

March 2017



WENHASTON WARBLER



Spring is on the Way

Look out for primroses, daffodils, crocuses, snowdrops and catkins.



March 26th. A Date for Your Diary

The clocks go forward by one hour and it is Mothering Sunday.

WENHASTON

Produce, Craft & Flea Market

Sat 25th March 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

St Peter's Church, Wenhaston

Grand Jumble Sale

Saturday 11th March

Village Hall 2pm

Cakes, Raffle, Refreshments,

Books, Toys, Bric-a-brac,

Tombola, Jumble, Good as new.

In aid of Church funds

WENHASTON COMMONS GROUP



ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

followed by refreshments and a
talk by Richard Woolnough about
a two-year study of Otters in the
River Blyth including Wenhaston.

THURSDAY MARCH 9TH

6.45pm for 7 o'clock start to 8.30pm

WENHASTON VILLAGE HALL

ALL WELCOME

Commons Conservation

On Tuesday 14th March Nick Amery will lead a work party on Mill Heath.
Meet at 10 am at the entrance off Heath Road.

On Sunday 26th March John Holmes will lead a work party on
Blackheath. Meet at 10 am near the seat on the south side. H.P.P.

Wenhaston Flower Club

Our first demonstration for the year will be on Tuesday March 7th in the Church Room at 7.30 pm and will be given by Lucie who will show us "Spring Flowers". After the long cold winter this should be a lovely welcome to spring. Everyone is most welcome to come. For any further information ring Jean on 01502478317.

Jean Spindler

Wenhaston Warbler Wine "Let's Have Some Light"

It has been said that alcohol levels in wine have markedly increased over the last 20 years or so. You may or may not think this is a good thing. It's true that, provided the wine is well balanced, high or low alcohol levels do not, of themselves, result in a poor wine.

Climate change is often said to be the cause of higher alcohol levels but this not the whole story. Changing tastes have led to a demand for riper, softer, fruitier flavours. Also, better management in the vineyard has produced riper grapes with more sugar. Recently some drinkers are demanding more restrained wines with lower alcohol levels. They still want interesting flavours and quite rightly so. So where should such drinkers be looking ? Firstly, they should be aware that some grape varieties reach ripeness at lower sugar levels. For example Pinot Noir, Gamay, Riesling and Semillon. Others are naturally higher in sugar: Grenache, Syrah/Shiraz for instance. Don't be misled by the colour of the wine. A bottle of wine made from Grenache is likely to be quite pale but still relatively high in alcohol. Second, winemakers are looking to use cooler sites (due to altitude or latitude) for new vineyards. Also, vineyards close to the sea which are subject to cooling breezes help to produce interesting wines with lower alcohol levels. All the above would point our "lighter" buyer towards cooler climates and countries such as Germany, Austria, Northern France and England. Other countries have cooler regions at altitude or near the sea. For example, Chile, Argentina, Australia and New Zealand. Don't forget Northern Italy or North-West Spain either.

We are fortunate, in this country, to have such a wide selection of wines , from all over the world, to choose from. If you want "light" use the above as a guide. Good Hunting !

Bernard Orme

Footpath Walking

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

The circular walk on Tuesday 21st March will be led by Louise and Andrew Cunningham round Westleton. Meet at 10 am at the edge of the village green behind the White Horse inn. For any further information contact
Heather Phillips on 478545.

NEWS FROM THE CHURCH

It is unbelievable that it is already March, I am certain that time goes more quickly as you get older, I can vouch for that!

We have our first Jumble Sale of the year on Saturday 11th. March in the Village Hall at 2. o'clock. We shall be very pleased to receive any jumble in the morning or alternatively phone Margaret B (478502) who will collect. I will again be running the Cake Stall and I will be extremely grateful for any cakes or produce which you are able to donate. If you would like me to collect, call 478378.

Mothering Sunday falls on the 26th. March and there will be a Family Service at 9.30am. with posies and simnel cake for everyone! We shall be delighted to see you at this service.

Planning ahead for Easter, the Church will as always be decorated with lilies and spring flowers., and there will be the opportunity to donate money for the lilies in memory of a loved one. The board for you to leave details will be on the table at the back of the Church from mid-March until Easter and the cost of a lily will be £2.50. Please give your money to Margaret Goldstone or Margaret Bloomfield. Everyone is always so generous in donating for the lilies and we do hope that people will feel able to do the same this year.

FLYING THE FLAG

MONDAY FEBRUARY 6TH. To Celebrate the 80th Birthday of
Dilys Grimwade

SUNDAY FEBRUARY 12TH. To Celebrate the 50th.Birthday of
Pennie Crossman-Jelliff

Margaret G. (Churchwarden)

WENHASTON BLYTH SPIRITS

Our March meeting will be on Monday 20th in the Church Room at 2.30pm. when our speaker will be Ernesr Burdist who will take us on a "Visit" to Madame Tussauds and recount some of the history of this great exhibition. We shall be very pleased to have visitors.

We are currently discussing and arranging a visit in May or June to a house and garden which will be open to the public through "Invitation to View" We have used this organisation on several occasions in the past and have spent enjoyable afternoons in properties that are rarely open to the public.

Margaret Goldstone (478378)

Wenhaston Gardeners February Report

Tim Fuller assured us that his talk was about naturalistic gardening not naturist gardening as his talk had been introduced on a previous occasion.

What a revelation his talk was –grass – one thinks of lawns but Tim's photos showed us a wonderful selection of grasses all with flowers or interesting seed heads and they made the perfect backdrop to other herbaceous plants.

One of the advantages of a naturalistic garden is that only a small amount of maintenance is needed, just a bit of cutting back in the spring. There are no rules to this type of gardening as the object is to make the gardens look as you might see the flowers in the wild. It was an informative and interesting talk.

