



May 2016

WENHASTON WARBLER



Slightly Off The Wall.

Our Senior Wall Correspondent has been on location with the film crew this month and found some interesting architectural features around the village.



A Rare Wenhaston Thatch.



Absolutely Potty



Richard the Lion Hat



Diagonal Chimneys



Railings from Yarmouth

CALL YOUR BLUFF

After last month's debacle when only one third of you could even guess the correct answer, let's try an even easier word!

Which of the following three definitions best describes this word?

EMIRP

- a) A second ranking Afghan official
- b) A number with special properties
- c) A type of computer memory.



The Village Show

This year's Village Show on Sunday July 17th will be the 21st and we are hoping to attract more entries from the village than we have had in recent years. Last year we had a popular 'scarecrow' competition open to individuals and groups and this year it is a 'flowerpot sculpture' challenge. Woottens have offered to provide flowerpots to those

who don't have a pile behind the shed, so why not give it a try and bring the result along on the day and set it up on the verge by the village hall car park?

You can pick up a schedule from the Gardeners' Club noticeboard at the village hall or from Tony Gow (478977/tony.gow@googlemail.com). From the tallest sunflower in a pot (seeds attached to the schedule) via a Lego model to the 'Best Tasting Potato' there is something to interest everyone and it's not all about runner beans. Join in!

Theft in Wenhaston.

At about 8.15a.m. on Monday 11th April, a deep freeze in an outbuilding was ransacked. As far as can be told the miscreant escaped with 3 or so packs of sausages from Clarke's, several packets of smoked salmon, some home-made fishcakes and quite a large amount of smoked bacon, both back and streaky. Readers should be aware that there is a starving, but non-cooking, thief around. This occurred on the edge of Blackheath.

**WENHASTON VILLAGE HALL AGM
WEDNESDAY MAY 25th 2016**

7.00 p.m. BAR OPENS (in aid of Hall funds)

7.30 p.m. MEETING STARTS

Bar and more nibbles afterwards

Meet the Management Committee and hear about the past twelve months' achievements and plans for this year.

ALL WELCOME

Wenhaston Village Hall 100 Club - Winners for April 2016

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

1. 1st prize Heather Phillips (number 78) £33
2. 2nd prize Tony and Sue Gow (number 22) £20
3. 3rd prize Maureen Wollin (number 110) £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 for anyone wishing to join now, the fee is £4 (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.

The Cafe

The Cafe is coming up to its first birthday, and on Saturday May 7th, to celebrate a very successful year, there will be an appropriately special cake.....For those who haven't experienced Wenhaston's cafe society yet, it's open 10am - 1pm each Wednesday and Saturday - best value real coffee and home-made cakes in the area!! *Wil Harvey*

Playground and Sports Equipment Update

Plans for the upgrade to the play and sports equipment at the playing field are in and at an advanced stage and it is now only a matter of finalising the finances until work can begin.

This is a three phase project and Phase 1 is to provide modern and safe children's equipment on the site of the existing playground. To date funds have been secured for a total of about £20000 with a target of £25000 – £30000. Generous donors have included Suffolk County Councillor Mike Gower £2500, Pepyn and Lessey £2500, Youth Club £300 and Section 106 money of almost £9000. The P.C. and Community team are seeking other sources of grants to top up these amounts.

Phase 2 of the Project is an outdoor gym and climbing wall suitable for all age groups and Phase 3 is an adventure playground, possibly including a zip wire and we are looking to complete the whole project within two years.

This is a whole community project and decisions will have to be made about some of the existing equipment which is reaching the end of its safe working life.

Denise Corbett

Music at St Peter's.

There was a real treat for the packed audience at the music night at St Peters Church on April 16th. 'The Young Ones, a predominantly local line up, performed a range of folk songs from traditional to modern with audience participation for the chorus'. Andy Norris played his own composition entitled 'Black Deek' and throughout accompaniment was played on guitar, mandolin, banjo, bodhran, harmonica and whistle.

Just after the break, Peter 'B.B.' Lewis accompanied by his son in law on guitar, performed 'Dreaming Wenhaston Blues' a bitter-sweet blues number, beautifully and at times hilariously summing up the joys and travails of village life. The evening concluded with rousing versions of 'Show Me The Way' and 'You are My Sunshine.

Well done to all for organising the event, hopefully to be repeated at some point in the future.

Thank You.

Thank you to everyone for the cards, prayers and kind messages on the loss of my husband Peter. It has meant so much to me.

Daphne Francis.

Thank You

I would like to say "thank you" to everyone who sent all the lovely flowers and cards wishing me good luck in my new home. Evie (the cat) and I have settled in very nicely.

Sandra C.

