



June 2017

# WENHASTON WARBLER



## **Marathon Girl**

Local girl Lizzy Cantwell competing in the Brighton Marathon and with her medal.

She managed to complete the course in very hot conditions in an excellent time of 03:58:12.

Well done Lizzy.



## **The Call of the Wild**

On the Mayday Bank Holiday weekend, we finally released the four baby hedgehogs rescued in the autumn by Jane and Eileen. Despite a few hiccups and more than a few surprises it has been a thoroughly entertaining experience to care for and raise these four spiny bundles

throughout the winter, and it was with a mixture of excitement and sadness that we released Frazzle, Wotsit, Peanut and Pretzel (pictured) in safe locations around the village. Pretzel, the one male of the litter has made his new home at the Wenhaston allotment, while the girls were released separately at Church Common, Vicarage Grove and near to the Blackheath pond, and we wish them all the best in their new lives.

Many thanks to Jane and Eileen for bringing us such wonderful visitors and also for their continual food-based support. *Hannah & Becky Canham*



### **Male Voice Choir Concert – 13<sup>th</sup> May**

I received an email from the Suffolk Constabulary Male Voice Choir saying how much they enjoyed singing in front of an appreciative audience in Wenhaston Village Hall. We hope that everyone that came had a pleasant evening. The Choir thanked us for our hospitality and hoped that they will be invited to sing for us again sometime in the future. The evening was financially successful as well as entertaining. May I thank everyone who helped to make the concert such a success. *Bernard Orme*

### **Wenhaston Village Hall 100 Club Winners for May 2017**

We are delighted to announce the winners:

- 1st prize     Stephen West (number 84) £33
- 2nd prize     June Lewis (number 16) £20
- 3rd prize     Bob Jellicoe (number 123) £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 £3 for the year starting from June.

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.

## **WENHASTON**

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

**Sat 24<sup>th</sup> June 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 W I Report for May 2017**

The evening began by us voting on the W.I. resolutions: Plastic Soup and Alleviating Loneliness. Both subjects of great importance. The killer whale found dead in Scotland had ingested poisonous substances, 1,900 micro fibres are shed in one wash, the toxins leak into water and are digested by the fish and then by humans. Depression caused by loneliness is more harmful to people's health than smoking 15 cigarettes a day.

On a lighter note, our speaker, Jill Bryant, showed us a good selection of the beautiful jewellery that she makes. Her unusual trading name, Sugar Diamonds came from her father calling her sugar and her father-in-law calling her diamond. She started her business by making tiaras for brides then branching out into other jewellery. This she makes with all sorts of materials from Swarovski crystals to sea glass. When asked where she got the ideas for her innovative work from, she replied, 'From the countryside, especially at night.' Next month: Nature trek—Cliff Walker

### **POST OFFICE CLOSED**

**The Post Office will be closed on Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> June – If you have medication to collect please make sure you pick it up on the Thursday if you need it for the weekend.**

### **Wenhaston Warbler Wine - In Praise of Chile**

Chile is a long, narrow country running down the west coast of South America that has forged an enviable reputation as a source of reasonably-priced wines of consistent quality. It was the Spanish who introduced *Vitis vinifera* to Chile in the mid-16<sup>th</sup> Century but it is France who has had the greater influence in shaping the Chilean wine industry.

Most Chilean wine is produced between the latitudes of 32 degrees and 38 degrees. The northern hemisphere counterparts of these would be North Africa and Southern Spain, distinctly on the warm side for wine production. However, in Chile temperatures are moderated by the Pacific Ocean and its cold Humbolt Current. The narrow river valleys also funnel cooling breezes which help to keep temperatures down and vineyards cooler at night. The extreme North can be very dry but generally snow melt from the Andes provides adequate water. As a result, grapes grown in Chile are healthy and of good quality. It's no surprise, then, that a wide range of "international" grape varieties can be grown successfully. The variety Carmenere, which came from Bordeaux in France, has long been regarded as Chile's "flagship" red wine. Casillero del Diablo Carmenere from the Co-op or Tesco is dark, rich and savoury. Price between £6 and £8 a bottle depending on whether there is an offer on. Good with spicy casseroles. Some of the younger winemakers are making brighter, lighter styles. Kathleen and I enjoyed an Anakena Merlot Reserva from our Village Shop which was in the modern lighter, crisper style. It cost £6-99. Back in March a friend of ours presented a range of Chilean wines to our Wine Tasting Club. Especially good value was Silver Ghost Sauvignon Blanc at £4-99 from Majestic (I suspect this is the mixed six price!). I also enjoyed 30 Degree Pinot Noir from the Co-op at Halesworth at a very reasonable (for a Pinot Noir of quality ) £7-99. There are other bargains to be had too; Casillero del Diablo Cabernet Sauvignon Reserva is on offer (on line) at Tesco. At about £6 this is a real find. *Bernard Orme*

### **Commons Conservation**

On Tuesday 13th June Barry Norrington will lead a work party on Bickers Heath clearing paths. Meet near the seat at 10 am.

On Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> June Helen Gairn will lead a work party on Blackheath clearing paths and bracken. Meet at 10 am at the seat near the pond.

Both work parties are subject to a prior bird survey.

## **Midsummer Madness**



The Sand Martin

Sand Martins flying around the sandpit on Blackheath on a warm summer evening can be a spectacular sight as they Hoover up the airborne insects to feed their young. The eggs are incubated for about 14 days before they hatch and the parents must supply them with enough food for them to be able to leave the nest (fledge) when they are 19 to 24 days old.

They are still dependent on their parents for about a week before they can fend for themselves. If conditions are favourable, the parents will go on to produce a second brood. A few weeks later all the Martins, including the youngsters, fly to the Sahel, a zone south of the Sahara desert, a distance of about 2,400 miles!

June and July are months of high activity for all our birds. They spend most of their time gathering food for their young and encouraging reluctant youngsters to leave the safety of the nest. Many birds that normally eat seeds, such as finches and sparrows, will switch to insects at this time of year. Generally, the parent will eat the smaller insects themselves and take the larger ones back to the nest for the babies. This allows them to carry more food less frequently to their ever-hungry offspring. They will then return to boost their own energy levels from the bird table or feeder.

*Feeding tip. In hot weather, dehydration can be a major issue, so it's best to avoid putting out dry food such as stale bread. Also, be aware that whole nuts can choke baby birds, so always chop nuts or use a nut feeder so that the parent bird has to break off pieces to take back to their young.*

## **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.**

## **Reporting Noise, Light or Air Pollution**

**If there is an environmental issue such as music being played loudly or late at night, it can be reported to SCDC Environmental Protection Team. Between the hours of 8pm and 1am Friday and Saturday from the start of May to the end of September, you can call 01502 527132 where, subject to availability, the team will endeavour to attend.**

### **Footpath Walking**

A morning walk will leave from Wenhaston Village Hall at 10 am on Tuesday June 6<sup>th</sup> at 10 am.

On Tuesday June 20<sup>th</sup> Joan and Peter Waters will lead a circular walk around Sizewell. Meet at 10 am at the Kenton Hills car park.

Lunch will be at the Theberton Lion about 1 pm. For any further information contact Heather Phillips on 01502478545. HPP.

### **Wenhaston Flower Club**

We meet again on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> June at 7.30 pm in the Church Room when our old friend Alan Smith will demonstrate “Family Flowers”, it will be good to have him back with his many talents and great sense of humour. Come and bring a friend to enjoy a happy relaxed evening, all newcomers welcome. For any further information ring Jean on 01502478317.

*Jean Spindler*

### **St Peter's Church Thorington.**

#### **Saturday 1 July Open Afternoon 2-5pm**

Please book the date! Walk over the heath and across the marshes past the Balancing Barn to the ancient St Peter's Church, and join us for Teas, Cake Stall, Tombola and to listen to our Church Architect Matthew Thomas who will give a short talk about the history of the church at 3pm. There is car parking beside the church too.

Further details please phone Trish Gower 01502 478267

### **Wenhaston Methodist Church**

<b>Sunday Services at 10.30am</b>		<b>Tuesday Meetings at 2.30pm</b>	
<b>4<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Pentecost at Halesworth</b>	<b>6<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Women's Fellowship S.B</b>
<b>11<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Dorothy Courtis</b>	<b>13<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Bible Study</b>
<b>18<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>11.15am. Rev'd Ian Gardner</b>	<b>20<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>Women's Fellowship D.C</b>
<b>25<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Halesworth Methodist Church</b>	<b>27<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Bible Study</b>
<b>NO PRAY AWHILE THIS MONTH. ALL WELCOME AT ANY EVENT</b>			

### **Wenhaston Mothers' Union**

We were very lucky indeed to welcome to our May meeting two Mothers' Union Trustees. Sandra Griffiths is the Diocesan Social Concern Co-ordinator and she told us of the many projects that MU is involved in Ipswich. The members collect toiletries, underwear and socks as well as other goods for the Women's Refuge. Often women and children arrive at the Refuge in just the clothes they stand up in, and so there is a great need. Also, when they move on, often to Lighthouse, which is a half-way house, or into accommodation of their own, they are provided with a starter pack of bed linen and utensils which MU helps to provide.