The date of the village show has now been changed to Sunday 20th August.

Next month: Niamh Mull talks to us about vegetable varieties grown at Darsham Nurseries.

Felicity Jelliff

Syringes on Blackheath Common

A local resident has found two syringes on Blackheath whilst walking her dogs and she also takes her grandchildren over there at times. The lady in question picked them up and disposed of them safely.

She is obviously very concerned about this as it could cause serious harm to children and animals if they were to come in contact with them.

It is advisable to take care whilst out walking while this situation is being investigated further.

Wenhaston Mothers' Union

It was a very interesting and informative afternoon when Beverley Boughtwood, who is one of our members, spoke about and demonstrated the therapeutic and comforting effects of massage. Beverley told us some of the theory behind massage, and how it can relax, comfort, calm, and in some cases, heal the body. She then went on to demonstrate Indian Head Massage with June Tate providing the head! It obviously is very beneficial and maybe Beverley will find new clients calling her! The proceeds of a raffle held at the Christmas Party amounted to £70 and this has been sent to 'Make a Mother's Day' campaign to help make life less difficult in some African countries.

On March 8th, we will be pleased to welcome Mrs Win Sutton, who has moved to Halesworth, and was at one time, Diocesan President of Norfolk MU. Win will give us her thoughts on the Lenten Season.

Lady Day is on 25th March and there will be a Diocesan Service in St Edmunds Church, Southwold at 11am. This is one of the most important days in the MU calendar, and I do encourage you to attend and meet the Trustees.

Margaret Bloomfield

Wenhaston WEA

Over recent weeks David Prynn has given us a wonderful ramble around China and its turbulent history in the 20th.Century enlivened by many personal experiences and insights.

A country which now has such a profound influence on world affairs also had a fascinating and complex history over the last 150 years, not helped by the ambitions of the European powers.

Sadly, our last session of the current course will be on March 10th at the end of which we will hold a short AGM at 12.15 in the Village Hall. Do come along even if you were not on the course and hear about the health of the branch and give your views and ideas on what could be future courses.

Tony Gow

Sports Club News

The Sports Club would like to heartily thank everyone involved in helping to raise almost £500 pounds at the recent jumble sale. All this money goes towards maintaining and improving the sport and play facilities for the village. The jumble sale is our main fundraising event of the year, thank you so much for supporting us! *Anne Harvey*

Wenhaston Village Hall 100 Club - Winners for February 2017

- 1st prize Ele Gower (number 62) £33
- 2nd prize Helen Siddle (number 121) £20
- 3rd prize Suzanne Watkins (number 85) £13

It's never too late to sign up! A chance to win a prize costs just £1 a month and for anyone wishing to join now, the fee is £6 for the period to end August 2017 . 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 Jane at the Post Office (thank you Jane for being our collecting person!) or either of the promoters, Kirsten West or Trish Gower. *All enquiries please phone Trish on 478267.*

What's in a Name - Canham

Surnames became necessary when governments introduced the personal taxation known as Poll Tax. Throughout the centuries, surnames have continued to "develop" leading to many variations of the original spelling.

The name Canham is widespread in Suffolk (and Wenhaston) and derives from "Cavenham" the town with that name. This in itself derives from the Old English personal name "Cafa" meaning "bold, active", plus the the Old English "ham" meaning homestead.

Richardus Cannam married Margaretam Rowse on September 19th 1563, at Westhall, Suffolk.

Interestingly, the name Trump is Old English for someone who blows his own trumpet or German for someone who beats his own drum. There are no famous Trumps.

2017 OPPORTUNITIES from the INSPIRED BY BECKER team!

- Call for artists who have work inspired in some way by that of Harry Becker.
Exhibition dates: 4th to 6th August 2017 (Wenhaston)
Closing date for applying: April 30th.
Details and form download from <http://ibbas.co.uk/2017-exhibition/>
- Invitation to have fun at The Suffolk Punch Trust: please see <http://ibbas.co.uk/events/spt2017/>
- Paint Out Competition on the Saturday of the exhibition (Saturday 5th August). (Web page under development... check soon www.ibbas.co.uk).

Wenhaston Methodist Church

Sunday Services at 10.30am		Tuesday Meetings at 2.30pm	
5 th	Colin Basham	7 th	Lent Group
12 th	Iris Baker	14 th	Lent Group
19 th	Rev'd Ian Gardner	21 st	Lent Group
26 th	Dorothy Courtis. Mothering	28 th	Lent Group
Saturday 4 th 9.30 – 11.00 am “Pray Awhile” on a come & go basis for prayer & meditation. ALL WELCOME AT ANY EVENT			

Youth Club News

Youth club continues at the village hall until Easter with the usual activities as well as the newly formed badminton and table tennis leagues. Upcoming dates are March 10th and 24th - after this we will be at the playing field.

Richard Wakelin

Southwold Railway Trust

Volunteers have continued to enjoy the tradition of meeting at the Wenhaston Community Café first before moving on to the Blyford lane site to restore vehicle access to the 1879 railway embankment, for health and safety reasons. The degraded embankment has had to be strengthened using standard gauge sleepers, with old rails as piling. The rebuilt embankment is beefed up with sub-base, and topped with topsoil, so that grass seeding can be done in spring. At the same time, more seedling trees will be planted, at the recommended ten-for-one ratio we follow.

The land boundary at the site of the new bridge has been cleared and fenced off, and the team will now move on to the rest of our land at Blyford Lane, where there are many fallen and dead trees, entangled with bramble and weeds.

A date for your diaries: the biennial Trust Model Show will be at St. Edmund's Hall, Southwold, on Saturday 29 April. Many interesting layouts are booked, and there will be the chance to talk to us about the Steam Works plans and progress.

James Hewett, Chairman

