



September 2017

WENHASTON WARBLER



PLANNING FUTURE HOUSING DEVELOPMENT IN WENHASTON

Suffolk Coastal District Council are carrying out a public review into the future housing needs and allocations in the district and in Wenhaston with Mells up until 2036. There are nine sites in the Parish which have been put forward for consideration by their owners, which in total would account for up to 300 dwellings. None of these sites at the moment have planning permission and indeed may not get it.

The consultation document and other supporting information can be found through this link: <http://www.eastsuffolk.gov.uk/planning/local-plans/suffolk-coastal-local-plan/local-plan-review/help-plan-the-future-of-the-district/> or seen at a public consultation drop in session at Wenhaston Village Hall on Wednesday 27th September from 16.00 to 19.30.

We recommend that you either view the documents or attend this session and submit any comments in writing to SCDC.

Battle of the Blyth -A Bigger Splash! (Picture Jason Gairn)



1st Halesworth Scouts go Wild in Wenhaston



Last month Heathside campsite echoed to the sound of 50 youngsters having a whale of a time in Blackheath. The 1st Halesworth Scouts have been coming here for several years, led by David Clack and a band of stalwart helpers. Ranging in age from 6 - 17, the Beavers, Cubs, Scouts and Explorers built a rope-and-wood 'monkey bridge', made ropes, bows and arrows, set light to sausages over a camp fire, and - still fire-related - learned pyrography (burning letters in wood with nails!). Oh yes, and sang songs around the camp fire..... And I didn't see a single mobile phone! Bring back any memories?

Wil Harvey

Change of Name from Wenhaston Sports Club to Wenhaston Tennis Club

At a meeting of the Wenhaston Sports Club on June 29th 2017, it was agreed to rename the club the Wenhaston Tennis Club.

All new members are most welcome and for more information please contact:

Bernard Grant on 01502478770 or Feri Fitton on 01502478202

Or email us at wenhastontennisclub@gmail.com

St Peter's Wenhaston



CREAM TEA

AT

'SPINDLEBERRY' NARROW WAY

(IN VILLAGE HALL IF WET)

SATURDAY 2 SEPTEMBER

3^{PM}-5^{PM}

- £5 -

Stalls and Raffle

In aid of church funds

**St Peter's Churches
Wenhaston and Thorington.**

QUIZ NIGHT

Friday 13th October

Village Hall 7.30pm (Doors open 7.00pm)

Bar, Raffle and Light Refreshments

Entry forms from Post Office

£12 per team. In aid of Church Funds.



Visitor to Narrow Way

Several gardens in Narrow Way this summer have enjoyed the presence of a pair of Spotted Flycatchers. This sleek but easily overlooked brown bird arrives from Africa in early May and had declined drastically in this country over the last thirty years.

It is easy to watch this bird all day long; its balletic grace is breathtaking as it follows every twist and turn of its insect prey.

Finally choosing a perilous nesting place just below some fairly loud building works the adults are at the beginning of August feeding three hungry chicks. By the end of the month they will have fledged, learnt to fend for themselves and probably started on the 3,000 miles or more migration to sub-Saharan Africa. In the meantime, they were a vibrant presence in our gardens and we look forward to their return next year in the spring.

Tony Gow

Footpath Walking

On Tues 5th September a local walk will leave from Village Hall at 10 am.

On Tuesday 19th September Sandra Canham, Vivienne Kemp and Carrie English will lead a walk round Thorpeness. Meet on the green in front of the Meare at 10 am with lunch at the Dolphin.

For any further help contact Heather Phillips on 01502478545 *HPP*.

Youth Club

I have decided to step down from running the Youth Club as from September. I would like to take this opportunity to thank the many parents who have helped during the three periods that I have been involved with the Club and also the children who have attended. Their behaviour has been exemplary and I hope both adults and children have enjoyed the sessions as much as I have.

I hope that someone from the next generation of parents is able to step forward and I will of course be willing to give him/her any help that they require. If anyone is interested then please contact me on 478551 or

r.wakelin11@btinternet.com

Richard Wakelin

Wenhaston WEA Autumn Course

In Spring 2016 Ian McLachlan's course on aerial combat over East Anglia entitled 'War Wings 1914-1918' proved popular and fascinating. Starting on Friday 29th September he will return with the story of the 'Battle Skies of East Anglia 1939-45'. This will look at how the war affected local communities and human-interest stories will be interwoven with exploration of British and American air power. This is a course for everyone interested in local and international history.

Why not come along to the first 'taster' session at 10.00 am on the 29th September at the Village Hall.

