



November 2016

# WENHASTON WARBLER



## Wenhaston Primary Staff and Pupils Celebrate a Good Ofsted



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## Neighbourhood Plan Pre-Submission Consultation. See page

This consultation comes to an end on November 12<sup>th</sup>. Displays are in the village hall or full details can be found on the Wenhaston website [wenhaston.onesuffolk.net](http://wenhaston.onesuffolk.net) and following the Neighbourhood Plan links.

## Planning Refusal

The planning application for ten dwellings on land west of Blyford Lane has been refused.



Roland Rat has gone roving in this month's Warbler. Can you find him? If you have a pet who would like to get lost in the Warbler, send in a picture along with your pet's name to [wenhastonwarbler@gmail.com](mailto:wenhastonwarbler@gmail.com)

**BREAKING  
NEWS**

## DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME

It does not work says  
Wenhaston resident  
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LOTTERY FUNDED

## Wenhaston Childrens' Play Area.

The Parish Council are delighted to announce the commencement of work to install a brand new children's play facility at the Playing Field. We were lucky to have an extremely determined and focussed team of fund raisers who searched out funding opportunities and made applications for grants. Without their support this project would not have been possible.

The funding for the supply and installation of the Wobble Bridge, Donkey Springer, Nest Swing and six-sided climbing structure was from the Big Lottery Fund, and the Bernard Matthews Fund provided the finance for the Elephant Springer. Other generous donations were made by Wenhaston Youth Club, The Adnams Charity, Pepyn and Lessey Trust, Wenhaston Charities, Suffolk County Council, Suffolk Coastal District Council. Wenhaston Parish Council will cover the costs of preparing the site, removal of the existing equipment and renewing the surfacing. The existing Playdale activity unit will be retained along with the swing as these remain in good condition and are popular.

The new equipment will be designed and supplied by Kompan Ltd after a careful vetting and selection process. Work will commence early November and last approximately four weeks. The total cost of the project exceeds £35,000.

<u>Wenhaston Methodist Church</u>			
Sunday Services at 10.30am		Tuesday Meetings at 2.30pm	
6 <sup>th</sup>	Rosemary Remy	1 <sup>st</sup>	Women's Fellowship
13 <sup>th</sup>	Remembrance at St Peter's	8 <sup>th</sup>	Bible study
20 <sup>th</sup>	Rev'd John Sigsworth	15 <sup>th</sup>	Women's Fellowship
23 <sup>rd</sup>	10.30am Iris Baker.	22 <sup>nd</sup>	Bible Study
	3.00pm at St Edmunds	29 <sup>th</sup>	Healing Meeting
Saturday 3 <sup>rd</sup> 9.30 – 11.00 am "Pray Awhile" on a come & go basis for prayer & meditation. ALL WELCOME AT ANY EVENT			

### **Daylight Saving Time. It Does Not Work**

As part of Daylight Saving Time the clocks went back on October 30<sup>th</sup>, but at least one person thinks it's a waste of time. In an astonishing news story, local resident Violet Raes sent in this stunning revelation. I was sitting in my potting shed contemplating the lack of sunshine as you do, when it occurred to me that maybe the bad weather was because of the clocks going back. Well I checked my solar panel output for the three weeks before and after changing the clocks last October and was startled to find that rather than saving daylight, the output went down. What's more, if you look at a map of the world you will find that there are parts of France which are further north, south, east and west of parts of England and yet their clocks are an hour ahead of ours. We can't both be saving daylight.

I propose the following: We change our clocks to French time and thereby gain more daylight. Also we should ditch Brexit because not enough light is being shed on the negotiations. The other thing to ditch is Scotland. They keep bashing on about their oil reserves, but they have a lot less daylight, probably because the mountains get in the way of the sun. I reckon our solar energy will last at least twice as long as their oil and longer still if we stop messing with the clocks.



