



2019 April

# Wenhaston Warbler

## Lilies and Spring Flowers for the church



We shall be celebrating Easter this month and as part of our celebrations, we shall be decorating the church with Lilies and Spring Flowers. This year we are again inviting people to donate Lilies and Spring Flowers in remembrance of Loved Ones. This idea has been very popular and well supported for many years now, and the list will be on the table at the back of the church to enable you to leave details and donate your gift. The suggested donation is between £3.00 and £5.00 but we shall be extremely grateful for whatever you feel able to give. Any surplus money after purchasing the flowers will go to maintaining our beautiful village church.

*Margaret Goldstone*

**ST. PETER'S CHURCH**  
**WENHASTON**

**EASTER SUNDAY**

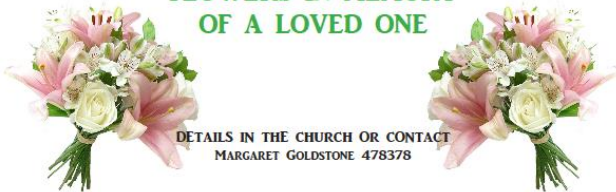
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AT 9.30.AM

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FLOWERS IN MEMORY  
OF A LOVED ONE



DETAILS IN THE CHURCH OR CONTACT  
MARGARET GOLDSTONE 478378

**We have a new bus service!**

The last 88 bus runs on 30<sup>th</sup> March to be replaced by the 99A starting Monday 1<sup>st</sup> April. First Eastern Counties will be operating the new service which will be a similar route to the 88, but with some notable differences. It will run from Southwold to Bungay, where passengers for Norwich can change onto the X41. In the other direction there will be a 'guaranteed connection' at Southwold where the 99A continues to Lowestoft as the 99. Fewer buses will call at the pier. It looks as if Halesworth Station will be served from Norwich Road; in other words passengers will need to walk

along the paths either side of the rail bridge to the north and southbound platforms. For the same reason I assume that patients heading for Cutlers Hill Surgery won't be dropped at the entrance. In Halesworth Durban Close and Dukes Drive will still be on the route. Basically a 2-hourly service.

From Wenhaston towards Halesworth/Bungay, buses will leave at 0800 on schooldays and 0751 / 0901 in school holidays, then at 1011, 1211, 1411 and 1721. On Saturdays this becomes 0751 then 1011 etc. In the Southwold direction buses leave Wenhaston weekdays at 0814 (school holidays) then 0949, 1149, 1349 and 1629. On Saturdays – 0949, 1149 etc. Note the 3 hour gap in the afternoon for both directions. First have produced a timetable encompassing all of this – it's available on their website: [www.firstgroup.com/norfolk-suffolk](http://www.firstgroup.com/norfolk-suffolk) under 'news and service updates' filename: FEC-CC-99TT03-19-Webv1.pdf I understand that journey planning websites eg 'Traveline' will soon have timetable information. Paper timetables will be distributed by ESTA (East Suffolk Travellers Association) as soon as available.

One of the reasons given for the demise of the 88 was 'passenger numbers'. I know that the service was supported by a few faithful customers who don't have any alternative, and the bus gives them the independence they need for shopping locally, and leisure and social activities. Young people going to school, college and work all need to use public transport. Some of us have different motives – maybe using the bus is greener than the car; running costs are less, no parking problems, or it may be that a day out in Southwold for a bracing walk by the sea is just what we need. Using the bus to catch the train means that there's no need to worry about leaving a car at the station.

There are a number of different bus passes – many of us are eligible for concessions and it's easy to apply - especially on the Suffolk County Council website – start with 'Applying for an age related free bus pass' – it'll tell you if you're eligible. If you don't have access to the internet, then the library can help with application forms. Or just pay on the bus – they're even starting to take contactless payments. Finally I'd like to thank ESTA for their

role in campaigning for better public transport for all in this part of Suffolk.  
**Michael Gasper, Transport Rep to Wenhaston Parish Council**

### Notes from the editors

Thanks to all for the items and notices for the April Warbler, and to Wil Harvey for the smashing cartoon on the next article. We are all relieved to see that our bus service has been saved, for the time being at least, and thank you Michael Gasper for keeping us in touch with developments. Happy Easter to all!

