



JULY 2019

WENHASTON WARBLER



Mother in Law's Seat

What a joy to walk by Vicarage Grove to Grove Piece with the dog and find a beautiful seat installed by the Blythwood group. Do visit, sit in peace and listen to the birds, and watch for other wildlife. Some days this walk has been too much for me but now I have a rest before walking back. Thank you to all who arranged this.

Joann Hill

Village Show July 28th

It is Village Show time again and now is the moment to pick up a Schedule/ Entry Form from the Village Hall or The Star. Probably too late to enter the tallest Sunflower competition unless you have miraculous powers, but Gardeners, Bakers, Photographers and Crafty persons, there is a category for everyone to enter; maybe even just one item.

It's not the winning that matters but the taking part, and seeing who has the longest Runner Bean in Wenhaston on July 28th. You can't miss it.

Entry forms to be in by Wednesday 24th. to me at Wayland Cottage, Narrow Way, by the end of the day, or leave in the folder at the Village Hall by 1.00 p.m.

Any queries to Tony Gow 4789

Finding a grounded or fallen swift – what to do

As more of the residents of Wenhaston are either having Swift nestboxes installed on their properties, or are taking a greater interest in the reasons for the substantial decline of this wonderful summer visitor, it is important that people are aware of what to do in the event that you find a bird on the ground, whether it has fallen from a nest or for some other reason.

First and foremost - don't throw it in the air, don't feed it (a very obvious thing to want to do), and don't delay. Place the bird in a container such as a shoebox with holes in for ventilation, and place somewhere quiet. Take a photo of the bird (this can be sent to the carer later) and give it water by running a wetted cotton bud round the edge of the beak, avoiding the nostrils. Then as soon as possible contact either **Alan Miller of Suffolk Wildlife Trust (07767 411778)** or **Jonathan Alder (07881 743991)**, or the local carer for grounded Swifts, **Judith Wakelam (01638 715971)**. Judith is based in west Suffolk, but will arrange a rendezvous or collect as necessary. Finally, and to repeat, don't try to do this yourself - it is an extremely dedicated and time consuming task. The bird will stand a much greater chance of survival if it is received by Judith as soon as possible after being found.

Swifts nesting in your roof?

Why not celebrate your nesting swifts by installing a small hand-made ceramic tile?



These attractive tiles cost £12.00 each and measure 9cm x 22cm. Black and white in this photo, but the background colour is a lovely sky blue! Screw holes made all ready to be installed on your gate/fence/house.

Contact Ann Follows 478324

Notes from the Editors

Thank you everyone for your contributions this month. Fewer photographs than usual, which is a pity. We would be pleased to have any Wenhaston related photographs even if there is no attached article.

Our efforts to help Jane at the post office are jinxed. We mistakenly said that she was able to collect batteries for recycling: she isn't, so please take them to the various supermarkets and shops which do have drop off points. We would also like to remind contributors, particularly of posters, that the Warbler is in A5 format. A4 and A3 documents are difficult to resize, and often look poor when reduced.

Contributions for the next issue please by the 15th of July

D Day Remembered

I found the commemorations of D.Day up and down the country, very moving. My husband, Derek, was on Gold Beach as a Special Operator with the 7th Armoured Division (Desert Rats), driving a jeep which he'd greased in readiness. I think he would have been quietly appreciative of the recognition today of that significant date. *Dorothy Franklin.*

Wenhaston Village Hall News

Fire Safety Upgrades With the purchase of some new fire extinguishers and signs, the £1,250 grant from the former Suffolk Coastal District Council has been spent. This followed fire retardant treatment to the stage curtains, a permanent ramp on a back step outside emergency exit doors and repairs to the fire wall and door in the stage wings, reported in the February 2019 edition of the Warbler. Our thanks again to the District Council and to former Cllr. Mike Gower in particular for financing these important improvements.

These works are part of an ongoing programme of refurbishment to the building and improvements to facilities, which will help to raise the profile of the Village Hall and encourage greater usage. Look out for more of the same in the months ahead! *Ian Bigwood*

WENHASTON VILLAGE SHOW

**ENTRY OPEN TO ALL
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Blyth Woods – Starters and Puddings Evening

Have you booked your place yet?