### **Light and Life**

**An Invitation to St Peter's Church on All Souls' Day  
Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> November 10am – 4pm**

It has now become a tradition to invite villagers into church on All Souls' Day to light a candle and spend some time thinking about a loved one who has died and whom they continue to mourn. Everyone is welcome to pause and remember someone special to them: someone who has died recently, or someone whose death was some time ago. Whilst we feel the loss of friends, partners and family members in our day to day lives, it often gives people comfort to use the calm and peace of the church to commemorate these loved ones. Some villagers record their memories, some add a personal prayer to the prayer tree, some just come and sit quietly.

**Alison Alder on behalf of Wenhaston PCC**

# Wenhaston Village Hall

# Christmas Bazaar

Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2016 at 2pm

To book your table please pickup your application form from the Village Post Office or contact

Robin Dillaway,

tel 01502 478966

email [robin.dillaway@btinternet.com](mailto:robin.dillaway@btinternet.com)

or write via the Village Hall

## WENHASTON VILLAGE HALL

## CRAFT AND PRODUCE

## TABLE TOP SALE

### CHRISTMAS GIFTS

**No need to book - just come to the Hall at 9.30am to set out your stall! £5 per table (provided)**

In aid of the Village Hall

## **Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> November**

**10am-12noon**

**Produce, Cakes, Plants, Crafts, Jewellery,  
Toys, Books, Clothes. *The Café will be open.*  
COME ALONG AND PICK UP SOME BARGAINS!**

*Want to know more?*

*Phone... **Ann: 478085 or Christine: 478511***

### **Blyth Woods Community Woodland**

We have some very good news ! As many will know, we've operated for a good four years – growing, planting and maintaining trees with schoolchildren and villagers generally, informing, entertaining, networking, and always keeping up our search for land on which to plant a wood. Now, at last and thankfully, we have been offered 2.28 acres of land adjacent to Vicarage Grove – by the Town Estate Church Charity. The farmer, Mr Desborough, who was cultivating this small parcel, has relinquished his lease, and the Trust generously took the decision to sell to Blyth Woods. We are now in process of raising the purchase price from various grant-giving bodies. Already we have a firm offer from Essex & Suffolk Water of £7,500 if we can match fund. So we're inviting Friends of Blyth Woods as well as all individuals and groups to contribute to this fund. The land will be available to us from 11<sup>th</sup> October 2016 (Suffolk Michaelmas) and, until we can buy, the Trust has given us a renewable year's Licence to Occupy, so we can immediately start on the first year of our Management Plan. We will be recording hedgerows, flora and fauna, mapping out areas – some for planting and some natural regeneration, some open areas for activities and meadow land.

Our AGM is on Thursday November 3<sup>rd</sup> at 7 for 7.30pm start at the Church Room with drinks and snacks. All welcome. Please do come and hear more and share your thoughts on how to take forward this exciting new community venture. All ideas welcome. *Serena Inskip*

### **Artist of the Month**

The Village Hall is going to have an 'Artist of the Month' show in the art space. This will allow approximately half a dozen works to be displayed, and will be kicking off with Thomas and Sandy Horsley in December. If you would like to display your work, please contact Wil Harvey (478 606) or Andy Norris (478 634).

### **Thank You**

I would like to thank everyone for their kind messages and cards during my present illness, it is a comfort to know so many people are thinking of me.

*Mary Stammers*

### Wenhaston Warbler Wine

With the arrival of autumn days (and nights) it seems a good time to consider buying hearty, juicy reds to go with bangers and mash, cottage pies and warming casseroles. At the same time, it would make sense to look for value for money before the purse-strings are relaxed for the Christmas period. A juicy, plummy red from Morrisons Supermarket – Morrisons' Signature Nero D'Avola 2014 from Sicily – would hit the spot. At £6-00, sometimes it's even cheaper, it's a real bargain. If you're in Asda, see if they have La Moneda Reserva Malbec 2015 from Chile. This is fruity but fresh at a great price of £5-75. While you're there try a red from their Atlas Range – their Saint Chinian 2013 from Southern France is big and bold with ripe blackberry flavours. It's just the job for autumn. Price is £5-97 at the time of writing. If you're a Co-op fan their Chilean Bio Bio Malbec from their Truly Irresistable Range goes well with roasts and steaks. I've forgotten the price – I think it's about £7-00. Finally, if you've popped into our Village Shop at Heathside Lodges see if they've got any Trivento Malbec from Argentina. Sometimes they have, sometimes they haven't – it's worth asking. It's an authentic juicy Malbec and often on offer.

