# WARBLER

September 2018



#### Planning Matters.

At an Extraordinary Planning Meeting the Parish Council voted to object to the latest planning application for 39 lodges on the Old Quarry site. Reasons given were narrow and dangerous road access, damage to the environment and biodiversity, pollution of several sorts and the earlier promise to restore the site to its natural state. Anyone wishing to comment on this application can do so by writing to Katherine Scott, Planning Department, East Suffolk House, Station Road, Melton, Woodbridge. IP12 1RT or emailing d.c.admin@eastsuffolk.gov.uk





Fire on Star Hill
Despite warnings in last
month's Warbler, a fire was
deliberately started next to
Star Hill. The Fire Brigade
had to be called and the police
are seeking pictures or
descriptions of two girls seen
fleeing the site of the fire.



FUN on a COLD WINTER'S NIGHT' - a date for your diary! FRIDAY NOVEMBER 9<sup>th</sup> 7pm in Wenhaston Village Hall A BOLLYWOOD EVENING



Bollywood Dancing, Mild Curry (chicken and vegetarian) Bollywood movie Tickets £12.50 available September/October Organised by Wenhaston WI in aid of ACWW

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More information from Barry Norrington, secretary 01502478762

<u>barry.norrington48@btinternet.com</u> online enrolment at wea.org.uk

# **WENHASTON** *Produce, Craft & Flea*

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#### Raising funds for Village Hall Maintenance



#### <u>September – a Challenging Winter Ahead?</u>

September heralds the start of autumn and things are changing fast in our bird population. Most of our summer visitors, such as warblers, swallows and swifts, have left for warmer climes. Our resident birds, e.g. blackbirds, robins and wrens, have finished their moult and are sporting a fresh set of feathers. Now that breeding has finished for the season, starlings, jackdaws, long-tailed tits and other species start to form flocks, to look for food and watch each other's backs when predators are around.

At the time of writing, things are not looking great for the birds for the winter ahead. Normally September is a time of plenty where seeds, berries and insects abound. This autumn is different and the birds are going to need our help. The searing heat we experienced for weeks over the summer has reduced the availability of seeds, berries and insects they rely on to survive the winter months. It is highly likely, therefore, that birds will return to our gardens sooner than normal to seek out our feeders as nature's meagre stocks dwindle. So now is the time to prepare our gardens to act as a lifeline for our feathered friends over what is likely to be a long hard winter. Feeders should be thoroughly cleaned and kept topped up from now until Spring. Suet pellets and dried mealworms distributed daily over our lawns will also help. Additionally, instead of 'having a good old clear out' in our gardens, it will help our feathered friends if we allow plants like teasels, thistles and sunflowers, to die back gradually as they will help to provide food and shelter in our gardens for the coldest months. Roland Hammond

#### They're Back

#### Wenhaston Ukulele Group

The group will start strumming again on September  $3^{rd}$ , 4.30 at the village hall. New members are always welcome, talent not a requirement. Sessions last one hour and cost is a miserable £1. The ukulele is an easy instrument to learn to play and are relatively cheap to buy.

#### **Art and Craft**

Art and Craft will resume on Tuesday September 18<sup>th</sup>, from 2.00 to 4.00 at the village hall. Cost £2 which includes tea and biscuits. Bring painting, drawing, knitting, sewing or just come for a chat. This is an informal and friendly group who meet for fun and good company.

#### **WENHASTON WEA UPCOMING COURSES**

The new season starts on 28 September with 'Explorations in Jazz'.

Dr Graham Platts will present a course of seven sessions in Wenhaston Village Hall, providing an introduction to various aspects of Jazz.

It begins by considering Mainstream Jazz, a post WW 2 phenomenon that arose when Jazz was taking radical new directions. The 'Spanish Tinge' is reviewed, an early influence on the music and its performers that continues to feature strongly, and some Jazz singers, 1920's-1950's on whose work others built their careers. 'Piano Jazz' will enable us to see how styles developed from WW1, while 'Billie Holiday and Lester Young' is a portrait of an enduring collaboration between two exceptional Jazz musicians. 'Jazz in Britain' is considered to see how musicians in this country responded to what was happening on the other side of the Atlantic and the course ends by considering some musicians who contribute to 'Contemporary Jazz'.