**DEADLINE FOR MAY ARTICLES IS APRIL 15<sup>TH</sup>**

Copy as usual to [wenhastonwarbler@gmail.com](mailto:wenhastonwarbler@gmail.com). Please can you keep to the deadline as we can't always include late copy.



## **Blyford Bridge closure**

The impending closure of Blyford Bridge on 8<sup>th</sup> April for reconstruction until 14<sup>th</sup> June will have a big impact on us all – vehicles will have a nice long scenic route signposted via Blythburgh, but as yet bus passengers and pedestrians don't seem to have been considered. However, the bridge works contractors have assured me that discussions are ongoing... **M.G**

## **Wenhaston Mothers' Union**

We were pleased to welcome The Revd. Jane Held to speak to us at our March Meeting, during the season of Lent. Jane led our Service and then told us of some of the many ways in which Lent is interpreted and celebrated by various Faiths throughout the world. Even in the Anglican Church in our country there are many different customs and traditions! I think that we all agreed with her that just giving up chocolate and sweets is not really how God is asking us to use the time in Lent - doing that is just a good advert for Weight Watchers! Perhaps use the time in a more positive way of Study Prayer and Caring where needed. Several of us are joining with Halesworth and Southwold branches to travel to the Cathedral at Bury St Edmunds for the Lady Day Service on March 25<sup>th</sup>, the Annunciation of the Virgin Mary. This is always a beautiful service at which the officers are commissioned for the next Triennial and it is always good to feel part of such large organisation. Our next meeting on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup>. April will be a discussion when we will split into groups and discuss topical issues – I hasten to say not Brexit, we are far too intelligent!! Anybody who would like to join us and put their point of view would be very welcome. (2.30pm in the Church Room).  
**Margaret G.**

## **Children's Society Box Opening**

I was able to send £756.07 to the Society as a result of our recent Coffee Morning and box proceeds. Very many thanks to all the box holders, those who came on the day, and the people who count the money. I have had a letter of grateful thanks from the Children's Society. **Margaret Bloomfield**

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## Blyth Woods

Blyth Woods have a busy year ahead, with community activities including workshops, nature walks, planting/maintenance working groups, evening events and our ongoing activities with the school. If you would like to find out more about Blyth Woods, learn about local bats from expert, Alan Miller and find out how you can get involved, please come along to our **AGM** at 7.30pm on **Wednesday 24 April** in the Church Room. We look forward to seeing you and having a chat over refreshments. In the meantime, look out for our representatives, Ian and Claire, in the upcoming Talent Show. We will be there to cheer them on!

*Geraldine Lines (secretary)*



## Studio Open Day

Ruth McCabe is holding 3 open days at her studio in Coles Hill Wenhaston on: APRIL 2nd, 3rd and 6th. Pop in anytime between 10am and 4pm. If you haven't visited before there will be signs along Coles Hill. There will be a range of pieces at sale prices. Easter bargains!! Card or cash payments accepted. Please see 'STUDIO' on [www.ruth-mccabe-artist.co.uk](http://www.ruth-mccabe-artist.co.uk) for further details. (*Exhibitor, Royal Watercolour Society Contemporary Competition, Bankside Gallery, London. Finalist in Sunday Times Contemporary Watercolour Competition. Mall Galleries, London*).