*Cheers, Bernard Orme*

### Room 101

Donald Trump still seems a popular choice, but this month's item to be consigned to Room 101, never to be heard of again

#### **SO CALLED**

What does it even mean after five years of use and when almost everything is not as it seems. Do we live in the So-Called United Kingdom when recent referenda indicate that we are not united and we are clearly not a Kingdom?

Furthermore, the Warbler doesn't warble and my cup of tea is in a mug  
If so called is used daily, then it would be legitimate to change it to 'Is called'.

### Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal

Please note that there will be no house to house collection in Wenhaston this year. However, poppies and collection boxes will be available at the following: The Post office, Heathside Stores, The Star inn, PJN Motors and the Primary School. Your generous support will be greatly appreciated.

*John Levy*

### **Wenhaston Mothers' Union**

As our speaker and MU Member, Beverley, was suffering from a nasty cold, we took part in a Beetle Drive instead! Much hilarity followed with Daphne Francis winning. Members brought along articles for the shoe boxes which will be filled on Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> October in the Church Room at 2.30pm. If anyone has any small articles suitable for these, we should be pleased to receive them.

We look forward to our November meeting on the 9<sup>th</sup> in the Church Room when David Priest will tell us about some of the exotic places he has visited, and I believe he will bring some slides to illustrate his talk. Daphne Francis and I went with 27 members from the Diocese to Bournemouth in September for the MU Annual Service and General Meeting. We were able to visit Winchester Cathedral, where Mary Sumner's husband was Bishop, and visited her grave. We also saw the church at Old Arlesford where Mary started MU, and called in at the Jane Austin Centre. The service was over-subscribed so there were two, one in the morning and the other in the afternoon. We attended the morning service when Rt Rev Nigel Stock was preacher, and the Zambian choir sang with gusto. The General meeting was held at Basingstoke, where Saltmine, a Christian Acting Group, enacted the life of Mary Sumner. The choir sang again and the Worldwide President, Lynne Tembey, gave her address, telling us of her travels and her dreams for the future. As there were approx. 2000 people there, it was quite something and we all came away inspired.

*Margaret Bloomfield*

### **Pause for Thought in November**

To coincide with a world campaign against gender violence, our Pause for Thought display in November will focus on the issue of domestic violence, both here and abroad. From 25<sup>th</sup> November to 10<sup>th</sup> December (Human Rights Day), the Mothers' Union joins other organisations, including UN Women, to start "16 Days of Action Against Gender-Based Violence" to send out a message that gender violence should not be tolerated or condoned for any reason.

Please call into St Peter's Church during daylight hours to find out more about the campaign and how you can support it.

*Alison Alder, Margaret Bloomfield and Ruth McCabe*

## NEWS FROM THE CHURCH

An amazing amount of Jumble, lots of Customers, many willing helpers and a very good financial result! As always we are very grateful to everyone who was involved with our jumble sale helping us to raise £570.00 for church funds.

On Saturday November 5<sup>th</sup>. We shall be holding our annual Autumn Fair in the Village Hall commencing at 11 am. As always there will be hot lunches with choices and of course some delicious puddings! The usual stalls will be there together with a raffle so do come and join us and meet your friends for lunch.

Sunday 13<sup>th</sup>. November will be Remembrance Sunday and our service will be at 11 am preceded by a short Act of Remembrance at the war memorial at 10.50am. On All Souls Day the Church will be open as usual and we invite everyone to go in and light a candle in memory of a loved relative or friend and to appreciate the peace which can be found in the Church.

