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WENHASTON WARBLER



It's here! The Story of My Life and Family in Wenhaston

By Jessie Emmeline Ellis, mother of Heather Phillips and Jack Ellis

A life short on money but rich in talent and initiative.

Jessie lived from 1896-1991 in Wenhaston. She wrote her memoirs in her



nineties on scraps of paper and we have now turned them into a book and added many family photos. You can read about arduous stone picking, a bomb in the garden, the gypsies who lived on Blackheath, ghosts, food, farming, and much more about family life in the village during the twentieth century. Everyone is very welcome at our Book Launch on Saturday October 21st at the Village Hall.

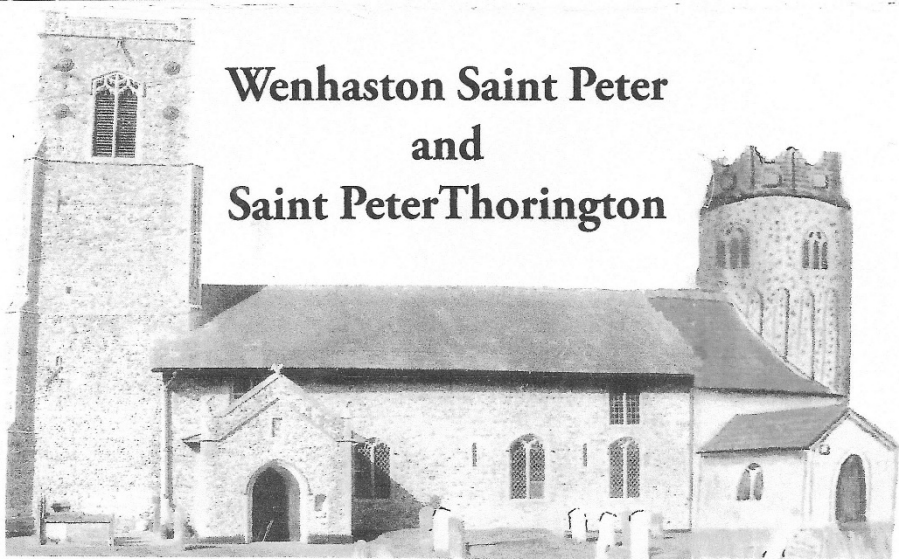
Please join us at 12.00 for Suffolk nibbles and more and we'll have lots of information about the book. Do come if you can.

Proceeds from the sale of the book will go to Wenhaston Village Hall. Heather Phillips and Janice Claxton

PLANNING FUTURE HOUSING DEVELOPMENT IN WENHASTON

Suffolk Coastal District Council are carrying out a public review into the future housing needs and allocations in Wenhaston 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. Should you have any comments to make on the consultation, please submit them to be received no later than **23.45 on Monday 30th October 2017** to

- <http://consult.suffolkcoastal.gov.uk/consult.ti>
- Email to suffolkcoastallocalplan@eastssuffolk.gov.uk, or
- Letter addressed to Planning Policy & Delivery Team, East Suffolk House, Station Road, Melton, Woodbridge, IP12 1RT.



**Wenhaston Saint Peter
and
Saint Peter Thorington**

Two-Saint-Peters Quiz

Friday 13 October

Wenhaston Village Hall

Raffle 7 for 7.30 Bar

Entry £12 for a table of Four

Proceeds in aid of both churches



WENHASTON¶

Flower·Club¶



Charity·Night¶

In·Aid·of·Cancer·Research¶

Tuesday·October·3rd·7.00·pm¶

In The Church Room¶

Admission ·£2.00¶

Includes Tea - Coffee - Nibbles¶

Stalls and a Raffle¶



We all know someone affected by ·
Cancer please come and support us¶



Wenhaston Produce, Craft & Flea Market

Sat 28th October 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

the music of
County Clare
returns to Wenhaston



Eoghan Neff, Blackie O'Connell & Cyril O'Donoghue are back in Suffolk for another great evening of traditional Irish folk music.

Saturday 28th October 2017

7.30 – 11.00pm

Wenhaston Village Hall

Nr. Halesworth

IP19 9EP

Doors open 7pm ● Bar ● Tickets £20 ● Contact Richard Steward 01502 723 823

Tickets:- Post Office Wenhaston, Tuck Shop Walberswick, Focus Organic Halesworth.

KEEPING FIT IN WENHASTON

Did you know that there are several classes held in **Wenhaston Village Hall** – to suit different age groups and fitness levels?

