



MARCH 2019

Wenhaston Warbler



The end of the road for the 88 bus?

Konectbus announced at the end of January that it will be withdrawing service 88, the only public bus in the village, from March 31st. Currently it runs Southwold – Halesworth – Bungay – Norwich. The Bungay – Norwich section will close at the end of February.

The route started some years ago before 'Anglian Bus' was taken over by Konectbus and provided Wenhaston residents a link with Southwold, Halesworth shops and rail station, Bungay and villages up to Norwich. A number of reasons have been given for the closure but I'm sure that those who travelled regularly know that the service has become unreliable and lacking in passenger numbers of late.

At present Suffolk County Council is looking for another operator to run the service. There are a number of people living in the village who depend on the bus to get around and don't have easy alternatives available. Let's hope we get our bus back.

If you're not a bus user you may not feel this very relevant – perhaps a few more people will see that there are some advantages of using the bus – it's greener than a car, cheaper to run and you don't need to pay for parking.

Michael Gasper, Transport Rep to Wenhaston Parish Council

From March 1st the bus will be cut back to a Southwold - Halesworth - Bungay service and on March 31st it will be withdrawn completely when the Suffolk County Council contract ends. Service 90 between Halesworth, Beccles and Southwold will also end on April 20th. I have written to Councillor Mary Evans (who will be speaking at our February 19th meeting) to inform her of this and urge that SCC invite bids for the service from April 1st. Perhaps those of you who live in Halesworth may also like to write to Councillor Goldson. More details about this matter can be found in the news section of www.konectbus.co.uk

If you share these concerns get in touch with our local county councillor, to express your views. You can use this link to contact him <https://www.suffolk.gov.uk> or email him at tony.goldson@suffolk.gov.uk or write to him at Blything View, The Street, Rumburgh, Suffolk IP19 ONN

Trevor Garrod Chair of ESTA, East Suffolk Travellers Association

There will also be changes to the school bus system – parents will need to OPT IN to get free transport rather than it being automatic.

Sizewell C

Whatever you think about nuclear energy, EDF's massive construction plans for Sizewell C will affect us **ALL**, and have lasting impact on the environment and landscape of the Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty. The deadline to comment on the plans is 29th March. You can write in individually, or let the Parish Council know your views, so that they can be incorporated into the parish response.

The EDF website - www.sizewell.co.uk – contains all the official documents, and you can reply to : info@sizewellc.co.uk.

There are a number of local action groups, which highlight the concerns:www.teags.org (Theberton and Eastbridge Action Group)

www.sizewellrelief.weebly.com

(B1122ActionGroup)www.minsmerelevelsstakeholdersgroup.onesuffolk.net
www.tasizewellc.org.uk

Ann Edwards

Notes from the editors

We are pleased to say that we have now been provided with a new laptop, which will be used only for producing the Warbler. Thank you to David Wilkinson, who not only sourced it, but set it up for us – making our task much more straightforward. It has been suggested that we have a section in the magazine describing various historical events in and around the village, using old newspaper articles and so on, and we have included for the first time in this issue an article about Victorian Suffolk by Roland Hammond. We'd like to hear from anyone else who has documents, pictures or stories, about past times in our locality.

Deadline for April articles is March 15th

Copy as usual to wenhastonwarbler@gmail.com. Please can you keep to the deadline as we can't always insert late copy.

Village Show

With the promise of colder weather and possibly snow it is not conducive to do any gardening. However, there is a craft class in the show so why not sit in the warm and knit or try your hand at cross-stitch or even tapestry. On the other hand, you could make a cushion cover or a really wild book-mark. If art is your talent why not paint a portrait or perhaps a landscape. All-being-well the schedules should be available in March, in time for spring sowing. A small envelope will be attached containing sunflower seeds. This is so you can attempt to win the tallest sunflower competition. **F.Jelliff**

Inspired by Becker - Call for artists.

The annual Inspired by Becker Exhibition is moving to Holy Trinity Church, Blythburgh this year. As well as a change of venue, the dates are also different and the show extended, so please take note. Exhibition dates for the public are 10am Thursday 22nd August through to 4pm Monday 26th August (Bank Holiday). Artists will be required to deliver work on Wednesday 21st August and the PRIVATE VIEW is Wednesday evening. Artists keen to exhibit with us should take out membership before 30 April. *For details visit www.ibbas.co.uk. Click on 'APPLY' on the home page. From the page which opens, download and read the changed Rules document, and the Application Pack.* Details of the theme for this year's Mike Holtom Award (value £100), can also be reached from the home page. The PAINT OUT competition will probably be held at Blythburgh and over 2 days. Details will be on the website by the end of February. It will not have escaped you that this is an extended show: 5-day exhibition. This will be attractive to artists travelling from a greater distance, so don't delay in setting up your membership. We look forward to hearing from you.
IBBAS