Explorations of Jazz will run between Friday 28 September and 16 November with a week's break at half-term.

The fees are £52 for 7x 2-hour sessions.

Concessionary fees are available according to WEA policy and online booking is available at wea.org.uk

For further information contact Barry Norrington, Secretary, at barry.norrington48@btinternet.com

As in the past the first session will be a 'taster', no fee taken, so come and give it a try. Our Winter Course commencing on February 8, 2019 is 'The Pastons and their East Anglia' with Elizabeth McDonald.

#### 'Orrid' Enry

There is quietness now outside Hafren House.

No more barking at horses and walkers.

Blackheath is serene and still.

'Orrid 'Enry now runs in pastures over the Rainbow Bridge.

Jill and Terry thank all our friends and neighbours for their kind thoughts and good wishes.

'Orrid 'Enry our beloved Pomeranian is sorely missed.

Jilly & Terry Gilbert-Fellows

#### Wenhaston WI August report

We all know about smart phones and smart meters but this month we learned about smart dogs.

Norma Howell from the charity Medical Detection Dogs told us how certain diseases have an odour footprint that Bio-Detection Dogs can be trained to detect. Dogs have 300 million nasal sensory receptors compared with humans who have 5 million. Diseases detected from samples of urine, breath and swabs include certain cancers, malaria and Parkinson's Disease. Research is now being undertaken to try and create an electronic nose that can replicate the success of dogs.

Medical Alert Assistance Dogs are trained to help people manage health conditions such as Addison's Disease, type 1 diabetes and severe allergies. For example, dogs can detect low blood sugar levels from a sleeping person's breath and wake them to warn them before it becomes a medical emergency thus reducing the number of ambulance call outs and hospital admissions. Next month we are singing for wellbeing.

#### **Wenhaston Mothers' Union**

There is no meeting in August, but we are looking forward to our outing on 23<sup>rd</sup> August, when we will visit our former member, Pat, in East Bergholt. It will be lovely to see where Pat has put her roots down, and to take tea with her. The September meeting, on the 12<sup>th</sup>, will be a DIY meeting (which means that we don't have a speaker), and we will be joined by members from Halesworth MU. Then, on 27<sup>th</sup> Sept. the North Suffolk Area Meeting will be held at St Michael's Church, Framlingham, when Bishop Mike will preach, and there will be stalls, a shared lunch and fellowship.

The NSA MU hired the I Chameleon Shop in Halesworth High Street in August and did a very good trade, taking over £1200, which will be donated to MU charities.

Margaret Bloomfield

#### SHCT Ride & Stride

A gentle reminder that the annual cycle ride takes place on Saturday September 8<sup>th</sup> and I am looking for stewards to man the church, and we should be very pleased if anyone would like to cycle or walk for Wenhaston church and raise some money through sponsorship. Margaret Bloomfield

#### **Footpath Walking**

A morning walk will leave from Wenhaston Village Hall at 10 am on Tues 4<sup>th</sup> Sept. Ian Denney will lead a walk round Southwold and Walberswick on Tues 18<sup>th</sup> Sept. Meet at 10 am near the Water Tower with lunch at the Pit Stop afterwards. For any further information contact Heather Phillips 01502578545

#### **Commons Conservation**

On Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> September a work party will take place on Bickers Heath. Meet at 10 am at the seat off Coles Hill

On Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> September, Barry Norrington will lead a work party on Blackheath. Meet at 10 am opposite old warehouse site on Blackheath Road.

#### Swimming on The Green.

"Thanks very much to Arthur, Dave Karen (for the chlorine) and all the organisers for helping us have sooooo much fun in the pool this year. It was just the best in the baking hot sun!

Thanks again from 'All the Kids' (young and old!)"

#### **The Future of Wenhaston Market**

Our very successful monthly **Produce and Craft Market** has been running for almost two years, building up a large variety of wonderful stalls and swelling the numbers who come to our Café. The Market and Café raise essential funds for maintenance of our lovely Village Hall.

With the help of a dedicated team of volunteers, Christine has been running the Market throughout this time. From 2019 we need someone to take over and be the point of contact for stallholders and oversee the general organisation.

Christine is very willing to assist during the transition. **Can you help?** If you can spare a few hours a month in order to secure the future of our Market, or would like to discuss it, please contact Christine (478511) or Sally (478847).

