

NOVEMBER 2017

# WENHASTON WARBLER



## Back Road Runners (and Rider)!



**Pictured above are Judy Miller and Phil Corbett, both competitors in the Great East Run half marathon in Ipswich. Phil is pictured just before they told him it was a 13.1 mile run, not 13.1 minutes and doing the 'P' salute at the end.**

**Bottom picture is of Judy at the London to Brighton bike ride in September. She is due a well-earned rest.**

**Judy raised money for the Motor Neurone Disease Association, a charity close to her heart due to people she has known & nursed with the condition. Anyone wishing to sponsor her retrospectively can do so via JustGiving (Judith-miller5) or dropping a donation off to the house, which will get passed on promptly. Phil raised money for World Bicycle Relief.**

**Please also remember the Disasters and Emergency Committee's Myanmar Appeal**



### Proper Nanas

In the last month Anglia News reported that a garden in Southend had produced a Banana, whilst here on Blackheath we have been producing Bananas for the last 2 years. We have 6 plants that just multiply on their own.

One up for Wenhaston.

*Tony Wollin*

# WENHASTON CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

Saturday 2nd  
DECEMBER

2 - 4pm  
in the Village Hall

**STALLS RAFFLE  
REFRESHMENTS**

**FATHER CHRISTMAS**  
will be there!



Booking forms for stalls available  
at **Wenhaston** Post Office



**Wenhaston Produce,  
Craft & Flea Christmas  
Market**

**Sat 25<sup>th</sup> November**

**10am – 12.30pm**

**in the Village Hall**

*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**

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**Ann: 01502 478085 or  
Christine: 01502 478511  
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[christinemargaret@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:christinemargaret@hotmail.co.uk)

### **Wenhaston Flower Club**

**Cancer Research evening** a very big thank you for the magnificent result from our special evening in October when we raised the huge amount of £510 for this splendid cause. A very big thank you for the many donations, for those who came and for those who helped in so many ways, it was a great result. We meet again on Tuesday November 7<sup>th</sup> in the Church room at 7.30 pm when Roger will conduct a Workshop evening on a “Christmas table decoration”. If you haven’t a list of what to bring please contact me Jean Spindler on 01502478317. Hope to see you on the seventh. *Jean*

### **Footpath Walking**

A morning walk will leave from Wenhaston Village Hall at 10 am on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> November

On Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> November Gill Perkins, Mendel Holland and Tina Woolnough will lead a walk round Halesworth. Meet at 10 am in the Angel car park, we shall return there for lunch. For any further information contact Heather Phillips on 01502478545. *HPP*

### **Commons Conservation**

Nick Avery will lead a work party on Bickers Heath on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> November. Meet at 10 am near the seat off Coles Hill.

On Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> November Barry Norrington will lead a work party on Mill Heath. Meet at 10 am at the entrance off Heath Road. *HPP.*

### **The Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal**

May we remind everyone in Wenhaston who kindly support the Poppy Appeal so generously each year, that poppies will be on sale in the village as usual and collection boxes will be in place at

**The Post Office**  
**The Star Inn**  
**Heathside Stores**  
**The Primary School**  
**PJN Motors (in Back Road)**

Your continued support will be greatly appreciated. *John Levy. RBL*

## **Parish Update**

This is an occasional on matters of concern or interest within the parish.

