

July 2021



Wenhaston Warbler

Community Work on Well Green

Thank you to all those who have helped restore Well Green, off Blackheath Road to a green open space, fringed with cherry trees, hawthorn and silver birch trees. This is how it is meant to be. It has been and is a delight for Blackheath residents.



There was a danger that some folk had begun to think of it as a parking space and the grass had become worn away.

Now after the rain and the absence of vehicles on the grass, the grass has begun to recover. The green has been mowed very sensitively by one or two of the Blackheath residents who

have been caring for the Green many years. Pleasant areas for buttercups and wild flowers have been left, which is good news for the insect life which is under threat from destruction of habitat in so many places elsewhere. It is so pleasing to the eye and the soul too. I hope all Blackheath residents, new and old, will continue to protect and enjoy Well Green as a shared Blackheath community amenity.



Bryn Raven

Village Hall Booking

Just to let you know I have now stepped down as booking secretary for Wenhaston Village Hall. I would like to thank you for your bookings through the years that I have been in this role, it has been a pleasure getting to know you all and even meeting some of you.

The new booking secretary will be Sue McKeown, a lovely lady who will look after all your bookings and enquiries from now on. She is new to this role so bear with her while she is learning the ropes.

Her contact details are as follows: -

Email: wenhastonhall@gmail.com Phone Number: 07563 066 482

Jane Peters

Improving Road Safety Through Wenhaston

Complaints continue to mount about speeding vehicles through Wenhaston and the issue has often been on the agenda for discussion at the monthly Parish Council meetings. Over time a number of speed-mitigation measures have been considered but not all have been practical or economically viable. The County Council has now offered a number-plate recognition system which can trace speeding vehicles and report repetitive infringements directly to the traffic police. Appropriate legal action could then follow.

It is believed that the effects of the installation will provide an important level of safety to residents using the busy narrow roads and lanes of Wenhaston.

Initially the system provided would cover the roads where residents have expressed considerable concerns, but it is designed to be moved easily from one location to another. ***Volunteers to change the equipment locations from time-to-time are required and those willing should contact Richard Day, Parish Clerk, on Tel: 01986 874927 or 07500 210476.***

Peter Wildish

WENHASTON

Produce, & Craft Market

We are back!

Sat 31st July 2021

10am – 12.30pm

At the Village Hall IP19 9EP

A wide and ever-changing range of local
foods and produce, crafts, plants, home
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Carol Hudson-Jary

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Raising funds for Village Hall Maintenance

Kurling at the Village Hall

We hope to resume Kurling again at the Village Hall as long as the Covid 19 restrictions do not change. Kurling will now take place on the last Wednesday of each month, starting on the 28th July. The bar will open at 7.00 pm and the games will start at 7.30 pm

If you would like to come along and play, please let Eileen or Jane know on 01502 478 196. We look forward to seeing you all again for a night of fun and laughter after being locked down for so long.

Depending on the Covid 19 guide lines, we will be playing with 4 or 8 teams in a Covid secure environment.

Jane Peters

Village Show 25th July

On the 25th all are welcome to come and view what Wenhaston gardeners and artists have been up to. Entrance is absolutely free, and for a small sum teas and cakes can be obtained, and tickets for the fabulous draw. All set to make the 25th Annual Show an outstanding success!

Goodness knows what gardeners and their produce will have had to contend with. At the moment plants (and it has to be said, weeds) are thriving so all should be well. The potatoes in their buckets are looking amazing but will they have passed their best on the 25th?

Schedules are still available from the post office, so plenty of time to practice the caramel cake, which sounds delicious, among other culinary items. Please cover cookery items in the interest of hygiene. For the craft section there is time enough to knit a garment or throw a pot! Plenty of scope in the photography section. With covid restrictions no doubt much time was spent in the shed, and inspiration came as how to picture it. Or perhaps how to show a beach walk or our life in Wenhaston. Don't forget the open category. Those 18 years and under can have fun with a portrait, human or otherwise.

PS Don't forget to enter the scary scarecrow competition!

Felicity Jelliff

Wenhaston Walks

On Tuesday, 6th July a walk will leave from Wenhaston Village Hall at 10am.

