



July 2020

# Wenhaston Warbler

## Wenhaston Village Records

Lyn Gedny produces an Annual Report of our Village life which records 'history as it is happening' and is submitted at the annual meeting of County Recorders, to be archived in the Suffolk County Records Office. The Wenhaston Warbler is one of the items he includes. In 2020 he is trying to record our reactions and efforts to combat the significant change of life brought about by Covid-19. These are some of his photos.



*Heathside Stores, our local Village Shop, has stayed open for business throughout. Local residents have emailed the Warbler to let us know how much they appreciate their friendly and personal service.*

*Virginia and Karl at the Star pub have offered takeaway pizzas on Friday and Saturday evenings, as well as beer for collection.*





## *Working safely in Heathside Stores*

### **Lyn Gedney writes:**

Local residents have responded well to the crises and are supporting local businesses. It's forecasted that this epidemic will result in many small businesses going to the wall nationwide. I'm sincerely hoping that our joint local Community action will result in the survival of these two important Village facilities.

***As Wenhaston Recorder, I would welcome any contributions that anyone in the Village would care to send me to be archived for this rather traumatic year of 2020.'*** *lyngedny@yahoo.co.uk*

## **Village Hall News**

At the time of writing we are all looking forward to seeing Jane back at the Post Office in the village hall shortly, and we appreciate the valuable service she provides for us all. We have missed you Jane!

Although the Post Office will be open on the 15<sup>th</sup> June the rest of the hall has to remain closed in line with Government instructions, so I am sorry we can't offer a book lending or photocopier service at present.

The food bank collection will continue to be at Alison Alder's house Oakhurst, Blackheath Road, Wenhaston, or you can send financial

contributions to Waveney Foodbank, c/o Les Fearn, 15 De Lucy Close, Diss, IP22 24YL.

The earliest the village hall can open, according to the Government guidelines, is 4<sup>th</sup> July, and that is dependent on what happens with the Coronavirus rate of infection between now and then. We will receive updates in due course, and advice about what the hall has to have in place to keep hall users and volunteers as safe as possible. In the meantime, we are sourcing things we anticipate we will need, many of which are in high demand and short supply and on long order lead in times. We are also giving thought to, and would welcome ideas from others, how various hall activities may be able to re-start in due course.

It will obviously be up to the individual groups to decide when they will re-start and how they safeguard people, but we would like to try and have what the hall will need in place. Things will certainly be different for some time to come it seems.

The new hedge behind the café bar is now in leaf and doing well. We have stopped cutting the grass by the hedge and several wild flowers are now making an appearance. A blue tit has nested in one of the nest boxes and the swift boxes are ready and waiting for new tenants. Christine has re-planted the flower borders and troughs and Jane has put up the colourful hanging baskets again for us to enjoy whilst queueing for the Post Office!

A small team of volunteers working individually, or in couples have decorated the main hallway while we are closed and Janice, our cleaner has deep cleaned the hall and given the floor of the hall and cafe a coat of refresher, to help protect the seal.

Another emergency Blood Donor session will have taken place at the hall on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> June, and once again the hall will be thoroughly cleaned before and afterwards.

Sadly, the ever-popular Village show due to take place at the end of July, has had to be cancelled as it would be impossible to maintain

social distancing, and we just don't know what restrictions will still be in force then.

Roger continues to keep the village website up to date with a wealth of information about local services and information see link <http://wenhaston.onesuffolk.net/>

In the meantime, we have many village and local volunteers and local businesses and services to thank for helping us through the lockdown. Helping us all in many different ways with practical, pastoral and medical support. Keeping us supplied with essential items, setting up new deliveries and supplying us with takeaways and drink. Many of these businesses regularly advertise in the Warbler. Heathside Stores remained open throughout, stocking lots of useful things, for which I am sure we are all very grateful, so special thanks to Karen, Jim, Barbara and Jill. PJN Motor Engineering continued looking after our cars, thank you Paul and your team. There are many more besides who have also kept going, so many thanks to all you unsung heroes, we couldn't have made it without you!

Finally thank you to the editors, the printers and all the people involved, for doing such a great job in making sure that the Warbler continued to be produced and distributed in the village, to keep us all in touch with news and updates during lockdown. It has been really good to see the community coming together in this way and many thanks to everyone for all they have done in such difficult circumstances.

We look forward to welcoming you back to the village hall when restrictions are eased and it is safe to return.