- There has been a spate of burglaries in and around Wenhaston so please be vigilant about locking your property and reporting any suspicious activity to the police on 101 or 999 for an emergency.
- The area adjacent to the bus shelter on The Street is looking a little tired and would welcome a little TLC from anyone who is willing to volunteer to do this.
- The telephone box is waiting to be disenfranchised by BT and at that point, hopefully the village will take over responsibility for it and spruce it up.
- At present, quotes are being gathered for the second phase of the playground refurbishment which will focus on sports equipment. When work begins, the Parish Council will be seeking some local volunteer labour to keep the cost down and allow more spending on facilities.
- This is an appeal to people living next to junctions with hedgerows that are overgrown. Now that the nesting season is over can you make sure that your hedge is sufficiently clipped to allow traffic to have an adequate view when pulling out.
- At time of going to press there are two planning applications in the system and these can be viewed on line at <http://publicaccess.eastsuffolk.gov.uk/online-applications/> They are 17/4172/FUL. Extensions to North Coign, Blyford Lane 17/4171/FUL Change of use of Wenhaston Quarry site to provide 63 holiday lodges, ancillary buildings and associated leisure activities.

*Denise Corbett*

## **Dog/Cat/Animal Welfare Appeal**

This appeal is for food, toys, leads, coats, clean animal bedding (not duvets or large blankets. For the past couple of years, Lucy and I have collected items which then go to Wangford Vets to be distributed to local animal sanctuaries and animals in foster homes waiting for their forever home to come along.

A box will be in the Committee Room from the first week in November until about the 20<sup>th</sup> of December for anyone who can spare any items. They do not have to be new just clean and usable.

*Jane Peters.*

# **The Story of My Life and Family in Wenhaston**

**By**

**Jessie Emmeline Ellis**

**Her memoirs, written in the 1980s when**

**Jessie was 91 and 92.**



**For Sale at Wenhaston Post Office, and  
Halesworth Book Shop, Museum and  
Library**

**£7.50**

**All proceeds to support Wenhaston Village  
Hall**

The Book is launched. About 100 people gathered on October 21<sup>st</sup> to hear about Jessie's memoirs and buy copies of her book. They were treated to Prosecco and Suffolk nibbles and heard about Jessie's life on Blackheath, of hard work including stone picking, ghostly shenanigans, the bomb in 1941 and much more. Visitors included Linda Gilbert, a descendant of the family of gypsies who lived on Blackheath, Betty Hatcher in 1991, who sang at Jessie's funeral, and Joyce Goddard, who first came to live with Jessie's family in 1939 as an evacuee. A successful event!

*Janice Claxton and Heather Phillips*

## **The Wenhaston Village Hall 100 Club October 2017 Draw**

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

- 1st prize Margaret Goldstone (number 3) £33
- 2nd prize Andy Norris (number 34) £20
- 3rd prize Jill Daines (number 67) £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 £10 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.

## **WEA Day School- Friday 24th.November**

After the current very popular Autumn course finishes Wenhaston WEA will be running a Day school which is a must for cinemagoers and film fans of all ages. Entitled "Dream Girls and Handsome Heroes" it will look at why popular cinema and its stars were so central to life during and just after the Second World War.

We will look at clips of American and British films(plus the odd Continental surprise) to see why these screen legends still retain their fascination today. Running from 10.00 - 4.00 with refreshment breaks the cost is only £15 including Tea/Coffee and biscuits.If you wish bring a picnic lunch that can be eaten in the Village Hall cafe.

Further details from Tony Gow, 01502 [478977.tony.gow@gmail.com](mailto:478977.tony.gow@gmail.com)

Why not book and enrol online or by telephone?

At [enrolonline.wea.org/uk](http://enrolonline.wea.org/uk) or 0300 303 3464

## **RUTH MCCABE SALE OF WORK**

After a successful Open Studio and sale in September I'm planning another on Saturday November 18th. There will be masses of brilliant bargains to buy for arty Christmas presents or as a treat for yourself.

I'm running out of storage space, so oils and watercolours which have done the gallery circuits are going for silly prices! And there'll be the usual array of unframed pieces, including small unmounted treats starting at £5, and greetings cards. Cash and card payments taken. Threeways, Coles Hill.

## Wenhaston Warbler Wine

Hardly had I finished last month's article when I read of research conducted at Oxford University, which showed how the perception of taste and quality of a wine was affected by the sounds of corks popping as the bottle was opened. It would appear that this improves the quality of the wine! Another instance of the ambience or the environment affecting judgement of taste and quality. Advertisers and marketing people have known this for a very long time of course and have used it to their advantage.