On Tuesday, 20th July, Ian Bigwood will lead a walk starting at 10am from the Golden Key in Snape. The circular walk will take in Gromford and Snape and will conclude with lunch at the pub; more on this by e-mail in due course. If you wish to add your name to the circulation list, please email ipbigwood@btinternet.com . *Heather Phillips (01502 478545)*

Wenhaston Commons Group Notice

A reminder that work parties will start again from July. All are welcome, particularly new members!

First date:

- Tuesday 6th July from 10am. St Peter's churchyard. Please bring own refreshments.
- New additional date at Church Common:
Tuesday 20th July 5pm-7pm (note time change from usual morning session).

We are aware that it has been a while since WCG has organised work here, and all local people who have been helping with ongoing maintenance are welcome to come along.

Additional information:

Circle 67 theatre group will be performing Shakespeare's 'Much ado about nothing' on the 31st July on Church Common. Further details to follow from the theatre group. *Myles Archibald Chair WCG committee*

Circle 67's 2021 Shorter Shakespeare Tour of "Much Ado About Nothing"

Since 1984 Circle 67 have toured the castles, pub gardens and commons of Suffolk with a shortened Shakespeare play...that is until 2020. After an awful year, we, like you, are delighted to return to doing what we love most. In our case, performing in front of live audiences like our friends at Wenhaston.

Much Ado about Nothing was the obvious choice for our return production. It's one of Shakespeare's best-loved comedies and chronicles a rocky road to the altar for 2 couples: the young lovers Hero and Claudio, and their comic counterparts, Beatrice and Benedick. But as we all know the course of true love never runs smooth. Evil forces will conspire to split Hero and Claudio before they can wed, while good natured knavery is needed to convince the warring Benedick and Beatrice that love can still blossom...even in the autumn of your years. Our production will last about an hour and entrance is free.

We'll be on the grassy open area straight ahead as you walk on to Church Common. As usual, we'll pass a hat round at the end, so please give generously if you enjoy the show. We are really looking forward to seeing you all...and Hey Nonny Nonny!

Steve Chadwick Chairman Circle 67 www.circle67.co.uk

Blyth Spirits Programme --- July - December 2021

As you will already know we started our Programme for this year with a Garden Party in June and this is our Programme for the rest of the year.

July 21st. Rachel Sloane, - A well-known broadcaster on Radio Suffolk who is now retired but still leading an active life broadcasting, writing, Interviewing and fund raising. Her talk is entitled "Celebrities and Challenges" which I am sure is going to be very interesting.

August 18th. Red Wings Horse Rescue Centre – A Speaker from the Centre.

September 15th, A Journey to the Galapagos – A talk by Mr. C Parfitt

October 20th. Suffolk Ghosts! A talk by Mr. R Halliday. This should be very interesting!

November 17th. Crop Circles A talk that we were to have at the beginning of the first Lock Down!

December 13th. Lunch Time Christmas Drinks. - Details to follow.

All Meetings will now be in the Village Hall at 2.30pm. and we look forward to welcoming present members and anyone who would like to join us. ***Full details from Margaret G or June T.***

Margaret Goldstone

Wenhaston Mother's Union

The first meeting of Wenhaston M U after many many months will be on Wednesday 14th. July at Spindleberry when we will have the Service for the Wave of Prayer. This will be followed by our usual Summer Tea Party.

We will meet at 3 o'clock. Anyone wanting to join us will be very welcome.

Hopefully the members of Halesworth Branch will be joining us.

Margaret Goldstone

Christian Aid Week 2021

Well done, Wenhaston! An excellent total of £741.41 was collected during Christian Aid week this year. Add to that a further £137 in Gift Aid bringing the overall total to £878! I'm told it's probably our best total to date.

Grateful thanks to my willing team of helpers who pushed envelopes through doors, also a special thank you to Jane in the Post Office acting as our main drop off point. Thanks also to St Peters and Wenhaston Chapel for making envelopes available in both places of worship. All in all, an outstanding success in helping those less fortunate than ourselves in these challenging times.

Moira Cooke – Wenhaston Christian Aid Co-ordinator

DESPERATELY SEEKING BARISTAS

No, not legal counsel, but volunteers to help run the community cafe.

For several years we have been blessed with our own cafe and this makes a very valuable contribution to village life and also to village hall funds. As with many businesses and ventures, the pandemic has taken its toll on the smooth operation of the cafe, to the extent that it is becoming increasingly difficult to staff the mornings. For this reason, it has been necessary to delay reopening on Wednesday mornings until September.