Education vouchers for Wenhaston Primary school

The village school is collecting the Lego vouchers from local newspapers. Every school that collects 1000 vouchers will receive £50 worth of Lego education equipment. Please could anyone who reads the following list of papers, cut out the vouchers and collect them for the school. The vouchers

are found in the East Anglian Daily Times, Eastern Daily Press, Ipswich Star, Norwich Evening News, Great Yarmouth Mercury, Lowestoft Journal, Beccles & Bungay Journal, North Norfolk News, Dereham Times and Fakenham Times. Watch out for bonus days!

The vouchers can be dropped in at school or given to any of the pupils you know to bring in. There is also a competition for the top 3 schools who collect the most tokens (relative to size) so hopefully with the village's support we might be in with a chance!

Phillippa Welby

Wenhaston's got talent!

Come along and be entertained by Wenhaston's most talented performers. We have guitarists, dancers, a comedian, singers, clavi nova playing, recitals and not to mention the famous Wenhaston Ukulele band! This is a fundraising opportunity for the local groups, who are coming together to entertain people for the evening and there will be a pay bar and raffle. If you would like to perform but are not part of a group, there is still time. *Please leave a message with Jane at the Post Office or contact Sally on 478847 or sally.amery@gmail.com to book your slot for the evening!*

Footpath Walking

A morning walk will leave from Wenhaston Village Hall at 10am on Tuesday, 5th March. Pancakes will be available in the Church Room afterwards. Joan and Peter Waters will lead a walk round Dunwich on Tuesday, 19th March. Meet at 10am in Dunwich Beach car park with lunch afterwards at the Ship Inn. *For any further help contact Heather Phillips on 01502 478545*

Commons Conservation

On Tuesday, 12th March Jonathan Alder and Suffolk Wildlife Trust will lead a work party on Blackheath. Meet at Golden Acres (Heather Phillips home) at 10am. On Sunday, 24th March Nick Amery will lead a work party on Bickers Heath. Meet at 10am by seat off Coles Hill.

Elsewhere in this issue is a display confirming the AGM of the Commons Group will take place on Tuesday 26th March at 7pm in the Village Hall. This is your opportunity to hear about the work currently being undertaken on

all our Commons, together with Vicarage Grove and Merton Wood, and to ask any questions you may have. The guest speaker will be John Baker, County Recorder for Amphibians and Reptiles, who will talk about his work monitoring species such as adder, grass snake, slow worm etc. Again, there will be an opportunity to ask questions at the end. Drinks and nibbles will be provided, and we hope to see you there.

Jonathan Alder

WI February 2019

Our numbers were somewhat depleted for our February meeting as traffic in Norwich had hindered some of our group's return home from watching 'Calendar Girls'. We had been asked to 'Show and tell – My Hobby.' What hidden talents our members have. Sheila displayed some of her paintings which varied from a portrait of an elderly man to beguiling hares.

Cheryl demonstrated the intricate art of lace making with a selection of lovely bobbins; this is a craft needing skill and patience. Roz's hobby is decorating ceramics; she displayed several beautiful examples of her art. Sue showed us an eclectic selection of objects which she collects and occasionally sells. Cathy's hobby is black work, a quite exquisite craft first brought to this country by Kathryn of Aragon. Jill had several examples of her quilting and some delightful applique. Viv enjoys amateur dramatics; she had brought along a costume that she had worn in a village pantomime. She rounded off an interesting evening with a very apt rendition of a Joyce Grenfell monologue. 'Local Food Producers' is the title of our March meeting.

Felicity Jelliff

Support St Peter's Church Thorington!

St Peter's Church Thorington welcomes you all to their Annual PCC meeting on 7 April at 12 noon at the Church. Light refreshments - cheese and wine! - will be served! Please join our small friendly group of supporters and hear more about the Church. There is a beautiful walk across the heath and marsh past the Balancing Barn to the church, to see this ancient building and country churchyard at your leisure. The next service will be Easter Sunday 21 April at 1115 am. We hope to see you there. *For all enquiries about Thorington Church contact Trish on 01502 478267, Churchwarden.*

WENHASTON'S GOT TALENT!

Sat 23rd March

At the village hall

7:30pm - 10pm

Doors & Bar open 7pm

(Nibbles on tables)



Singers! Musicians! Story tellers! Dancers! Raffle!