On to the experts; those with educated palates who write books and articles confidently recommending this wine and that. There is no doubt that some people have the ability to distinguish and appreciate subtle differences in aromas and flavours and this is seen with whisky blenders, parfumeurs and chefs. Experience and training will hone these skills and if the taster is to purchase large quantities and wishes to hang on to their job, then their ability to judge between wines must be accurate and consistent. They must judge which wine will appeal to a wide segment of the buying public at an affordable price which will leave the business with a decent margin.

Needless to say, they will often choose wines which are not personal favourites, but which they feel are value for money and will sell.

Customers are a varied lot and most are looking for something enjoyable which will enhance the meal or occasion. Others have taken a keen interest in wine and appreciate the sheer range of flavours and quality on offer. I liken it to someone who attends a WEA course on Art Appreciation and appreciates the subtleties and techniques of the works of art that they study in their local gallery. Whatever the reason we can say that different people have different tastes and I am constantly being reminded of this fact.

Neither price nor an expert's recommendation is a sure-fire guarantee that you will love the wine. As my wife keeps telling me "There are only two sorts of wine, those you like and those you don't". I protest that this brings us right back to square one. She ignores my protest.

Finally, in defiance of the above, I repeat recommendations I have made before if you happen to be looking for a juicy, smooth red which is not too heavy. These are Costieres de Nimes Domaine de la Cadenette from Adnams in Southwold and Truly Irresistible Pinotage from the Co-op in Halesworth.

*Bernard Orme.*



## **BLYTH WOODS**

Things are moving apace at Blyth Woods. The newly planted trees at Grove Piece, next to Vicarage Grove, are flourishing and we hope to finalise purchase of the plot soon.

We have organised work parties through the summer and recently enjoyed a drawing session with Tessa Newcomb.

We are excited to announce that the speaker at our AGM will be John Burton, founder and acting CEO of Halesworth based World Land Trust who will give an insight into the international conservation work of this pioneering organisation.

All members of the community are welcome to come along and hear John Burton and find out more about Blyth Woods, its aims and plans at 7pm for 7.30pm on Thursday 16 November at the Church Room (next to Wenhaston Church).

Want to keep fit on a Saturday morning? What about coming along to our next work party? 10am on Saturday 18 November at Grove Piece. For more information please contact Secretary Geraldine Lines [Geraldine.lines@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:Geraldine.lines@hotmail.co.uk) or check out the Facebook page.

### **Blyth Woods - AGM**

**All welcome**

**7pm for 7.30pm on Thursday 16 November  
at**

**The Church Room, Wenhaston (next to St. Peter's Church)  
Speaker John Burton, founder and acting CEO of  
World Land Trust**

### **All Souls Day – Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2017**

An opportunity to remember family and friends who have died.

As in previous years, everyone is invited to come into St Peter's Church on All Souls' Day to light a candle to commemorate members of their family and friends who have died, and to spend some quiet time remembering them. Traditionally, All Souls Day is a time when churches say prayers for those who have died and for the past few years villagers have used this opportunity to use the quiet space of the church to reflect on people whose loss they continue to feel. The church will be open from 9am to 6pm.

*Alison Alder*

## NEWS FROM THE CHURCH

The year is flying past and I am writing about Remembrance and already thinking about Christmas, which I am sure comes earlier every year!

Remembrance Sunday is on 5<sup>th</sup> November, and we shall meet at the war memorial at 10.50.am for a short Act of Remembrance, and to observe the two minutes silence. This will be followed by a service in the Church, and we welcome everybody to this service. The Church will be open all day on All Souls Day (Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup>. November) for anyone to go in to light a candle in memory of Loved Ones, or just to find Peace and Silence. Please do feel able to use the Church on this special day and on any day.

