



MARCH 2018

Wenhaston Warbler



'Winner of the Diamond Award for 2017'

After being finalists three times Jim and Karen are delighted to have won this prestigious award.

The award, given by Hoseasons, is for exceptional quality and outstanding customer service, for the East of England Lodge Escapes and Parks in Britain. "We put our success down to great staff, customer service and a clean and tidy site". Since opening in August 2011 with thirteen luxury lodges all with hot tubs, Heathside Holidays has increased its business with a village shop, fifteen camping and touring super pitches, nine glamping pods, seven new luxury lodges all with jacuzzi's, a large play area, nature trail and coming this year six new shepherd's huts.



Ukulele Group Hits the Sound Strummin'

The newly formed ukulele group has had 17 willing minstrels' sign-up. We meet every Monday from 4.30 to 5.30 at the village hall under the watchful eye of Malcolm who makes sure that we do not get too over enthusiastic with the strumming. Subscription is just £1. New members, beginners and experienced players welcome, Just turn up on Mondays or contact wenhastonwarbler@gmail.com or Phil on 478505

March Birds 'Spring' into Action



Long Tailed tit
nest.

It's a time of high activity amongst our garden birds. Winter visitors, such as redwing and fieldfare, take off on their journey to distant breeding grounds as far away as the Arctic Circle.

They have survived the winter by feeding on our own berry-bearing shrubs such as cotoneaster, pyracantha, rowan and hawthorn, but prefer to move to birch forests for breeding.

Summer visitors start to arrive. Chiffchaffs and blackcaps will soon be singing in our woodlands and gardens. Others will be making their way from various parts of southern Europe and Africa. It's a sobering thought that cuckoos, having left their winter quarters in the Congo rainforest, are heading to their first stopover in West Africa, where they will rest and feed-up before attempting the hazardous crossing of the formidable Sahara Desert and the flight back to the UK.

Birds pair up, nest sites are chosen, and the males sing, display and often fight to defend their territories. As nest building begins, robins, sparrows, blackbirds and other garden birds fly back and forth with twigs and other plant debris. We can help them by tying up bunches of tiny twigs, dried moss, and other stringy vegetable matter near our feeders.

Tits choose the softest nesting materials they can find – dog or cat hair, dried grass, fluffy seed heads and even cobwebs! Robins build their nests from equally soft materials and moss so, if you groom your pet, distribute the discarded fur in the nooks and crannies of your walls and hedges.

Before the long-tailed tit can lay eggs, it must build what is perhaps Britain's most intricate and labour-intensive nest; a soft dome constructed from thousands of pieces of moss stuck together by strands of cobweb. It is sprinkled with lichen fragments for protection and stuffed with feathers for insulation. The nest takes about three weeks to build and, when finished, will house an average of eight young.

And please spare a thought for the poor old male wren. He may have to build up to 6 nests before the female accepts one! *Roland Hammond*

WENHASTON
Produce, Craft & Flea
MARKET
SATURDAY 31ST MARCH

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 £6

To book your table (provided) phone

Christine: 01502 478511

or email christinemargaret@hotmail.co.uk

Raising funds for Village Hall Maintenance

St Peter's Church, Wenhaston

Grand Jumble Sale
Saturday 17th March
Village Hall 2pm

**Cakes, Raffle, Refreshments, Toys, Bric-a-brac,
Books, Tombola, Jumble, Good as new**
In aid of Church funds

LET US ENTERTAIN YOU

Are you a young person in the village? If so, what kind of event

would you like to participate in? Any ideas would be gratefully received.

Contact: Carol email: caz-mike@outlook.com

Becky Canham's Brave the Shave

The time: 11am. The Date: Saturday 14 April. The Place: Wenhaston Village Hall. I will be 'Braving the Shave' - having my head shaved and raising funds for Cancer Research UK in memory of my lovely dad Brian. Aided by local hairdresser Sian Kett, we're going to go as short as possible, I might even do a 'Kojak'. I'm actually a little nervous about it now so please, please do come and give some support, it will be great to see you there. I'll even let you rub my shaved noggin for luck provided you give a donation. The café will be open for refreshments. If you would like to make a donation in advance that would be really appreciated, thank you <https://fundraise.cancerresearchuk.org/page/beckys-giving-page-25>

Brian Robert Canham



13/07/1938 - 15/04/2003

The Future of the Patrick Stead Hospital

The NHS Great Yarmouth and Waveney Clinical Commissioning Group have begun a 4-week public engagement exercise into the future of the Patrick Stead Hospital site, which will run from Monday 5th February 2018 until 5th March 2018. The proposal would mean the closure of the Patrick Stead Hospital and the health and social day care services currently provided from Rayner Green ceasing and no longer being funded by the NHS. The CCG have agreed the sum of £1.3m to fund a South Waveney Out of hospital team, beds with care and a new minor injury service, which would become effective from 1st January 2018. With these new services in place, they no longer have a need to provide in-patient-beds at PSH, and with only outpatient services on site, the hospital, physiotherapy block and most of the surrounding land would be put up for sale.