## New Cut Choir

We would like to "sing" (sorry!) the praises of the recently founded New Cut Choir. Sue, Helen and I have started representing Wenhaston at the weekly sessions at the New Cut in Halesworth. Led by dynamic duo Alexander Campkin and Rob Gildon, the group is welcoming and sociable and open to all ages and abilities. We have already made new friends from Halesworth and surrounding villages. Songs range from pop to gospel, classical to jazz and folk - from Purcell to Cole Porter with improvisation in between. Music is taught mainly by ear and sometimes supplemented by sheet music and recordings. After a few short weeks, we are confident enough to be



planning a performance on the beach bandstand as part of the June Aldeburgh Festival. I return home every week, head buzzing with music, waking up with one of the tunes going around my head and others popping up through the week. New members are welcome – why not drop in and give it a try? It is such a fun way to spend an evening. Sessions run from 7pm to 9pm on Tuesdays and cost £5.

**Geraldine Lines (New Cut Choir)**



### **Wenhaston Flower Club**

Our meeting on Tuesday April 2nd at 7.30pm in Wenhaston Church Room will be a demonstration. We are very pleased to be welcoming Linda Hopkins for this occasion. The intriguing title of the demonstration is “Travelling with my flower box”. Come and join us for an enjoyable evening, always a warm welcome. For further information contact **Jean Spindler on 01502 478317.**

**Footpath Walking** The morning walk will leave from Wenhaston Village Hall at 10am on Tuesday, 2<sup>nd</sup> April. Ian Bigwood will lead a walk round Laxfield and Ubbeston on Tuesday, 16<sup>th</sup> April. Meet at 9.45am (for a 10am start) at The Low House (also known as The King’s Head), Laxfield where we will lunch afterwards

*For any further help contact Heather Phillips on 01502 478545.*

**Commons Conservation:** On Tuesday, 9<sup>th</sup> April Barry Norrington will lead a work party on Mill Heath. Meet at the entrance off Heath Road at 10am.

On Sunday, 21<sup>st</sup> April Helen Gairn will lead a work party on Blackheath. Meet at the track by the pond at 10am

**Heather Phillips**

### **We are the one and only Vegetables R Us!**

Our school business is run by the Year 5 and Year 6 students at Wenhaston Primary School. We’ve been in the business for two and a half years. Over the years we have harvested all sorts of delicious and strange fruit and veg. This academic year, we have produced: runner beans, beetroot, carrots, cucumbers, leeks, lettuces, pak choi, rhubarb, spinach, spring onions,



strawberries, pears, apples and the rare medlar fruit. We were very lucky to have been featured on Look East! We have been in all the local newspapers too. As a team we grow and care for all our amazing organic vegetables. When they are ready, we sell them to Adnams, who then prepare fresh dishes with our produce. Each of us has a team to work in, they are:

- Accounts
- Finance
- Packaging and despatch
- Marketing
- Public Relations
- The plant care team

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***Immi and Carleigh***

### **Wenhaston nature notes**

"Oh, to be in England... Now that April's there" wrote the 19th century Romantic poet, Robert Browning and he was spot on. This is truly a wonderful time of the year when all natural growth speeds up. The days are longer and an amazing variety of flowers are shooting up - Dogs' Mercury carpets the woodland banks and (at time of writing - 11th of March) violets are growing on Well Green, in Vicarage Grove and at the top of the heath next to Bramfield Road. Some very small flowers are a marvel of design - Speedwell, Birds Eye and Eyebright for example (I rely on my wife for identification). The common Dandelion, from the French 'Dents de lion' - 'Lions Teeth'- is beautifully constructed. We were warned as children not to suck the stems - the French pick them for their 'salade de pissen-lit au lard'. In the southern night sky, the wonderful star, Sirius, looks like a near planet. It is in fact eight light years away, about 70 trillion miles away and has a diameter of over 1 million miles!

Our winter has been mild overall, but the cold spell in March was a true 'Blackthorn Winter'. Our ancestors would have thanked God for the arrival of Spring, but it was also a worrying time because food stocks were getting low and harvest a long time off. In the 14th Century the Black Death (1348/49) hit a

population weakened by decades of poor harvests, cold winters and epidemics of measles and influenza. The population fell by 30%. A serious labour shortage led to a decline in arable farming and a boom in the production of wool. Paradoxically, exports of cloth produced much of the surplus wealth of later Medieval England which was used to rebuild many great churches such as Lavenham, Long Melford, Blythburgh, Southwold and the splendid churches of Ipswich. Churches were centres of devotion, community activity, entertainment and education. Business deals and legal transactions were conducted in church porches, implying that business must be honest in the sight of God. The Wenhaston Doom is a warning, perhaps tongue-in-cheek, to the tempted.

