

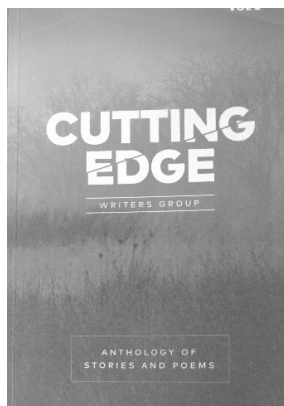
February 2017



# WENHASTON WARBLER



## Wenhaston's Got Talent. A Page of Authors.



Once a week Sue Gow and Felicity Jelliff trundle along to Halesworth to attend the Cutting Edge Writers Group at the Cut. This year sees the publication of the second anthology the group has produced, in which Sue and Felicity have several pieces.

Sue's introduction to story-telling began with her gaggle of Irish great-aunts steeped in oral traditions. A voracious reader, as a child she wrote stories for her younger siblings and as a drama teacher, helped her class with their stories. She hopes to write a book in the future.

Brought up in a literary family, Felicity has carried on the tradition. She has had two small books published, 'Vegetarians and Custard', about her experience of running a restaurant and 'Pollywiggles in the Run', a history of the village, delightfully illustrated by Wil Harvey.

They greatly enjoy the class, which helps them with the mechanics of writing and inspires them to stretch their imaginations with prose and poetry, to be included in the third anthology.



## Forgotten Surgeon Finally Recognised with Blue Plaque

My presentations to village groups will have made many Warbler readers familiar with Dr Reginald Koettlitz, the senior surgeon on the Scott-led

Discovery Expedition to the Antarctic between 1901-1904 and other expeditions to Africa, the Arctic and the Amazon.

The story continues with the unveiling of a blue plaque to commemorate the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of his death on the main gate of Dover College, Kent in December last year. It was a memorable occasion and the plaque was unveiled by his great niece, Ann Jones (nee Koettlitz). *A A 'Gus' Jones. Author of Scott's Forgotten Surgeon*

**WENHASTON**

***Produce, Craft & Flea***  
**Market**

**Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> February**

**10am – 12.30pm**

**in the Village Hall**

**IP19 9EP**

*A wide and everchanging range of  
local foods and produce, crafts,  
plants, home baking and pre-loved  
treasures*

**New stallholders always welcome - Pitch fee £5**

**To book your table (provided) phone**

**Ann: 01502 478085 or Christine: 01502 478511**

**or email [christinemargaret@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:christinemargaret@hotmail.co.uk)**



Wenhaston Church Room  
**Thursday 16 February**  
10.30 - 12

*Raffle Bring & Buy*  
*Entrance £1 includes coffee*

St Peter's Church, Wenhaston  
**Shrove Tuesday**  
**28 February**  
Wenhaston Church Room  
11.30am—2pm



Proceeds for Church maintenance

### **Sizewell ‘C’ Consultation. Have Your Say.**

If you have views about the Sizewell ‘C’ power station proposals and you want to have them heard, then you have until February 3<sup>rd</sup> to write in or complete the on-line questionnaire. The address to write to is FREEPOST SZC Consultation (No stamp or further address required) or email to [info@sizewellc.co.uk](mailto:info@sizewellc.co.uk)

The questionnaire is available at  
<https://edfsizewell.dialoguebydesign.net/default.asp>.

Please note that the questionnaire allows you to select no option as an answer to a question and allows a space for your reasons.

Some points that you may wish to consider in your response is the construction of an accommodation village on arable land at Eastbridge, the use of the B1122 Yoxford to Leiston road as the main access route, the loss of protected landscape and species and the impact on current infrastructure.

### **Sports Field Damage. Vandals Please Read**

If you compare our sports and play equipment with other nearby villages, then you will realise that we are very lucky to have the facilities that we enjoy. This does however come at a price and volunteers work hard to raise money to purchase, run and maintain the tennis and five a side courts and mindless damage is preventing them from doing this effectively. However, these arguments are not really motivational to young people, so we offer the following encouragement to look after what we have.

- ☛\* Vandalism or criminal damage can gain you a criminal record.  
There are many occupations such as police teaching, armed forces that you may be barred from if you have a record.
- ☛\* You will have required tools to break into the switch boxes.  
Generally, tools and live wires do not make happy companions.
- ☛\* Carrying these tools around with you could mean that you are carrying a concealed weapon which may earn a custodial sentence.
- ☛\* Is it really your ambition to lose these facilities altogether?
- ☛\* If you have ideas about what improvements that you would like to see in Wenhaston and how you would help to make them happen, then write in to [wenhastonwarbler@gmail.com](mailto:wenhastonwarbler@gmail.com). There is a space here waiting for your suggestions.