For further details contact Tony Gow 01502 478977 tony.gow@gmail.com

Commons Conservation

On Tuesday 12 th September Jonathan Alder will lead a work party on Bickers Heath. Meet at the seat off Coles Hill at 10 am.

On Sunday 24 th September Barry Norrington will lead a work party on Blackheath. Meet at 10 am opposite warehouse on Blackheath Road *HPP*.

WENHASTON

Produce, Craft & Flea Market

Sat 30th September 10am – 12.30pm

in the Village Hall IP19 9EP

*A wide and ever changing 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

Food Bank

A helper is urgently required to collect the Food Bank contributions and deliver them to St. Mary's in Halesworth. Once a month is sufficient. Items are collected at Wenhaston Post Office and at the Methodist Chapel. Packages can be collected at any time from the Post Office and the Chapel is open on Tuesday afternoons when there is a meeting. The items are then delivered to St. Mary's for distribution in Halesworth and Lowestoft. If you are able to help please contact Bob or Moira Cooke at Belmoor, Blackheath Road (Tel: 01502 478503)

On behalf of the Food Bank I would like to thank all those of you who have contributed to the Food Bank during my time of involvement. Please continue to do so. The Wenhaston collection is greatly appreciated. Unfortunately, I am unable to continue with a regular commitment for health reasons.

Bob Cooke

A Thank You From Felicity

Many good wishes, cards and little gifts have been winging their way down Blyford Lane. Thank-you so much to every one for thinking of me after my spectacular fall.

Matching Grapes and Food – Part 2 – Red Grapes

Cabernet Sauvignon is grown all over the world to produce full-flavoured wines which go well with roast or grilled meats. It produces wines which go particularly well with lamb but is also a good choice for beef casserole, steak and kidney pie and game.

Merlot makes softer, rounded wines than Cabernet Sauvignon. They are easier to enjoy on their own than Cabernet Sauvignon but also provide a good match for many foods; pigeon, duck and goose pair well as do spicy casseroles, pork, liver, turkey and ham.

Gamay, the grape of Beaujolais, produces wines that can be drunk with practically anything you like. It's very good with pates, ham, bacon and sausages because its acidity counterbalances their richness. It would, lightly chilled, suit many vegetarian dishes. It copes pretty well with salads and makes a good wine for picnics.

Syrah/Shiraz is nearly always full-flavoured and is great with full-flavoured foods such as roasts, game, peppered steaks and rich casseroles. It is the perfect barbecue wine.

Pinot Noir, which produces the great wines of Burgundy, is now grown in many places around the world. New World Pinot Noirs are usually fuller and fruitier than their European counterparts and go well with grilled and roast meats, chicken and rabbit. The great Burgundian reds (if you can afford them) are superb with the classic dishes of that region – coq au vin and beef bourguignon.

Tempranillo, Spain's best-known red grape, makes wines that go very well with roast lamb, cured ham, sausages of all kinds and casseroles.

Tempranillo, of course, is the grape of Rioja.

Bernard Orme

Pigeons

Hasn't this been a glorious summer?

I love all the birds- but does anyone else share my increasing impatience with the ubiquitous pigeon?

His strident call drowns out all the other voices. The dawn chorus is now almost a dawn solo.

Can nothing be done to tell him to "pipe down" or (maybe) get shot down! And I find his indiscriminate use of the bird bath very irritating.

Has he no manners? Pigeon Pie anyone?

D.F.



Great tit on sunflower
seed head

September – Our Birds Prepare for Winter

Suddenly it's autumn. Seeds and fruit ripen, leaves take on the first hints of red and brown, nights become colder and our birds are starting to prepare for the winter to come.

Many of the summer visitors, e.g. swifts, warblers and swallows, have left to begin their migration south and winter visitors are yet to arrive. Resident birds, having moulted into their new set of feathers, become quieter and no longer fight over territories, returning to warm roosts each evening.

You might have noticed fewer birds on your feeders recently. This is because Autumn is a time of plenty for the birds. If the weather remains mild and the natural food supply is good, birds don't need to resort to bird feeders for food. They instinctively prefer the natural food in the form of seeds and berries. It can be quite late in the year before the birds start showing interest in our garden offerings again.

It is a good idea, however, to keep a little food in the feeders, so that as birds pass through they will see there is food there. That way you can ensure that your garden is routinely visited later once the birds do return as the food in nature dwindles.

At this time of year gardeners traditionally start to tidy up but, by adopting a more natural approach, they could help our feathered friends when the lean times come. By allowing vegetation to die back gradually, e.g. teasels, thistles, sunflowers etc., they will help to provide food and shelter in our gardens for the coldest month.