Many great families, such as the Norfolk Pastons had quite humble origins. Literate peasants began to appear who could employ lawyers to settle disputes and to draw up wills. Intelligent and educated members of this new class sensed a time of opportunity, and in this period we see the origins of modern capitalism. **Brian Withnall, Mylor Blackheath**

**WOODPECKERS** *Unless there are several small men with hammers in the village, I have heard two or more woodpeckers today.* **Colin Hooper**

**A Special Event – “Spring into Life, a Celebration of May!” a sung meditation with Anam Cora** This singing group is bringing their unique blend of song, poetry and meditation to St. Peter’s Thorington on 11 May. They will begin with some Maying songs outside at 3.30 before heading into the church for the rest of the celebration at 4.00. Refreshments to follow. Suggested donation: £10. For more info contact Trish Gower on 01502 478267 or visit: [www.marybenefiel.com/anam-cora/](http://www.marybenefiel.com/anam-cora/)

### **WARNING: DOMESTIC OIL THEFT**

Recently, full tanks of domestic oil have been stolen from properties in Wenhaston overnight. Please be vigilant and lock your tanks if possible and contact the police if you see anything suspicious.

## Wenhaston Show

The show schedules look very bright and colourful with a picture of a sunflower on the cover. Inside is a small packet with two seeds in it. Hopefully this will inspire people to 'have a go' at growing the tallest sunflower. Don't forget to pick up a bucket and a potato next time you're at the café, even if you don't win with the heaviest yield you will certainly have enough potatoes for tea. With several new houses in the village it would be great if the owners would be able to be involved with the show, either by joining our committee or helping on the day. Should they be moved to do so please contact either *Tony Gow 478977* or *Graham Hodges 478260*.

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

- 1st prize James Ellis (number 108) £37.50
- 2nd prize Margaret Bloomfield (number 26) £22.50
- 3rd prize Lyn Gedny (number 111) £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 £5 (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.***

## Wenhaston WI March Report

Usually our speaker talks at the beginning of our meeting but as we were offered samples of pies to go with our coffee, we got the business out of the way first. Culture before vulture you might say! Kathryn Langford talked to us about her

bees and brought some of her honey, and gifts she had made from wax. She imparted some interesting facts: a worker bee only produces one twelfth of a teaspoon of honey throughout her life time; bees are the only insect which produces food consumed by humans; if the hive is happy the bees are less likely to sting. If the Queen is unsettled it can make the workers aggressive.

Truly Traceable Pies is successfully run by Lynn and Steve. Steve shoots the deer for the venison pies and sausage rolls. He uses all parts of the deer except the feet and hides. There are no longer any tanners to process the latter. All the ingredients used are sourced within an 8-mile radius except the flour which comes from Essex, and the samples we tasted were absolutely delicious. Steve talked about the different breeds of deer, the Muntjac being the most numerous. The Duke of Bedford was responsible for introducing Muntjac, Chinese Water Deer and Sika. The Sika is causing a problem in Scotland as they are breeding with the Red Deer creating hybrids which is not good. An enjoyable and informative evening.

The subject of our next meeting is Sutton Hoo. This is an open meeting, visitors are very welcome. Only £5 entrance for a first-class lecture, a cup of coffee and probably a biscuit. Can't be bad.