An evening of entertainment by local star performers. Fun for all the family. Tickets at £5 per adult and only £1 for the under 16's from the Post Office or at the door on the night.

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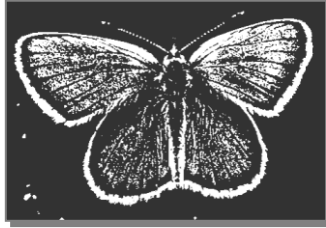
Wenhaston Village Hall, Friday 8 March.
Doors open 6.30 p.m. Tickets £10

INK is a theatre company that inspires writers from East Anglia to write new scripts for plays that will last no more than half-an-hour and presents them in a festival at the Cut with professional actors and directors. INK19 is the fifth festival.

The fund raising evening at the village hall is supported by district councillor Michael Gower. For a tenner you will be entertained and entranced by performance poets and your taste buds tickled with delicious puds. The village hall will be selling drinks.

The principal performer is Ian Griffiths, a Welshman living and writing in Suffolk. He has toured Europe and the USA presenting his own poetry and that of Dylan Thomas.

WENHASTON COMMONS GROUP AGM



Tuesday 26 March 6.45pm
Village Hall

Guest speaker: John Baker (County Recorder
for Amphibians and Reptiles)



Wine, soft drinks and nibbles provided

All Welcome

Art Exhibition in Café

The Village Hall Café is currently hosting an exhibition by artists from Artbox, a not for profit organisation which provides creative activities for adults with special needs, run by Helen and Steve Murray. There are several works by Wenhaston artists Laura Smeaton Small and George Cunningham, as well as those from further afield who attend art sessions at our large studio and gallery in Chediston. Artbox has previously exhibited at The Ferini Gallery in Pakefield and at The Cut as part of The Halesworth Arts Festival for the last four years. We also have work on show at The Triple Plea in Halesworth and are always looking out for opportunities to exhibit the fantastic work the Artboxers produce.

Visitors are welcome at Artbox between 11am and 3pm on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays with a healthy supply of tea, coffee and, very often, cake on offer (especially if George is involved). We always welcome volunteers who have basic drawing skills and/or a cracking sense of humour; we're a friendly bunch and every day is different. Please look up our website to see what we're up to: www.artboxarts.org.uk Many thanks to Liz for suggesting the idea and to Wil, George and Laura for helping us set up - the Café exhibition runs until the end of March. ***Wil Harvey***

Wenhaston Mother's Union

It is our custom for the Branch to begin a New Year with a corporate communion followed by our AGM. and this year was no exception. We were very grateful to the revd. Jane Held for celebrating at our communion service and for chairing our AGM. During 'Tea and Biscuits' members were encouraged to think about our Branch in the future and to suggest ideas for meetings etc. June our Treasurer and Valerie our Secretary were both thanked for the time which they give and for their hard work. Margaret G spoke about the numerous shoeboxes which had been filled and sent to Eastern European Countries and nearer to home, all the clothing etc. which had been collected for the Ipswich Night Centre, she thanked everyone for all their contributions and for the growing interest that there is in helping those who are less fortunate.

We have a very special Speaker at our February meeting when Heather Phillips MBE is going to talk to us about growing up in Wenhaston and I am certain that this will be very interesting and enjoyable. Our Lady Day Service this year will be very special as it will be held in the Cathedral in Bury St. Edmunds on Monday 25th. March commencing at 11o'clock. This is always a very beautiful service in our lovely Cathedral and we do hope that as many members as possible will come. We have organised a Coach to take us to Bury which will leave at 9 o'clock and if anyone in the village would like a day out in Bury St. Edmunds for shopping etc. there will seats available on the coach, the cost for a seat will be £10.50. We shall leave Bury at 3.30pm. *If you are interested and would like to join us please contact*

Margaret Goldstone (01502 478378) or goldstonem@btinternet.com

Keep Wenhaston Community Café open!

As previously advised Jan and Richard are resigning from the Management of the Café on the 31st March 2019. As of the 13th February we have not received any potential offers of forming a new Management Team. FYI In addition to the community spirit that the café encourages every Wednesday and Saturday, according to the Village Hall Management's annual accounts the café contributed £ 5751.35 to village hall funds for 2018 and £ 5086.30 for the year 2017. Hence it would be a great shame if the Café has to close. At this time we have plenty of volunteers both for staffing the café and for baking the fabulous cakes and savouries, so the management only consists of drawing up the rotas and managing the stocks of consumables. *If there is anybody who is willing to discuss taking over the management please contact Jan or Richard. Phone 01502 478775. E-mail swmservices@aol.com. OR janetclements616@btinternet.com.*

