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Spring Comes to Wenhaston!



Off Blyford Lane



On Blyford Lane



Igloo at Heatherbank
Richard Wakelin



Solitary Oak
Wil Harvey

The Annual Parish Meeting
of Wenhaston with Mells Hamlet
Parish Council
will take place at Wenhaston Village
hall
on Wednesday April 18th at 7.00pm.
This is your opportunity to hear a
review of the year, the Play Scheme
update and to ask questions.



St Peter's Church, Wenhaston



Lilies &

*Spring
Flowers*

*for
Easter*

*Sunday 1 April
Monday 2 April*

*Teas
in the church
Easter
Monday
2.30-5 pm*

*If you would like a lily
or Spring flowers to be
included in memory of
loved ones, please enter
details on the list in the
Church and give your
donation as shown
there.*

*(Lilies & bunches of
flowers £3 each)*

WENHASTON

Produce, Craft & Flea

MARKET

Saturday 28th

APRIL

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 £6

To book your table (provided) phone

Christine: 01502 478511

or email christinemargaret@hotmail.co.uk

Raising funds for Village Hall Maintenance

April Birds – The Dawn Chorus

In April the dawn chorus is in full flow. To some of us it is a noisy cacophony, to others a delight as each male bird sings his own unique song. For him it is a vital task that can make or break his spring fortunes, not so much a chorus, more a competition and full of intrigue.

The reasons behind song – the continual reminder to other males of territorial ownership, and the endless advertisement to females – are well understood, but the peak at dawn has long bothered biologists. Nobody is quite sure of its purpose but there are plenty of theories. Sound travels better at dawn, so it's a good time to make a public statement. Dawn is a poor time to feed: the half-light makes searching difficult and insect prey is inactive in the relative cold. So, if there's nothing better to do, why not sing, and remind your neighbours that you are there?

Biologists once assumed that bird partners were faithful in spring, but we now know this is not the case. Sparrows, swallows, starlings and blue tits, for example, go behind their mate's back because, for the male, it is an easy way to increase his reproductive output, and for the female, it's a way to obtain the best genetic material.

So, another theory for the dawn peak, and one which fits in rather better with April's overwhelming drive, is that the dawn chorus is all to do with tension between the sexes.

Many females lay their eggs at dawn and afterwards are at their most fertile, requiring the male to fertilise a further egg as soon as possible. This makes them particularly vulnerable to advances by any males, not just their mate's.

To protect his paternity therefore, a male rises early and floods his mate's consciousness with song from the moment she wakes up. He is then available, hearty and ready to fertilise her as soon as she leaves the nest. This then could be the reason for April dawn's rowdy beginning.

Roland Hammond

Wenhaston Mothers' Union

We are looking forward to hearing about Water Aid on 14th March when John Hewlett will update us on what is going on.

Then we have Easter to look forward to after the sadness of Good Friday. On April 11th, Linda Hammond, a Wenhaston resident, will speak on butterflies and birds at 2.30pm in the Church Room. This will be very interesting and we would like to invite anyone interested to come along and join us.

The very next day, the Diocesan Lady Day Service will take place at St Andrew's Church, Rushmere, and we will have the privilege of meeting our Worldwide President, Lynne Tembey, at this service, so we hope that some of our members will be able to attend. *Margaret Bloomfield*

The Childrens Society

As a result of the recent coffee morning and box opening, I have been able to send the magnificent sum of £763.27 to the Childrens Society. Many thanks to all box holders, those who counted all the cash and also attended the coffee morning. You all did so well. If anyone would like a box to put your loose change in, please contact me. *Margaret Bloomfield*

Wenhaston Flower Club

Our next meeting is on Tuesday April 3rd at 7.30pm in Wenhaston Church Rooms. Denise will be back with us with a demo on "Spring from your garden". She will also be giving a small talk and demo on arrangements using foliage.

You don't need to bring anything, just come along and enjoy yourselves. For further information ring Jean Spindler on 01502 478317.

Bank Closures

In spite of bank closures in Halesworth and Southwold, people should be aware that a full range of banking services are available at the post office in the village hall. Transactions can be carried out for all the major Banks whether it be paying in money / cheques or withdrawing cash, foreign currency can be ordered for next day delivery and most utility bills can be paid over the counter. This would save people having to travel to Beccles and in some cases Lowestoft. Additionally, it is good to use local services.

