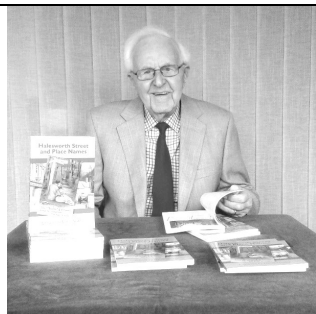




May 2017

WENHASTON WARBLER



Halesworth Street and Place Names

Derek Newby, one of Wenhaston's oldest residents, has completed and published his book on Halesworth Street and Place names. He started the project nine years ago, but after a gap of a few years he was prompted and helped by friends from the town's Museum to resume the work and complete it. The book contains many

interesting revelations including references to names responsible for the abolition of slavery, a possible prime minister, why Sparrowhawk Road has little to do with birds and the name of a well known presenter of the evening news on television.

Mr Newby was born in Halesworth in 1924 the second son of James W Newby another keen recorder of Halesworth life who wrote, among other works, the history of the Patrick Stead hospital.

Derek's wife was a mid-wife at the hospital and later a ward sister at Blythburgh & District hospital and in 1973 they were among the first to build in Back Road since WW2. All proceeds from the sale of the book are for Halesworth & District Museum and copies are available from Blackheath Stores, Wenhaston, the Halesworth Book Shop, Halesworth Library and the Halesworth Museum.

A Reminder – A Concert

Just in case you've forgotten, the Suffolk Constabulary Male Voice Choir will be giving a Concert in the Village Hall on the evening of Saturday, May 13th. They enjoyed their last visit to Wenhaston and so did the audience. Good value for money at £6 a ticket. These can be obtained from the Village Hall Post Office or from Bernard Orme on 478708. Doors open at 7 pm. There will be a bar and raffle.

WENHASTON VILLAGE HALL

Annual General Meeting

Wednesday May 24th 2017

7. p.m. START

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

Please consider nominations for a new Chair and Secretary

This is your chance to take an active part in running your hall.

ALL WELCOME

VILLAGE HALL COMMITTEE VACANCIES

The Chair and Secretary of the Village Hall Management Committee will be standing down at the AGM on May 24th. Without a Chairman, the VHMC will be unable to conduct the business of managing the Village Hall.

The Hall is a vital resource for the village.

The Chairman has been and will continue to be, ably assisted by groups' nominated Trustees, and small teams of other volunteers, helping with a range of activities from boiler programming to basic maintenance.

Role descriptions are available in the Village Hall pocket and on the notice board. If you would like to know more, please contact Robin Dillaway (Chairman) 478466, or Sue Gow (Minutes Secretary) 478980.



The swift

Aerial Acrobats and Nocturnal Nightingales

May is the month which heralds the arrival of those aerial acrobats, the Martins, Swifts and Swallows, returning from wintering grounds in southern Europe and Africa. Sand Martins, the first to arrive, returned to their holes in the vertical face of the sandpit on Blackheath in mid-March. House Martins, small birds with

glossy blue-black upper parts, pure white under parts, a distinctive white rump and forked tail, will collect mud to build or repair their nests under our eaves. Swifts, sickle shaped, medium sized plain sooty brown birds, will scream across the sky in small groups. They are superb fliers spending most of their time in the air. They even sleep on the wing! Swallows, with their long tail streamers, will hunt for insects across the fields. Although numbers have declined dramatically, both nationally and locally, a good place to see them is over the fields and marshes, particularly by the riverbank at Blyford. Probably our most notable May arrival is the Nightingale. They are not much to look at, being a plain brown bird about the size of a Robin. They are very secretive and are rarely seen. Their song, however, is unmistakable, being of high quality, with a fast succession of high, low and rich notes that few other species can match. In our area we are extremely fortunate in that we usually have several around the village. They can be heard in May on most of our Heaths at dusk and into the evening. Some even sing all night trying to attract a mate. *R. Hammond*

