



WENHASTON WARBLER January 2016



**WISHING A HAPPY, PEACEFUL AND SAFE NEW YEAR TO THE WARBLER FAMILY
OF CONTRIBUTORS AND READERS**



Do they know the camera behind them is running?



Wenhaston WI report for December 2015

Well! Who would have believed it, our own Calendar Girls at our Christmas party? A surprise for all who attended especially for the gentleman who drew the curtains to reveal them!

We enjoyed a delicious buffet of cold meats, fish and quiche accompanied by imaginative salads. Before puddings (which as usual were truly luscious) several members entertained us to poems, monologues and a letter from 'Boy John'. It was a convivial evening spent with members and friends evoking the Christmas spirit.

Wenhaston WI. Invitation to our January meeting.

Wednesday January 6th 2pm – 4pm

Why not come along for a cup of tea, a piece of cake and lots of chat? All ladies are very welcome to see what our group does. We're a very friendly group and would love to meet you.

SPORTS CLUB JUMBLE SALE

Saturday January 16th (Admission Free)

2.00 – 4.00

At Wenhaston Village Hall

Clothing, bric-a-brac, books, toys, and much more.

Raffle and cake stall.

Items for the sale can be delivered to the hall at 10.00 on day of the sale.

For more information ring Trish on 01502 478267.

Blyth Valley (Wenhaston) Community First Responders

The Wenhaston CFRs have been supporting the East of England Ambulance Service in the area for over four years but have now reached a critical stage. Although I intend to remain as the coordinator, now I have reached 71 years of age the EEAS public liability insurance cover is not valid so I can no longer attend calls. It is important that we try and keep this crucial initiative running in the village and adjoining parishes and I am asking once again for any potential volunteers over the age of 18 to contact me with a view to becoming a First Responder. Full training is provided by the ambulance service and there are monthly training sessions at Saxmundham Ambulance Station led by experienced paramedics. If you think you can spare the time and could assist by becoming a Community First Responder please contact me on 01502 478085 or email – gus5644@gmail.com *Gus Jones CFR Coordinator*

Kurling

The village hall recently purchased 2 sets of indoor Kurling., thanks to a 100club donation. The first games were held on 27th November, and 8 teams of 4 players had an enjoyable fun evening. It is hoped this will become a regular event in 2016, keep a lookout for a poster at the hall. No experience is necessary, any age and ability can play, so enter your team of 4 when you see the notice. (32 players each evening). *S. Norris*

Wenhaston WEA. Spring Course.

“War Wings 1914-1918” Tutor: Ian McLachlan

Starting on Friday 22nd. January at 10.00 this colourful course will explore the history of airpower and aerial warfare during the First World War and the involvement of East Anglia in the development of aircraft before and after the war. Zeppelin air-raids, young aviators engaging the enemy and British women at work in the aircraft and munitions factories.

The course will run for eight sessions of 2 hours with a coffee break. The first one being a ‘taster’ session with enrolment and the fee of £48 payable at the second session. (tony.gow@googlemail.com)

For further information contact Tony Gow 01502 478977

News From The Church

A HAPPY AND PEACEFUL NEW YEAR TO ALL OUR READERS.

Our Prayers will be that in this New Year peace will be found in this troubled World and that the suffering of the Refugees will be eased. Once again we have celebrated Christmas with the usual Traditions which hopefully have been enjoyed by all. We were extremely pleased to have the children from the school for their Christingle service together with some parents. At the beginning of the month we had a stall at the very lively village bazaar and I am grateful to everyone who contribute in any way. Our traditional carol service in the Church was as popular as ever and it was a privilege to welcome people to our two services on Christmas eve. On Christmas day we joined with the Methodists at the Chapel for a Christmas service. I pray that at sometime during our celebrations we were all able to be still and rejoice in Christ’s birth.

And so to a New Year and all that it will hold for us. At St. Peter’s we start with a very quiet January which I for one will appreciate!

The funeral of Robin Watkins was held in the Church on Thursday 17th. December and the Service was lead by the Revd. Anna Wright. Our love and prayers go to Suzanne and her family.

Flying the Flag I owe an apology to Melissa Robbins who celebrated her 18th. Birthday on the 13th. October. We flew the Flag on the correct day but unfortunately I forgot to mention it in the November Team Times! I am sorry Melissa! Margaret Goldstone. Church Warden



Pause for Thought – A Time of Hope

Whether religious or not, many people have been affected by the constant news of violence and suffering that has filled the headlines over the last few months: terrorist violence, the refugee crisis, famine and disease, the natural disasters of flooding and drought. The world can often seem a very bleak place.