TUESDAYS – STRICTLY DANCE FITNESS

11.30am -12-15pm

£7 per class or £24 for 4 week block

An exciting, friendly dance work-out class taken at a 'calmer pace'.



email coralstebbingdance@gmail.com for details. Just bring a drink and a smile! Contact: Christine 478511.

QI GONG WEDS 2.00-3.15, THURS 7.00-8.15

£6 per class (first one free for newcomers)

Qi Gong is an ancient Chinese health care system that integrates physical postures, breathing techniques and focused intention to promote health maintenance, healing and increasing vitality. The gentle, rhythmic movements of Qigong reduce stress, build stamina, increase vitality, and enhance the immune system and can be practiced by anyone regardless of ability, age, belief system or life circumstances. Contact: Steve 01502 478120

THURSDAYS – FITNESS CLASS 10.00 – 11.00

£4 per class

Gentle exercise for the mature aiming to keep supple and improve muscle strength and general fitness levels. Contact: June 01502 478622

St Peter's Church, Wenhaston
Grand Jumble Sale
Saturday 7th October
Village Hall 2pm
Cakes, Raffle, Refreshments
Books, Toys, Bric-a-brac
Tombola, Jumble, Good as new.
In aid of Church funds

NEWS FROM THE CHURCH

The rain held off for the teas in the garden at Spindleberry in September and we had an enjoyable afternoon. Thank you to all the helpers and to everyone helped in any way, the event raised £320.00. for Church funds. Thank you also to all those who helped at the teas at the Village Show., we were grateful for the opportunity to raise funds for the Church. The Village Show is always an enjoyable event and it will be very sad if there is not a show next year.

Jumble Sale – yes, it's that time again! We are holding our autumn jumble sale in the Village Hall on Saturday 7th. October commencing at 2 o'clock. As always we shall be very grateful for any jumble, please contact Margaret B (478502) if you would like items collected or can help. On Sunday 8th October, we shall be having Team Evensong in the Church with the team choir. The Service is at 6.30pm. There will be a warm welcome for anyone who would like to join us and there will be light refreshments after the service.

We are joining with Thorington Church again this year for a Quiz Night in the Village Hall on Friday 13th. October at 7pm. For 7.30pm This was a very successful venture last year so do join in by coming with a team of four people, who knows you may well win! Entry forms are in the Village Post office and the Quiz is open to Halesworth and all the Blyth Valley Villages.

Margaret (Church Warden)

October and November – Bird Goings and Comings



Waxwing

Most people know that the UK receives many feathered visitors that entertain us with their songs and aerobatics throughout the summer and then leave as winter approaches. What is less well known is that some bird species find our winters very attractive and migrate here to avoid even harsher conditions in their own countries, such as Russia, Scandinavia and North Eastern Europe.

We might expect to see Brambling, Redwing, Waxwing and Fieldfare in the coming months. Redwing and Fieldfare can often be seen in large flocks feeding in the stubble fields around Wenhaston, or stripping the berries from trees such as the Holly. Waxwings, a rarer visitor, also have a liking for berries, particularly rowan and hawthorn, but also rose-hips and cotoneaster. Flocks of them descend on supermarket car parks (including the Co-op in Halesworth!), especially where cotoneaster is often planted. Even within a single species there are winter migrations. We are all used to our good old British Blackbirds hanging around all year, even in the harshest months. However, if you wake up one winter morning and find your garden festooned with tiny beach towels, you will know that the German Blackbirds have arrived! Instead of seeing one or two in your garden, there may be half a dozen or more. This is because during winter there is massive immigration of blackbirds from Scandinavia, Germany, the Baltic States, and parts of Russia and Finland.

These are the months where natural foodstuffs start to dwindle and birds return to our gardens to try to find food and shelter to survive another winter. Now is the time to stock up your garden with a mixture of food – seed for your feeders, suet pellets and mealworms (dried if, like me, you're squeamish) to scatter on the ground or your bird tables. *Roland Hammond*

Footpath Walking

A morning walk will leave from Wenhaston Village Hall at 10 am on Tuesday 3rd October.

On Tuesday 17th October Kate Draycott will lead a walk round Suffolk Wildlife Trusts Carlton Marshes Nature Reserve. Meet at 10 am at Ivy House Country Hotel, Ivy Lane Oulton Broad.

For any further information contact Heather Phillips 01502 478545

Wenhaston Warbler Wine

Firstly, I've been reminded that there are a couple of red grape varieties that I should have mentioned in "Matching Grapes and Food". The first is Malbec which makes a perfect partner for steak and roasted red meats. The second is Sangiovese (the grape of Chianti from central Italy) which is also a good partner for beef and lamb dishes.