A Walk on the Wild Side

I will be leading a walk on behalf of the Wenhaston Commons Group on Saturday 6th May, where we will be principally listening out for the many different birds that should be in full song. We'll also look out for species of Butterfly which will be on the wing by then, and reptiles/dragonflies. The route will take in Merton Wood, Church Farm Marshes SWT and Blackheath. Meet 10.00am at Oakhurst, Blackheath Road. *Jonathan Alder*

Wenhaston Flower Club

Our next meeting on Tuesday May 2nd at 7.30 pm in the Church Room will be a demonstration with Sue Green who will show us "Baskets and Blooms" Everyone very welcome to a happy relaxing evening, for any further details contact Jean Spindler on 01502478317 *JS.*

Wenhaston Warbler Wine

By the time you read this Easter will have come and gone. Nevertheless I have some thoughts on what you might consider pairing with traditional roast lamb. The grape to drink with lamb is cabernet sauvignon and the French will tell you there is nothing to match a grand left- bank claret from Bordeaux. However, these are pricy and you may be uncertain whether you've picked the right producer or the right year. Good alternatives are cabernet sauvignons from the New World – Australia, New Zealand, Chile or South Africa. For example, consider Errazuriz Max Reserva Cabernet Sauvignon from Sainsbury's. It's £12 a bottle but for a Feast Day roast lamb it is perfect. Coming closer to home, a good rioja from Spain – Beronia Reserva from Waitrose (about £12) will prove a good match. Portugal's rich, powerful reds will also fit the bill. Adnam's in Southwold have a good selection; try Dao "Gandarada" Boas Quintas at £7-99. Velvety but dry it will prove a good partner for your roast lamb.

Bernard Orme

Villagers Survive Holiday Photo Evening!

When most people start looking for creative excuses to avoid other people's holiday slides, an intrepid band of Wenhastonians sat through an entire evening of them on the big screen in the Village Hall, with only the bar offering sustenance. Not as daft as it sounds, as many villagers travel to interesting and remote places - both home and abroad.

We were treated to a snapshot of five different holidays, with excellent photography and fascinating commentaries. Our travellers had gone as far afield as The Gambia, Cuba, Myanmar, India, New Zealand and Antarctica. Apart from their 'take' on local foods, views, architecture and history, there were also insights into local politics, religions and customs, giving us a good overview of their destinations, as well as their travel choices.

Jason Gairn kindly cast his professional eye over the photographs and after much deliberation awarded 'best photo' of the evening to Lyn Gedny, not for one his spectacular Antarctic whale or seal shots, but....er.... a sunset. So, here's a plea to all you travellers this summer: take lots of interesting photos and offer to share (some of) them with a captive audience this autumn, as Pics-in-the-Sticks hope to repeat this with a new set of holidays for your delectation from the comfort of the village hall chairs.. *Wil Harvey*

Wenhaston with Mells Neighbourhood Plan reaches the next stage

The Wenhaston with Mells Neighbourhood Plan has now been sent to Suffolk Coastal District Council ahead of it being submitted for independent examination.

On receiving the Neighbourhood Plan and supporting documents, Suffolk Coastal District Council is responsible for checking that the submitted plan has followed the proper legal process- work which is currently being undertaken. Once those checks have been completed, Suffolk Coastal will then be publicising the plan for a further six-week period, during which comments on the plan can be submitted to the Council. Suffolk Coastal District Council will then be organising the independent examination and finally, the referendum to agree the final plan.

Once the date for the next consultation stage has been agreed, notices will be placed on the parish notice boards, and copies of the documents made available on the Council's website.

Laura Mundy. SCDC

Wenhaston Village Hall 100 Club

- Winners for April 2017

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

- 1st prize N Morris (number 139) £33
- 2nd prize M Wynd (number 115) £20
- 3rd prize R Edwards (number 135) £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 £4 for the year starting from May.

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.