All the services currently provided from the main hospital building; phlebotomy, diabetic eye screening and the abdominal aortic aneurysm clinic, which have been provided from the hospital for the last 12 months would be transferred to the Rayner Green Resource Centre Building. All East Coast Community Healthcare services currently provided from the Physiotherapy Block; physio, podiatry, continence, lower urinary tract symptoms (LUTS), occupational therapists and neurology specialist nurse clinics, would also be transferred into the Rayner Green Resource Centre. Once the public engagement exercise is complete, a final decision about the services provided on site will be agreed at the CCG Governing Body meeting on 22nd March 2018.

People can share their views on an online survey, until 5th March, by visiting https://www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/rayner_green/ or there are paper copies available to complete in Halesworth Library. Please do make your thoughts and feelings known

In the meantime, we are in discussions with Suffolk County Council and Social Services, looking at options to enable provision of social day care services in Halesworth for the interim period. We will keep you updated with progress.

HALESWORTH HEALTH

Wenhaston Village Show

The good news is that even though the Gardeners Club is now defunct the Village Show will still take place. It will be in August the exact date to be negotiated. The popular Potato in a Bucket competition is to be part of the proceedings, buckets and potatoes will shortly be available at the café. The schedules are being compiled even as I write. Now is the time for seeds to be bought and sown so that we can have a magnificent show!

Friday Night Fun



Come and join in the fun on the last Friday evening of every month, 7.30 p.m. at the village hall for a game of Kurling, NO experience needed. Eight teams of four compete against each other, some people make up their own teams of four but don't worry if you can't make up a foursome, just hand your names in to Jane and Eileen at the Post Office and they will pair you up.

It's also an excellent way for newcomers to the village to meet new people plus the BAR is open from 7 p.m. Hope to see you there. *Viv Kemp.*

Foodbank

A belated thank you to all the people in Wenhaston who donated so generously to the Foodbank over the Christmas period. A large amount of food and gifts was received, and it is a tribute to the kindness of everyone involved that so many people were able to be helped at a time which can be difficult for those in need.

Thank you also to Jane in the Post Office, who acts as a collection point for donations, and to St Peter's Church and the Methodist Chapel, for their cooperation in doing the same.

It is a sad fact that many people are still relying on foodbanks to help feed their families, and donations are gratefully received throughout the year.

Gill Frostick

The Wenhaston Village Hall 100 Club Draw

The February 2018 draw was made and we are delighted to announce the winners:

1st prize	Deb Cartwright	(number 140)	£33
2nd prize	Fay Sweet	(number 97)	£20
3rd prize	Heather Phillips	(number 70)	£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 £6 for the period to end August 2018. 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. Half of the membership fees are paid out in prizes, and half helps pay for items for the Village Hall, like the new tables arriving this week!

All enquiries please phone Trish on 478267.

CANCER RESEARCH

Big Breakfast
FRIDAY 9th MARCH
9.30am - 1 pm
RIFLE HALL HALESWORTH
A Warm Welcome to All.

WENHASTON FLOWER CLUB

Our meeting on Tuesday 6th March in Wenhaston Church Rooms at 7.30 pm will be a workshop with Jane. The theme is either an arrangement for Mothering Sunday or one to give as a gift.

You will need:

Pretty teapot or Jug (some available on the night at cost of £3)

1 metre of ribbon, no wider than 1 inch, to tone with flowers

Scissors

1 block of oasis

Some delicate garden foliage

A variety of spring flowers OR spray carnations, roses, gypsophila, chrysanthemums. New members always welcome.

For further information contact Jean Spindler 01502 478317

WENHASTON COMMONS



ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

followed by refreshments and a talk by
Edward Jackson - protecting Swifts in Suffolk

Tuesday MARCH 20TH

6.45 for 7 o'clock start - 9.00

WENHASTON VILLAGE HALL

ALL WELCOME



Wenhaston Save Our Swifts.

Did you know that swifts are about to be listed as **officially endangered**? Here in Wenhaston swifts return to their nest from Africa every May and we are familiar with the summer ‘screaming parties’. But numbers are declining. Imagine a summer’s evening without swifts swooping across the sky?