Roland Hammond

Wanted. Editor/Co-Editor for Warbler

Wanted a person to take over all or some of the editorial and compiling work on the Warbler. You need some basic skills in Word and to be able to dedicate a few hours (between 3 and 6) mid month to assemble the newsletter. The Warbler team comprise a very effective and friendly group of people who manage the advertising, proof read, distribute and deliver the Warbler once completed. Training given to suitable applicants.

Wenhaston Mothers' Union

The wet weather didn't stop us enjoying our annual outing – we waded through the puddles to visit the Tally Ho! at Mettingham for afternoon tea. The tearoom did us proud with delicious salads, scones and cakes, sandwiches and tea. The Tally Ho! is well worth a visit if you haven't been. It is on the back road between Bungay and Beccles. There are craft items for sale as well.

Five of our members attended the North Suffolk Area Morning at Westleton on the 8th. This commenced with a service in the church, when the banners were processed. This was followed by coffee and chat in the village hall, with an opportunity to buy from the stalls, including MU selling Christmas Cards etc. A representative from the Lighthouse project in Ipswich then spoke about their work with people who need refuge from abusive partners or others. This is a huge countrywide problem and the statistics Debbie told us were quite an eye opener. The Diocesan President, Christine Ward then updated us on MU matters, Linda Ginn lead mid-day prayers and the morning concluded with a shared lunch and more chat! The profit from the day will be used to fund our November project when we will hire the I Chameleon shop in Halesworth to sell our wares. More of this next time.

In September, on the 13th, the Rev. Malcolm Walkey will give us some interesting reflections. Church Room 2.30pm *Margaret Bloomfield*

Suffolk Churches Ride and Stride

This annual event takes place on Saturday 9th September. The sponsor forms are in Wenhaston church for those who wish to cycle or walk in aid of St Peter's and the stewards list is in the church porch. Thank you in anticipation. *Margaret Bloomfield*

Wenhaston Gardeners Club

Following the 'Extraordinary Meeting' on July 26th It was reluctantly and with some sadness that it was agreed to close Wenhaston Gardeners Club at the end of the year. This is due to declining support and insufficient volunteers to form an effective committee. Current membership will be extended until the end of the year and the meetings in Sept, Oct and Nov as well as the Christmas Party in December will go ahead as the speakers are already booked. Further information will be given at the AGM.in October.

Wenhaston Village Hall 100 Club - Winners for August 2017

The draw was made and we are delighted to announce the winners:

- 1st prize Richard Skinner (number 148) £33
- 2nd prize Ted Woods (number 74) £20
- 3rd prize Daphne Francis (number 119) £13

Just a reminder about the 100 Club, at least 50% of the annual income from subscribers is for the Wenhaston Village Hall, the other 50% is paid out as monthly prizes, plus a £50 Bonus prize in December. Please keep supporting this worthy cause.

It's never too late to sign up! A chance to win a prize costs just £1 a month, our accounting year starts in September so anyone wishing to join now is very early in September, the fee is £12 for the year, phone Trish to join on 01502 478267.

Renewals for 17/18 should be paid by end August by cash or cheque payable to Wenhaston Village Hall 100 club. Please hand in your payment in an envelope with your name clearly written on the front to Jane at the Post Office (thank you Jane for being our collecting person!) or to either of the promoters, Kirsten West or Trish Gower.

QI GONG RETURNS TO WENHASTON

With the arrival of Autumn what better time to reap the benefits of learning a new skill? Steve Garlick will be starting a fresh term of the popular Qi Gong classes in the Village Hall at 2pm on Wednesday 4th and Thursday 5th October.

Like the more widely known art of Tai Chi, Qi Gong is an ancient Chinese system of physical and mental exercise that emphasises slow and focused movement to strengthen the body, calm the mind and induce a sense of wellbeing and tranquillity.

Recent studies have shown that regular practice of Qi Gong can have a beneficial effect on a range of conditions from balance and flexibility through to anxiety and insomnia.

Classes are open to all and for newcomers the first one is always free.

Please contact Steve on 01502 478120 or email

QiGong_Wenhaston@Outlook.com for more details.



“OPEN THE BOOK” in WENHASTON

“Open the Book” is a nationwide Bible Society scheme bringing dramatized bible stories into primary schools. For several years a small team of volunteers has presented these stories to the children in Wenhaston School. They really enjoy our visits, especially when invited to take part in our performance. Sadly, for various reasons, our team has diminished to a point that we may not be able to continue. We are hoping to recruit

Christian men and women to join us. We perform about once a month during term time, for about twenty minutes, rehearsing just beforehand. No previous acting experience or learning of lines required – just a willingness to dress up, have fun and enjoy being with the children, for whom this may be their only encounter with traditional bible stories.