Yet there have been many stories of individual courage, communities working together and supporting each other, help coming from surprising places. Our “Pause For Thought” display in January aims to reflect the way hopes can flourish even in the darkest times. Over the Christmas period we have been collecting villagers’ hopes for the future, many of which are being displayed on our new Prayer Tree. For Christians, Christmas is just the beginning of a time of hope, one which continues long after the presents have been opened and the decorations have been taken down.

Please feel free to drop into St Peter’s Church to read what villagers have written and spend some quiet time reflecting and to share your own hopes.

Alison Alder and Ruth McCabe

St Peter’s Church Times for January

January 3	No Service (9.30 am at Halesworth) No Service (6.30 Holton Epiphany Service)
January 10	9.30 am Eucharist
January 17	We join the Methodists for their Covenant Service
January 24	11.15 am Short Service followed by coffee
January 31	No service (10.30 am Team Service)

Just for fun!

By Carrie

A Happy New Year to all Warbler Readers!

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**Can you find all the words all
relating to New Year?**

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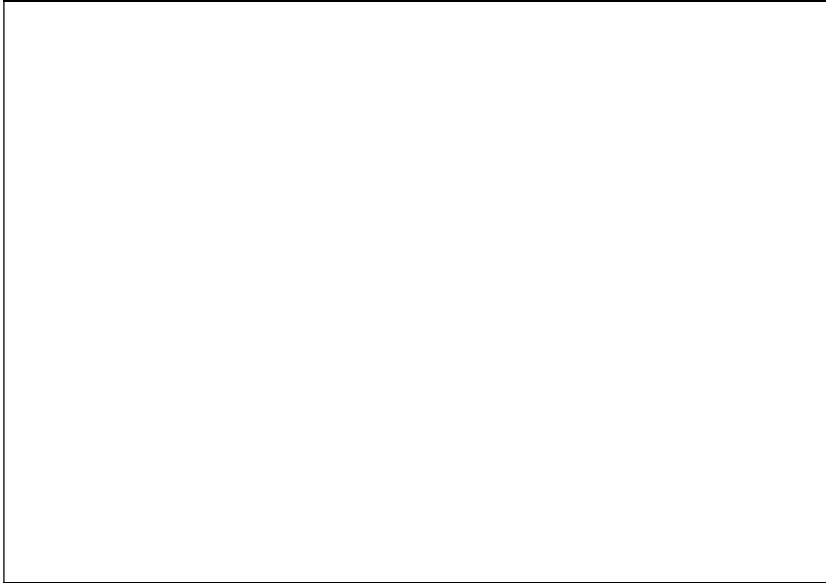
BIG BEN

PARTY

MIDNIGHT

HOGMANAY

How Wintry Can You Make This Picture?



Happy Birthday to Owen Woolnough for 28th January.

Have a great day, Love from All the family.

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**

Wenhaston Mobile Library Times for 2016.

Wenhaston Village Hall. 15.05 to 15.45

Calling every 4 weeks on Fridays 2016 dates

8 Jan, 5 Feb, 4 Mar, 1 Apr, 29 Apr, 27 May, 24 Jun,

22 Jul, 19 Aug, 16 Sept, 14 Oct, 11 Nov, 9 Dec

Blyth Spirits

Blyth Spirits is an informal social group which was founded last year and meets on the 3rd Monday of each month at 2.30pm in The Church Rooms. The format is very simple: usually we have a speaker followed by a cup of tea and chat. We had some very good meetings in 2015 with diverse speakers from far and near (we have some very good local talent in Wenhaston!). Our next meeting will be on Monday January 18th when our speaker will be local resident, Colin Hooper who will talk about his pottery hobby. This will also be when we renew annual membership or indeed gain some, very welcome, new members. We have a very interesting programme planned for 2016. All are welcome to our meetings and we look forward to seeing friends old and new.

Thank You

To the lady who donated a white fur jacket to the last jumble sale at the village hall, thank you. From it I have made three gorgeous teddy bears Thank you again.

Pauline McMillan

Lost

A while back I absentmindedly put down a copy of John Osborne's Play 'Epitaph for George Dillon' at the post office. I wonder if anyone picked it up thinking it was one of the loan books. If so please would they be good enough to return it to me at Heron Cottage, Blyford Lane or hand it to Jane at the post office.

Felicity Jeliff

Free Table Tennis Table

Kettler outdoor tennis table. In clean condition, but mechanism broken on one side, meaning that, when storing, unable to put one side up. Possibly mendable in right hands! Phone 01502 478742.