Wenhaston WI March Report

Scandal was the title of Angela Lawrence's talk. Perhaps not what the title implied, it was a scandal that a rumour could and did ruin two people's lives. William and his wife Alma ran the Henham and Wangford School for about 30 years. Even though they had lived in the area for many years, because they came from Devon, they were still considered outsiders. They dedicated themselves to the pupils of the school and were respected in the community. Just before the First World War they invited two German girls to stay to help them improve their English. In the village they were fondly known as the two little frauleins. In the summer of 1914 there was a draught and people were more concerned about their failing crops than the outbreak of war. Until a flotilla of ships were sunk off the coast of Holland, followed by three ships leaving Harwich that were sunk within three hours of leaving the harbour. Rumours began to fly about that spies in the area were flashing messages from the coast to the Germans and that William was one of these spies, only because he was known to have connections with Germany. The chief constable ordered that Alma and William leave the area within three days. William was so distraught that these rumours had destroyed his reputation that he cut his throat. Alma discovered him; she never recovered from this trauma and hung herself. It was a scandal that two people committed suicide on an unfounded rumour. As Hiram Johnson said, 'The first casualty when war breaks out is truth.

We stood in silence at the beginning of the meeting to remember our two members; May Parker and Margaret Musk both of whom died last month. Next meeting we hear about the help Clink Farm gives to people with disabilities. Our first film in April is a Victorian 'whodunnit' with some well-loved actors hamming it up! It's on **Saturday April 7th**, 7.30pm in the Village Hall as usual.

Wenhaston Cinema

The mid-month film evening will be offering something quite different: on **Thursday April 19th** **Simon Raven** from The Cut in Halesworth will be introducing two brilliant short animated films made for The Cut's 'Malt Project', about Halesworth's malting industry, talking about the project and describing how the films were commissioned and made. A must-see for anyone with an interest in local history. After an interval, this will be followed by an award-winning animated film, wonderfully intelligent with the most interesting and brilliantly crafted characters; this is so French - no glaring primary colours and Disney-style here; the colour and design are wonderfully subtle and evocative' *Wil Harvey*



Blyth Woods AGM

All welcome to attend the meeting and stay for refreshments
7pm on Thursday 19th April 2018
at

The Church Room, Wenhaston (next to St. Peter's Church)
Wenhaston Primary School will give an update on their involvement with
Blyth Woods, from planting and caring for trees to learning about our
relationship with woodland and the natural world

Our last AGM was in November but future AGMs will be held in April for
accounting purposes

Wenhaston Bowls Club

If you are interested in playing bowls or possibly
joining the Bowls Club we are having an

'OPEN DAY' AND BBQ

COME AND HAVE A GO

SUNDAY APRIL 22ND. 1PM

Bowls Supplied

We are a bowls club with ages ranging from 8-85 and involved in 4 leagues
Playing throughout the summer and in the winter months playing carpet bowls
and indoor bowls.

We look forward to meeting you if you would like to have a go.

Any enquiries ring Chris Peck 01986 874331 or Kevin Canham 01502 478628
Wenhaston Bowls Club, Wenhaston Playing Fields, IP19 9EP

CANCER RESEARCH SPRING FAIR

SATURDAY 21st APRIL

10.30am-2pm

THE RIFLE HALL HALESWORTH

Stalls, Refreshments, Raffle, Tombola, Bric-a-brac etc.

WENHASTON WOMENS INSTITUTE

We are all going to Ely Cathedral on Friday June 22nd 2018

There is a glorious Flower Festival called the Kaleidoscope of Life being organised by Roger Woolnough, from Holton, which will run from 21st – 24th June 2018. A coach will leave from the Post Office at 9.a.m. on the 22nd June and return around 5.p.m. Included in the price will be the entry to the Cathedral and your travel cost (including driver tip) which is £25 and you should have around 4 hours in Ely. This should give you plenty of time to see the flowers and to do a little exploring of Ely, a beautiful, compact, gem of a small city.

Anyone wishing to join us – as we have a few spare seats would be most welcome. Tel: Wendy on 01986 872590 wendmend@gmail.com

Wenhaston Village Hall 100 Club

The Wenhaston Village Hall 100 Club March draw has been made and we are delighted to announce the winners:

- 1st prize Fay Sweet (number 97) £35
- 2nd prize T.H. & S.E. Gow (number 20) £25
- 3rd prize Felicity Jelliff (number 81) £15

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 £5 for the year starting from April.