We are very sorry to hear that both Edward and Bill are unwell at the moment. We send our good wishes and prayers to them hoping that they will quickly make a full recovery. *Margaret G. Church Warden*

## Wenhaston Flower Club

First a very big thank you to everyone who helped to make our Cancer Research evening such a great success. So much time was given by all those who helped, by those who gave donations and by all those who came on the evening, old and new friends, that made a very happy evening, and produced a grand total of £497 for Cancer Research. Our next meeting is on Tuesday November 1<sup>st</sup>, 7.30 pm in the Church Room when Sue Green will give a Christmas demonstration on: baskets for home, Church or gifts. Everyone very welcome. For further information, ring 478317. *Jean Spindler*

## Suffolk Historic Churches Trust Ride and Stride, September 10<sup>th</sup>

Our cyclists managed to raise £451.60 which will be divided equally between the Trust and St Peter's Church, Wenhaston. Well done to Joe, Lindsey and Frances, and many thanks to the generous sponsors and to those who were stewards in Church. A splendid result! Thank you. *Margaret Bloomfield*



### Wenhaston Gardeners October report.

It would appear that there is no rest for us gardeners. Our speaker, Barry Gayton, told us that we should be sowing seeds now if we want strong healthy plants to grow in our gardens next year.

Barry has been growing seeds since he was a child, when he didn't recognise a plant he would grow it so that he could learn all about it. This he encouraged us to do, we should learn about unusual plants, not to get stuck in a rut. He also recommended growing plants in containers so that they could be moved around the flower beds to give colour during a flat period.

Barry had been a head gardener for 37 years before moving on. He now owns 50,000 succulents all of which he grew from seed. He advised us to grow plants from seed as this avoids club-root and other diseases, not to mention it saves money.

He showed us some lovely slides of plants he had grown; these will have whetted our appetite to grow our own.

Next month: Neill Ludman talks about, wall shrubs and climbers, and then in December it is our Christmas party. Tickets for this are on sale at the P.O. Supper, wine and entertainment all for £10, it's a snip.

Alan Grey from East Ruston Vicarage is giving a talk entitled "Pots and Borders". £5 tickets are available on the door on the 15<sup>th</sup> November at the URC at 7.00 pm. Another good evening. *Felicity Jeliff*

### Footpath walking

A morning walk will leave from Wenhaston Village Hall at 10am on Tuesday 1 November.

On Tuesday 15 November Bob Cooke will lead a circular walk around Halesworth, Mellsand Holton. Meet at The Angel car park before 10am to order lunch before starting the walk.

For further information, please contact Heather Phillips 478545.

### Commons Conservation

On Tuesday 8 November Barry Norrington will lead a work party on Bickers Heath. Meet by the seat at 10am.

On Sunday 27 November Jonathan Alder will lead a work party on Mill Heath. Meet 10am at the entrance off Heath Road.

### Wenhaston Village Hall 100 Club

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

- 1st prize Richard Atkins (number 13) £33
- 2nd prize Margaret Bloomfield (number 26) £20
- 3rd prize June Lewis (number 16) £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 so anyone wishing to join now, the fee is £10 for the year starting from November 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.

We would also like to thank everyone who has renewed this year as well as new members. We are grateful to you for your continued support which this year has helped us raise £750 for the village hall.

