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What's New

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CELEBRATING THE COMPLETION OF
HER NEW STUDIO Ruth McCabe invites
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21st Village Show - 17th July 2016
This years Village Show, on Sunday July
17th, will be the 21st and we are ...

Pics in the Sticks - record turnout
Pics-in-the-Sticks had a record turnout in
April for 'The Lady in the Van' ...



Welcome to Wenhaston with Mells Hamlet

Wenhaston is a village located on elevated ground to the south side of the River Blyth valley approximately 5 miles inland from the North Sea at Southwold. Mells Hamlet stretches along the southern Blyth valley for approximately 3 miles west of Wenhaston.

The area to the east of Wenhaston is designated as an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty rolling down towards the coastal estuary of the Blyth.



A bronze age ring provides evidence that a community of people lived in what is now called Wenhaston during the period from about 2000 BC to 700 BC. Evidence of Roman occupation has been found which point to Wenhaston having been either a small settlement or a trading post, and at its junction with the River Blyth of the brook, at now Brook Farm, evidence has been found of a possible Roman wharf. A six inch statue of Venus, sadly stolen from the church in the early 20th century, was found at Blyford Bridge dating from the Roman period and coin finds indicate that the Roman settlement in Wenhaston lasted from about AD 80 to AD 350.



Wenadestuna (Wenhaston) is mentioned in the Domesday Book of 1086 with a separate entry for Mells showing that they were two separate communities at that time.

DAY SCHOOL “HOW TO TASTE AND BUY WINE”

On Friday, 15th July, from 10 am to 4 pm a Day School on “How to taste & buy wine” will be presented by Bernard Orme under the auspices of Wenhaston WEA (It is not a WEA Course). The Course will be a practical one and is intended to be a plain guide to tasting procedure, grape variety appreciation and reducing those (sometimes expensive) mistakes when buying wine. Sixteen different wines from around the world will be tasted, both white and red. Arrangements will be made so that not all, or any, of the wines need be actually drunk.

The cost of the day is £22 (Lunch is not included). There is a limit to the number of people that can participate. It is essential to book beforehand. Booking Forms may be obtained from the Village Hall (the WEA Noticeboard) Tony Gow on 01502478977, or Bernard Orme on 01502478708. For further information, contact Bernard Orme.

Wenhaston Warbler Wine.

Wines for summer drinking need to be refreshing and flavoursome, not too high in alcohol and capable of coping with a range of al fresco grub. For a classy sparkler at a reasonable price I suggest you try Cremen de Jura sparkling chardonnay from Aldi's. Crisp and elegant with green apple overtones it makes a splendid aperitif or with roast/grilled chicken or pork. It's £7-49 a bottle.

For something to go with spicy chicken or curries try Sainsbury's Taste the Difference Alsace Gewurztraminer 2014 at £8 a bottle. This is scented, but not too much so, and fruity. It's medium dry not bone dry and should have wide appeal.

Another off-dry but very refreshing white is Tesco's Finest Steillage Riesling 2014 from the Mosel Valley, Germany. It smells floral but tastes of green apples and lime juice. Chilled, it's lovely on a warm day. Tesco's want £6 a bottle.

If you want to drink reds, try Tesco's Beaujolais Villages for £6. With bright raspberry fruit it goes a treat with roast pork and chicken. Drink it slightly chilled (10 – 13 Celsius). Or the Co-op's Truly Irresistible Pinot Noir from Chile Soft, with red fruit flavours, drink slightly chilled as above. I've forgotten exactly what I paid for it but I think it was about £9.

Bernard Orme

The Wenhaston Village Hall 100 Club May

We are delighted to announce the winners of this months draw.

- 1. 1st prize Terry Grimwade (number 38) £33**
- 2. 2nd prize David Jenkins (number 80) £20**
- 3. 3rd prize Jane Peters (number 42) £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 £3 (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.

Farewell to Wenhaston

A Garden Sale weekend at Rowan House Wenhaston, behind the Star Inn, Saturday and Sunday June 25th and 26th from 10am to 5pm. In aid of Wenhaston Commons group and Mother's Union Home and Overseas projects. Refreshments will be available all day. Everyone welcome.