***Sally Amery, Wenhaston Village Hall***

***(And many thanks to you, Sally, for all your hard work. The editors).***

## **Good News from Wenhaston Post Office**

Wenhaston Post Office is opening from June 15<sup>th</sup>. Only the Post Office area will be accessible - the hall and all rooms will still be out of use. This includes Photocopying – Food Bank – milk top collection and the reading books and toilets. This is due to the hall still being in lockdown for the time being, following the Government guide lines.

Only one customer at a time will be allowed in, a two-metre distancing whilst queuing outside, and hand sanitizer will be available on the counter. I will take all the precautions possible to maintain a safe area for you. I will be unable to assist anyone on the shop floor as I have to maintain a safe distance for health reasons. I can only accept cash payments for non post office items i.e. cards, stationery etc.

The medication should start being delivered back to the Post Office on Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> June. Please note I cannot be held responsible if your medication does not get delivered. I offer this service voluntary and do my best to make sure that it arrives.

Please remember my opening hours will be Monday through to Thursday 9.00 am – 1.00 pm and closed on a Friday as before.

I look forward to seeing you all again.

***Jane Peters***

## **Urgent, administrator required for Warbler advertisements**

A few months ago, I asked if there was anybody who might be willing to take on the administration of the adverts for the Warbler. This involves invoicing, liaising with the editors with regard to changes and insertions and paying in the subscriptions.

There are peaks in the year when subscriptions are renewed, but in most months the work involved amounts to hours, not days. Obviously, it is a responsible task, but I would be happy to spend time with the new person to ensure that they understand the straightforward systems involved.

I haven't had any response from anyone, so this is just a reminder that I will only carry on with this until the end of November this year at the latest, when I will formally relinquish the role. It would be preferable to hand over sooner than that. As the magazine is being entirely funded by advertising income there is a clear risk that production will cease if no one can be found to take the position over.

***Please contact me on 478855 or [j.m.alder59@gmail.com](mailto:j.m.alder59@gmail.com) if you think you can help.***

***Jonathan Alder***

### **Notes from the editors**

We depend entirely on Wenhastonians to keep those photos, drawings and articles coming to fill our pages. Let's hear from you! And, please can someone answer Jonathan's plea (above), so we can carry on bringing the Warbler to you.

**Deadline for the August edition: 15th July. Email [wenhastonwarbler@gmail.com](mailto:wenhastonwarbler@gmail.com)**

***First in an occasional series about classic cars in Wenhaston  
collectors Corner - A Star Car!***



It's fair to say that the 60's and 70's saw both the 'highs' and 'lows' of British car manufacturing. Here's one of the highs. Red and resplendent in The Star's car park, pictured with proud owner Virginia, is her 1971 Reliant Scimitar (SE5A, if you must know). Powered

by a Ford 3.0 litre Essex V6 – originally from the Ford Zodiac range – it is a 2-door sports estate hatchback.

Reliant, more often these days linked in most people's minds with the 'Robin', started producing the Scimitar coupe in 1964, initially with the 2.5 l Zephyr straight 6 engine, in a chassis based on the previous Reliant Sabre and the designer David Ogle's Ogle SX250. Reliant, like much of the British car industry, is sadly no more, closing in 1986.

Carl, not a man normally to wax lyrical, and the past-owner of more 'collectible' cars than you could shake a gear-stick at, is full of praise for the Scimitar. Practical, reasonably economical, tax exempt, 30mpg, good load space for dogs, & firkins, very comfortable and reliable. Mind you, Virginia points out that you are very low on the road, and the hedges round these parts are often high... Should spares be required, most are Ford parts and readily available.



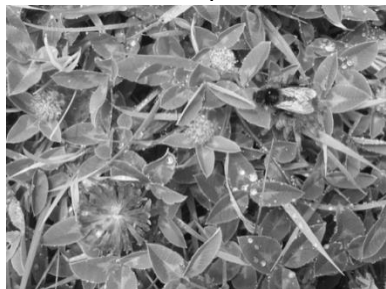
The car itself came from the Tamworth area and is in impressively good condition: only 65k miles, four previous owners and no restoration – nor does it require it. A really good blend of practicality and fun.

Please be careful when you turn into the Star car park...

***Wil Harvey***

### **Blyth Woods Midsummer**

Although we have been keeping in touch with emails and Zoom meetings, we were keen to see each other again and got together for a socially distanced midsummer picnic. A small group met at Grove Piece where we were able to keep well apart and work up an appetite, weeding around the new trees and seeing how many we need to replant in the autumn. As spring was so dry, quite a few were lost but the recent rain has perked everything up and even added a few inches of water to the pond.



Marie and John Rolfe shot a wonderful 'slow TV' video of a walk through Grove Piece and Malster's Little Field for the school. The children do so much valuable work, from building bug hotels to raising trees in the school nursery, and we wanted to keep in contact until we can work with them again.

