



WENHASTON WARBLER March 2016



INTERNATIONAL EDITION

WWW = World Wide Warbler

The Warbler has now gone International with its inclusion on the wenhastononesuffolk.net web site. It has been viewed as far away as Cambodia, New Zealand and Sri Lanka and we are trying to make contact with Tim Peake on the International Space Station to further extend our range.

The top picture is the view from Ann Follow's balcony in Cambodia, with the message that "Every morning we are at this table for breakfast, when we read the papers, watch white bellied sea eagles' thermal and catch up on wifi with all that's going on in Wenhaston!

Next is the picture of Wil and Anne from NZ, who tell us they are "Outside Mission Estate, the oldest winery in New Zealand, starting a 500 mile bike ride (with tent) from Hawkes Bay to Christchurch in the South Island."

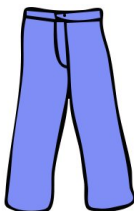
Finally we see Roger and Janice indulging in a bit of flower power in Sri Lanka.

Meanwhile, our Senior Environmental Correspondent, would like to thank the anonymous donor for the pair of inflatable arm bands. He is wearing them whenever he is out on assignment, but is rather inclined to favour the appearance of Popeye!



REFUGEE CRISIS

“REFUGEE SUPPORT in LOWESTOFT and SURROUNDING AREA”



Can you spare any clean blankets, sleeping bags, warm, good condition clothes and shoes for men, women and children?

Please bring them to Wenhaston Village Hall ASAP

**These will be transported to refugee camps in
Calais and Syria.**

Call Christine on 01502 478511 for more information

Wenhaston WEA.

Our Spring course, War Wings 1914-1918 has proved to be a really fascinating one and very well presented by Ian MacLachlan. Some wonderful historical photographs and background material brought even more to life by the new projection equipment at the Village Hall; which does not only show films! Perhaps this course was a bit more to the taste of the men in the village judging by the balance in attendees. However, we hope to redress that in the future. To find out what we hope our courses might be in the future and to show your support for one of the few remaining WEA branches in this area, why not come to our A.G.M. after the final session of the current course". *Tony Gow*



St Peter's Church, Wenhaston

Lilies and Spring flowers at Easter

*Easter Sunday & Monday
27 & 28 March*

Teas in the church 2.30-5 pm

If you would like a lily or Spring flowers to be included in memory of loved ones, please enter details on the list in the Church and give your donation as shown there. (Lilies and bunches of flowers £3 each)

St Peter's Church, Wenhaston

Grand Jumble Sale

Saturday 12th March

Village Hall at 2pm

Cakes Raffle Refreshments

Books Toys Bric-a-brac

Tombola Jumble Good as new

In aid of Church funds

CARE4CALAIS

Earlier this month I spent a week in the Calais Jungle, the largest makeshift refugee camp on the French coast. 5,000 people, mainly young men, live here in the hope of reaching the UK to seek asylum. I went to support the work of Care4Calais, which handles food and clothing distribution in the camp, to stand in solidarity with those living there, and to better understand the realities of the refugee crisis, a mere 26 miles from our shores.

Having existed in various forms since 2002, the camp does have some critical infrastructure in place. However, its existence is marked by deep instability. A third of the camp was cleared by police at the end of January. The day after I returned it was promised a further half would be cleared in the next week. This will lead to the loss of the heart of the camp; 3 churches, a mosque, a library, the women and children's support centre and the legal centre, as well as the shelters of around 1500 people. The existence of these institutions in the first instance demonstrates the incredible semblance of normality and community people are able to build in the scarcest of conditions. They all will be brought to the ground when the bulldozers come in.

The situation is, of course, politically complex, but from a humanitarian perspective, conditions are dire. Since the settlement is not an established refugee camp, the multinational charities you might expect to see, do not work there. For anyone looking to learn more www.care4calais.org has some great resources and signposts ways to help from the UK.

Ele Gower

Thank you.

I would like to thank the ladies and gentlemen who came to my aid when I fell on the 29th January. I did go to the A and E and was patched up nicely, thanking you once again for all kindness

Margaret Corcoran

Wenhaston Village Hall 100 Club - Winners for February 2016

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

1. 1st prize Judy Miller (number 60) £33
2. 2nd prize Diana Shaw-Cotterill (number 4) £20
3. 3rd prize Virginia Hennesy (number 46) £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 £6 (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.*

Wenhaston Gardeners February report.