*Felicity Jelliff*

### **April birds – our summer visitors return**

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April is a super month for birds as our summer visitors start to arrive, filling our gardens and woods with their song, especially in the early morning when the Dawn Chorus gathers pace. We've had a good start as Chiffchaffs were heard calling in the village in late February, a good week or two earlier than 'normal'. By April expect to hear Blackcaps, Whitethroats, Willow and Garden Warblers adding to the volume and variety of this daily concert. Some of the aerial acrobats, such as Sand and House Martins and Swallows will also be making their return. Do listen out for the Cuckoo. St. George's day (23<sup>rd</sup>) is traditionally the date when we might hear him announce his presence. The vast distances some birds travel to spend the summer here are impressive. The British Trust for Ornithology (BTO) has radio tagged many birds and tracks their journeys, details of which you can find on their website, BTO.ORG. A speciality is their cuckoo tracking project. Here is an extract from their entry on 1<sup>st</sup> February on one of their cuckoos nicknamed

*“Selborne”. “Selborne is in West Africa! On the evening of 31 January Selbourne’s tag showed that he was in west southern Ghana. From the information we received it looks like he took the shortcut across the Gulf of Guinea, a sea crossing of 689 miles! He is now 1,000 miles from his last location in Gabon and just under 3,000 miles from his New Forest breeding site”.* Given the incredible effort these and other songbirds make to spend summer with us, the least we can do is give them some encouragement, by continuing to provide food until our summer kicks in and local supplies are replenished. Nest building efforts can also be assisted by our tying up bunches of tiny twigs, dried moss, and other stringy vegetable matter near our feeders. Discarded dog and cat fur, from grooming, can be spread around our hedges and flowerbeds for them to pick up and weave it into their nests.

***Roland Hammond***

### **Wenhaston St Peter’s Church**

It’s wonderful to see all the Spring flowers in bloom, reminding us of the Resurrection as we journey through Lent to the glory of Easter. Before I look forward though, I will look back at recent events – the Soup and Pancake lunch was very well attended, thank you to our loyal supporters, and we raised a goodly sum for the work of St Peter’s. Many grateful thanks to our band of helpers who turn up each time and give us so much of their time and energy. I hope we do well at our Jumble Sale on 16<sup>th</sup>. On Good Friday, we are invited to the Methodist Church at 9.30am for a short Meditation. In the afternoon, Alison will offer a short Meditation in church from 2.00 – 3.00pm. On Easter Day, we will be joined by folk from Thorington and Blyford for a Communion by Extension service taken by Jane at 9.30am. **Resurrection Reflections and Easter Teas** – once the razzamatazz of Easter is over, the eggs found, the chocolates eaten, come along to a relaxed, warm and friendly service of poetry, prayers, readings and music reflecting on the meaning of Easter and the Resurrection for us

as individuals, as a community and as society more widely. A chance to think, to laugh, and to sing with friends and to celebrate the fact that through the Resurrection we are promised eternity. **We will be serving teas from 4pm and the service takes place at 5pm.**

### **Sidespeople in April**

7th	10am	Team Eucharist at St Mary's Church No service at St Peter's
14 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am	Palm Sunday procession from Library No service at St Peter's
21 <sup>st</sup>	9.30am	Parish Eucharist Clive Watson
22 <sup>nd</sup>	5.00.pm	Resurrection Reflections Jenny Jeffrey
28 <sup>th</sup>	11.15am	Pause for thought

### **Church cleaning**

7 <sup>th</sup>	Viv Kemp and Frances Watson
21 <sup>st</sup>	Margaret Bloomfield and Anita Graves

## **Wenhaston Methodist Church**

### **ALL SUNDAY SERVICES at 10.30am**

7 <sup>th</sup>	Songs of Praise	4 <sup>th</sup> Iris Baker	Palm Sunday
21 <sup>st</sup>	Rev Ian McKillop	Easter Day	H C
28 <sup>th</sup>	Rev Robert Soanes		

### **9.30 am Good Friday Meditation**

**Saturday 6th** 9.30 - 11.00 am: "Pray Awhile" on a come & go basis - for prayer & meditation. **Tuesday meetings** at 2.30 pm: 2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd, & 30<sup>th</sup> WILL ALL BE LENT GROUPS **ALL WELCOME AT ANY MEETING**

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