## **Winter Mists Over Wenhaston**



**Photographs sent in by readers of the mists that covered our fields over the last month.**

**Next month's theme – Early Spring. Pictures please.**

### Wenhaston Mothers' Union

Our member, Rev. Anna Wright, took our Corporate Communion in Church at our January Meeting, and presided at the AGM. Our leader, Margaret, gave a report on the past year, and it is always surprising how much has happened and how much we have achieved. We had some very interesting speakers, an outing, a trip to Bury St Edmunds for the Lady Day Service, a garden meeting. We helped Pat Kemsley when she had a leaving sale, some of us did a sponsored walk for the Big Summer Appeal, and we have been able to donate to MU charities, as well as filling over 20 shoeboxes, so a good year. Margaret Goldsmith and Jane Gamble volunteered to become committee members, for which we thank them. We look forward to a new year and start in February with Beverley Boughtwood, also a member, who will speak, and maybe demonstrate, the therapeutic and comforting effects of massage. We welcome visitors at all our meetings. *Margaret B.*

### Cafe news

I'm pleased to say that the organisation of The Cafe is moving to the very capable hands of Ann and Gus Jones together with Jan Clements and Richard Atkins from March 1st. After a couple of years as a newcomer to the catering trade(!), I'm taking a break - although helping out and doing a bit of baking as required. I'm delighted that The Cafe has gone well and contributed significantly to village hall funds, and ask that you continue to support it. If you haven't yet, do come and sample the excellent coffee, teas, home-made cake and ice-cream as well as the jovial conversation. *Wil Harvey*

### Flower Club

Our next get-together on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> February will be our evening meal 6.30 for 7pm at the Queen's Head Blyford. Our meeting on 7<sup>th</sup> March will be a workshop with Jane Clarke. More details later, but all are very welcome. For any information ring Jean on 478317. *Jean Spindler*

**Blyth Woods Community Woodland**  
**“Grove Piece Celebration Draws A Crowd”**



On a shivering misty morning in late December, at the end of an unforgettable year, and beyond the end of a long slippery muddy path came a bunch of enthusiastic and curious supporters. Posters promised a treasure hunt, a tree to plant, food and drink – no-one was disappointed. After being given the Licence to Occupy the Grove Piece field, this was our first experience of carrying everything to the field in barrows and bags. Gingerbread stars, Bramfield cider, hot potatoes, more mince pies and hot coffee gave us enough energy to tramp

to the centre and see Ann Edwards plant the first hornbeam, echoing the legacy of splendid coppiced specimens in Vicarage Grove. Three cheers then some of the brave ones continued over the sticky clay to admire the hedges, and peer down into the ponds beyond the borders. This year our new pond will be dug on the water-logged patch near the eastern boundary. By the end of this year we should be the proud owners of this beautiful plot – thanks to very successful fund-raising by past and present steering group members.

In mid-January, after snow in the morning, sun came out and we walked along the windy footpaths to Grove Piece with Years 6 and 7 and family members to launch the first planting programme. Having lifted the latest batch of oak seedlings from the school, they planted them in the sunniest patch of the plot. Wading ankle-deep in the sticky clay, they eased in the roots, secured the trees with guards and stakes, then mulched them. It was a wonderful thing to stand back and see the beginnings of new woodland. A reporter and a photographer from the *East Anglian Daily News* were there to record the event. A fine way to start another extraordinary year, connecting up more and more corridors of natural diversity, laying down a legacy for years to come, while engaging a broadening sweep of the community. *Serena Inskip*

### Wenhaston Warbler Wine

I expect that you will have noticed that supermarkets, in general, reported improved sales over the Festive Season. I don't know what proportion of the improvement was due to sales of wine and spirits but there is, I believe, a discernible drive towards quality in the drinks sector. This is as true for the discounters, Lidl and Aldi, as it is for the long-established players in the food business.