With all the tips that our speaker, Karen Kenny, gave us, we should have gardens free of; viruses, bacteria, fungi and all sorts of nasties. Prevention is the key. Firstly be sure to buy resistant plants, mulch beds to keep in the goodness in the soil. Place pernicious weeds in water and when they are reduced to sludge (lovely) use the fluid to water other plants, and then use the sludge as mulch. Thus the nutrients in the weeds are returned to the soil. Be sure to carry a container with water and disinfectant in when pruning shrubs with diseased limbs. Why? To place the secateurs in so that they don't spread disease to other healthy plants which you might be pruning. Diluted milk sprayed on phlox helps to eradicate mildew and soapy water deters aphids. Karen was emphatic that costly chemicals are not needed to keep your garden healthy.

The club is visiting Wisley on Wednesday 18th May; why not join us as non-members are very welcome. We leave the village hall at 8.00am in an executive coach (only the best for Wenhaston Gardeners) arriving at Wisley at about 11.40 having enjoyed a comfort stop. The cost is only £22. – - a snitch! Next Month: Ground Cover by Gill Stitt.

Felicity Jeliff

Wenhaston W.I. report for January 2016

Our January meeting didn't get off to a very auspicious start as it was discovered that Walter Stohr, our speaker's, computer equipment was not compatible with that of the Hall. Consequently he had to give us a short outline of his life before answering questions rather than his prepared talk.

Walter came to England from South Africa, where he joined a veterinary practice in Wangford. Here they have extremely up-to-date equipment, including an x-ray machine, scanners and a special microscope for looking at ticks. The team have also won several pet plan awards.

Besides treating sick animals the team are involved in several local charities. Last year was their thirteenth anniversary so they took part in a thirteen mile sponsored walk, for which they raised £600. Walter said that he was not looking forward to their 25th anniversary.

Many interesting questions were put forward which Walter answered with good, helpful advice and guidance.

Next month Mark Reynolds talks to us about his life in Cartoons. Should be fun.

St. Peter's Church Times for March

March 6 9.30 am Family Worship for Mothering Sunday

March 13 No Service 9.30 am Halesworth

March 20 No Service 10.15 Procession and Eucharist at Halesworth

March 27 Easter Day 9.30 am Parish Eucharist

Wenhaston Flower Club

Having enjoyed a good meal at the Blyford Queen in February we start our usual evenings in the Church Room on March 1st at 7.30 pm when we shall welcome our old friend Sue Green who will demonstrate "Spring is in the Air". Hope to see you there, new faces are always welcome. We were pleased to have Jean back with us in February. Please ring her if you have any queries on 01502478317

News From the Church

Delicious pancakes were once again enjoyed in Wenhaston on Shrove Tuesday at our annual Pancake Lunch. We were extremely grateful to Felicity for making and cooking 100 pancakes no mean task.! There were also the usual stalls and a raffle and the event raised £292.00 to be used for the maintenance of the Church Room. Thank you to all those who supported this event and to everybody who helped on the day, not forgetting those who produced soup and alternative desserts. A very happy event, my thanks to Margaret B for the organisation. By the time you read this article we shall have enjoyed two further events, the Coffee Morning and Box Opening for the Children's Society followed later in the month by a lunch in the Church, where we invited those who live alone to join us with the opportunity to meet friends whom they have often not seen for months or even years. We are now organising this venture monthly and it is proving to be very popular and we are enjoying practising our catering skills!

Mothering Sunday is on the 6th. March this year and we shall be celebrating and remembering all "Mums" at a Family Service at 9.30am. in St. Peter's There will be posies of spring flowers for everyone also for our friends who are housebound. This will be a short informal Service and everyone is very welcome.

It is Jumble Sale time again! As always we shall be very grateful for Jumble and any help that you can give on Saturday 12th. March in the Village Hall commencing at 2pm. Should you need Jumble collected please phone Margaret Bloomfield 478502

As Easter is particularly early this year, we are already preparing for our flower displays in the Church which will be of lilies and spring flowers. We should be very pleased if you are able to join us at our Easter Eucharist on Easter Day at 9.30am, and after the Service there will be coffee, shortbread (Delicious!)and biscuits. Teas in the Church will be served on both Easter Sunday and Easter Monday, starting at 2.30pm, and finishing at about 5.pm. WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU! Our Prayers at Easter will be in Thanksgiving for Jesus Resurrection and for all that means for the troubled World of Today. We wish all our readers a joyful and peaceful Easter.

Margaret Goldstone Church warden

Footpath Walking

As usual the morning walk will leave from Wenhaston Village Hall at 10 am on Tuesday March 1st.

On Tuesday March 15th Kate Draycott with her friends Sue Gillingham and Pat Neal will lead a circular walk round Rumburgh. Meet at the Rumburgh Buck at 10 am where we shall return for lunch. For any further information contact Heather Phillips on 478545 *HPP*

Commons Conservation

Tuesday 8th March

Jonathan Alder will lead a work party on Mill Heath. Meet at the entrance off Mill road at 10 am.