***Geraldine Lines (secretary) - [blythwoods1@gmail.com](mailto:blythwoods1@gmail.com)***



## **Wenhaston Village Show**

It is with regret that the Village Show Committee has decided to cancel the show for this year. It would have been the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary and plans were afoot to make it an extra special occasion. Rather than holding a lack-lustre affair with only a few people participating and fewer visitors all at a social distance it was thought that all efforts should be put into making it a fantastic show next year. God willing and weather permitting!

## **Foodbank, Community Larder and Fresh Food vouchers**

Many thanks to all those who have continued to give generously to the Foodbank during the Covid-19 pandemic. Volunteers are delivering regular boxes to people who are really struggling at the moment. We continue to hold a drop-in session every Wednesday morning at St Mary's Church, Halesworth from 10.30-11.30am. As well as food, donations of washing powder / liquid, baby food, fruit juice and treats would be much appreciated.

From 11<sup>th</sup> June, a Community Larder has opened at St Mary's Halesworth. Opening every Thursday 9.30-10.30 and Saturday mornings 10.30-11.30, you can donate food, exchange food, take food and leave a donation, or just take food if you need it. Donations of fresh food are welcome. The scheme is run by Halesworth Volunteer Centre in partnership with St Mary's Church and the Blyth Valley Team Ministry. There is also a book exchange running on Thursdays and Saturdays, where you can borrow a book from the library. On return the books are stored for 72 hours before being redistributed, to prevent the risk of infection.

If anyone is struggling financially and needs fresh fruit, vegetables and meat, there is a voucher scheme supported by Halesworth Town Council and local parish councils. Please phone Revd. Jane Held for further details: [jane@janeheld.co.uk](mailto:jane@janeheld.co.uk) or 07771 556391.

## Reopening St Peter's Church

At the time of writing we are undertaking the required risk-assessment to enable us to open the church for private prayer, hopefully from the beginning of July for a couple of mornings a week. The regulations for doing this are strict but we hope to be able to offer the peaceful atmosphere of St Peter's Church to the community as soon as it is possible. Several members of our community have died during the lockdown period, and many households have been affected by difficult situations. The opportunity to sit quietly and reflect is a way for people to mark the death or suffering of a loved friend or member of the family.

We will let people know as soon as our opening plans have been approved.

***Rev. Alison Alder Blyth Valley Team Ministry***

## Plant Sale

I would like to thank everyone who supported the Plant Stall outside the gate at Spindleberry. As a result of the very generous response I have been able to make the following Donations -

Macmillan Cancer Support    £100.00

St, Peter's Church                £50.00

Mother's Union                    £50.00

(For Family Support in this Country)

I would also like to thank Jo, June and Margaret for adding plants, marmalade and jams to the Stall, all of which were very popular and sold quickly!

***Margaret G.***

## Beetlemania!

We discovered this magnificent looking beetle which turned out to be an Alpine Longhorn Beetle (*Rosalia Alpina*) in our garden early June.



This is a rare and protected beetle not native to the UK, but more common in the beech forests of SE Europe.

A beetle expert from the Natural History Museum collected it and examined the site for possible

explanations for its presence here - he suspects it was a one-off which probably arrived either in imported beech furniture or beech destined for the sawmill.

If further examples are discovered the experts would like to know. The insect identification service at the Royal Entomological Society website (<http://royensoc.co.uk>) is a great starting point if you come across an unusual insect.

***Steve and Feri Fitton The Garden House***

## ***From Wenhaston writers' group*** **First two weeks in Wenhaston**

Fourteen days, an eternity. Just a fortnight, but nowadays time travels forward, backward and stands-still. A surreal emerging new world. Take today a blue, blue sky, a new blue, revolutionary blue, with clarity, purity. No trace of dissecting streaks of white, a sky so whole, so complete.

While the unnervingly quiet 9 am road, runs past my ancient garden wall, the enthralling cacophony of springtime bird song chatter – abruptly ceases.

There's a couple walking in the road.

'Hi'

'Hi' they replied with an accompanying nod. Fear hung, quivered on that one word. 'Hi' an acknowledgement of sharing people-space. Where danger and death stalk insidiously, Palpable fear forms in the very air, exaggerated by the extended social distancing. 'Social' in these times, social is unacceptable, even illegal.

The couple safely cocooned in their-own socially-distanced bubble, silently and swiftly glide onwards, no friction, no interaction.

Knowing that beyond my garden wall there is a changed world. A distant past, an unstable future uncharted and unknown -- what's next?.....