Footpath Walking

A morning walk will leave from Wenhaston at 10 am on Tues May 2nd. Vivienne Kemp will lead a circular walk round Minsmere on Tuesday 16th May. Meet at 10 am at the Eels Foot Inn, Eastbridge. We will return there for lunch. For any further information contact Heather Phillips on 478545

Wenhaston WI report for April 2017

The plague in Suffolk, it doesn't bear thinking about! Our speaker, Pip Wright didn't spare us any of the details of this horrifying disease, that was carried by the fleas that lived on black rats. In mediaeval times it was believed that the plague was sent by a vengeful God to punish sinners, and that the germs were carried in the air. The rats would make their homes in the thatched roofs of houses. The fleas would gorge themselves on their host until the rats finally succumbed. With nothing left to prey on the fleas would fall on the bedding below, where they might live for some time. These fleas had germs that multiplied in their stomachs making them feel perpetually full, so even not hungry they would bite an unsuspecting human and then vomit. The bite would then irritate and be scratched, and germs would get into the blood stream. People could feel quite well and then succumb. Others would linger with poisonous boils in their lymph glands. The symptoms are described in the nursery rhyme Ring a' Roses. In the 18th century the plague gradually died out as the winters got much colder and the black rats needed warmth to survive. So, with global warming, who knows! At the May meeting it is Resolution time.

Wenhaston Mothers' Union

We learned all about the RNLI at our April Meeting, when Mr Anthony Mason came to give us a slide show and impart his knowledge. The RNLI was started in 1824 by William Hillary in the Isle of Man. It is completely independent of the Government and dependent largely on public donations and legacies. On average, twenty-two lives are saved every day, ninety seven percent of the personnel are volunteers, there are 230 stations around the country, and 8905 launches took place in 2014. Besides the lifeboatmen, there are lifeguards who man 163 beaches from May to September, and there are trained men and women who are called out to rescue people when flooding occurs. We are all indebted to the courageous folk who risk their lives to save others. Mr Mason was thanked by Jane Gamble and a donation was made to the RNLI.

We are having a cake stall at the village craft morning on 29th April to raise funds for MU work. Results next time. On May 10th, two of our Diocesan Trustees, Sandra Griffiths and Beryl Mee, will travel from Ipswich to tell us about the good work they oversee on behalf of the Mothers' Union.

Everyone is most welcome.

Margaret Bloomfield

**Blyth Valley Parkinson's Support
Group
Coffee Morning
Wenhaston Village Hall
Wed 10th May, 10.00 to 12 noon
Bring & buy stall / raffle. £1.00
Please come along for a coffee and
to support the Group.**

St Peter's Church, Wenhaston

**The Church Lane Songsters
will sing at our
Plants, Cakes & Coffee Event
Saturday 13th May
Wenhaston Church 10.30 to 12.30
Lots of plants and delicious cakes
plus coffee and snacks
In aid of St Peter's Church**

Gardeners Report April 2017

Displaying an obvious fondness for a neatly clipped box, David Keleel of Darsham Nurseries took us on a whistle stop tour of gardens he has visited at home and abroad. No matter how much you know or think you know, he told us, you can always learn something new from other peoples' gardens. When you look at gardens through the eyes of their owners and designers you see things from different perspectives which might not have occurred to you before. And you admire the skill, whether of 80 and 90 year olds still tending their plots, the crispness of a path edge, unusual plant combinations or, indeed, the patience required for all that topiary. Not everything is wonderful, though, as illustrated by some very strange 'garden ideas' at a Show in France that fascinated David purely for its horror value! His message to us? Keep learning, keep experimenting and, above all, be patient – you will be rewarded in the end.

Reporting Potholes

If a pothole poses an immediate danger to public safety it should be reported to Suffolk County Council via its website (easy to do) or by phoning 0345 6066171

Playground and Sports Equipment Redevelopment

**There will be a meeting to discuss the next two phases of the redevelopment at the Village Hall on Thursday May 25th at 6.30pm.
All welcome**



Wacky Races

**returns for your
amusement on Sunday
May 14th starting from
12.00 noon
at The Star
Contact Arthur or David
for more details.
All participants welcome.**

NEWS FROM THE CHURCH

St. Peter's was beautifully decorated for our Easter Day Eucharist, which was a happy and joyful service. We were pleased to have the Revd. Judy Miller to celebrate, and to welcome friends both old and new. At the end of our Service we sang Happy Birthday to May Parker who was celebrating her 100th. Birthday!