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.

Café Art

Do pop in to the village hall and have a look at April's excellent artwork by Dorothy Franklin and Colin Hooper; even better come and enjoy it with coffee and cake on a Wednesday or Saturday morning! The Cafe encourages local artists & craft-makers to display their work, so don't be shy - put it on the wall! Contact Wil Harvey or Andy Norris or leave a note in the café.

Wenhaston Village Show

For those who won't be travelling north for the 'Glorious 12th', this is the date to display your garden produce and your skills in cookery and crafts at the village show. Schedules are now available at the post office. Potatoes and buckets can be found at the café from the 14th of this month (March), onwards. So, put the date in your diaries, August 12th.

Wenhaston Methodist Church

Sunday Services at 10.30am		Tuesday Meetings at 2.30pm	
1st	Rev Pam Bayliss HC	3 rd	Women's Fellowship
8 th	Iris baker	10 th	Bible Study
15 th	Rev Robert Soanes	17 th	Women's Fellowship
22 nd	Rev Clive Sutcliffe	24 th	Bible Study
29 th	Rev mark Booth HC		
Saturday 3rd 9.30 - 11.00 am "Pray Awhile" on a come & go basis for prayer & meditation. ALL WELCOME AT ANY EVENT			

Wenhaston Neighbourhood Plan Early Warning

The Neighbourhood Plan has been approved by the Independent examiner and by SCDC Planning department and is now ready to proceed to referendum probably towards the end of May. The referendum is a formal vote along the lines of a general election and will take place at the village hall. More to follow next month.

Winter Scene



Off Heath Road

Picture by Wil Harvey

Announcing dates for the Inspired by Becker Exhibition 2018,
and Call for Artists.

St Peter's will once again host the village's contemporary and warm-hearted art exhibition, celebrating our connection to the artist Harry Becker. The show will run, as usual, for 3 days: Friday 3rd to Sunday 5th August. The church will be providing lunches on Sat from 11.30am in the Church Room.

Visit www.ibbas.co.uk for

- °general information about the society's aims and year-round activities,
- °to confirm the 2018 exhibition dates,
- °see examples of work submitted in previous years, and
- °read news of this year's Mike Holtom Award theme, and of the PAINT OUT Competition on Saturday.

Artists interested in finding out more **should click on the APPLY tab to read the Rules doc (downloadable pdf), and if happy with those, download and print out the Application Form and follow instructions on fee payment and return.** Your absolute deadline is APRIL 30, or before that if we reach our maximum number of exhibitors.

Inspired by Becker Art Society ibbartsociety@gmail.com www.ibbas.co.uk

Footpath Walking

A morning walk will leave from Wenhaston Village Hall at 10am on Tues 3 April.

On Tuesday 17 April Ian Bigwood will lead a walk round Mendham and Homersfield. Meet at 10am in Mendham village car park opposite 'The Sir Alfred Munnings', to which we shall return for lunch.

For further help or further information please contact Heather Phillips, 478545.

Commons Conservation

On Tuesday 10 April Barry Norrington will lead a work party on Bickers Heath. Meet at 10am by the seat off Coles Hill at 10am.

On Sunday 22 April Helen Gairn will lead a work party on Blackheath. Meet near the pond at 10am.

Both these work parties are subject to a prior bird survey.

It will be appreciated if all dog walkers keep their pets on a lead especially during the nesting season.

H.P.P.

NEWS FROM THE CHURCH

EASTER - As always there will be the opportunity in the Church to donate lilies or spring flowers in memory of loved ones. The list is on the table at the back of the Church for you to enter the details of your request and we will be grateful for donations of £3.00 for a lily or flowers. Please give your money to either Margaret Goldstone or Margaret Bloomfield. A list of all those remembered will be displayed in the Church during the Easter season as this has become a very thoughtful way of remembering our loved ones. If you have any queries about the lilies etc. please phone Margaret G. (478378).

Our Easter Service will be at 9.30am on Easter Sunday in the Church followed by coffee and refreshments and everyone will be very welcome at this service.

On Easter Monday we invite you to join us for teas in the Church - 2.30pm. onwards - and to enjoy the beauty of the Church decorated with lilies and spring flowers. We look forward to seeing you with your family and friends.

We had a successful pancake lunch on Shrove Tuesday which raised much needed funds for the Church maintenance. Our thanks go to Felicity for producing delicious pancakes and to everyone who helped.