We would love to hear from anyone who would be interested in finding out more and joining us for September. Please contact Christine on

01502 478511, christinemargaret@hotmail.co.uk

www.biblesociety.org.uk/get-involved/open-the-book

Come Again Another Day

Rain is the friend of the roofed auditorium, and the enemy of the open-air theatre. It stayed away long enough on Sunday 23 July to lure the Circle 67 players into setting up on Church Common for their annual ‘Shorter Shakespeare’ tour visit, then came down heavily enough to force a decision to retreat to the Village Hall, and as a friendly audience settled on its chairs inside to watch the shockingly raunchy opening scene of *Measure for Measure*, it was banished by bright sunshine until the end of the play.

The setting didn’t help a production designed to be seen with a big sky as a backdrop, and something was lost also in the Hall’s “badminton ceiling” acoustic. But a good tight script and very spirited and excellently delivered performances by all the cast kept a (a slightly bewildering) story enjoyably moving. And it was fascinating to see one of the Bard’s least often presented plays, even in this short form.

Thanks to the Village Hall for their rescue. Come again, rain, another Summer Sunday if it brings so delightful an outcome. *Peter Lewis*

NEWS FROM THE CHURCH

We enjoyed welcoming to lunch visitors to the Becker Exhibition being held in the Church on Saturday 5th. August. It was good to have such a busy Café in the Church Room and we are very grateful for the £425.00 which this event raised for Church Funds. Unfortunately, the afternoon teas did not do quite so well partly due to some very damp weather.

Nevertheless, it was a successful day and we are grateful as always to all those who baked and helped in any way.

Our next fund-raising event is at the Village Show on Sunday 20th. August in the Village Hall when we have been asked to serve teas. This will be from 2 o'clock onwards and we look forward to seeing lots of customers! Harvest will soon be with us and we are having our Harvest Service in the Church on Sunday 24th. September at 11.15.am. This will be followed at approximately 12.30.pm by a buffet harvest lunch. Everyone is invited to both the service and the lunch and we look forward to seeing all our friends both old and new.

The Methodists will be joining us as usual and we are particularly pleased to welcome the members of Thorington Church this year. Anyone who could help with the catering would be very welcome. Please contact either Margaret B (478502) or Margaret G (478378).

Teas in the Garden at Spindleberry

Saturday 2nd.September 3pm - 5pm. (If wet in the Village Hall)

As always, we look forward to seeing you and your family and friends for a cream tea etc. There will also be a cake stall and the usual raffle.

Margaret G. Churchwarden

Pause For Thought

Every fourth Sunday an informal service takes place in St Peter's Church. It starts at 11.15am and lasts for about half an hour. The service follows a simple format and includes readings, a short talk, music (sometimes singing, sometimes listening to music) and quiet time for reflection. Recent services have included a commemoration of the victims of the Manchester bombings, an exploration of a poem about St Peter and a reflection of the lasting impact of recent tragedies, such as the Grenfell Tower disaster, once the stories drop from the headlines. The service is always followed by refreshments. Everyone is welcome to join us for a time of quiet reflection in our beautiful church.

Alison Alder.

Southwold Railway Trust

The Trust would like to welcome the many new members from Wenhashton who have recently joined. For the first time ever, Trust membership recently exceeded the 500-mark. Many of the new Members are also offering to volunteer – and they have the skills we need. As a small gesture of welcome, we will be working at the Trust's Blyford Lane site on Saturday September 2nd, and invite everyone, Members and non-Members alike, to visit between 11.00 and 15.00 to see what we are doing, talk to local volunteers, and have the opportunity to walk the land which the charity's members own. Trust volunteers are particularly pleased that planning permission for the Van 13 body and the station WC – both of which they designed and built – is now permanent. *James Hewett.*

Mystery Benefactor

Mrs. May Parker would very much like to thank the kind person who left two boxes of Mr. Kipling's cakes (French Fancies) in a carrier bag at her door the other day. Unfortunately, due to a sudden squall, the message label which came with them, was washed out. If you would like to telephone her, she will be pleased to express her appreciation in person.

Village Hall Cafe Art

Our next monthly spot from mid-September will be shared between Andy Norris and Wil Harvey. Andy has turned his attentions away from the kiln to paintings mainly in vibrant acrylics. His geometric approach is reminiscent of the Vorticist movement; he sums it up as liking the shapes and colours. Wil continues to mix landscape painting, usually in 'ink and wash', with oil portraits. They both share a fascination with water towers which often appear in their artwork, and endowed Wenhashton with the privilege of being the birthplace of the British Water Tower Appreciation Society. Perhaps they should get out more.