We were able to decorate the church with lilies and spring flowers at Easter, thanks to the many people who very generously donated money for the flowers in memory of Loved Ones.

On Easter Monday, there was a warm and friendly atmosphere as we served teas in the Church, and it was good to have visitors from far and wide, and of course some from the village. My thanks go to all the flower arrangers for their hard work, and also to everyone who baked for the Teas. It was Wenhaston's turn to have the Team Choir join us for Evensong in April, and I would like to say how much the congregation appreciated them leading us in our singing. We look forward to them joining us again in the future.

On Saturday May 13th. we are having a Plant, Cakes and Coffee Event in the Church and Churchyard (according to the weather!) and whilst shopping, and enjoying coffee and refreshments, you will also be able to enjoy and join in if you want to, with the Church Lane Songsters who are going to sing some popular songs and melodies

Hopefully we will have a good selection of plants for your gardens and some delicious cakes for you to purchase. (We should be extremely grateful to receive any spare plants that anyone can provide, just leave them in the Church porch or by the water tap at the side of the porch).

On Tuesday 28th March we had the Funeral of Doreen Noddings, which was followed by a private Cremation. Doreen and Denis were very active members of St. Peter's and they both helped in many ways. We send our sincere sympathy to their family at this difficult time.

FLYING THE FLAG

Saturday 15th. April to celebrate the 100th. Birthday of May Parker.

Commons Conservation

Subject to a prior bird nesting survey John Holmes will lead a work party on Church Common on Tuesday May 9th. Meet at the entrance to the Common at 10 am.

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Disclaimer

It has been brought to my attention that the Southwold Railway Trust, as part of their regular article in the Wenhasston Warbler, has mentioned the RSPB in such a way as to suggest that we have provided advice and that we support this development. For clarity, both for our members and the local community, we have not provided any advice and do not support the Southwold Railway Trust development at Blyford Lane.

Ben McFarland Suffolk Area Manager, RSPB'

Southwold Railway Trust

Trust volunteers were very pleased to see 25 children from Holton Primary School planting trees at Blyford Lane, at the end of March. The seventy-two saplings - willows, white poplar, black poplar, holly and hornbeam, are to replace trees lost during ditching operations and storms, and to make a visual barrier to the south between Trust land and our neighbours. All the children enjoyed themselves very much, although I am afraid that they went back to school quite muddy!

Meanwhile, the Trust has bought an acre of land at Blyth Road, Southwold for a railway-based visitor centre, museum, restoration shed, and 22-chains-worth of track in two gauges. This attraction – marketed as “Steam Works” – is directly adjacent to the original trackbed.

In early May, Peckett steam locomotive “Scaldwell” of 1913 will arrive from Amberley Museum for restoration to working order. This is a locomotive with a fine history, having done essential work in the ironstone industry (vital for weapons production) during both world wars – a classic British design, it will complement the Southwold Railway Heritage Victorian Train which is already being built, mainly by volunteers.

Visit Halesworth Museum (at Halesworth main line station) this summer to see the special Southwold Railway display, for this season only: artefacts include the cash bag in which the last day’s takings at Wenhasston Station on April 11th 1929 were collected.

Don’t forget to visit the Trust Pop-Up shop at iChameleon in the Halesworth Thoroughfare from May 25th to 31st. Many local charities and community groups will be joining us there, and of course Wenhasston groups are very welcome to participate. There is no charge to any non-profit group or organisation: contact us on www.southoldrailway.co.uk or 725422 for details.