Halesworth Camera Club

Did you know that the Club has it's meetings right here in Wenhamston every month at the Church Room, so if you were given a new camera for Christmas or just fancied making more use of your present one, then why not come along to our open night on Monday 11th January at 7.30pm. It's when we welcome new members and would be the perfect time to pop along at the start of the new season. For more details or should you wish to contact us please visit our website at

www.halesworthcameraclub.co.uk

Happy New Year to you all from the Committee

Wenhamston Village Hall 100 Club - Winners for December 2015

The Wenhamston Village Hall 100 Club December draw was made at the Village Hall and we are delighted to announce the winners:

- 1st prize Ann Follows (number 18) £33
- 2nd prize Roger Claxton (number 92) £20
- 3rd prize Alison Alder (number 101) £13

XMAS BONUS PRIZE Helen Bowyer (number 15) £50

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 £8 (that will be for the period to end August 2016) .

Please pay by cash or cheque, made payable to Wenhamston 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.

Wenhamston Flower Club

There won't be a meeting in January, but don't forget the Flower Club meal at the Queen's Head, Blyford on Tuesday February 2nd, if you haven't had a menu and would like to come please phone 01502478106 by the second week in January for particulars. We hope to see everybody there. We are all very pleased that Jean is now out of hospital and hopes to be with us for the meal in February. *June Lewis*

Footpath Walking

A local walk will leave from Wenhaston Village Hall at 10 am on Tuesday 5th January at 10 am. Ian Denny and Heather Hammond will lead a walk on Tuesday 19th January. Meet at the Triple Plea, Upper Holton at 10 am in order to order lunch before beginning a circular walk around Halesworth. I would like to wish all walkers and friends a very happy and healthy year for 2016. *Heather Phillips*

Conservation Work Parties

Tuesday 12th January Jonathan Alder will lead a work party, meet at Oakhurst, Blackheath Road at 10 am.

Sunday 24th January Barry Norrington will lead a work party on Blackheath. Meet opposite Heathside Lodges at 10 am *HPP*

BLYTH WOODS

Bracken, brambles, an old spring mattress and long forgotten bits of machinery were cleared at the top of Blackheath to make room for eight new 2 year old oak saplings from the school tree nursery. These were planted out by years 5 & 6, with the help of parents and teachers. They are filling in gaps in the boundary hedge and along the track. Although we have a rota to check all the trees that have been planted, please feel free to weed and water the saplings as they compete with the bracken. Our bark quiz at the village Christmas bazaar was won by Adam Burroughs. The answers were: cherry, sweet chestnut, pine, oak, ash and silver birch. *Ann Edwards*

Wenhaston Mother's Union

The Christmas Party took place in the Church Room on the 8th December when members and guests sang carols, accompanied by Bob Cooke, enjoyed a sumptuous tea and a good chat. There was a raffle for four hampers so four lucky ladies went home happy, and the proceeds will be sent to Mothers' Union charities at home and overseas. The MU Leader, Margaret, reminded us of those unable to be with us, and wished all a Happy Christmas, which was reciprocated. On January 13th we will hold our Corporate Communion and AGM at 2.30pm. We wish all a Happy and Peaceful New Year *Margaret Bloomfield*

Wenhaston Warbler Wine

A little-known red grape that I enjoyed recently is Petit Verdot. It is a french variety from Bordeaux but it is so late in ripening that only a small area is grown there. Rather more has been made of it in California and Australia. The Riverland area of South Australia has made something of a speciality of it and Sainsbury's Winemakers Selection Petit Verdot 2013 is a good example. It is soft and juicy combining ripe raspberry flavours with a spicy finish. Would go well with spicy sausages, beefburgers and other spicy dishes. £6 at the last viewing. (DON'T confuse with Petite Syrah which is a completely different grape).

A great value southern french white wine is Asda's Wine Atlas Marsanne 2014. Marsanne is an undervalued grape of the northern Rhone Valley. Asda's comes from much further south and is a rounded, well-balanced wine with yellow plum and apricot flavours. Good with grilled or roast chicken. (Incidentally, Asda's Wine Atlas range has scarcely a dud among them).

Finally if you must have Champagne to see in the New Year but don't want to try your bank manager too far, I suggest you go for Les Pionniers Champagne NV (Non Vintage) at the Co-op. It's £17.99 and how something of this quality is done at this price I just don't know.
Bernard Orme

Village Clubs and Organisations

Sport and Fitness

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 Monday's	9.00-10.00	Village Hall

Interest Groups

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

Social Groups etc.

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

Parish Council	3 rd Wed	7.00	Village Hall
Southwold Surgery	Thursdays	2.00	Village Hall
Church Autumn Fair	Saturday 14 th November		Village Hall
Blood Donors	Thursday 26 th November		Village Hall

CHECK VILLAGE HALL NOTICE BOARD FOR TERM DATES, AMENDMENTS ETC

Wenhaston Warbler Information

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