There are two main reasons for their decline in the UK. First, loss of nest sites. Developments in new roof construction, roof renovation and insulations have sealed off entrances, or potential entrances to swift nest sites. Swifts return every spring to the same nest site. As soon as a site is lost, the pair occupying that site will not breed again. The second reason for their decline is the loss of food source. Aerial insect numbers have declined by 75% in the last 30 years and as much as 82% in the swift breeding season.

We can help the swift population in Wenhaston by addressing both of these difficulties. The Suffolk Wildlife Trust will work with us in the village to help create and install nest boxes. But we want to go further! We want to record swift numbers in Wenhaston, celebrate “swift arrival day” in early May and increase insect-friendly flowers in our gardens, verges and wastelands.

By working together with wild-life friendly organisations in the village and the school, we can increase awareness of our swift population generally and we can really make a difference before it’s too late and they’ve all gone.

How can we begin?

Learn more about swifts: Edward Jackson, the Suffolk Wildlife Trust’s swift expert and an excellent speaker has agreed to give a talk at the Wenhaston Commons Group AGM on March 20th where all are welcome. (see details elsewhere in this month’s Warbler).

Understand Wenhaston’s swift population: We need to know our own swift numbers and record nest sites. Do they nest in your roof? You can tell the two Suffolk Wildlife Trust swift co-ordinators when you see the first swift arrive in early May and whether there is a pair nesting in your roof. Either Alan Miller at: alanm@suffolkwildlifetrust.org 01502 478788 and/or Jonathan Alder at: j.m.alder59@gmail.com 07881743991.

Install swift nest box/s on your house. Further information will be available about where to get help with installing a swift box or an array of boxes. Swifts do not leave any droppings in or around their nest.

Increase insect numbers by seeding or planting more insect-friendly flowering plants in your garden. Further information will be published here or on the Village Notice Board, or contact Alan or Jonathan. *Ann Follows*

Wenhaston Warbler Wine

Last month I recommended a couple of white wines that would help counter overindulgence but still provide drinking pleasure. As we approach the end of winter I feel we need something more rounded and definitely fruity. South African chenin blancs are bright and cheerful with plenty of apple, pear, peach and melon flavours. They are dry (or nearly so) , refreshing but rarely lean. Here are three to try, all well under a tenner. First, Cambalala Chenin Blanc 2017, Western Cape from Aldi. It's OK on its own or with seafood-based dishes. Price is a cool £3-89 a bottle. Second, The Irresistible Chenin Blanc from the Co-op supermarket. More deeply-coloured and flavoured it will go with chicken and pork in almost any guise. It's £6-99 a bottle. Finally, Waitrose's Fairtrade Chenin Blanc 2017 has plenty of juicy apple flavour and a fresh, clean finish. Try it with chicken or fish pie. It costs £5-99. Roll on Spring! *Bernard Orme*

Wenhaston Mothers' Union

Lent begins on 14th February with Ash Wednesday, which happens to be our meeting day. We are looking forward to the Revd. David Souchon's 'Thoughts for Lent'. Mothering Sunday falls on 11 March, and members will be asked to provide a few small posies to give out at the service that day. The next meeting will be on 14th March in the Church Room, when John Hewlett from Holton will tell us about Water Aid. This should be very interesting and informative, and we do urge visitors to come along and join us. *Margaret Bloomfield*

Footpath walking

A morning walk will leave from Wenhaston Village Hall at 10am on Tuesday 6 March.

On Tuesday 20 March Ian Denney will lead a walk round Holton. Meet at 10am at The Triple Plea, to which we shall return for lunch.

For further information please contact Heather Phillips 01502 478545.

Commons Conservation

On Tues 13 March Jonathan Alder and the Suffolk Wildlife Trust will lead a work party on Mill Heath. Meet at 10am at the entrance off Heath Rd

On Sunday 25 March Nick Amery will lead a work party on Bickers Heath. Meet near the seat off Coles Hill at 10am. *H.P.P.*

Wenhaston Methodist Church			
Sunday Services at 10.30am		Tuesday Meetings at 2.30pm	
4th	Iris Baker	6th	Lent Group
11th	Rev. Louise Morrissey Mothering Sunday	13th	Lent Group
18th	Circuit Service at Knodishall Rev Julian Pursehouse	20th	Lent Group
25th	Ian Prettyman Palm Sunday	27th	Bible Study
	Friday 30th March 9.30am. Good Friday Meditation Rev. Louise Morrissey		
	Saturday 3rd 9.30 - 11.00 am "Pray Awhile" on a come & go basis for prayer & meditation. ALL WELCOME AT ANY EVENT		

February Report for Wenhaston W.I.