Manning the counter is not difficult and full training will be given to new volunteers which should take about ten minutes. Volunteering provides a good opportunity to meet local people and to contribute to village life in a very sociable setting and you can volunteer as much or as little as you want. Two people man the counter at each session and typically a morning's work is about two and a half hours which includes setting up and closing down. Please contact Phil on 478505 or talk to staff on a Saturday morning.

Unfortunately, with the delay in moving to phase four of lockdown easing, the cafe will remain on phase three procedures until July 19th. This will mean that social distancing, mask wearing and tables of six will carry on for another month and we will keep our fingers crossed for normal times after that.

PLEASE NOTE.

THE VILLAGE HALL CAFE CONTINUES TO OPERATE ON SATURDAY MORNINGS, BUT WILL NOT RESTART ON WEDNESDAYS UNTIL SEPTEMBER.



WENHASTON SAVE OUR SWIFTS ACTION GROUP invites you to join our popular

Swift Pint Walk on 3rd July 2021!

Leaders: Jonathan Alder and Alan Miller

Meet at 7.00 pm in the Village Hall car park.

The walk will take us around the village identifying swift nest sites and watching swift 'screaming parties'. It takes just over an hour ending at The Star which has several swifts nesting and excellent hospitality.

Ann Follows 478 324

Marsh and Garden

When walking along the other side of the river towards Blythburgh, I see the intense green glow of the new reed shoots contrasting against the brightest colours of other living things. The blue damselflies appear jerkily in front of me as vivid neon strips of light, alone, or as pairs, before they flit away. A migrant hawk dragonfly, displaying softer bright blue horizontal stripes on its body on a muddy green background, settles briefly on a nearby reed. A red admiral flutters past at a higher level, showing the contrast of red and black.

The buttercups have been everywhere for a while now, but still give out their yellow, seeming brighter than the sunshine they reflect. As I near Blythburgh, I see the small bright pink and purple flowers of common vetch, their fronds and leaves entangled in the

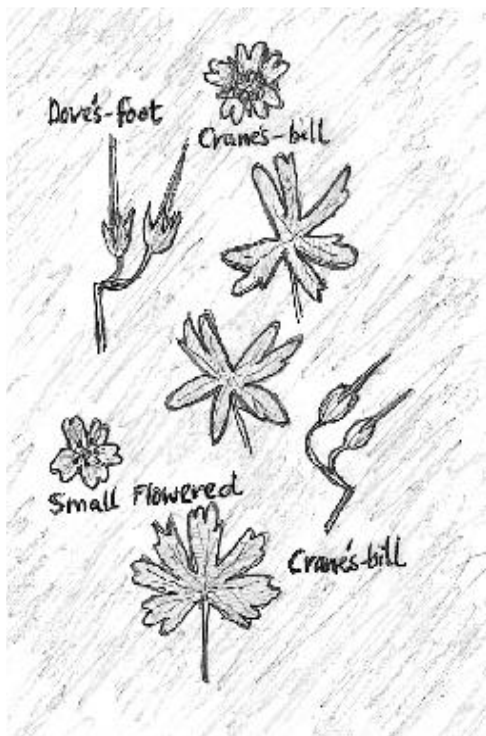
overgrown grass on the path verge.

As I walk, I keep a look out for the swans. I see six on the whole walk, two pairs, but no obvious evidence of nesting. Perhaps the breeding pairs are hidden deep in the reed beds. I hope there is not a genuine decline. Two swan carcasses were seen on the marshland over the last twelve months, likely victims of accidental flying into the overhead power line. Meanwhile the little egrets continue to thrive and I see at least four either stalking around or flying past. As I return home their much larger relative the heron flaps his way sedately downstream behind me.

Back in the garden, I walk over the uncut areas of grass where I have tried to resist tidying impulses to follow the 'no mow

May' concept. The rewards are already evident.

Scattered tiny paler and darker pink flowers cover several areas: the dove's foot cranesbill and the small flowered cranesbill respectively.



They have different shaped leaves and different arrangements of anthers in the flower centres. Both named for the shape of their seed capsules which look like tiny versions of a crane's head.

We have had plenty of cuckoo flowers this year in the lower damper areas, the lightest of mauve flowers showing above the height of the grass. They appeared well before the cuckoo himself who we first heard late, on 18th May.

The cuckoo flowers are disappearing, hopefully to re-seed next year, and scented mayweed and ox eye daisies are blooming, but the cuckoo is still calling out for a mate.