After fifty- eight years in this area, firstly farming in Bramfield with my husband Peter and for the last fifteen years in Wenhaston, I am reluctantly moving on. All being well, from the end of July, I shall be moving to East Bergholt, still just in Suffolk, lying north of the River Stour, in what is fondly known as Constable Country. I am looking at a smaller house and garden and being closer to family and a mainline railway station. I am hanging up my Bed&Breakfast apron having started at the farm in 1987 and became a member of an organisation called "Stay on a Farm". I am ashamed to say I was still teaching at the Edgar Sewter School during some of that time but Peter K. was a stalwart help. When I came to Wenhaston I continued to do B&B and some of my loyal guests followed me here, so many nice people who became good friends. Leaving this beautiful part of Suffolk will be hard but I do hope some of you will come and visit me. From 6pm, on both days, there will be an Open House for drinks and light snacks, in the garden if the weather is kind. This is an invitation to anyone who would like to come. I do hope to see many of you. *Pat Kemsley.*****

Wenhaston WI report for May 2016

Wenhaston WI ladies will no longer have to suffer red noses or black circles under their eyes as our speaker Beverley Boughtwood revealed secrets on how to camouflage them.

Beverley trained in London in classic beauty and has had two salons of her own, before retiring to Wenhaston where she now works part time at home.

Blemishes to the skin can be caused by tiredness, genetics, or aging, not to mention sun damage from the past. To conceal these defects it is like preparing a canvas, by smoothing on a moisturiser then dabbing on a base the colour of which should be as near to one's own skin colour as possible. To rejuvenate puffy eyes cold tea bags can be applied. Beverley demonstrated her art on one of our ladies much to her surprise as the original model had not materialised.

We voted on the two proposed resolutions, both of which were passed after much discussion on the pros and cons.

As usual there is much going on; theatre trips, restaurant visits and even a day at the races. Next month: Shiatsu with Trish Dent.

Felicity Jeliff

Sand Martins return to Wenhaston

Approximately 18 months ago the Suffolk Wildlife Trust in cooperation with the Wenhaston Commons Group cleared the disused and overgrown sandpit at the western end of Blackheath. The specific objective was to re-create habitat that would allow sand martins to return to the common to breed after an absence of more than 25 years. It was also important to prevent human disturbance.

Three weeks ago regular observers of wildlife on the common noted the appearance of a small number of martins in the area. Since then the numbers have increased; with approx. thirty on 12th May building nests in the pit and frantically feeding on flying insects.

This is a considerable conservation success for both the Trust and the Commons Group volunteers. Sand martins are a species currently in decline, and creating new habitat is of the utmost importance to try to halt this. Can we please ask that visitors and walkers do not leave the adjacent footpath, where excellent observations can be made.

Information boards are at the site.

Gus Jones (WCG)

Southwold Railway Trust

The Trust would like to invite all the residents of Wenhasston and Mells to come to Blyford Lane to see us on our second Charity Open Weekend, on June 18th and 19th, between 10.00 and 16.00. There is no charge for entry.

Meet Trust management and volunteers, see the kind of voluntary work that we do – perhaps join in! Enjoy a country walk along a section of the Blyth Valley usually only open to Members: appreciate the quality of the stewardship involved in creating a historic reminder of the nineteenth-century railway at Wenhasston, the conservation work on the trackbed, and the just-completed quarter-mile of restored railway fencing. Trust Membership in Wenhasston is growing fast, so please consider joining (it's only 29p per week) then you can have an influence on how the Trust is run.

There is ample parking on Trust land off Blyford Lane (please do not park on Blyford Lane itself) – and of course there's the hourly 88A bus, at least on Saturday. Why not have a tea or coffee at the Community Café at the Village Hall (Saturday only, 10.00 till 13.00), then walk up from the village, and continue to the Queen's Head for a drink and some lunch? And don't forget the Star (both our local public houses often host groups of Southwold Railway Track walkers). In deference to these local providers of food and drink, the Trust is not providing refreshment at the event, as that might tend to take business away from our friendly café and hostelrys.

In another part of our positive relationship with the village, the Trust has re-launched and is sponsoring the Wenhasston photographic archive: the website has been improved, and enough server space purchased to allow for expansion. The web address remains the same: www.wenhasstonarchive.org.uk

James Hewett

Wacky Races

This was another fantastic day and enjoyed by everyone. We would like to thank everyone for their help in making this a success. The eventual winners were Alex Cox and Adam Parker and the wooden spoon went to Crispin and Royston. Thanks also go to The Star for all their support and encouragement.

Arthur and David

Cafe's birthday

May 7th was an auspicious day for The Cafe: One year old and, pleased to say, not just alive but thriving! This is thanks to sterling efforts by the volunteers who run it, the redoubtable cake bakers and - last but not least, you good people of Wenhasston who turn up and support it. Not only do you enjoy excellent coffee and cakes (and a good natter), but the proceeds all go to keeping the Village Hall going. More volunteers are always welcome.

Wil Harvey

Wenhasston Mother's Union

What a joy it was to welcome Rev'd Bill Mahood to our May meeting to tell us the history of Walpole Old Chapel. Bill chairs a committee which runs the chapel, which started out as a 16th century farmhouse. In the 17th century, the building was gutted and transformed into a chapel, which still stands today. Bill explained the history of the period, too much to go into here, but very interesting and the repercussions are still with us today. June Tate gave a vote of thanks and everyone agreed it was a happy afternoon.