Wenhaston Flower Club

We will be back in Wenhaston Church Rooms for our meeting on Tuesday 5th March at 7.30 pm. We are very happy to welcome back Jane who will be doing a Spring themed workshop. You will need: -

A basket with a container to fit in the bottom

Oasis

Scissors

3 different varieties of flowers of your choice

Woody stems (pussy willow etc)

Largish evergreen leaves

For further information please contact Jean Spindler 01502 478317

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Wenhaston St Peter's Church

We were pleased to join our Methodist friends for their Covenant Service on the third Sunday. It is a very moving service and relevant to both denominations. We joined them for fellowship and refreshments after the service – an important part of being together. We were sad to say goodbye to Jan at her last service with us which took place at St Peter's Holton. We shall miss Jan's cheery disposition and her care and ministry, and we wish her and Morgan well in their new life in Dorset. We celebrate Mothering Sunday on 31st March at 9.30am. We look forward to seeing lots of people. There will be posies given out during the service, and Simnel Cake and coffee afterwards. Do come! A small group have met to discuss and plan our fund raising for the year. The first event is the Pancake Lunch on Tuesday 5th March (Shrove Tuesday) in the Church Room from 11.30am to 2pm when we shall be serving soup, followed by pancakes. There will be a raffle and a stall with varied items to buy. We do hope a nice lot of people will come along and support us. Then on 16th March, we have our Spring Jumble Sale at 2pm in the Village Hall. Helpers to be at the hall at 10.30 please. We appeal for any raffles prizes or cakes, and any jumble can be left at the hall on the day or to me beforehand. (Windrush, St Michaels Way.) We send Moira Cooke and family our heartfelt condolences on the death of dear Bob. We ask God's blessing on all the family.

Margaret Bloomfield margaretibloomfield@talktlak.net

SERVICES IN MARCH

3rd	10am	Team Eucharist at St Mary's Church	No service at St Peter's
10th	9.30am	Parish Eucharist	Viv Kemp
17th	9.30am	Parish Eucharist	Jenny Jeffrey

**St Peter's Church, Wenhaston
Shrove Tuesday
5th March
Wenhaston Church Room
11:30am - 2:00pm
Soup & Pancakes**



**Stalls &
Raffle**

**Proceeds
for St
Peter's
Church**

Old Wenhaston

An occasional series of extracts collated by Roland Hammond from old local and national newspapers, giving a flavour of life in Wenhaston and surrounding areas in bygone days.

From: The Suffolk Chronicle or Weekly General Advertiser and County Express

11 April 1835. ‘At Wenhaston, Suffolk on Wednesday April 22nd 1835. Six pairs of gloves will be given to the Company who shall ring the best 720 Changes of Plain Bob, on that musical peal of Six Bells. The Company of Ringers, Amateurs and others, is respectfully entreated by their humble servant, John Benstead. A dinner will be provided, Carpenters’ Arms, Wenhaston, April 8th 1835’.

8 July 1848. ‘G. Butcher, Corn, Coal and Seed Merchant, Wenhaston, begs to return his sincere thanks to his friends and the public in general for all past favours, and wishes to inform them he is become Agent to some of the best collieries in the North, for the sale of their coals, which will be sold for the lowest price possible for cash, at his Warehouses in Wenhaston, and of his Agents, David Newson, Black Shore, Southwold and W. Carlile, Halesworth. N.B. Cargoes will be unloaded occasionally at Reydon Quay, and Walberswick; one is now unloading at Walberswick, and will be up on the 15th instant.

16 September 1848. ‘East Suffolk Agricultural Association. The following prizes were awarded by the East Suffolk Agricultural Association, and presented at the meeting held at Saxmundham, on Thursday last:

- Class IV. Unmarried dairy servants for the longest term of service upon the same farm, with the largest number of cows: 2 sovereigns each - Martha Woodrow, Wenhaston, 5 years, care of 8 cows; recommended by Mr. Robert Adams, Wenhaston.
- Five Premiums of two sovereigns each, given by the Right Hon. Lord Rendlesham, were awarded as follows - Thomas Clarke, Wenhaston, for having brought up 5 children, the eldest of whom does not exceed 10 years of age, without parochial relief; recommended by M. T. Girling, Wrentham’



WEA Branch Annual General Meeting

The Branch AGM will be held at 12.15 on Friday 29 March 2019 At Wenhaston Village Hall, Hall Road, Wenhaston IP19 9EP. All are invited to hear about the work of the Branch committee and courses planned for the Autumn and 2020.