We're looking forward to you joining us for a pleasant evening at the Church Rooms, Wenhaston on Saturday, 13th July. We'll kick off at 7pm with a drink on arrival (bring your own bottle for the rest of the evening) followed by three tasty vegetarian starters and a trio of delicious puddings, while, at the same time, you place your bids in our exciting auction. As can be seen from the Notice of Auction appearing in this edition of the Warbler, prizes range from delicious homemade scones and jam, through a whole load of enticing items right up to a three day stay for four people in a selfcatering cottage in Wenhaston (value £300+) and there may be more to come!

Blyth Woods is raising funds for our latest project which is to acquire and develop Malsters Little Field, adjacent to Grove Piece, thereby extending further the existing community wild space. So come along and enjoy a food filled evening and go away with an unforgettable prize. Tickets cost £15 and are available from **Geraldine on 07787 191850** or blythwoods1@gmail.com – be quick as numbers are limited.

If you are unable to come along to our get together, but would like to help with our fund raising by taking part in the fabulous auction, see the Notice of Auction on how to place your bid(s) now.

For the fullest and latest details of the auction items, go to our website at www.blythwoods.org where you can also get up to date Blyth Woods news and information, or visit our Facebook page

Footpath Walking

A morning walk will leave from Wenhaston Village Hall at 10am on Tuesday, 2nd July. On Tuesday, 16th July Helen Bowyer and Liz Cunningham will lead a walk of approximately 4 ½ miles through Rumburgh and All Saints South Elmham. Meet at Rumburgh Buck at 9.45am to pre-order lunch. As the ground is very uneven in some parts, a walking stick could prove useful. **For any further help contact Heather Phillips on 01502 478545.**

Commons Conservation

On Tuesday, 9th July Genevieve Bridgeman will lead work parties in St. Peter's Churchyard and on Church Common. Meet in St. Peter's Churchyard at 10am. On Sunday, 21st July Helen Gairn will lead a work party on Blackheath. Meet on the track near the pond at 10am.

Heather Phillips

The Wonderful Wenhaston Millennium Map

The Wenhaston Millennium Map was produced under the umbrella of the Wenhaston Commons Group as a village 'Year 2000' project, representing a snapshot of everything about the village at that time. There are still copies available, free to village residents and just £5 to everyone else, from...

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The Star

Jill & Michael: 01502 478016

Heather Phillips: 01502 478545

Young People's Film Nights

We were delighted that 23 young people came to our second film night on Friday 17th May. The film "Paddington 2" was chosen by the young people who came to the first film night, and was enjoyed by everyone, supervising adults included. The young people were very appreciative and it was a delight to share the evening with them.

There was a great deal of enthusiasm for making these evenings a regular event. We plan to hold the next one on Friday 20th September and will choose another film from the young people's suggestions. So far the evenings have been funded by the East Suffolk Council Community Team but we will now need to find funding for these events ourselves. Funding covers the hire of the hall, buying the DVD and snacks for the children. As quite a few of the young people rarely attend any out of school activities, this is a great opportunity for them to socialise and to make use of our wonderful village hall facilities.

If you have any ideas about fund-raising or would like to volunteer to help supervise at future events, please contact me at alisonalder@hotmail.co.uk or telephone 0150478855. We are hoping that one or two 6th formers might like to volunteer to support the project and I am going into Bungay High School soon to talk to them about it. **Alison Alder**

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Wenhaston Flower Club

In July instead of our evening meeting we will be meeting on the same day, Tuesday 2nd July but at 3 pm for an afternoon tea at:- OLD HALL CAFE (Maize Maze) on the Southwold Road.

Cost £12.50 per person. ***Anyone not at the June meeting who would like to go please ring Dawn on 01986 873640.*** We have a summer break in August so our next meeting will be on September 3rd 7.30 pm in Wenhaston Church Rooms.

Please ring Jean Spindler for any information regarding the club. 01502 478317.

Wenhaston WI June report

We probably thought we knew all about recycling but our speaker, Sharon Lockheart soon showed us the error of our ways! It seems the rules for recycling are changing all the time. Sharon told us that we can all make a difference to reduce the plague of plastic by making choices, e.g.; a bamboo toothbrush, use metal straws, reusable shopping bags and cloth instead of paper towels. It seems washing-up sponges are especially bad for the environment and we should use a loofa. A question was asked about recycling paint. Oil based paint has to go in hazardous waste while water based paint has to be dry, possibly by adding soil or even cat litter before it can be recycled. Some shops are attempting to sell loose products, so perhaps we will go back to the thick blue bags that some of us will remember. Sharon says we should complain about the amount of packaging and if we are brave enough, remove the plastic coverings while in the shop so that they have to cope with it. It was pointed out that we have forgotten how we used to reuse items, repair rather than buy new, repurpose, finding a new use for an item, finally how to donate, sell or swap. Sharon's talk certainly gave us food for thought.