On June 8th, we look forward to hearing the history of Leiston Abbey by Sheila Harrison. We shall be the most well informed Mothers' Union in Suffolk at this rate! Also in June, on the 28th, there will be a Quiet Day in Westleton Church from 10am to 3pm. The day will be led by the Rev'd Pauline Florance and is entitled "Celebration of Faith". We hope some of our members will attend, and those who do are asked to take a packed lunch. Drinks will be provided.

On Sunday 10th July, there will be a Sponsored Walk in aid of the Big Summer Appeal, to support MU's mission at home and abroad in the 140th year of the Society. It starts at Southwold Pier at 2.30pm and Wenhasston branch are seeking sponsors, please.

Margaret Bloomfield

Thank You

Stuart and I would like to thank family and friends for all their support on my very unexpected stay in hospital. For all the cards, beautiful flowers, gifts and food parcels. Thank you all.

Stuart and Jenny Baxter

The Great EU Debate

As a nice contrast to the referendum mud-slinging on radio and television, a full Village Hall was treated to an evening of polite and very informative debate. Professor Kassim from University of East Anglia gave us a factual and unbiased overview of how the EU came about and how it works all in about 40 minutes! This was followed by the 'Leave' and the 'Stay' points of view, put forward eloquently by Michael Gower and Jon Neal, respectively, then Q & A from the audience. Whichever side you come down on, it was refreshing to hear a discussion on this complicated subject with more light than heat! Many thanks to Robin Dillaway for introducing the evening, and all the others who helped organise.

Wil Harvey

CALL YOUR BLUFF

A really easy contribution has been sent in this month.
Which of the following three definitions best describes this word?

LOBLOLLY

- a) A surgeon's assistant
- b) A North American pine
- c) A quagmire.

Room 101

Send in your nominations for items to be consigned to Room 101, never to be heard of again.

SHINY POLITICIANS.

Did it start with Kinnock's all over shine or with Blair's polished forehead? William Hague looks like he has been buffed with a Black and Decker before he goes in front of the camera, then there is Cameron's chin, looking like he has dribbled and IDS probably glows in the dark. The other thing shiny politicians seem to have in common is that they may not be all that trustworthy!

Commons conservation

Tuesday 14th June: Barry Norrington will lead a work party clearing paths on Church Common. Meet at the entrance at 10am. –H.P.P.

<u>Wenhaston Methodist Church</u>			
Sunday Services at 10.30am		Tuesday Meetings at 2.30pm	
5 th	Iris Baker	7 th	Women's Fellowship
12 th	Gordon Frary		Dorothy Courtis
19 th	Rev'd Robin Searles.11.15am Church Anniversary	14 th	Bible Study
		21 st	Women's Fellowship.
26 th	Rev'd Ian Gardner PM Halesworth Methodists	28 th	Bible Study
Saturday 4 th 9.30 - 11.00 am "Pray Awhile" on a come & go basis for prayer & meditation. ALL WELCOME AT ANY EVENT			

The Village Show Update. July 17th.Wenhaston Gardeners.

When organic gardening Guru Bob Flowerdew came to talk to us some time back he suggested, perhaps with an element of tongue in cheek, that rather than having classes for the biggest and heaviest vegetables at produce shows entries should be judged on taste.

Now although not being in a position to apply this to all the classes we have taken the great man's advice.....so rather than worry about the size of your potato or its freedom from blight you can enter that class and bring along your cooked potato, peeled or unpeeled; maybe with a little salt?

We are now casting around for the appropriately qualified judge for this, not being sure that the Royal Horticultural Society has got it in the rule book!

Noting the upsurge in interest in photography in the village we hope that there will be plenty of entries in that section.....details in the schedule available from the Gardeners Club noticeboard at the Village Hall or from Tony Gow (478977)

P.S. No more evening meetings until September 14th at 7.30pm.

True or False - Moons

The word MONTH is derived from the word MOON.

A BLUE MOON occurs roughly every two and three quarter years.

KEITH MOON had a reputation for blowing up toilets with dynamite.

The dark side of the MOON isn't any darker than the light side.

NEWS FROM THE CHURCH

The Queen's birthday will be celebrated in Wenhaston on Sunday 12th. June and St. Peter's together with other organisations in the village will be taking part. The celebrations will take place on the playing field and there will be the now famous "Battle of the Blyth". together with stalls and games etc. Refreshments will be served during the day including lunches and teas. The Church will be serving strawberries and cream! We shall also be helping with the teas and any cakes for the teas will be very gratefully received. We are very grateful to Arthur and David for all their hard work in organising this event. The Folk Concert which was held in the Church in April was a great success and was thoroughly enjoyed by an appreciative audience. I think that everyone agreed that Peter Lewis was the star of the show with his song about a Wenhaston lass! We are extremely grateful to Colin Hooper and the other members of the group for giving up their time and helping us to raise £273.00 for our Church funds.