Thank You

We would like to say a big thank you to all of our friends who have helped and supported us during Cindy's illness and also at her funeral. We are very grateful to you all, but must make a special mention of Lynne, David and Lizzie for looking after Rebekah at this sad time. Thank you all.

Sue Thurston

Wenhaston Warbler Wine

I have written in the past about the Syrah (or Shiraz) grape and how it is used to make different styles of red wine in different parts of the world. Another hot-climate red grape, Grenache (or Garnacha) also provides a range of excellent value red and rose wines. Grenache, in contrast to Syrah, is a pale-skinned grape with less tannins. The resulting wines are lighter in colour and sweetly fruity. Don't think that because they're pale they are low in alcohol; they are not! In the Southern Rhone valley Grenache is mainly used for blending with other varieties. Further south some single variety Grenache is made in Languedoc and Provence. One example is Paul Mas Vinus Grenache Noir from Morrisons. Rather darker in colour than one would expect it is smooth and fruity. Drink with grilled chicken and barbequed meats. £8-00 per bottle.

An upmarket, more elegant Grenache can be found at the Co-op in Halesworth. This is from Australia Yalumba Old Bush Vine Grenache. It tastes like a blend of Beaujolais and Pinot Noir and costs £11-99 at the last time of looking. Finally, a terrific value wine from Tesco, Finest Cotes Catalanes Grenache, ripe red-berried juice with a hint of dried herbs. £6-00 a bottle.

Bernard Orme

Report from Wenhaston Commons Group's Annual General Meeting



On the 10th March 35 mainly residents and WCG members attended an informative Annual General Meeting which gave the opportunity to hear about work on the commons and other areas where the Group is active. Volunteers spent over 400 hours on a range of commons projects, over half of the time on Blackheath where the

re-establishment of heather is a priority. Sharing work here with the Suffolk Wildlife Trust and working to a management plan in its fifth year, the heather is being nurtured with the particular aim of enhancing habitat for our signature species, the Silver Studded Blue butterfly.

Members heard that this project has been given a new emphasis by the establishment of funding given jointly to the Commons Group and the Trust by Bernard Tickner, a long-time supporter of both organisations, in memory of his wife Bess. This wonderful gift has ensured the long term management of parts of the Heath specifically for the establishment of a stronghold for this rare species of butterfly. It will also enable similar management on our other commons in the long term.

The meeting was informed about work on the other commons, Vicarage Grove and Merton Wood and Linda Hammond reported on the butterfly counts on Black Heath and reflected on the wild flower project in St Peter's Churchyard, completed last summer after ten years of management.

After refreshments, Genevieve Bridgeman, one of our committee members with a special interest and expertise in birds, gave a talk on the issue of illegal bird hunting in Malta. Genevieve has been to the island and worked with bird protection organisations in order to expose and disrupt illegal hunting. Her talk explained the reasons why millions of migrating birds are shot from the sky and the difficulty of policing and exposing illegal shooting. A referendum in Malta last year narrowly voted for continuation of the spring shooting season but there is a growing number of residents opposed to this exception to EU law. Many members felt that MEPs should be lobbied to raise the profile of this issue.

Thanks were given to all work party members and those who have supported our work, also to those who helped and contributed to the success of the meeting.

Barry Norrington, Wenhaston Commons Group

Wenhaston WI

Mike Powell Evans began his talk on wildlife gardening with an illustrated overview of birds we might attract to our gardens. Increased monoculture and loss of hedgerows caused house sparrows numbers to decline by 90% in East Anglia, while pigeon numbers increased with larger fields making food easily available. He explained that increased provision of bird feeders has led to goldfinches becoming year round residents but some birds such as greenfinches can get diseases from feeders if they are not cleaned correctly. Placing food at different levels attracts a greater variety of birds and increasing insect numbers provides a constant food supply. This can be achieved by having log piles and insect houses and planting honeysuckle, whose flowers stay open at night, and long flowering plants such as wallflowers to feed moths. Bird boxes provide safety and amazingly one tit box was found to be housing 63 wrens'.

Wenhaston Snappers.

April saw the first meeting of the Wenhaston Snappers, a new informal, relaxed weekly photography group in the village for absolute beginners to experienced photographers alike. The first meeting was an introductory session where the plan for the club was laid out. In the future look out for club members' pictures in the Warbler and the Wenhaston web page. Club members will be covering village events this summer too. Anyone wanting to join this eclectic mix of people can come to the next meeting on the 26th April and then 3rd and 10th May. Or ring Jason on 478025. Subs are £5 a week. *Jason Gairn*

Village Hall Films

Pics-in-the-Sticks had a record turnout last month for 'The Lady in the Van' - great to see a packed Hall! Our next Saturday film is on May 7th, and is a recent highly-popular romantic drama (as always, details at the Village Hall).