James Hewett, Chairman

PARISH COUNCIL CHAIR'S ANNUAL REPORT APRIL 2017

This is the fourth time I have given the annual statement. I am pleased to report that this is a Parish Council that leans heavily on teamwork, with all members playing an active role skilfully guided by Richard Day the clerk. The monthly surgery continues to be well attended with the Council being responsive and proactive in dealing with concerns of parishioners. In particular, with the help of a co-opted group, we have raised money and donated funds to complete Phase 1 of the playground refurbishment. With the removal of the skate park, which failed on safety requirements, we are now looking to move onto Phase 2, with new sports equipment, followed by Phase 3, the adventure playground, but this may take the next couple of years to fund raise and complete.

Addressing local concerns, we have applied pressure to Suffolk County Council to reduce the A12 speed limit at the top of Hazel Lane, and have installed a portable speed monitor in the village. SCC have also been induced to fill potholes, although this is ongoing, and have repainted white lines and signs. After 50 years of debate, we hope to make a move on constructing a safe footpath up Star Hill, but this will have to be driven by local people. The Council are investigating the Quiet Lanes Initiative with a view to possible designation of some of our narrow roads at some point.

The Council has been involved in the Sizewell C consultation process, joining the County wide group, and we have submitted a relevant and articulate letter outlining the parish fears, with constructive ideas about how to alleviate them. We are also engaged in the Countywide Emergency Planning project, and have a project leader from the council working on this.

The Neighbourhood Plan has moved on a pace, and the final draft has now been submitted to Suffolk Coastal so that it can move on to its next stages and when finally made the Plan will have legal status in planning matters.

As always, planning matters have been a minefield at times, but with advice from Raymond Catchpole we have negotiated problems collaboratively, both within the council meetings and with parishioners, and achieved well thought through outcomes.

Finally, I would like to thank this Parish Council, I am proud to be a member of it and also proud of what we achieve by all working together. Dale and Arthur have carried out some sterling work with grass cutting and clearing, and I would particularly like to thank Richard for his encouragement, support and wise council over the year, which has made the job of Chair much easier. One final thank-you must go to Mike Gower, who is not standing for re-election to Suffolk County Council, but who has been a very good friend to Wenhaston for a number of years.

What's in a Name – Bird Surnames

Bird surnames originally derive from nicknames, either because a person had a bird on their coat of arms, because they kept birds or because they had bird like features such as black or feathery hair. Many Wenhaston bird surnames are obvious such as Eagle, Pigeon and Raven, but there are a couple which are less well known.

Kett is a corruption of the word Kite the bird of prey, and originally may have belonged to a falconer or someone with a hooked 'beak'.

Corbett derives from the French Corbet, 'Little Raven', which was carried on their coat of arms. The original Corbetts came over with William the Conqueror in 1066 in a bid to civilise the natives. After a very testing millennium, we are still trying!

Statistics made Easy 52%

Prior to 2015, 52% was an easy concept to understand, meaning slightly more than half. However, last year, governments around the world were finding this definition to inflexible, so they came up with a new understanding of this amount. Here are some examples to make it clearer.

- 52% of the population are female, so they should have roughly the same deal as males. (Except in pay, conditions and equal rights).
- 52% of cars on the road are diesel, but that is a German name and almost rhymes with evil. After Brexit, one hundred percent of diesels will be repatriated to the EU.
- 52% of Americans voted for Hillary Clinton in the American Presidential election. This is the same as zero percent, because they were actually all Russians on the internet.
- 52% of the UK voted to leave the EU. That is the same as 100%, because the rest were just moaners, so do not count.
- 52% of MP's are from the Conservative Party. However, this is not a majority, so we have to have a general election.

Problems, Problems, Problems. (Answers and clues, page 13).

1. How many squares of any size are there on an 8 x 8 chess board?
2. Using only five 1's and any mathematical signs you like, find a way of getting an answer of 100.
3. One thousand, two hundred, nothing and one, rearranged give a word with a meaning of fun. What is that word?

Answers and Clues.

1. Look at all sizes of square then answer is found by $64 + 49 + 36$ etc
2. Several different methods. One is $111 - 11$
3. Think of Roman numerals and rearrange.

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

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last Saturday in the month 10 00- 12.30.

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