On the 20th June we will have hosted a fashion show, and in July it will be our summer garden party.

Felicity Jelliff

Wenhaston Village Hall 100 Club

The Wenhaston Village Hall 100 Club June draw has been made and we are delighted to announce the winners: • 1st prize Tony Wallin (number 1) £37.50

- 2nd prize Dorothy Ellerington (number 103) £22.50
- 3rd prize Anna Wolfenden (number 149) £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 £2 for the year starting from July.

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

Blue Tits - Nestbox sharing

The highly amusing, classic BBC sitcom Porridge highlighted the upside of "Double Bunking", whereby cell mates Norman Stanley Fletcher and Lennie Godber portrayed a side of life in prison that maybe totally atypical of reality.

Where am I going with this you might ask, well here goes. Each springtime over the last few years, Tony Gow and I have monitored 20 nest boxes spread around Church Common. The boxes have only ever attracted the most common Tit species, specifically Blue Tit and Great Tit. Numerically, Blues have always greatly outnumbered Greats, and the latter has inexplicably always suffered a high mortality rate in nestlings.

This year we have encountered a phenomenon with one particular Blue Tit box, such as I have never seen in over 40 years of bird watching. Nest boxes do require maintenance, and occasionally complete replacement, and in this particular case a new, slightly larger box has attracted two pairs of Blue

Tits using the box at the same time - hence my reference to double bunking. Visually, sexing adult Blue Tits is virtually impossible. Whatever, this particular association has been harmonious and very productive. The time line of events goes like this:- Box inspected weekly from 19th March 2019

2nd April Box fully lined,

17th April Cup in top left hand corner contains at least 7 eggs

24th April single adult sitting on top left cup

30th April Two adults sitting, one on eggs in top left and another apparently squatting in bottom right hand corner but not immediately obvious that it was sitting on eggs

7th May Now clear signs of two cups with Top left holding 7 hatchlings and bottom right holding 8 eggs and possibly a nestling that had migrated from Top LH

14th May A combined gathering of at least 11 newly hatched birds

21st May A gathering of at least 12 fully feathered birds ready to fledge

28th May The fledglings have flown and the box is empty, with no sign of mortality (or unviable eggs). Not impossible that a total of 16 birds fledged from this box.

If anyone out there has had a similar experience please let us know. I have written and sent photos to Springwatch, so far without response.

Dennis Adams

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Nature notes from Marsh Cottage for July WW

At this time of year intensive work is required to keep the vegetable patch relatively clear of the more voracious weeds, but it is important to leave some to grow with the other plants that fill our hedgerows and grassland left without the attention of the mower. And this is what helps the wildlife from the bottom up.

The birdsong continues, despite the fledging of the first brood of chicks, but the hum of insects is something you only hear in a place where all sorts of plants are left to grow naturally. We are fortunate that our neighbours at Low Farm have left the verge next to the barley field uncut, so that the view across the beautiful sea of shining cultivated grass also includes as its foreground a profusion of nettles, rough chervil (which has taken over from the cow parsley) and all sorts of wild grasses.

As I walked down the lane to the cottage, admiring a stunning patch of poppies, a tangled group of four Red Admirals flew up in front of me. The same butterflies have been settling on our potato plants. They are joined there by the blue of the damsel flies. We have seen also an ageing green hairstreak butterfly with a greenish iridescent lower wing. A Silver Y moth was trapped inside one of our windows, a 'y' or 'gamma' clearly marked on both wings, and we have also seen yellow Brimstone butterflies fluttering over the garden. Ladybirds are all over the place, important predators to keep the greenfly and black fly at bay. A parasitoid wasp settled near, so I could identify it. Its name is the unwieldy 'Amblyjoppa fuscipennis'. It has a pair of long curved antennae, and long wings which lie over a narrow orange abdomen, and it is part of a large family of similar insects which do us a favour by hatching as larvae out of a variety of caterpillars and other bugs that might munch your crops. Honey bees and bumbles bees love the flowering sage and the coriander that thrives here, and we know that their pollination activities are vital for all fruiting plants. ***Kate Archibald***

Foodbank

The number of families needing help from the local foodbank has increased substantially in the last few weeks, and the warehouse is in real danger of running out of food by the end of August. Please help if you are

able to - donations can be left in the box at the village hall, and they will be collected from there. There is a particular need for fruit juice, pasta sauce, tinned tomatoes, microwaveable desserts/puddings, tinned fish, instant noodles and rice, tinned vegetables, jams etc, children's treats – chocolate/sweets. Thank you!