Some members help with the Contact Centre, which is where parents who are estranged can meet their children in a safe and supervised environment. The Diocesan Members, those who do not have a branch nearby, meet twice a year and make Christmas cards for the prisoners at Highpoint Prison, and for the staff. Last year 1,400 cards were distributed – some prisoners may never have received a card before and they really appreciate the gesture. As well as these projects, members make drain bags for those ladies recovering from breast cancer, memory bags for the premature baby unit, tiny clothes for premature babies and little gowns for still born babies. As we are so far from Ipswich as a branch, we find the best way to support these projects is to raise money to fund them and we will be donating the monies from our recent cake stall to buy gifts for the Women's Refuge. Beryl Mee is the Co-ordinator for Away From It All Holidays. With the money donated by branches and from fund raising, families, who would not otherwise have a holiday, are offered a break in a caravan or a day out, and this is very much appreciated.

On June 14<sup>th</sup>, Melvyn Howe will give us some tips on Hearing Care, 2.30pm, Church Room. On 29<sup>th</sup> June, the North Suffolk Area will hold a Quiet Day in Wenhaston Church from 10am onwards. Revd Jane Hall will be the speaker. This should prove to be a very helpful day. Please come.

### **AN APPRECIATION FROM MAY PARKER**

April 15<sup>th</sup> 2017 was such a memorable day, and it is difficult to believe I am now 100 years old! It is difficult to express adequately how I feel about the day, so I will quite simply, thank all my friends and relatives for joining me in such a happy party and for your generous gifts and cards. Your good wishes will remain with me always. Thank you again. *May.*

### **MR ARTHUR CHARLES (Archie) CANHAM**

St Peter's Church Wenhaston was overflowing on Tuesday 9 May when a large number of friends joined many family members at the funeral Service for Mr Arthur Charles Canham who died peacefully in the James Paget hospital on April 24 aged 88. Fr Edward Rennard officiated and the hymns "Morning Has Broken" and "We Plough The Fields and Scatter" were sung. The Reading was from St. John's gospel 14: verses 1-6a and 27. Rhonda Braswell's poem "Come To Me" was read by grand-daughter Jayne Teager and the eulogy was given by his only grandson, Daniel Pearce, who said Arthur and Mabel Canham who lived at Blackheath Cottage, Wenhaston had a daughter and three sons of which Archie was the eldest and that later the family moved to 6 East View, Wenhaston. Before he left school at the age of 14 Archie was put in charge of the school garden. After leaving he started work in agriculture for the Leech family at Wilderness farm where he was later joined by his brother Richard working with horses on the land and milking in the dairy. All three brothers played football for Wenhaston for many years and they had spells at Halesworth, Southwold and Wangford, but it was the Wenhaston Club they held strongly in their hearts and where they won many cups and medals. Archie met Miss Barbara Cox of Halesworth and they were married in 1950 and spent the early part of their married life living at 48 Quay Street with Barbara's father, and where their first daughter Sheila was born in 1952. Their second daughter Amanda came in 1957 by which time they had established a family home at Marsh View, Wenhaston. Both girls rode many horses from an early age and they and their children were encouraged by Archie who enjoyed watching them at the gymkhanas. He changed his job to that of a lorry driver, but a series of illnesses and operations forced him to take early retirement. He lost his wife in 1997 after which he devoted more time to the football club, helping the groundsman, serving on the committee, chairman, and later president. After living alone at his home for nearly 20 years he moved to Highfield Care Home in Halesworth and had been there for two months before he became terminally ill and was admitted to the James Paget hospital.

*Derek Newby*





Photo by Gerry Kemp



Photo by Steve Garlick



Wacky Races  
 Pictures from the race  
 day all taken by  
 members of The  
 Wenhaston Snappers.  
 To the left a photo by  
 Gerry Kemp and below  
 two photo's by  
 Viv Kemp.



**Minglish as She's Mangled**  
**A Guide to Modern Expressions.**

**The Remoaners.** A tribute act to the rock band 'The Ramones' who had hits with songs such as Brain Dead and Halfway to Sanity.