Most supermarkets have a "benchmark" range of wines which aim to provide good quality wines at competitive prices. For example, Morrisons have their "Signature" range, Co-op's is the "Truly Irresistible" range (who thought of that!), Tesco's is the "Finest" range, Sainsbury's is "Taste the Difference, and Aldi have their "Exquisite Collection". The final arbiter of quality, of course, is your palate, but I would contend that these ranges, by and large, offer consistent quality at a reasonable price. (They're not all single figure bottles, though). If you're in a supermarket and uncertain as to what represents good value for money, here are a few suggestions.

For a fishy course (or even fish and chips with salt and vinegar) Morrisons' Signature Sauvignon Blanc Tourraine, France should fit the bill. For roast chicken the Co-op have "Truly Irresistible" Chardonnay from Australia. It's big, bold and juicy for about £7. If you want more elegance try Finest White Burgundy, Vignerons de Buxy from Tesco. It'll cost you another £1, but you'll buy more complexity for that.

As for reds, if you're a Shiraz fan, sample Finest Limestone Coast Shiraz, Australia from Tesco or Taste the Difference Fairtrade Shiraz from Sainsbury's (about £7). Both are dark, powerful and juicy. Just the job with a warming beef stew. Somewhat more refined is 2012 Chateau Jouanin, Castillon Cotes de Bordeaux, France from the Co-op. It's not from the Truly Irresistible range but if you're in the Co-op and want a value claret, go for it. Last, but not least, a red from Aldi's Exquisite Collection – 2014 Hawke's Bay Merlot, Malbec, Cabernet blend from New Zealand. About £7. *Bernard Orme*





**For Thought – Looking After Our World**  
The new “Pause For Thought” exhibition will explore the links between Christian beliefs and caring for our environment. Images, poems and prayers will be available for



anyone to come and spend some quiet time in the church reflecting. Every fourth Sunday of the month is now a “Pause For Thought” service, informal worship often linked to the current exhibition. The service starts at 11.15am and lasts about half an hour.

Everyone welcome, especially children.

*Alison Alder*  
*alisonalder@hotmail.co.uk*

**Village Hall Briefing.**

The Café is now a popular venue on a Wednesday and Saturday morning (opening hours 10am to 1pm).

Film nights occur twice a month. On the first Saturday in the month more popular films are screened and on the third Thursday there is a selection of films from world cinema

The Wenhaston Village Hall 100 Club has purchased two kurling sets and once a month eight teams of four meet to fight it out across the floor of the hall.

Other hall users include the Wine Club, Art and Craft, Youth Club, WI, Parish Council, Wenhaston Commons Group, Strictly Dance Fitness, Qi Gong, Badminton, Table Tennis, Exercise Group, Gardeners’ Club, WEA, Bingo, Wenhaston Snappers (a photographic class), Blyth Woods and the Drop-In Club.

Regular calendar favourites include jumble sales, church lunches, Christmas bazaar, monthly market, primary school concert, village show and art events. Well-stocked book shelves in the corridor enable anyone to borrow books and magazines on trust and donate items if appropriate.

The Post Office, a vital village service, is open Monday to Friday from 9am to 1pm and run by Jane Peters.

*Ann Jones*

### Wenhaston Gardeners

Matthew Tanter Brown impressed the Wenhaston Gardeners with his horticultural knowledge as he wasn't floored by any of the queries thrown at him during our Gardener's Question Time. There were a variety of questions, from a strange growth on the stems of roses to dealing with lily beetle. The former turned out to be lichen and could be scrubbed off with a toothbrush. It was caused by Wenhaston's unpolluted air. To combat the lily beetle we were told to grow the flowers in tubs as in the winter it is easier to find the bulbs and to peel them back to find these little devils. A not generally known fact is that crushed lily beetles are being used in lipsticks instead of cochineals which are becoming so scarce.

Christmas already seems a long time ago but mention of the successful party won't come a miss. Ancestral Voices entertained us with their Tudor music interspersed with snippets of information on the period. A hot buffet was provided and enjoyed by all.

Next month Tim Fuller talks on Grasses and Perennials. *Felicity Jeliff*

### Wenhaston Village Hall 100 Club

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

- 1st prize Michael Bird (number 73) £33
- 2nd prize Iris Baker (number 39) £20
- 3rd prize Carl Ernsting (number 116) £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 £8 for the year starting from December.

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.

### Commons Conservation

On Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> February Barry Norrington will lead a work party on Blackheath. Meet at 10 am opposite Heathside Lodges.