Kate Archibald



ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
Blyth Woods
Wenhaston Community Woodland
7pm Wednesday 30th June
2021

at Wenhaston Village Hall

Guest speaker: Argus Hardy
co-founder ***WildEast***

Everyone welcome - refreshments

for further details blythwoods1@gmail.com

www.blythwoods.org

Wilding Success!

My efforts at wilding my back garden have paid off in the second year. Where there was lawn in the past is now mainly wildflowers which I planted but cannot recall their names!!! However, it looks very pretty and the bees have increased in quite a large number, so they seem to be happy **Colin Hooper Primrose Cottage**

Wenhaston Village Hall 100 Club

- Winners for June 2021 –

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

- 1st prize John Hennessey (number 106) £37.50
- 2nd prize Terry Cushion (number 27) £22.50
- 3rd prize Sally Amery (number 142) £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 £3 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 478078.***

EDITORS' NOTE

Good weather to lift our spirits, followed by rain to dampen them! However, plenty of news of things in the village re-opening, and events to cheer us up. As ever, we welcome your contributions, so send any articles, news or pictures, by the **15TH July, to wenhastonwarbler@gmail.com**

Annual Parochial Church Meeting

The APCM for St Peter's Church, Wenhaston was held on May 18th in the Church. All formal matters were dealt with and the PCC members were re-elected including Jonathan Alder as Churchwarden, Anne Wright as Secretary and Margaret Bloomfield as Treasurer. As with most other organisations, there was little to report from the previous year in the way of activities and so we looked to the future.

We will welcome a new Team Rector, Dominic Doble, in August and we look forward to that. We hope to restart the social lunches soon and also hope that we can provide help and compassion for those struggling with any effect that Covid-19 may have caused.

All being well, we will hold a jumble sale and a quiz in the autumn and truly hope that we will be able to hold our normal Sunday, Harvest Festival, Remembrance Day and Christmas services as usual.

Anne Wright

St Peter's Church

Its lovely to have some warm weather and I hope you are all enjoying the sunshine and are able to get about more. Those of us who are gardeners are concerned by how dry the sandy gardens of Wenhaston are, but we can't have it all ways. As I write this, we still do not know if the restrictions will be lifted on 21st June, but it looks a little unlikely as the virus continues to spread. We shall have to wait and see and accept whatever is decided.

At our APCM, Jonathan was re-elected as Church Warden, Anne as Minute Secretary and myself as Treasurer. Our grateful thanks to Jonathan for all that he does for us at St Peter's. The Plant Sale went very well and many thanks to Tony and Sue Gow for selling plants at their gate for us, and to Margaret G who took the leftover plants from the sale and sold them at Spindleberry. Many thanks to all who helped or bought on the day – the magnificent sum of £700 was raised for Church Funds.

Advance notice of future events – The church will serve refreshments at the Garden Show on July 25th, and we plan a Jumble Sale on 18th September and a quiz with Thorington on October 22nd, all in Village Hall.

Our services for the month of July are as follows: -

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| 4 th July | Team Service at Halesworth at 10am |
| 11 th July | Eucharist at 10am |
| 18 th July | To Bramfield or Halesworth 10am |
| 25 th June | Pause for Thought 10am |

Margaret Bloomfield

Pepyn & Lessey Trust Clerk Needed

The Trust was established to give grants for the education of young people up to the age of 18 years who have resided in Wenhaston or Mells for at least two years.

The Trustees meet four times a year and consider any grants requested. It also gives a grant to pupils leaving Wenhaston Primary School to help with new uniform etc. and to sixth formers to help pay for their transport. The Trustees consider any requests and are happy to help where they can.

The tasks of the Clerk are to organise the meetings, in the school, to take the minutes and distribute them, to contact the local schools where Wenhaston pupils attend to offer grants, to order books for the school leavers and to deliver grants to the recipients.

As our present clerk wishes to stand down, we are now seeking a clerk and if anyone feels they can help in this way, please contact me at

margaret@wrush.plus.com

Margaret Bloomfield

Wenhaston Methodist Church

ALL SUNDAY SERVICES at 10.30 am

- 4 Rev Clive Sutcliffe
- 11 Rev Robert Soanes Action for Children
- 18 Laura Lawrance-Martin
- 25 Rev Leslie Richards H C

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