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### **Pottering with Poppy**

It is the eleventh hour, and I am rewriting a pottering Poppy and I did this afternoon! We went to Dunwich forest, one of our favourite places. It is only the third time we have been since

March 23<sup>rd</sup> and all of them in the last two weeks! It is a place to get lost in the mild air and breezes today and to revel in the bird song and the trees. We avoid the plantations and head

for the broad-leaved woods and the heath areas and then down into the boggy stream side.

Today it's mammals that thrill. We are being watched! I look across the open field to the woodland edge beyond, there are four red deer stags with antlers growing well and covered in velvet. They are all aware of us and pause in their grazing and stare. Poppy is not aware of them.

Walking on, the path is edged by trees and gorse and in a gap, I catch a glimpse of two fox cubs. Then the vixen shouts and they are gone! Again, fortunately, Poppy is too busy with other smells and is not aware of them until they are long gone.

The path goes on as if through a tunnel of dense gorse. Earlier this week I heard a Nightingale here and last year, a little

further on, Turtle Dove but not today. There are Linnet, Chiffchaff, Robin and Wrens in abundance.

The rhododendron is in flower. I know I shouldn't love it but there is something about its brash, beautiful pinkness that I do. It is a giant thing that creates a dark monoculture habitat, not lovely for wild life, but here it is confined in a small pocket in the larger woodland, so I will enjoy it while it is in bloom.

We go on along the board walk and a grey squirrel scuttles up a tree and Poppy is off to investigate but it is way too fast for a very agile Poppy. After that she must content herself by investigating the plantation we now need to walk through to get back to the car. No doubt lots of creatures have been here and left their scent.

*Jo Small*

## Wenhaston Village Hall 100 Club

- Winners for June 2020 -

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

- 1st prize                      Helen Bowyer (number 15) £37.50
- 2nd prize                      Janice Claxton (number 29) £22.50
- 3rd prize                      Ros Curteis (number 30) £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.***

## Stop Press! Potatoes in Buckets!

If you were thinking of digging up your potato in a bucket and having its offspring for lunch, stop right now!

Although the Village Show isn't going to happen there is no reason why the weighing of the potatoes cannot take place.

So please bring your buckets to the village hall on Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> July where the ritual of weighing the potatoes

will take place and an exciting prize awarded to the person with heaviest crop.

*F.Jelliff*

## **Sandra Canham 7 July 1942 - 17 May 2020**

I would like to express my sincerest gratitude for all the cards, memories and floral tributes I have received regarding the recent and sudden death of my mum Sandra. It has in all honesty been completely overwhelming. It is not just myself and my sisters, mum's granddaughters, nieces, nephews, cousins and extended family who are all grieving, but also mum's numerous friends, colleagues and acquaintances who are keenly feeling her loss.

Mum moved to Wenhaston when she was 19 but had always lived locally. She married my dad Brian (another Wenhaston stalwart) in 1963 and together raised their family of four daughters. She was always game to join in village life, whether dressing up on the stage, baking her famous cakes and scones for events, or entertaining village groups with her wonderful Suffolk accent. She may have been small in stature but she was huge in personality and the village is poorer for the loss of her vibrancy and enthusiasm. By the time you read this mum's funeral will have taken place, however, in time when we are able to socialise properly, I fully intend to have a 'Dreamboats & Petticoats' style event to celebrate her life. Please do raise a glass (or a cheese scone) and think of her sometimes!

***Becky Canham***

## Wenhaston St Peter's Church

The church members send greetings to you all, with the hope that you are well and coping in these very strange days. We look forward to the day when we can all be together in church but, in the meantime, we have been looked after very well by our hardworking clergy, and we send them our grateful thanks. Jane or Alison stream Morning Prayer daily on Facebook, and there is Café Church on Zoom on Wednesdays, and the Sunday service on both Zoom and Facebook. Also, Alison sends a lovely prayer each evening. I know that this is all very well for those of us on line, but sadly many people are missing out and we try to include them with paper copies, phone calls and social distancing visits. If anyone feels excluded, do let us know and we will try to put it right.

One thing I have found very helpful is the service that the Bishop and his wife stream at 8.30am each day. It is a peaceful start to the day and I find it very moving.

We hope to have the church open for a few hours a week for private prayer shortly, when all risk assessments, cleaning and preparations have been completed.

We pray for our people who are ill at present, at home or in hospital, and send our heartfelt sympathy to the relatives of those who have died. We pray that this pandemic will soon pass and we can all join together in fellowship.

***Margaret Bloomfield***



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