On Sunday February 26<sup>th</sup> Gus Jones will lead a work party in Vicarage Grove. Meet at 10 am at entrance to field off Bramfield Road

*HPP.*

## **NEWS FROM THE CHURCH**

During 2017 we shall continue to have our short informal Service on the fourth Sunday of every month. This is now to be known “Pause for Thought”. It will be mostly led by Alison Alder starting at 11.15am followed by coffee and refreshments and of course time to chat!

The PCC is extremely pleased that we have been able to pay all of our Parish Share this year and also the Team Expenses totaling £22,951. This is an amazing result as we are now a very small group due to age and illness and it is thanks to the generosity, support and help of many people in the village who donate and help at our fund raising events that we have been able to meet our commitments. We are also extremely lucky to have Margaret Bloomfield who is such an efficient Treasurer and we thank her for the time which she gives to this job. The Children’s Society annual box opening will be on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> February in the Church Room commencing at 10 o’clock. Please do come and support this event, there will be coffee and refreshments, the usual stalls and a Raffle.

Our first fund raising event of the year will be PANCAKE LUNCHEES on Shrove Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> February in the Church Room from 11.30am until all the pancakes have been eaten, probably well before 2 o’clock! As always, we are very grateful to Felicity for providing such delicious pancakes, so do come early and enjoy and also support the Bring and Buy Stall and the Raffle.

*Margaret G, Church Warden*

## **SERVICES FOR FEBRUARY**

Sunday 5<sup>th</sup>. Team Eucharist At St. Mary’s Halesworth - 9.30am. No Service At St. Peter’s.

12<sup>th</sup>. Parish Eucharist - 9.30am

19<sup>th</sup>. Parish Eucharist - 9.30am

26<sup>th</sup>. Pause For Thought followed By Refreshments 11.15am.

## **Footpath Walking**

A morning walk will leave from Wenhasston Village Hall at 10 am on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> February.

On Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> February Liz and Louise Cunningham will lead a circular walk in Bramfield.

Meet at 10 am at the Queen’s Head where we shall return for lunch. For further information contact Heather Phillips on 478545. *HPP*

# Just For Fun

## RIDDLES

How many bricks  
does it take to  
complete a  
building made  
of bricks?

What is a  
question you can  
never answer no  
to?

Answers P13

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

A very happy birthday Julie Woolnough, love Mum Dad, Mark, Owen, Bella, Hollie and Millie for 1st February with lots of love.

## Bring on the Clowns

Twenty sixteen was hot, Philip Green's new yacht,

Is her name Theresa May (or Theresa Maynot)

Brexit means Brexit, now we're not sure

We voted for less, but expect to get more.

And Donald says 'There's no need for neukin'

Now he's made friends with Aladinhere pukin'

What we need is a new world order

Build a wall around our border

Follow world leaders, keep the foreigners at bay

It needn't even cost us, the Irish can pay

Gove meets Trump a new meaning to sleaze

Boris insults Holland, he don't like the cheese!

NHS crisis, don't be a jerk,

Open GP's longer, that'll make it work.

And though we want clarity, nothing is clear,

Bring on the clowns. Don't bother they're here.

<b><u>Wenhaston Methodist Church</u></b>			
<b>Sunday Services at 10.30am</b>		<b>Tuesday Meetings at 2.30pm</b>	
<b>5<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Halesworth Methodist Ch.</b>	<b>7<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Women's Fellowship</b>
<b>12<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Rosemary remy</b>	<b>14<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Bible study</b>
<b>19<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Rev'd Ian Gardner</b>	<b>21<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>Women's Fellowship</b>
<b>26<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Rev'd Mark Booth</b>	<b>28<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Bible Study</b>
<b>Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> 9.30 – 11.00 am “Pray Awhile” on a come &amp; go basis for prayer &amp; meditation. ALL WELCOME AT ANY EVENT</b>			

### **Alzheimer's Society**

Alison Begley from Alzheimer's Society will be available for anyone to drop in and see at Wenhaston Village Hall from 10.30am – 12.00pm on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> March. 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.

*Answers to riddles. Just one brick completes the building  
Can you hear me is the question .amongst others.*

## **Suffolk Libraries**

**Calling every 4 weeks on Fridays**

**2017 dates**

**6 Jan, 3 Feb, 3 Mar, 31 Mar, 28 Apr, 26 May,  
23 Jun, 21 Jul, 18 Aug, 15 Sept,  
13 Oct, 10 Nov, 8 Dec**