Sunday 20th March

Barry Norrington will lead a work party on Blackheath. Meet opposite where the old warehouses were at 10 am. Please note this has been brought forward from the date on the yearly schedule. *HPP.*

www = Wenhaston Warbler Wine

This month I am indebted to neighbours and friends for pointing me towards inexpensive but perfectly enjoyable wines. Firstly, a red – another Syrah from the south of France sold under the name Les Rosbifs. Medium weight with a nice bouquet and a dry finish, it would go well with all the usual suspects; beef, lamb, pizza and hard cheeses. My friend bought it at Sainsbury's for £5-50 a bottle down from its usual £7.

Another great value red wine from Spain – Toro Loco 2014. This is a smooth, juicy Tempranillo to which a tiny amount of Bobol (another Spanish grape) has been added. It's at Aldi at the silly price of £3-49 a bottle.

Finally, a pleasant white; a blend of Chenin Blanc and Chardonnay from South Africa The brand is Namaqua and the name of the wine is Elephant River. The style is citrusy and clean but not lean. Drink with chicken and white fish. I bought it at our village shop – Heathside Stores- for £3-99; well under half the list price. It's also available at local Co-ops but you'll have to pay £6-75 a bottle there. *Bernard Orme*

Wenhaston Mother's Union

Our meeting fell on Ash Wednesday so it was fitting to welcome the Rev. Mary Joel to lead us in a Lenten Meditation. We were delighted to see Mary again, as she used to be a member of our team clergy. Mary used for her theme a poem entitled 'One Solitary Life', which she read to us and then went on to speak about the doubts, hopes, peace and love we feel and find in our lives. It was very helpful and was a good starting point for our Lenten journey.

Mothering Sunday is on March 6th this year, and as usual, MU members will provide the posies to be given to the congregation on the day.

We will be pleased to see two Diocesan Trustees, Sandra Griffiths and Beryl Mee, on March 9th. Sandra is head of Social Concern and Beryl looks after AFIA so they will have lots to tell us. We hope that there will be a good turnout as they will travel from the other side of Ipswich.

Visitors are always welcome.

The Lady Day Service, when the new President and Trustees will be commissioned, takes place at the cathedral on Monday 4th April. A coach will leave Wenhaston/Halesworth at 9am and leave from Bury at 3pm. The fare will be between £8 and £14 depending on how many travel. If anyone would like a day in Bury St Edmunds for shopping or seeing the sights, they are welcome to join us, just let me know.

Margaret Bloomfield

WENHASTON METHODIST CHURCH

Sunday Services at 10.30 am		Tuesday Meetings at 2.30pm	
6 th	Rev'd B. Garwood Mothering	1 st	Lent group
13 th	Rosemary Remy	8 th	Lent group
20 th	St. Mary's Halesworth Palm	15 th	Lent group
27 th	Rev'd Robin Searles S Easter	22 nd	Bible study
		29 th	Healing meeting
25 th 9.30 am Good Friday Meditation Rev'd Ian Gardner			
Saturday 5 th 9.30 - 11.00 am Pray Awhile" on a come & go basis for prayer & meditation			

Southwold Railway Trust Report, February 2016

On the Trust land at Blyford Lane, our neighbour has completed the drainage work planned for this winter. The low-lying pastures along the Blyth have a well-designed drainage system in place, but this has not really been maintained for several decades. Naturally, the work has been extensive, and the area is not a pretty sight just now – but the banks of the newly-cleared channels will soon grass over, and will provide not only a much better-drained pasturage, but also clearer water flow. As soon as the land dries enough from the new drainage to make it possible, the fencing contractor will be onsite to provide the new stock-proof boundaries to the five acres of Trust land. Trust volunteers will also be using the locally-sourced stone (you will have seen the piles by our entrance) to improve the shared new rights-of-way and access, in compliance with the land sale agreement. They will also be working to complete the restoration of the railway fencing along our southern boundary. The independent Inspector's visit, in connection with the charity's appeal took place on Tuesday February 9th: a decision is hoped for by Easter. There has been some comment locally about access to the land. The situation now is that the Trust cannot take the responsibility for unauthorised access by non-members, as the Public Liability Insurance would not cover this. Trustees have an unlimited legal personal liability in this matter. However, the Trust is very anxious to extend access to as many local people as possible. Access is guaranteed, at any and all times, to members – after all, the Trust, as a democratic organisation, holds the land on behalf of its members. It is also very much in the interest of Wenhamston and Mells residents to join the many existing local members, and become part of this charity. They can then have influence on the Trust's decision-making, which is done on a one-member-one-vote basis. For less than 29p per week (adult membership is only £15 per year, and junior half that), Wenhamston residents can help to decide Trust policy, help us in stewardship of the land and access Trust land freely at any time. Join on the Trust website www.southwoldrailway.co.uk, or in our shop in Southwold, or by post, or just ring 01502 725422 and leave a message.