Second, and I hark back to my article in April's Issue in which I showed that the value of wine in a bottle costing a fiver is between 45 pence and fifty pence. You could draw the obvious conclusion that more expensive wines always taste better. Time for a cautionary tale or two.

In 2001 a French researcher did an "experiment" with 50 winemaking students. He gave the students two red wines to taste; with a week between tastings. One was a red Bordeaux in an impressively – labelled bottle; the other a cheap red table wine in a plain bottle. As you would expect most of the students showed a strong preference for the expensive one. However, our cunning researcher had put exactly the same wine in both bottles – an average priced Bordeaux. The students' verdicts were influenced by price and the look of the bottle. They tasted what they expected to taste. Furthermore, several blind tastings (when the drinkers are not told what the wine is) in this country and the USA have shown little correlation between what people liked and high price. When they do not know what the wine is most people cannot tell which is the expensive and which is the cheap one. When they do know what the wine is they prefer the more expensive one, or the one they think is more expensive. It's clear that the taste and enjoyment of wine is influenced by many things; the price, the label, the occasion, and our mood at the time. Ah, but what about those with trained palates – the "Experts" ? You'll have to wait for another Issue of the Warbler for my views on that topic. In the meanwhile, a warming red from Portugal which I believe gives a load of taste for not a lot of money is Animus Douro DOC - £4.99 a bottle from Aldi. Can be bought online, too, in cases of 6.

Another good value juicy red is Morrison's Nero d'Avola, a wine from Sicily it's a fiver at Pakefield supermarket.

Bernard Orme

Wenhaston Bowls 2017

The sun is setting on another successful outdoor season for Wenhaston Bowls Club during which the Club was active in a number of Leagues as well as providing opportunities for beginners & improvers.

Club members once again achieved success in the Suffolk County Championships and were winners of the Lowestoft & District League under the Captaincy of Chris Peck. Wenhaston teams also competed in the Halesworth 3 Wood League (Runners Up), the Saxmundham & District Division 1 (3rd) and the EBA Wednesday Lowestoft BE League (mid-table). The club hosted five open afternoons and an internal Thursday afternoon challenge ran throughout the season to encourage new members as well as providing a social forum.

The annual tournament attracted 24 teams from across the region and is a key event in our calendar.

Our next outdoor season starts in April 2018: please contact Kevin Canham (Wink) on 01502 478628 / 07969988516 for more information.

Café Art

This month you have plenty of time to catch Andy Norris' and Wil Harvey's art work in the village hall café before a new display by David Elliot arrives on October 13th. David has been concentrating on oil painting - portraits in particular - and his work has great depth and character. Come and appreciate it whilst sipping a coffee on a Wednesday or Saturday morning!

If you would like to display your art or craft work in the café, please contact Wil or Andy.

Wil Harvey

What's in a Name. Patriachal Names

There are many patriachal names in the village, Phillips, Jackson, Adams, Hobson, Wilson, Macdonald, in fact most names ending in the letter 'S' or SON, starting with MAC or the Irish O' prefix. These are names that were originally handed down from father to children. There are also matriarchal names such as Emmett and Marriot, children of Emma and Mary respectively, but I am not aware of any in the village.

Wenhaston Methodist Church

Sunday Services at 10.30am		Tuesday Meetings at 2.30pm	
1st	Iris Baker	3rd	Women's Fellowship AGM
8th	Rosemary Adams	10th	Bible Study
15th	Rev Ernie Bosse	17th	Women's fellowship. Rev Jan Bunday
22nd	Rev Robin Searles	24th	Bible Study
29th	At Halesworth Methodist Rev Peter Rayson	31st	Healing meeting
Saturday 7th "Pray Awhile" on a come and go basis for prayer and meditation. ALL WELCOME AT ANY EVENT			

Wenhaston Flower Club

Wenhaston Flower Clubs Charity Evening is on October 3rd at 7 pm in Wenhaston Church Room and will be in aid of Cancer Research. Please give your support to a very worthwhile cause. £2 admission which includes light refreshments, also stalls and a raffle. A warm welcome awaits you all. Contact Jean Spindler if you need further information on 01502478317

New "Pause For Thought" Exhibition – "Faith In Society"

From the beginning of October, a new display will be exhibited in St Peter's Church exploring the theme of "Faith In Society". Too often people of faith are portrayed as trying to impose their views on society and telling other people how to live their lives. This exhibition, based on the book "Being Disciples" by Rowan Williams, Master of Magdalene College and previous Archbishop of Canterbury, will explore the many ways Christians in the modern world live out their faith. "The Christian disciple ... does not campaign for political control, (but) to try and persuade both government and individuals that a better moral basis exists for ordering public life." Come and have your thoughts stimulated and use our wonderful church for some quiet time for reflection.