**Dog's Brexit.** Regurgitated left overs from last night's feast.

**Full English Brexit** (Scot). Politics done to you, not for you.

**Strong and Stable.** A type of shire horse, similar to the Sucker Punch.

**UKIP.** No reference found, probably archaic.

**Faragey-Bargey.** A nagging pain in the neck that just won't go away.

**Nicola Sturgeon and Alex Salmon.** Strange northern fish, often mistaken for a genuine carp.

**Just for Fun**

**The Crooked Waiter**

Three jolly ladies of Wenhaston went to dine at a near-by restaurant. At the end of the meal they were presented with a bill for £30 so they paid £10 each. The crafty waiter returned after a short while and said that they had been overcharged and returned £1 to each lady and pocketed the other £2. This means that the ladies had paid  $3 \times £9 = £27$ , the waiter had £2 in his pocket which makes a total of £29. What happened to the other pound?

**Lew King-South.**

Lew has a problem. No matter which way he faces, he is always looking south. Can you solve this problem for him?

**Fair Shares**

Two old buddies meet up and they pinch an eight-pint flagon of beer. They want to split the beer into two exactly equal shares, but they only have a three-pint jug and a five-pint jug. There are no graduations on the jugs and it may take several pourings. Can you help them figure it out?

### **Southwold Railway Trust**

In the very few weeks that the Trust has owned land in Southwold on which to start the railway restoration, there has been a dramatic change on the ground. Derelict post-industrial land is already cleared (leaving in place all the trees), and the first section of the railway visitor centre is being built.

The Trust is seeking surplus topsoil, to form the basis of the nature reserve section, so if anyone can supply that as a donation to the charity, please ring 07929 289501, and ask for James.

Other Trust activities, such as the Heritage Train and Blyford Lane site, have had to take a back seat for a while and our annual Open Weekend at Wenhampton has also been postponed, while we concentrate on the Southwold end of the railway. Delivery to Suffolk of our 1913 Peckett locomotive "Scaldwell" has been delayed by the illness of our haulage specialist, but it is hoped that it can be rescheduled soon. *James Hewett.*

### **Wenhampton Gardeners May Report**

There are 200,000 different species of succulents of which our speaker, Barry Gayton, has grown 50,000. He always grows them from seed as no plant produces a flower of the same shade so he finds it exciting to wait and see what materialises. Sometimes it takes two years for a plant to emerge which is nothing when you consider that some cacti take 500 years to flower and then they die!

Most succulents originally came from countries in the southern hemisphere and so they have to be kept warm. Although some are hardy and can withstand a frost, most have to be grown in a glass house or a conservatory. 'If there are no plants in a conservatory it should be called a sun room as it isn't conserving anything,' Barry told us somewhat severely.

Great care should be taken when handling some succulents for if a leaf is touched the fingerprint is there for life. Could this fact be used in a detective novel, I wonder?

We are off on our travels for the next two months, Priory Oaks and then further afield to Capel Manor. August 20<sup>th</sup> is the village show. It is to be hoped that it isn't the last one but as the usual plea for new members and officers has fallen on stony ground it is a strong possibility. *FJ.*

## NEWS FROM THE CHURCH



I am late in sending this contribution from Wenhaston as this morning I have been helping at our “Plants, Cakes and Coffee” event which went well especially the contribution from the Church Lane Songsters who were much appreciated by our customers whilst they were enjoying Coffee. The weather was just about kind to us, not much sun but the heavy shower waited until after 12.30pm! The event raised £275.00 for Church funds and our thanks go to all those who baked and to everybody who gave us plants, we had a wonderful selection.

We continue to serve lunches in the church every month for people living alone and those who come seem to enjoy the lunch and particularly appreciate meeting their friends and chatting, often their memories of days gone by! Anyone living alone in Wenhaston is very welcome to join us for lunch and if you would like more details please do phone either myself (01502 478378) or Margaret Bloomfield (01502 478502).

On the third Sunday of every month at 11:15am. we are now having a very informal short Service which does among other things give us time to Pause for Thought. It is very friendly and relaxed and anyone who would like to give it a try will be very welcome. We are there in the church and we would be very pleased if you dropped in and joined us, give it some thought!

*Margaret G. Churchwarden*

### **Services at The Church in June**

4<sup>th</sup>. 11.am. Pentecost, Ecumenical Eucharist in Halesworth Market Place  
with Bishop Martin

11<sup>th</sup>. 9.30am. Trinity Sunday, Parish Eucharist

18<sup>th</sup>. 9.30am. Parish Eucharist

25<sup>th</sup>. 11.15am. Pause for Thought

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VILLAGE HALL IS TO BE USED IN THE CASE OF  
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ENGLAND AMBULANCE SERVICE VIA THE 999 SYSTEM  
ON OPENING FULL, CLEAR, VERBAL INSTRUCTION IN ITS  
USE IS PROVIDED BY THE MACHINE

A A 'GUS' JONES –DFIB Coordinator

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