We have continued to serve lunches in the Church every month for people living on their own. These are always very popular and they seem to very much appreciated. All those who come are very generous in their support of the lunches and we are grateful. The next lunch will be on Thursday 30th. June and anyone who has not been invited but who would like to join us will be made very welcome. (Just phone Margaret G 478378) We shall not be having a lunch in July or August but will start again in September.

Sadly, Jack Ellis died on Sunday 8th. May and we send our love and prayers to Valerie and her family at this difficult time. We shall all miss Jack, who was liked and respected by us all and who helped in many ways with practical jobs at St. Peter's. May he rest in peace and rise in glory.

Margaret G. (Church Warden)

Footpath walking

A morning walk will leave from Wenhaston Village Hall at 10am on Tuesday 7 June.

On Tuesday 21 June Heather Hammond will lead a walk round Reydon and Southwold. Meet near the Water Tower at 10am, with lunch afterwards at The Pit Stop.

For further information please contact Heather Phillips 01502 478545.

Wenhaston Flower Club

The next meeting of the Club sees the return of Alan Smith on Tuesday 3 June at 7.30pm in the Church Room, where I am certain we shall have a happy evening with his arrangements of "Pot Luck." Everyone is welcome to come. Ring Jean on 01502 478317 for any further information.

The Wenhaston Snappers

The Snappers have gone from strength to strength since last month. The level of photography has been great throughout. Weekly challenges have seen club members out and about shooting passing traffic and the stars above. Most members made it down to Mells to photograph the old windmill with the backdrop of the new turbines at Holton behind. It's amazing to think, looking at this picture, that there is one and a half miles between them.

The club meets most Tuesdays from 7-8pm in the village hall cafe. All welcome, first session is free! Lots of fun. More info: Jason 478025
This month's Wenhaston Snapper picture is courtesy of Steve Garlick

New Studio Opening

CELEBRATING THE COMPLETION OF HER NEW STUDIO, Ruth McCabe invites visitors between 11am and 3pm Tuesday 14th June through to Friday 17th. And on Saturday 18th June between 10 and 2pm.

Pop in to see what I'm working on and enjoy the new space.

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Bell Ringing Celebration

As a compliment to Her Majesty The Queen on her 90th birthday, we intend to ring a peel of 5,040 changes on Sunday 12th June. Ringing will be continuous for nearly 3 hours and is a feat of concentration and physical stamina. We do hope that you will enjoy the music provided by this most quintessential of English arts.

Learners are always needed and are actively encouraged at the tower. Why not come along to meet us and have a go during one of our regular Friday practice nights.

Michelle Williams

Pause for Thought – Inclusion

"We should indeed keep calm in the face of difference, and live our lives in a state of inclusion and wonder at the diversity of humanity."

George Takei

From the beginning of June, there will be a new "Pause for Thought" display in St Peter's. The theme is "Inclusion": exploring the challenges faced today by the Church and the communities it serves to avoid discrimination and to accept and welcome all people. Whether you are a religious or spiritual person, or you have no faith, the concept of inclusion is a difficult one. We live in a world where labels are easily attached to groups of people: migrant, refugee, disabled, gay, mentally ill, elderly, Jewish, traveller, Muslim, mixed race, autistic..... the list is endless. Each label makes it easier for us to judge as it masks the individuals within the group, simplifies the diversity within the group. Please feel free to visit the display and spend some quiet time thinking about the images and readings. St Peter's Church is open every day.

Alison Alder



Halesworth Dementia Support Project

Halesworth Dementia Support Project aims to enhance the quality of life of people living with dementia and 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 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!

Did you know that no other month starts on the same day of the week as June.

June is the month with the most daylight hours in the northern hemisphere and also has the summer solstice



How colourful can you make the zen drawing above?

Using the six digits

1, 1, 2, 2, 3, 3

Can you write them in order so that there is one digit between the ones, two digits between the twos and three digits between the threes?

Repeat for

1, 1, 2, 2, 3, 3, 4, 4

Silly Quiz.

1. What gets wetter as it dries?
2. I built a square house with a window on each wall facing south.
One day a bear walked past, what colour was it?

Wenhaston Warbler Information

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

The editors reserve the right to amend or not to publish articles which are unsuitable for whatever reason.

Advertising: £15 p.m. for 1/4 column (£150 p.a.), small ads £5 p.m. for 4 column lines (£50 p.a.).

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