A busy Jumble sale resulted in a profit of £594.00 for Church funds. Thank you to everyone who helped in any way to raise this money and a special thank you to Margaret B for yet again organising this event, and for disposing of all the rubbish which is left at the finish!

We are sorry that we will not be organising our usual Autumn Fair this year but sadly our numbers are now quite small, and we are concerned as to how much we can ask and expect people to do for these events. I would like to take this opportunity to thank the growing number of kind friends, who do not necessarily join us at Church regularly but who are willing to help and support us. Without them we should not be able to organise some of the events which we do.

Finally, I would like to thank the organisers of this year's Becker exhibition for their generous donation of £250.00 to the Church. We are very pleased that they have already booked the Church for what I am sure will be another successful exhibition in 2018! *Margaret. Church Warden*

<b>Wenhaston Methodist Church</b>			
<b>Sunday Services at 10.30am</b>		<b>Tuesday Meetings at 2.30pm</b>	
<b>5<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Iris Baker</b>	<b>7<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Women's Fellowship</b>
<b>12<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>10.50 at War Memorial</b>	<b>14<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Bible Study</b>
<b>19<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Rev Louise Morrissey</b>	<b>21<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>Women's fellowship. Rev Jan Bunday</b>
<b>26<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Rev Robert Soanes</b>	<b>28<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Bible Study</b>
<b>Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> 9.30 – 11.00. "Pray Awhile" on a come and go basis for prayer and meditation.</b>			
<b>ALL WELCOME AT ANY EVENT</b>			

## Wenhaston Gardeners October Report

Raking up the Past was an intriguing title for a talk. David Holmes, our speaker, had brought a wonderful collection of ancient tools for us to look at. He then showed us slides of gardening tools from the past, including wheelbarrows made from elm and oak, with wheels made from steamed ash with a steel rim.

Before lawn mowers were invented sheep and scythes were used to keep down the grass. The first mowers only had a six-inch blade so it must have taken forever to mow a lawn! Then there were the early rollers; at the time stone was extremely expensive and difficult to get so a Mr Budding went to Greece where he got permission to push down ancient pillars, and he used the marble for his rollers. The pillars were made in segments with a hole through the middle to place the necessary steel rod.

No gardening talk can be complete without gnomes of which David showed us a collection. A devotee of these little men made a mountain and stuck porcelain gnomes all over it. When he died his wife, less enamoured of them, destroyed them all. Years later one was found in the undergrowth and is now insured for a million pounds. What do you do with all your old worn out tools? Why, make them into a gate of course.

It was our last A.G.M., with no committee or officers to elect, business was soon completed and a toast to all Wenhaston Gardeners and Gardeners of the world was made.

*Felicity*

### And Also...

A gentle warning. Now that winter is approaching birds are being fed. Please be aware that loose seed on the ground may be hoovered up by your dog to tragic consequences. Having just lost a beloved pet, not realising she was eating the seed, I felt this message should be passed on.

**For Sale:** One dismantled greenhouse 8ft/6ft approx. plus staging. Buyer to collect. Offers. Phone No.; 478587. email; [felicity@heron587.plus.com](mailto:felicity@heron587.plus.com)

### Village Hall - A Call To Arms

The Village Hall is an important part of village life and a great resource and only continues to run successfully due to a small group of volunteers. We need some more of these volunteers, to keep everything running smoothly. If you have any time to spare (even a few hours a month) why not consider becoming a Village Rep and help keep our Village Hall special. Enquiries and concerns to: Clive Watson 01502 478555

## **Wenhaston Mothers' Union**

The October meeting was a relaxed affair when we decided to send shoe boxes if desired, but that our main effort this year will be to fill small bags with toiletries etc for the ladies and children in the Lighthouse Women's Refuge in Ipswich. These women usually have to leave home without anything but the clothes they stand up in, and are in need of everything. It must be dreadful. Please could members bring any completed shoe boxes and gifts for the Refuge to the November Meeting.