Gus Jones' talk on Pizza, Polizia and Mafia certainly lived up to its intriguing title.

Gus joined the Kent police in 1965 before moving to Scotland Yard where he was involved in fighting organised crime, coming up against notorious criminals including the Kray family. Moving on he joined the National Drugs Intelligence Unit. For a while he was sent to Italy and lived in the grounds of the magnificent Villa Wolkinsky, given to the English as a war prize. It was in his time here that he met Judge Giovanni Falcone, famous for his 400 convictions of the Mafia.

Gus told us of the many ways drug traffickers smuggle their illegal goods across the world. They had a tip off about a boat sailing to the Netherlands. When it arrived, it was noted that the bow was very deep in the water, it was searched with dogs but nothing was found. They discovered a concrete block which when destroyed revealed another block under which was a stash of drugs.

It seems London is the hub of all money laundering, placed as it is between the West Indies and the Middle East. It's a wicked world out there.

Next month Angela Lawrence talks to us about Scandal. *Felicity Jelliff*

East Anglian Solitude.

An East Anglian Solitude" will be performed at Blythburgh Church on the evening of Saturday, 28th April, 2018.

The programme includes readings by the former Beirut hostage and Archbishop of Canterbury's special envoy Terry Waite CBE together with 16th century choral music performed by composer William Drew Batty's new chamber choir, Renaissance. The music featured is composed by some of the greatest names of the English renaissance period and all had connections with East Anglia. Terry's readings are complemented by reflections on solitude by composers such as William Byrd, Thomas Tallis, Christopher The and Orlando Gibbons. There is a mix of secular and non-secular music from the period, including songs by the great madrigalist John Wilby of Hengrave Hall and Thomas Morley, who became organist at Norwich Cathedral when he was only 16!

The evening will include an extract from 'Songs of Solitude', written by Terry Waite and the local composer William Drew-Batty, the choir's director. This was performed at Norwich Cathedral in 1997. Also, in the evening's performance will be Drew-Batty's recent work 'When David Heard' which includes text by the poet Rupert Brooke.

As well as choir soloists, Jake Barlow is the Counter-tenor and Jonathan Palman the organist. Also included in the ticket price of £12 is a drink (alcohol and non-alcohol) and canapés. Terry Waite will be available afterwards to chat and to sign his book 'Solitude'.

Tickets will be available from Halesworth Bookshop, Southwold Books and Wenhaston Post Office, by the end of February, and posters will be available soon too. I can forward this and further details to you.

Sue Foster

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 10th of the previous month.

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Pause for Thought

During March and April, the Pause for Thought displays in St Peter's Church will explore themes around Lent and Easter. There will be opportunities for you to use the quiet reflective space in the church for you to spend time exploring your thoughts and beliefs at this time, and to find out it's not all about chocolate! After that, we are planning a new exhibition focusing on "Growing Old". We hope to collect views and experiences from people across the village, either sharing their own thoughts or reflecting on people in their families. It is a time of life which is often full of uncertainty but can include positive times, especially with grandchildren.

If you would like to help in any way, please contact me on 478855 or via email:
alisonalder@hotmail.co.uk

Alison Alder

St Peter's Church

By the time that you read this report, we will have had our Pancake lunch and also the Children's Society Box Opening, hopefully both will have been successful events.

Easter is early this year and we shall be celebrating Mothering Sunday on Sunday 11th March with a service in the Church at 9.30am. There will be posies of spring flowers for everyone and coffee with Simnel cake after the service. Do come and join us for this service to give thanks to God for our mothers and our families. You will be very welcome.

Saturday 17th March is the date for our first Jumble Sale of the year in the Village Hall at 2.0' clock. We are always grateful to receive any jumble that you may have and are willing to collect if it would help. Please phone Margaret Bloomfield 478502 or alternatively bring it to the Village Hall after 10.30.am. on the day of the sale. There will be the usual cake stall and I will be very grateful to receive any cakes or produce for the stall. Customers always like homemade cakes! (Please phone 478378 if you would like me to collect).

Our prayer list in the Church, which we read at our services, is quite long at the moment as there seems to be a lot of illness and problems around. If you would like us add a name of a family member or a friend to our prayer list, we should be very happy to do so. Please leave details in the Church in the small box on the table beneath the Doom.

Do not forget that we are always happy to "Fly the Flag" to celebrate birthdays and other special occasions – just a donation of £5.00 to the Church. Please let me have the date and details. (478378)

Margaret Goldstone