For further information contact Barry Norrington, Secretary 01502 478762, barry.norrington48@btinternet.com

Wenhaston nature notes

In the garden of East Neuk on Hall Road daffodils are already in full bloom (February 9th). Crocuses have appeared beneath the great sycamore at the foot of the heath (the tree looks like it was coppiced some decades ago) and the new heath moss is a vivid green. It is a delight to walk on; its roots have a warm musty smell like a dog's paws. Dog owners will know what I mean! Snowdrops are now everywhere. Why does gorse flower throughout the winter? But winter can return with a vengeance. Last year a mild January was followed by 'The Beast from The East'. It was extreme but it did only last a week. Our daughter phoned from Canada last week to say that she has had temperatures down to -40 c plus wind chill!

The coldest morning of the winter so far was on January 31st; the thermometer read -8 c but the air was still. My wife and I walked up to Thorington via the marshes. The ground was hard and the low sun lit up the dried stems of last year's hogweed. Thorington church with its 11th century round tower and Tudor brick belfry was a beautiful sight.

There are more than 200 churches with round towers in Suffolk and Norfolk. As far as I am aware there are none in Lincolnshire. Why build round towers? - well why not? It makes sense when flint is the only available cheap building material. Square towers need corner stones(quoins) of good quality stone. Obviously, a round tower does not need corner stones and is actually stronger than a square tower, as castle builders discovered. Poorer parishes could thus build church towers with the flints they dug up in the fields. Stone could be imported in small quantities for windows etc. In Lincolnshire good quality limestone was available from great quarries such as Ancaster. In Lincoln mediaeval builders quarried the remaining Roman buildings!

Early mornings have been a delight throughout January. Before sunrise Venus and Jupiter have been splendidly visible to the South. For a week or so the two planets and the moon were almost in alignment - a heavenly sight indeed!

Brian Withnall Mylor Blackheath

Wine notes

The Community Choir I sing in has recently begun to learn the Neil Sedaka song "Is this the Way to Amarillo? ". What has this got to do with wine? you ask. Well, nothing except that every time we sing it, I hear, in my head, "Show me the way to Tempranillo ". As most of you know Amarillo is a city in West Texas; Tempranillo is a red grape variety found mainly, but not exclusively, in Spain and Portugal. I suppose Tempranillo has stuck in my mind since our last Tasting Club Meeting when I was very pleasantly reminded of the quality and value for money of modern wines made with this grape. Everyone, I think, is aware that it is the main variety in Spain's best – known wines; those from Rioja. Tempranillo, sometimes under a different name, is found in other wines from different areas of Spain and Portugal. It is also being planted in the New World with exciting results. It is not an "easy "grape, but is quite demanding in terms of climate, soil and management if wine of quality is to be produced. It ripens early (its name means little early one). If harvested too late in hot climates it produces "cooked "flabby wines lacking zip and freshness. It is also sensitive to Autumn rains, absorbing a lot of water as it ripens. Aiming for low yields

and harvesting at the right time gives the best chance of achieving good fruit intensity and overall balance, Often Tempranillo shows at its best when blended with other varieties such as Garnacha (in Rioja) or Cabernet Sauvignon (in Ribero del Duero). The best (and most expensive) Tempranillo – based wines will keep and improve for many years but there are many youthful examples that are aromatic, fruity and characterful. Try Finca Carelio Tempranillo from Majestic £9 – 99 for a single bottle, £6 – 99 as part of a mixed six. Or, for about the same money (£7 – 00 a bottle) Marques de los Rios Rioja Reserva from Morrison’s. Asda also do an Extra Special Marques del Norte Rioja Reserva 2014 for £7 – 50. Last, but not least, Tesco have Vina Cura Rioja Crianza 2015 for £6 – 50. They go with red meats, especially lamb, very well but also with pork and spicy sausages.

Bernard Orme

100 Club

Wenhaston Village Hall January and February draws have been made and we are delighted to announce the winners:

January

- 1st prize Felicity Jelliff (number 81) £37.50
- 2nd prize Micky Bird (number 73) £22.50
- 3rd prize Roger Claxton (number 92) £15.00

February

- 1st prize Helen Siddle (number 121) £37.50
- 2nd prize Trevor Tate (number 50) £22.50
- 3rd prize J Baker (number 147) £15.00

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 - our accounting year starts in September so anyone wishing to join now, the fee is £6 (that will be for the period to end August 2019).

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*

**St Peter's Church,
Wenhaston
Grand Jumble Sale
Saturday 16th March
Village Hall 2pm**

**Cakes Raffle Refreshments
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SUMA

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