St Peter's Church is open every day during daylight hours. The monthly "Pause for Thought" service is on the fourth Sunday at 11.15am, informal worship followed by reflection. Everyone is welcome. *Alison Alder*

Wenhaston Village Hall 100 Club - Winners for September 2017

The Wenhaston Village Hall 100 Club September 2017 draw was made and we are delighted to announce the winners:

- 1st prize Terry Grimwade (number 37) £33
- 2nd prize Feri Afshari (number 10) £20
- 3rd prize David Jenkins (number 80) £13

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, the fee is £11 for the period to end August 2018, we welcome new members! 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.

Commons Conservation

Tuesday 3rd October St Peter's Churchyard.

On Tuesday 10th October Helen Gairn will lead a work party on Bickers Heath. Meet at the seat.

On Sunday 22nd October Jonathan Alder will lead a work party on Blackheath. Meet opposite Heathside Lodges.

All work parties meet at 10 am.

Wenhaston Gardeners Report for September

'Where do I get Honey Fungus spores from, so that I can kill next door's Sycamore?' This was one of the many questions fielded by our President Ric Staines at our last meeting. He had gallantly stepped into the breach when, at the last minute, our proposed speaker Sue Townsend had been unable to attend.

Ric proved to be an entertaining and informative 'stand-in', answering our questions with knowledge and humour. These included; identifying what was attacking giant salvia in the night, a mysterious illness that was killing a magnolia, how to prevent ground elder taking over the garden, not to mention how to deal with mare's tails growing between paving stones. Our next meeting will be our final AGM and a talk given by David Holmes entitled, 'Raking up the Past.'

Felicity

Halesworth Annual Scarecrow Festival And Treasure Trail 2017.

The Festival begins on Sat 21st Oct and will run to Sat 28th Oct. Scarecrows will be displayed up and down the Thoroughfare, around the Market Place, in and past the church and back to Angel Link. It's up to the children of Halesworth and the surrounding villages to decide who will win the coveted award of best scarecrow in town.

There will also be a Treasure Trail for children (of all ages!). Shops and businesses will have letters hidden in their windows which put together make up words – this year's theme is Children's Stories. Those with all the correct answers go into a prize draw with the grand prize being the honour of switching on the town Christmas lights on Saturday, 26 November, plus a £50 cash prize from donations from local businesses. There will also be prizes for runners up. Entry forms cost £1 and will be available from Edwards restaurant and the library, both situated in the Thoroughfare. All monies raised will go towards the fund for Halesworth Christmas Lights.

Blyth Valley Community First Responders

The Community First Responder initiative has been operating in Wenhasston for over six years but I am standing down as CFR coordinator from the 1 October. Fortunately, the initiative will continue with Pat Seaman who has visited the village on many occasions, as coordinator. Pat is the coordinator of many adjacent villages to Wenhasston. There is one qualified responder who resides in Blythburgh and it is hoped that more responders can be trained in the forthcoming months.

On behalf of the Blyth Valley CFR initiative may I thank residents and the parish council who have provided support over the years A A 'Gus' Jones

Christmas Food Bank

We would be grateful for Christmas Puds, Mince Pies, Chocolates or any other goodies. Also, small toys for children of all ages. Not forgetting teenagers, toiletries, make up etc.

Your generosity last year was so gratefully received by those who had nothing for Christmas.

All donations need to be in the boxes by the end of November and in good date. Thank you.

Iris Baker

Just for Fun

L	E	B
R	D	A
G	U	H

How many words of 3 letters or more can you make always including the middle letter

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

4	9	13	3
14	16	10	11
2	7	12	1
6	8	15	5

Maximum Four

Pick four numbers that add to make the maximum total. No two of the numbers may appear in the same row or column, so if you choose 16, you cannot also have 14 etc.

Pick carefully.

Wenhaston Warbler Information

The Warbler welcomes articles (please keep as brief as possible, max 150 words).

The editors reserve the right to amend or not to publish articles which are unsuitable for whatever reason.

Advertising: £15 p.m. for 1/4 column (£150 p.a.), small ads £5 p.m. for 4 column lines (£50 p.a.).

Deadline for articles for inclusion in The Warbler is the 15th of the previous month.

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