A few members attended the Waveney & Blyth Deanery Festival on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> October at St Margaret's Church, Reydon, when Rev Alan Perry preached and took the Eucharist. It is good to meet with other branches and buy goods from the MU Literature stall.

The November meeting on the 8<sup>th</sup> in the Church Room will be an illustrated talk by Felicity Jelliff, entitled 'Tiger Talk'. This is an open meeting and we invite anyone interested to join us, you will be most welcome!

From 15<sup>th</sup> to 22<sup>nd</sup> November, the North Suffolk Area MU will hire the I Chameleon Shop in Halesworth Thoroughfare to sell goods, some MU brands, and raise funds for the good works that MU carries out. We do hope to receive lots of support. The shop will be open from 10am to 4pm and Wenhaston branch will man it on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup>. Do come and have a look!

*Margaret Bloomfield*

## **SHCT Ride and Stride, Wenhaston Results**

Many thanks to Lindsey Hammond and Joe Wakelin and his Dad, who cycled for us this year and raised £175, half of which goes to SHCT to pay towards building repairs in the Diocese, and the rest we receive. Thank you also to the sponsors and the stewards. We are very grateful. *Margaret B*

## **Two Churches Quiz**

There was a very happy atmosphere at the annual quiz in aid of St Peter's, Wenhaston and Thorington St Peter. The quiz master was Phil Corbett and his wife Denise looked after the bar. 19 tables of up to four people contested and the 'Backers' won easily! The result was that each church benefitted by £220.75 each, it was a very enjoyable evening, and the two churches send their grateful thanks, especially to Phil and Denise, but also to all who took part, gave raffle prizes and helped in any way. See you all next year!

*Margaret Bloomfield*

## Wenhaston W.I. October Report

Writing with fire sounded terribly exciting! Amanda Copson came to our meeting to show us how it is done. Pyrographics is the art of drawing with a very hot soldering iron. Some of our intrepid members put on a good show on how to use this method of art to good effect.

Other members were introduced to calligraphy using a goose feather. We first had to make a quill, easier said than done. Using a scalpel, the end has to be shaped into a point and then a groove has to be made to hold the ink. The quills made, members were then invited to write with them, surprisingly easy but very time consuming. Pens with nibs were produced which took some of us back to our school days when these pens were the norm. Amanda had brought a glass pen with her that had come from Venice; this was a joy to write with.

A quiz had also been laid on for us, Amanda had brought various natural history objects and teams had to guess what they were. A skull with antlers foxed most of us; it proved to be that of a roe deer. Male pheasant feathers were easy to identify but buzzards feather less so. It had been a very convivial evening.

Next month it is our A.G.M. and Andy Malcolm concludes the evening with a talk about the life of a trawler man.

*Felicity*

### Anagram Triples

**The clues given lead to three 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 next page)**

- 1. Little Elizabeth gets sea sick (4)**
- 2. Gaze, then cry over Council Tax (5)**
- 3. Chair changing puzzle at spring Holiday (6)**
- 4. Jack the sailor paints rodent. (3)**
- 5. Consuming or consumed a meal (3)**
- 6. Darling Buds of May (cryptic), here or in a pale borough (9)**
- 7. Bloke limps to dinner (4)**

## **Village Hall Management Contact Details**

Any issues or concerns relating to the village hall should be addressed to the chairman Clive Watson or another committee member. Although Jane is booking secretary, she is not responsible for any other issues concerning the running of the hall. This is especially relevant during Post Office hours.

## **Anagram Answers**

- 1. Lisa, sail, ails. 2. Stare, tears, rates. 3. Reseat, teaser, Easter.**
- 4. Tar, art, rat. 5. Eat, ate, tea.**
- 6. Haw Sonnet, Wenhaston, Ashen town. 7. Male, lame, meal.**

## **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.

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