The next 'World Cinema' showing is a French classic on Thursday May 19th. Hope to see you there. An extra word of thanks to Roger Claxton, who has done a wonderful job of streamlining the projection electronics to make it (almost) idiot-proof for the projectionists!

Footpath walking

A morning walk will leave from Wenhaston Village Hall at 10am on Tuesday 3 May. On Tuesday 17 May meet at Snape Maltings for a 10am start on a Snape circular walk led by Joan and Peter Waters. Lunch at The Plough & Sail, Snape.
For further information, please contact Heather Phillips 01502 478545.

Commons conservation

On Tuesday 10 May Jonathan Alder will lead a work party clearing paths on Blackheath, subject to a prior survey of nesting birds. Meet at 10am by the pond seat. – H.P.P.

Wenhaston Flower Club

The next meeting of the Club will be on Tuesday 3 May at 7.30pm in the Church Room. Jane will be with us for a workshop on corsages and buttonholes. All you need to bring is a bunch of small roses or freesias; Jane will supply everything else. Do come and bring friends.
Ring Jean with any queries on 01502 478317.

NEWS FROM THE CHURCH

Although Easter already seems weeks ago I would like to write a few comments about Easter at St. Peter's. The Church was once again beautifully decorated with lilies and spring flowers and I would like to thank all those who worked so hard especially as there are so few able to do the arrangements. We had a lovely Easter Eucharist and it was especially good to have five small children with us.

We served teas in the Church on both Easter Sunday and Monday and it was good to welcome visitors from around the area. The teas raised £192.74. Thank you to all those who supported us and of course everyone who baked, what would we do without the cooks!

We are now looking forward to the Folk Concert on April 16th. When we are being entertained by the Young Ones. I am sure that this will be a very entertaining evening.

Finally, several of our Church Family are unwell at the present time and our love and prayers are with them. More news in May!

Margaret G. Churchwarden

Soap Box Grand Prix

This year's soap box racing will take place on Sunday May 15th. This is a fun and exciting event and all are invited to either take part or come and watch. Last year's races attracted 56 competitors, taking their lives in their own hands, so that is a target to beat. *A.M. and D.C.*

The Queen's 90th Birthday Celebration

There will be an event to mark the Queen's 90th birthday at the playing field on Sunday June 12th. All local organisations are invited to run a stall, game or activity and please contact either Arthur Musk or David Cox for more details. *A.M. and D.C.*

Room 101

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

PREGNANT PAUSES.

And the winner is: (You can go and put the kettle on and make a cup of tea while the camera pans several times across the worried faces of the contestants) 'Pregnant Pauses', what are they for? Anyone who thinks they add to the dramatic tension is off their rocker. All they do is make the programme ten minutes longer and really cheese the viewer off.

Qi Gong at the Village Hall

Steve Garlick is offering a free taster session of Qi Gong with the aim of setting up a regular class in Wenhaston.

Qi Gong is an ancient Chinese system of slowly repeated movements and postures that gently strengthen and stretch the body similar to, but less demanding than yoga.

Regular Qi Gong practice can reduce stress, improve balance and stamina, enhance the immune system and can be done by anyone regardless of age or physical ability. The introductory session will be held at the village hall on Thursday 26th May at 7pm. Contact Steve on 01502 478120 or email QiGong_Wenhaston@outlook.com

Christian Aid Week 15th – 21st May 2016.

Thanks to the co-operation of local residents, we had another successful Christian Aid Week in 2015 raising a total of well over £400. The same system of drop off points will be in operation for 2016 and we will ask residents if you would kindly help us by leaving the envelopes at one of the agreed places. These are...

The Post Office	Windrush, St. Michael's Way
St. Peter's Church	Spindleberry, Narrow Way
Wenhaston Methodist Church	Belmoor, Blackheath Road

Should you wish to contribute and need your envelope to be collected please contact Bob and Moira on 01502 478503.

Among its current projects Christian Aid is very much involved in helping to relieve the suffering of refugees in many places including the Middle East, Europe and South Sudan, in the fight against malaria and in bringing help to the victims of floods in Asia.

Your help and support will be much appreciated at this time of worldwide crisis.

Bob and Moira Cooke

Youth Club News

On 18th March 16 youngsters did one hour of continuous sport to raise money for Sports Relief. They were all active for an hour with a drinks break half way through. A total of £55.50 was raised and special mention should go to Barney Lewis and Sam Burrows for their commitment in running around the hall continuously!

Youth Club continues to take place roughly every fortnight on a Friday evening. During the summer term we will be at the playing field with upcoming dates being 6th May and 20th May. For these outdoor sessions there will be the opportunity of playing tennis, football, cricket and other summer sports using the field and the courts area.