#### **Entertainment at the Village Hall**

Thank you to everyone for all your support in the first of a new line of entertainment events at Wenhaston Village Hall, the Jazz Evening in July was a great success. The next event will be a variety show for all the family 'An Evening of Comedy & Song' on Saturday 15 September, raising funds for Wenhaston Village Hall maintenance. Do come and support us. Please see advert and displayed posters for more details.

#### **NEWS FROM THE CHURCH**

"What a lovely evening" was a comment made by so many people at the end of the very successful concert in the Church performed by the "Sing Out Yoxford" choir. They sang from a very wide and varied programme to a packed Church and an extremely appreciative audience. The weather was perfect and we were able to enjoy wine and nibbles in the interval outside around the Church. We are so grateful to the choir for helping us to raise £670.00 for Church funds and I have recently been told by a member of the choir that they thought that we were a really great audience!

After a rather slow start the lunches in the Church Room on the Saturday of the Becker Exhibition were also very much appreciated and there were lots of good comments about both the salads and the desserts. Another successful event raising £479.00 for the Church.

A lot of hard work went into the organising of both these events and as always, we are grateful to everyone who helped and of a course a big thank you to everyone who came and supported us.

It was good to have our new curate, The Revd. Jane Held with us at the concert and some of you may well have had the chance to talk with her. Jane will be taking some of our services in the future including the Harvest Service and will be in and around the village for as many events as her time will allow her to attend. All of us at St. Peter's are delighted that she is now attached to us - on a shared basis – and I know that she will be pleased to help in any way that she can.

Finally CREAM TEAS AT WAYLAND COTTAGE (Narrow Way) on SUNDAY 2ND. SEPTEMBER are definitely "ON" so please do come. 3.pm. - 5.pm. and enjoy Tony and Sue Gow's lovely garden. We are so grateful to them for letting us use their garden. There will also be a cake and produce stall and raffle. Should it rain then the event will be held in the Village Hall!

Our Harvest Celebrations will be on Sunday 30<sup>th</sup>. September when we will join with the Methodists for our Harvest Service in the Church at 11.15.am. This will be followed by a buffet lunch, again in the Church starting at approx.12 o'clock. Both the Service and the lunch are for the village to celebrate and give thanks for harvest and everyone will be very welcome at both or one of these events. We look forward to welcoming you.

Margaret G. (Churchwarden)

#### **Wenhaston Warbler Wine**

Wines, both on retailers' shelves and lists, often feature a medal or medals won at some competition or other. You may wonder how useful this information is in deciding whether the wine is a good purchase or not. The best known competition is the Decanter Magazine World Wine Awards (DWWA). I thought it may help if I describe the judging process in a factual manner (with the occasional personal observation thrown in). The Competition occurs once a year and producers submit entries with details of price, availability etc. Note that entries are submitted. This is not a "Which" type report where samples are secretly purchased and tested. Clearly there is an element of pre-selection and, indeed, many top wines are not entered at all since they may be already wellknown and eagerly sought after. The wines that are submitted are grouped by country, region, colour, grape, year and price. The last piece of information has proved contentious with some wine lovers since it is felt this knowledge could lead to bias with cheaper bottles being marked down and expensive ones viewed more favourably. The wines are then tasted "blind" but judges have the information about country etc. The judges (all eminent tasters) all taste individually and then compare notes and reach a consensus on what medal (if any) that wine should have. All wines awarded a Gold or Silver medal are retasted. Gold medal winners go forward to compete for Platinum. Winners with a price below £15 are awarded Value Platinum medals. I think these are worth looking out for; how long they stay on retailers' shelves I leave you to guess! All the Platinum winners then compete for Best in Show and wines costing less than £15 are eligible for Value Best in Show. So, the more modestly-priced wines are in with a shout and a few do make it.

Clearly, we can conclude that wines that are awarded a Silver or better should be decent wines and if they are sensibly priced should be worth looking for. Equally there are plenty of good wines that were not entered in the competition and do not carry a medal. Some of the medallists at the Co-op are Irresistible Chenin Blanc from South Africa, Irresistible Fairtrade Malbec, Famatina Valley, Fairtrade Bonarda-Shiraz, Famatina Valley, both from Argentina. Co-op has other medal winners but try these reasonably-priced ones first. Morrisons has a Gold medal Reserve Chardonnay from Uco Valley, Mendoza, Argentina. A bit pricier at £9. Morrisons' The Best range also has a number of Silver medal winners with prices ranging from £4-75 to £15. Happy Hunting.