In October, we plan to have an open exhibition of Wenhashton artists, so dig out your pictures!

Wil Harvey

Holiday Slide Show

We hope to repeat last year's successful evening of holiday pictures in the village hall this autumn, so whether your trip was home or abroad, please consider getting 15 minute's worth of your digital pics together to educate, entertain or bore a friendly audience.

Wil Harvey 478606

Wenhaston Methodist Church			
Sunday Services at 10.30am		Tuesday Meetings at 2.30pm	
3rd	Iris Baker 4pm at Trinity Church to welcome new ministers.	5th	Womens' Fellowship Suku Bailey
10th	At Halesworth Methodist	12th	Bible Study
17th	Rev Louise Morrissey	19th	Women's fellowship. Trixie Dye
24th	11.15am at St Peter's	26th	Bible Study
Saturday 2nd "Pray Awhile" on a come and go basis for prayer and meditation. ALL WELCOME AT ANY EVENT			

Just for Fun

Anagram Pairs.

The clues given lead to two answers which are anagrams of each other. The number of letters is given in brackets. Obviously, the more letters the harder it gets. Answers on page 16

Example. 1. Fight over an aspirin (6) Answer, Battle and Tablet.

2. Morning Mum (2)

3. Top and Bottom (3)

4. Halt Mail (4)

5. The King is not Dead (5)

6. Sea Pilots

7. Saved from Casanova (7)

8. Tutor a Swindler (8)

9. Draught animal in a Band (9)

And for the gifted and talented'

10. Fortnum and Mason (4)

11. Wife's parent is a Female Fascist. (11)

12. Wife's other parent is Intellectually Limited. (11)

13. 13 = 13 (13) (Clue, think sums)

And finally

14. Dreadful legislation that you are looking at now. (16)



Picture Lyn Gedney

Wenhaston Snappers

It's been a busy spring/summer for Wenhaston's photographers. We've been shooting harvest images as well as the soapbox race. The soapbox race is always a great photo opportunity and this year was no exception. The Battle of the Blyth was marred by rain, but as per usual this did nothing to dampen the spirits of the village. The pictures make it look like it was a sunny day. The photographs of both events can be seen on the Wenhaston Charities facebook page. Members of the group went on a photowalk through Southwold and captured some stunning views of a thronging seaside town. Sightings of photographers in the parish are on the rise, so don't be surprised if you see a bunch of us out after dark with cameras pointing towards the heavens. The name of the group is changing to Wenhaston Photography Group.

Group members entered the village show with Viv Kemp winning the first prize in the 'My Haven' section and best in show. Well done Viv.

Autumn is around the corner. A great time to take photographs of the turning leaves. Anyone interested in joining should contact Jason 478025.

Answers to Anagram Pairs

2. AM and Ma. 3. Tip and Pit 4. Stop and Post. 5. Elvis Lives
6. Marine and Airmen. 7. Rescued and Seducer. 8. Teacher and Cheater.
9. Carthorse and Orchestra. 10. Posh Shop. 11. Mother in Law and Woman
Hitler. 12. Father in law and Near Halfwit. 13. Eleven plus two = Twelve plus one.
14. Abhorrent new laws and Wenhaston Warbler

Wenhaston Flower Club

Meeting in the Church Rooms - Tuesday 5th. September - 7.30pm.
We have a new demonstrator, Debbie Johnson whose Theme will be
FLOWERS FROM YOUR GARDEN.

Please do come and bring your friends and give Debbie a very big
welcome.

For more details please phone JEAN 01502 478317.

Thank You

A very heartfelt Thank You to all my friends and relations for the care and
help which you have given me since my fall in May.

Thank you especially for all the cards, gifts, flowers and phone calls which
I have received. I am now back at home and looking forward to seeing you
all again very soon.

Jean Spindler

The Blythburgh Singers.

The Blythburgh Singers will be performing a concert of music on Saturday
2nd September at Holy Trinity Blythburgh "Inspired by Evensong", to
include choral music from the 15th to 20th centuries, Organ music on the
recently refurbished organ, and readings.

Tickets on the door £10."

Jonathan Alder

Wenhaston Art and Craft Group

The group will recommence on Tuesday 12th September from 2.00 until
4.00 in the village hall. The sessions are very sociable with everyone
working on their own projects ranging from painting, drawing and
sketching to knitting and sewing with lots of other skills in between.
Members old and new are all welcome to join us for a cuppa and biscuits, a
chat and to carry on with your pastime. £2.00 per session.