James Hewett, Chairman

Pause for Thought: St Peter's Church Wenhaston 10 Feb - 26 March

Six weeks of ideas for taking 'time out', turning towards what matters most to us in our lives. In the lead up to Easter, LENT can be used for giving things up: alcohol, sweets, social media! On their own these deprivations don't get to the heart of what Lent is about.

This extract from a poem by Jean M Watt expresses how the 'stripping bare' (the things we may give up), leaves a 'most precious space' which lets us see 'the stars'.

....Unlike Christmas which decrees
The setting-up, the dressing-up of trees,
Lent is a taking down, a stripping bare,
A starkness after all has been withdrawn
Of surplus and superfluous,
Leaving no hiding place, only an emptiness
Between black branches, a most precious space....

Pop into St Peter's each week and see what's there to 'play with',
contemplate, take home for deepening reflection.

Hope you find some precious spaces! *Alison Alder and Ruth McCabe*

Just for fun!

By Carrie

E	K	A	C	L	E	N	M	I	S	<i>It's Easter Sunday on 27 March this year, start looking out for the Easter Bunny soon! Can you find the words relating to Easter in the grid below? Hot cross, Bunny, Eggs, Springtime, Easter, Simnel Cake</i>
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Why did the Easter
Egg hide?

Because it was a little
chicken!

Don't forget to set your clock!

Daylight savings time begins on the last Sunday in
March. This means the clocks go forward 1 hour
at 1am on the last Sunday in March, so we can
enjoy more daylight in the evenings and less in the
mornings

A Taste of Village Life

Community awareness and social cohesion are vital ingredients of village life and where better to find this than at Wenhaston Village Hall where numerous changes and new enterprises have been introduced to give wider appeal. The Café is now a popular venue on Wednesday and Saturday mornings for an array of beverages and delicious cakes. It is manned by volunteers serving sweet and savoury treats and on the first Wednesday in the month a full English is served at the 'Men's Shed' event from 8.30am until 10am. All profits from The Cafe go the village hall which is a registered charity.

Film nights occur twice a month. On the first Saturday popular films are screened and on the third Thursday selections are made from world cinema. Once again all profits are in aid of the village hall. A welcome refurbishment was the recently-installed LED lighting, with useful dimmer facility and the Village Hall Management Committee is justly proud of the hall's green credentials, boasting a large roof array of photo-voltaic panels and a wood chip boiler.

The 100 Club recently purchased two Kurling sets and once a month eight teams of four meet to fight it out in what is a great fun evening. Private bookings range from parties and wedding receptions to joint council meetings and book launches. Hire of the hall includes the use of good kitchen facilities and disabled access. Other village hall users include the Wine Club, Art and Craft, Youth Club, WI, Parish Council, Wenhaston Commons Group, Exercise Group, Gardeners' Club, WEA, Bingo and the Drop-In Club. Regular calendar favourites include jumble sales, church lunches, Christmas bazaar, table-top sales, village show and art events.

Well-stocked book shelves enable anyone to borrow books and magazines on a read and return basis and donate items if appropriate.

A defibrillator for emergency use in case of a cardiac arrest has been installed outside the village hall, following an initiative by the East of England Co-op. Community First Responder Co-ordinator Gus Jones gave practical demonstrations on its use.

The Post Office, another vital village service, is open Monday to Friday from 9am to 1pm and run by Jane Peters. A doctor's surgery, operated by the Reydon practice, takes place on Thursday afternoons. Regular blood donor sessions are also held at the village hall and a bottle bank facility is available in the car park. All these activities provide an invigorating mix with which to celebrate village life in Wenhaston. A warm welcome awaits visitors to the village hall. For more information and booking forms go to the village website, wenhaston.onesuffolk.net.

Ann Jones

**WENHASTON COMMONS GROUP
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2016
THURSDAY MARCH 10TH begins 7pm
Wenhaston Village Hall**

Please come and find out what we're doing and get involved!

The meeting will begin with a brief business Agenda
including new updates and news from the Commons.

Then we have an illustrated talk –

WINGS OVER MALTA,

the hazardous journey for birds migrating across the Mediterranean.

Hear from our Committee member Genevieve Bridgeman about
work being done in Malta to protect migrating birds.

***The café will open at 6.30 for light refreshments
and drinks will be available in the break.***

EVERYONE IS WELCOME!

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

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
	From Jan 22nd		

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 Jumble Sale	Saturday 12 th March		Village Hall

CHECK VILLAGE HALL NOTICE BOARD FOR TERM DATES, AMENDMENTS ETC

Wenhaston Warbler Information

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