#### Wenhaston Save Our Swifts Action Group. The swifts have gone!

The last resident swift was sighted on 5<sup>th</sup> August. Wenhaston's swifts have returned to Africa where they will spend the winter months feeding. On migration, they fly about 500 miles a day and during their lives, they fly about 2 million miles – equivalent to more than 4 trips to the moon! They are always on the wing, only stopping briefly to nest here. This year's fledglings will be on the wing migrating for more than 3 years before they finally nest.

#### **Summary of our 2018 Save Our Swifts actions:**

- Jo put up her stunning hand-made Swift flag on the day the swifts arrived.
- We put up notices drawing attention to the swifts' arrival and asking residents to let us know of any nest sites.
- 14 swift boxes have gone up in a range of sites in the Village, Alan made several of these, with more planned for 2019.
- Jonathan led a well-attended 'Swift Pint Walk' where we viewed screaming parties, flying and nesting birds.
- Erica and White Lodge opened gardens in Swift Awareness Week, these were popular and next year we might extend this idea.
- We held a 'Swift-count' event in order to start a record of the number of resident swifts and swift nesting sites. From this we have a baseline for future counts.
- We had an information table and demonstration swift calls in the Village Show.

#### Some Wenhaston Swift facts:

We counted a total maximum of 126 swifts with a mean of 88 on one evening in July. We were informed about, or noted 11 nesting sites around the village. (See also page 16)

#### Our plans for 2019 are to:

- Improve the accuracy of the number of nest sites in the village.
- Increase the number of swift nest boxes around the village, including on the Village Hall and School.
- Increase Swift Awareness activities.
- Invite residents to have a small 'Swifts Nest Here' plaque for their house once nest site identified.

Wenhaston Swift Action Group: Ann Follows co-ordinator; Jonathan Alder\*, Richard Atkins, Jan Clements, Linda Hammond, Alan Miller\* and Jo Small. (\*SWT Save Our Swift Recorders).



Pause For Thought – Autumn Years



In September and October, the focus of Pause for Thought will be on growing old. It will include a celebration of the positive aspects of getting older and the reasons why we need to treasure the people in our communities, who have a wealth of experience and a valuable perspective on life. Getting older can be a time when people discover the opportunities created by no longer working and being able to choose how they spend their time: taking up new challenges, travelling, volunteering and socially. Some people's lives are enriched by having grandchildren. However, old age can also be a very difficult time of life, dominated by caring for others or being cared for, physical and mental health problems, money worries, loneliness, bereavement and concerns about the future.

Part of the life of the church is to reach out to people who are struggling and to pray for the needs of others. This Pause for Thought exhibition aims to offer inspiration, comfort and strength both to our community here in Wenhaston and to visitors to the church. You are very welcome to contribute to the exhibition, to visit the church and spend time thinking about the issues it raises, or to ask for the church to pray for specific people or problems.

If you want to know more, you can contact me at <a href="mailto:alisonalder@hotmail.co.uk">alisonalder@hotmail.co.uk</a> or on 478855. Also look out for information in the Village Hall about ways you can participate.

Alison Alder

#### <u>"Fighting for Freedom" - Concert on Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> November,</u> Holy Trinity Church, Blythburgh

We are organising an evening of music and readings marking the centenary of the end of the First World War, and to commemorate other struggles against oppression in the last hundred years. The programme will include the Agnus Dei from the War Requiem by Britten, Vaughan Williams Serenade to Music and an extract from the Verdi Requiem with Sarah Gallop, ex-Wenhaston resident, as soloist. The choir will be made up of singers from local choirs and further afield, and will be conducted by Ellis Bell, conductor of the Blythburgh Singers, and Richard Brain, Director of Music at Christ Church, Southgate. Profits from the evening will go to Amnesty International.

Please put the date in your diaries – further details in next month's Warbler.