We shall be holding our Annual Parochial Church Meeting on Sunday 22nd. April in the Church after our Service "Pause for Thought" which commences at 11.15pm. Please do think seriously about joining us at this meeting to hear our annual reports and details of our financial situation. There is much going on at St. Peters and it would be good to have your thoughts and suggestions.

May Parker

It was with great sadness that we learnt that May had died on Sunday 11th. February at her home in Wenhaston at the wonderful age of 100! She was a much-loved lady who until the last few months lived and enjoyed her life to the full. She had worshipped at St. Peter's since she came to live in the Village from Rumburgh and she was always very willing to participate in all our activities particularly making delicious sponges! She had lived on her own until she died and in past years she had enjoyed the company of her beloved cats!

Many of us celebrated with her at a wonderful 100th. birthday party last April where she stood up with great confidence and quoted verses from Shakespeare, quite an achievement!

May was a gentle, caring lady with a great sense of humour, a very special friend and she will be missed by many people.

May she rest in Peace and rise in Glory.

A service to celebrate May's Life will be held on Friday 6th. April in St. Peter's Church at 12 o'clock followed by refreshments in the Village Hall. May's family have asked me to say that everyone will very welcome at this Service.

Margaret G. Churchwarden

A Tale of Two (Red) Grapes.

Last month I wrote about one white grape from one particular part of the world; Chenin Blanc from South Africa. This month I describe the characteristics of two red varieties and the type of wine they produce. Cabernet Sauvignon is widely planted around the world. In warm southern hemisphere countries, it produces juicy, blackcurranty wines that can be drunk young. In cooler northern climates it is blended with a wide range of other varieties to add fruit, structure and class. Cabernet grapes are small, thick-skinned with lots of colour, acid and tannin. The best (and most expensive) wines made from Cabernet Sauvignon have the potential to develop (over time) complex flavours, fine texture and a lovely bouquet. Cabernet Sauvignon has the disadvantage of being a late ripener so not entirely suited to cooler regions. (Especially in cold, damp Summers). This is not a problem in the Americas, Australia or South Africa. Cabernet Sauvignons from these countries have ripe fruit; blackcurrant, cassis and liquorice flavours. The Co-op's Australian Artan reserve Cabernet is a good example. Still £8-99 a bottle.

Merlot is a different animal. It is lower in acid, softer in texture and sweeter in flavour than Cabernet Sauvignon. For such a widely – planted grape it is not often seen as a single-variety, high-quality wine. There are plenty of perfectly good, straightforward reds for everyday drinking; I recommend one below. Merlot, in contrast to Cabernet, is thinner-skinned and less tannic. It also ripens earlier and thrives on heavier, colder soils. No wonder there's so much Merlot grown in Bordeaux! Merlot from warm climates has aromas of blackberry, ripe plums, sometimes blueberries, and violets. The colour is usually dark and the "feel" in the mouth is soft. Try Adnams' own-label Merlot from Chile. You don't have to go all the way to Southwold for it; our Village Shop at Heathside Lodges stocks it - £6-99 a bottle.

Bernard Orme

Playground Refurbishment Phase 2

Grant money for Phase 2 of the Wenhaston playground development has finally been approved and it is hoped that work will start in the next couple of months. The grant is for both sport and play equipment and includes outdoor table tennis, climbing, outside gym and street soccer. It is hoped that it will all be operational sometime in the summer.

Warning – Scam

If you are contacted by possibly an Asian person suggesting they are from OpenReach on behalf of BT and that they want to help you get better internet access, then it is probably a scam.

Unfortunately, I was gullible and fell for it on Friday 16th march. It seemed plausible since there had been OpenReach engineers around the village for months. I found myself following instructions to carry out various procedures on my computer which gave access to my computer and showed a graph of how poor my internet access was. After 30 minutes I was told to leave the computer on and they would phone me to tell me when to turn it off.

Fortunately, a savvy friend arrived who told me to turn it off and to contact my bank and my provider. It seems that this frustrated the team from carrying on with the scam. My bank accounts were made safe and my computer is currently being 'cleaned' and checked. I received a phone call at the same time each morning (3 times) from the same people. I am now wiser and do not respond. It confirms for me that I turned off the computer early enough to avoid a worse scenario. I have the phone number being used, but the provider says it is a 'virtual' phone number.

Name withheld.

Wenhaston Warbler Information

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

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