Have you planned your vegetable garden?' Questions to ask before planning a scheme are: what vegetables do I like, what eats plants other than me and which ones are expensive to buy?

Ric is very keen on biodynamics. The vegetable plot should run north to south and the plants east to west so that they get the most benefit from the sun, sowing different seeds on different days. Companion planting was also recommended, onions with carrots should help discourage carrot fly. It is said that the fly can smell carrots from 2 miles away, however it suffers from vertigo as it won't fly any higher than 2 feet!

Much that biodiversity recommends sounds like country law that the 'old boys' used to preach and be scoffed at but it seems they knew a thing or two.

Next meeting; Karen Kenny on Disease management, prevention and care. WE could all do with a bit of that!

FelicityJeliff

Weight Watchers Welcomes you at Chinny's, Halesworth

New Year, New You? Why not come along to my Weight Watchers meeting at Chinny's on Saturday at 09:30 am and start the year with a healthier lifestyle? Having lost 9 stone with Weight Watchers, I have never felt better or had more confidence. It has worked for me and I would love to help anyone who wants to achieve their goals, too.

Contact Carrie, Weight Watchers Leader on 07411416783 or email caskinner@weight-watchers.co.uk for more information.

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Phantoms

**Just prior to Christmas, a splendid cavalcade of singing horse riders in festive costume passed through the village.
Did I dream it? If so, it was a wonderful fantasy !!!**

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Village Clubs and Organisations

Sport and Fitness

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| Badminton | Every Monday | 7.30 – 9.30 | Village Hall |
| Chair Based Exercise. | Every Thursday | 10.00 – 11.00 | Village Hall |
| Strictly Dance | Every Tuesday | 11.30 | Village Hall |
| Table Tennis | Every Thursday | 2.00 – 4.00 | Village Hall |
| Yoga | 4 of 5 Tuesday's | 5.00-6.30 | Village Hall |

Interest Groups

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| Art and Craft. | Every Tuesday | 2.00 – 4.00 | Village hall |
| Gardeners Club | Second Wednesday | 7.00 | Village Hall |
| WEA | Every Friday | 10.00 – 12.00 | Village Hall |
| | From Jan 22nd | | |

Social Groups etc.

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| Bingo | 2 nd Sat | 7.00 | Village Hall |
| Café | Weds and Sats | 10.00 – 1.00 | Village Hall |
| Drop In Club | 2 nd and 4 th Weds | 10.00 – 12.00 | Village Hall |
| Mens Breakfast | 1 st Wed | 8.30 | Village Hall |
| Pics in the Stix | 1 st Sat, 3 rd Thur. | 7.00 | Village Hall |
| Womens Institute | 1 st Wed | 7.30 – 10.00 | Village Hall |

Other

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| Parish Council | 3 rd Wed | 7.00 | Village Hall |
| Southwold Surgery | Thursdays | 2.00 | Village Hall |
| Sports Club Jumble Sale | Saturday 16 th January | | Village Hall |

CHECK VILLAGE HALL NOTICE BOARD FOR TERM DATES, AMENDMENTS ETC

Wenhaston Warbler Information

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