Jonathan and Alison Alder

#### The Wenhaston Village Hall 100 Club August 2018 draw

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

1st prize Viv Kemp (number 153) £35

2nd prize Richard Skinner (number 148) £25

3rd prize Jill Daines (number 66) £15

Just a reminder about the 100 Club, 50% of the annual income from subscribers less any costs, 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 for one number - our accounting year starts in September so anyone wishing to renew or join now the fee is £12 for the year for one number, £24 for 2 numbers etc, phone Trish on 01502 478267 or collect a form and make payment in an envelope clearly marked '100 Club', and hand back to Jane at the Post Office.

We hope existing members have joined up again, and let's hope you have a lucky number during 2018/19! Good luck again!

Trish and Kirsten, Promoters

#### WENHASTON FLOWER CLUB

We will meet again after our short break on TUESDAY 4th SEPTEMBER in Wenhaston Church Rooms at 7.30pm.

Our meeting will be a workshop with a harvest theme "FLOWERS, FRUIT and FOLIAGE"

and we are pleased to welcome our demonstrator Jenny Shepherd.

Jenny will show us a couple of arrangements but you are then free to create your own display. Jenny suggests a basket but any suitable container will be fine. Please bring all the bits and pieces with you that you may need. Oasis can be bought from the club on the night.

Please come and join us, everyone welcome.

#### **ADVANCE NOTICE**

At our meeting on Tuesday 2nd October we will be having our Charity Night raising funds for Cancer Research. Please put the date in your diary and come along and support us. A warm welcome is extended to everyone.

#### **Wenhaston Village Show**

What an excellent show it turned out to be. In spite of the adverse weather conditions the produce was of a high quality and abundant as were the lovely flowers. The beautifully displayed photographic section was up on last year but the crafts were down. The home cooking brought forth some professional looking cakes and scones. In the afternoon visitors, as well as admiring the efforts of the exhibitors, bought vegetables from the allotment stall, gleaned information about swifts, and learnt what Blyth Woods and the Commons Group had achieved. Having bought tickets for the first rate draw they enjoyed tea and cakes while watching the presentation of the trophies. Tony Gow won the overall trophy; Jenny Jeffery won best in show while Eileen Hayes had the heaviest crop of potatoes in a bucket.

Thanks must go to the committee for pulling off a great afternoon. Thanks also to Woottens and the Parish Council for sponsoring the show.

Felicity Jeliff

## <u>Wenhaston's swift arrivals and departure dates</u> (thanks for data from Linda Hammond and Sue Norrington)

Below is a table of dates of sightings of swifts in Wenhaston over the last nine years.

YEAR	w/b first seen	w/b last seen	
2010	9th May	1st August	
2011	1st May	7th August	
2012	20th May	29th July	
2013	5th May	28th July	
2014	4th May	20th July	
2015	3rd May	9th August	
2016	1st May	24th July	
2017	30th April	30th July	
2018	6th May	5th August	

This gives an average residency of from May 5<sup>th</sup> to July 31<sup>st</sup>.

#### Services at St. Peter's in September

$2^{\text{nd}}$	9.30.am.	Team Eucharist at St. Mary's Halesworth
		(no service at St. Peter's)
9 <sup>th</sup>	9.30.am.	Parish Eucharist
$16^{th}$	9.30.am.	Parish Eucharist

23<sup>rd</sup> 11.15.am. Pause for thought with refreshments

30<sup>th</sup> 11.15.am. Harvest Festival followed by buffet lunch

#### You will be very welcome at all these services.

Wenhaston Methodist Church				
Sunday Services at 10.30am		Tues	Tuesday meetings at 2.30pm	
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Iris Baker	4 <sup>th</sup>	Women's Fellowship Julie Warren	
9 <sup>th</sup>	Rev Alan Palmer H.C.	11 <sup>th</sup>	Fellowship meeting	
16 <sup>th</sup>	Rosemary Adams	18 <sup>th</sup>	Women's fellowship Dorothy Courtis	
23 <sup>rd</sup>	Iris baker	25 <sup>th</sup>	Fellowship meeting	
30 <sup>th</sup>	11.15. United harvest with St Peter's followed by lunch			
	3.00pm Circuit Service at Halesworth Methodist and closing of Church.			
	Rev's Julian Pursehouse and Peter Rayson			
	Saturday 1st 9.30 - 11-00am "Pray Awhile" on a come & go basis for			
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#### Wenhaston Warbler Information

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