Richard Wakelin

Wenhaston Mother's Union

The Lady Day Service at the Cathedral was very well attended with a large array of banners being processed, and rousing hymns. The new Bishop of Dunwich gave the address and commissioned the new President, Christine Ward, and the Trustees and Chaplain. It was a privilege to be there.

At our April meeting, John Fairbrother came to tell us about the work of Mission Aviation Fellowship. This organisation, which was formed in 1945, now has 130 light planes and flies in over 30 countries. At the start, the planes were wooden and very fragile but, of course, now they are much more modern. John showed us a film depicting the work of the charity, told us a short history and encouraged us to support this worthwhile cause. The MU gave a donation towards their work.

On May 11th we will be pleased to have Rev. Bill Mahood to tell us about the history of Walpole Old Chapel at 2.30pm in the Church Room. We wish our leader, Margaret Goldstone, well after her spell in hospital, and also June Lewis who is in hospital at the time of writing.

Margaret Bloomfield

Wenhaston Gardeners April Report 2016.

Monty Don gardens with his friend Nigel so Roger Harvey, our speaker, does with his chocolate Labrador Dora, after which one of Roger's snowdrops is named, snowdrops being one of his specialities. We were shown some stunning slides of many different and unusual plants that Roger's nursery supplies. During his talk Roger gave us several tips on garden design, something else about which he is an expert. It was interesting to learn that the Romans ground-up hellebores and used the mixture to poison vermin and possibly tiresome politicians. Rabbits avoid hellebores because of this, a pity slugs don't also succumb. There are a few seats left for our trip to Wisley on May 18th, a snip at £22 a ticket. Our garden party at Nowhere House is on August 10th, looking forward to seeing members there, names on the list on our board in the village hall please. It is our AGM in September and we are in dire need of new committee members so much so that if no one comes forward we will have to seriously have to consider winding down the club, which would be a great shame.

Felicity Jeliff

<u>Wenhaston Methodist Church</u>			
Sunday Services at 10.30am		Tuesday Meetings at 2.30pm	
1st	Iris Baker	3rd	Women's Fellowship Rally Rev'd Heather Sorrell
8th	Thelma Waller		
15th	Pentecost at Holton Meadow	10th	Bible Study
22nd	Rosemary Remy	17th	Women's Fellowship
22nd	4.00pm Leiston Rev'd Gardner	24th	Bible Study
29th	Rev'd Ian Gardner	31st	Healing Meeting
Saturday 7th 9.30 - 11.00 am "Pray Awhile" on a come & go basis for prayer & meditation. ALL WELCOME AT ANY EVENT			

St Peter's Church Times for May

- 3 No service (9.30am at St Mary's) Halesworth
 8 6.30pm Team Evensong
 15 Pentecost. (10.30am Ecumenical service at Holton Paddock)
 22 11.15am Informal service, followed by coffee
 29 10.30am Team Eucharist

Southwold Railway Trust Report

There has been a great deal of activity at Blyford Lane over the last few weeks. Trust volunteers have been helping to clear up the detritus from our neighbour farmer's drainage improvement. Extensive work is also in progress to provide the rights-of-way and access roadways which were legally agreed as part of the sale of the Blyth meadows. The Trust has retained only that land which it needs – this will be fenced off by a local stock-fencing firm in early May, weather permitting – and will separate Trust members from the cattle destined to use the pastures.

In early April, the Trust held its first Pop-Up shop in Halesworth, hosting many of the local community and heritage groups who support our aims.

James Hewett

EU Referendum Debate

Planned for Village Hall Thurs May 12th, 7.30pm. See Village Hall for news.

Wil Harvey

Just for fun! By Carrie

Did you know that May 1st is celebrated as May Day?
May welcomes warmer weather, flowering plants and trees as well as
being known as the month of love and romance.

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How many words and phrases
relating to May day can you find?

Maypole

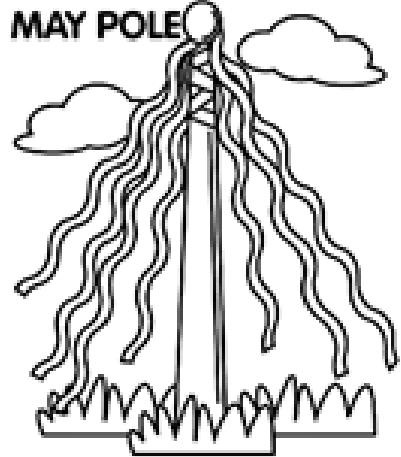
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Holiday

Joy

Festival

Blossom



*Colour me in. Will you be dancing
around a Maypole this year?*

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

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