Gill Frostick

A Message from Wenhaston Primary School

Thank you so much for all the Lego Tokens that you kindly brought into school and left at Blackheath Stores. We have managed to collect a whopping 4176 tokens in total. This means that we automatically qualify for a £50 Lego voucher which we should receive at the end of term. We now have an anxious wait to see if our total puts us into the top three schools to receive even more vouchers to spend on Lego! Thank you again to everyone who has collected the vouchers and especially to Jim, Karen and Barbara for letting us collect from the shop.

Wenhaston Primary School Councillors

Coffee Morning

St Peter's Church Thorington PCC thank everyone for their support at the recent coffee morning, and a grand total of £464 was raised to help ensure the angels on the ceiling are repaired and restored. Thanks again to all who made cakes, helped on the day and the great bunch of supporters. Even on a wet morning it was fun to gather in the Barn and have a quick look at the orchids!!

Trish Gower

Wenhaston Mother's Union

Our July Meeting will be on Wednesday 10th. July and will be in the Garden at Spindleberry at 3o'clock and I shall look forward to welcoming you all on what I hope will be lovely summers day! If it is wet we will meet indoors. We shall read and pray The Wave of Prayer and this will be followed by afternoon tea. We will also talk about our afternoon out in August, which will most likely be afternoon tea at the Old Hall Cafe in Southwold.

Margaret Goldstone

Wenhaston St Peter's Church

Dripping June keeps things in tune, so they say. Well the month started with some lovely fine weather but it sure has been dripping over the last few days. We gardeners are grateful but I feel sorry for the holidaymakers when it is so wet. Maybe it will improve in July.

By the time this goes to print, Jane will have been ordained priest and Alison and Linda deacons. We are looking forward to the actual services and all the celebrations. We are very fortunate that they have been called to these roles and thank God for them and their ministries.

Pentecost and Trinity have passed and we are now in what is called 'Ordinary Time'

Margaret Bloomfield

Sidespeople in July

7th July Team Service at Halesworth 10.am

14th July Eucharist with Bramfield attending 9.30am Jenny Jeffrey

21st July Morning Prayer 9.30am Clive Watson

28th July Pause for Thought 11.15am

Wenhaston Methodist Church

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Notice of Auction

As part of the Starters and Puddings event on Saturday 13th July (see page 5 of the Warbler), Blyth Woods is organising an auction of the following items (names of donors alongside)

1.	Basket of freshly made scones and jam (Liz Hill)
2.	Guided, morning bird watching/wildlife walk for two at the Hen Reedbeds and River Blyth with breakfast at the Old Hall Café, at a date to suit (Alan Miller)
3.	Two places on a 45 minute return River Alde trip from Snape Maltings to Iken on the Sea Trader, through reeds and open water, date and time to be arranged (Mick & Rose Hart, Marie & John Rolfe)
4.	2kg sack of organic raw almonds in their shells grown in Spain (Liz Hill)
5.	'Opal' plum tree; early fruiting, delicious and juicy (Darsham Nursery)
6.	Pit fired ceramic artwork inspired by Blyth Woods pit firing in Grove Piece (Claire Ross-Masson)
7.	6kg mixed wild bird feed from Vine House Farm (Ann Follows)
8.	Day's use of a beach hut north of Southwold pier, date & times to be arranged (Jill Daines)
9.	Two places (value £130) on a horticultural workshop this autumn or next spring + lunch at The Star Inn (Woottens)
10.	Self-catering stay for four people in Leman Cottage, Wenhaston, for three nights in 2019 (value £300+), subject to availability, dates to be agreed with owner (Trish Gower)

If you are unable to attend the event itself, you may still take part in the auction by bidding in the following ways now:

- By e-mail to blythwoods1@gmail.com subject heading "Auction bids" and state which item(s) you are bidding for and how much
- In writing in a sealed envelope marked "Auction bids" which can be left in the Blyth Woods folder, opposite the book shelves at Wenhaston Village Hall – state which item(s) you are bidding for and how much and remember to give your name and your contact details.