St Peter's Church, Wenhaston

*Have  
a  
Hot  
Lunch  
at our*



**Autumn Fair**  
**Saturday**  
**5 November**  
**Wenhaston Village Hall**  
**11.30am-2pm**

<b>Stalls</b>	<b>Raffle</b>	<b>Tombola</b>
<i>In aid of church funds</i>		

### **Southwold Railway Trust**

A great deal of interest is being shown in our plan to revive the Southwold Railway Company Limited, with many of the first issue of shares already spoken for. We hope that the Wenhasston members who have recently joined us will consider becoming part of this venture: you can express an interest to the Trust office in Southwold, or just come and see the volunteer team at Wenhasston Community Café at 10.00 on most Wednesdays and Saturdays. At the Wenhasston workshop, 1969 Bedford-built Motor Rail “Simplex” locomotive “Mells” is due for completion this winter. The name, of interest to this parish, is because of a family connection of the owner, Peter Nicholson, and continues the SR tradition of naming locomotives (such as “Wenhasston” of 1914) after Blyth Valley places. Now that the Wenhasston photo archive is sponsored by the Trust, we hope that many more pictures will be added to it. We would like to organise an exhibition of this archive in the village, if there is demand. Elms along the railway trackbed are succumbing to disease, and have been coppiced or pollarded to extend their lives. At Blyford Lane, 70 native tree saplings will be planted in November, to replace trees lost through disease and storms.

*James Hewett, Chairman*

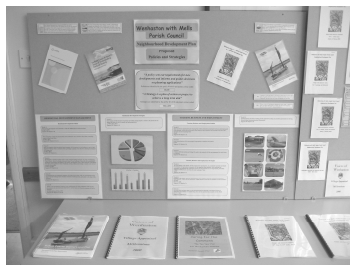
### **Wenhasston Primary School Ofsted Report**

As the Headteacher of Wenhasston Primary School, I am delighted to announce that following an Ofsted Inspection in July, we have been judged as a ‘Good’ school. This achievement follows a period of turbulence where standards at the school had declined. Upon my appointment in September 2015, the staff and I set about implementing current teaching practice, modernisation and improvement to both the learning environment and the content of the lessons across the school. The Ofsted report recognises significant progress across all age groups over the past year.

The Chair of Governors, Mrs Kath Cook and myself are delighted with the outcome and it reflects the hard work of the pupils, parents, staff and governors. The report is available to read on our school website [www.wenhasston.suffolk.sch.uk](http://www.wenhasston.suffolk.sch.uk) by clicking the link on the homepage.

*Mrs Julia Bowles*

## **Neighbourhood Plan Pre-Submission Consultation**



The consultation runs until November 12<sup>th</sup> so there is still time to have your say. Even if you agree with the policies and strategies that have been proposed, it would still be helpful to the team to hear from you. All you need to do is jot your comments either on the pamphlet that was delivered or on a piece of paper and then put them in the box at the village hall café or hand in at the post office. As well as consulting with the village, there are a number of interested bodies and statutory authorities that we also have to consult with. These include Natural England, English Heritage, The Environment Agency and the AONB. The result will be available at the [wenhaston.onesuffolk.net](http://wenhaston.onesuffolk.net) website.

## **Scare Crows on the Move**



Jim and Cheryl Crow made the journey from Wenhaston to Halesworth to take part in the Scarecrow competition in the town.

Jim is not a good driver and likes his shandy, so Cheryl decided to make the journey on foot.

They both arrived safe and sound, Jim mistakenly making a diversion via Halesowen.

## *Just For Fun*

### RIDDLES

*What faces  
south  
whichever  
direction you  
are looking in?*

*What do you  
call a donkey  
with three legs?*

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				8				
	5		6		3		1	
2			9		7			4
	8						7	
6			4		8			1
	7		3		1		9	
				7				
		2				8		

### Silly Bulls



Ia, on the island of Santorini, has two letters and two syllables, area has four letters and three syllables and acacia six letters and four syllables.

Can you find a word with five syllables and the least number of letters?

Also what is the longest word you can find with only one syllable (9 letters or more) and can you find shorter words with 2, 3 or 4 syllables and a one letter word with three syllables?

### Birthday Greetings.

Time to mark the passing of years,  
For a couple of Wenhaston young dears,  
It's a birthday for Sue

And for Elda too,

So lift up your glass and say cheers.

Happy birthdays to Sue Norris and Elda Hobson.

Also Happy Birthday Maureen Wollin,

Lots of love Tony, Julie, Mark, Owen, Bella, Hollie, and Millie.