



September 2021

Wenhaston Warbler

Wenhaston Blyth Spirits

We were extremely lucky in that we had a beautiful warm sunny day for our Garden Party in July. It was lovely to have friends both old and new with us for the afternoon.

Our Speaker, Rachel Sloane was both interesting and amusing and gave us an entertaining afternoon speaking about the famous celebrities that she had met and interviewed during her career with Suffolk Radio. These included John Major, Princess Diana (a recorded Interview) and Cliff Richards.

Her talk was followed by Strawberries and Cake which concluded the afternoon but perhaps the thing which we all appreciated most was meeting all our friends again after such a long time, and just being normal!!



Our September meeting will be on Wednesday September 15th, in the Village Hall, commencing at 2.30pm. Our speaker will be Mr C Parfitt, who is going to tell us about his Journey to the Galapagos Islands – it should be an interesting afternoon. We look forward to welcoming any new members who would like to join us and also any Guests.

Margaret G

Wenhaston Village Hall: COVID Update

At the beginning of July, the Village Hall Committee issued a statement advising that we were going to continue to operate under the same protocols and restrictions that were imposed earlier in the year. We said we would relax restrictions when and where it is safe to do so. We feel that this time has now come, we therefore with immediate effect can make a few adjustments. The relaxations are not far reaching however, it will allow us to take our first steps back to normality.

- 1 We have decided to continue with the 2m rule at the pinch point in the foyer
- 2 It will still be required to give tracing details and for hands to be sanitised on entering the hall.
- 3 The wearing of masks whilst no longer mandatory, will be required on entering, exiting, visiting the WC and whilst walking around the hall.
- 4 During any use of the hall it will be necessary to incorporate good ventilation, this will mean having both sets of emergency exit doors open and, depending on numbers of people, several windows also!
- 5 Member clubs are also required to adhere to the protocols above and follow their governing body/associations risk guidance. Relaxation of mask wearing during activities is permitted if your governing body allows this!

- 6 If a group does not have a governing body, it should adhere to the risk guidance issued by the WvH Committee.

We have increased the limit of people allowed into the hall from 25% to 50% of pre COVID levels. This is still consistent with the Government 1m plus rule.

Please be mindful that whilst cases remain high, everybody still needs to continue to act carefully and remain cautious.

I appreciate that we have only been able to make a few easings, however we will continue to monitor the situation and will relax measures when appropriate and keep you apprised of any changes.

Guy Chinery, Chair and Trustee of Wenhaston Village Hall

Playing-Field Enhancement Proposal

The Parish Council is carrying out studies on the possibility of enhancing the village's recreational area by establishing a BMX cycle track, or similar, close to the playing-field. Clearly, such an enterprise would require considerable funding which might be available from fundraising and grant donations. It is appropriate, however, that residents and the children of Wenhaston have their say. It may be that a BMX track (sadly, unlikely to be of Olympic standard) is not what is required or desired.

If approved, the project would require a resident-lead committee to oversee the fundraising whilst a professional specialist company would be hired by the Parish Council to manufacture and install the track. You are invited to let the Clerk to the Parish Council, Mr. Richard Day, know your views and opinions on Tel: 01986 874927 or email:

1richardday@gmail.com.

Peter Wildish

Litter Picking

The Parish Council has purchased a number of litter pickers and high-visibility vests with a view to holding another collective litter pick within the village. Unfortunately, in the interests of reducing the risk of Covid, such an event has been postponed. However, if any resident would like to borrow a litter picker and vest to make a contribution towards keeping Wenhaston tidy, please let me know on 01728 652836. (Please note that the Parish Council cannot be held responsible for any mishap or accidents during your litter picking).

Peter Wildish

Wenhaston Telephone Box

As businesses claw their way back to normality the Parish Council can renew its focus on refurbishing the redundant village telephone box, which is now in a very sorry state. The council has received a comprehensive quotation from a professional company specialising in BT telephone refurbishment and Councillors will vote on this proposal at the August Parish Council meeting.

If accepted, the telephone would be removed almost immediately and the repair alone has been estimated to take several weeks. However, so popular is the specialist company, Wenhaston would have to wait until the spring of 2023 to welcome the telephone box back looking as good as new.

Residents are invited to make any comments regarding the refurbishment of the telephone box to Mr. Richard Day, Clerk to the Parish Council on 01986 874927

Note: For the technically minded, Wenhaston's telephone box is the illustrious Georgian-crowned Type K6A designed by Sir Giles Gilbert Scott. The type was manufactured between 1935 and 1952. (P.W)

WEA – Back on the Road Again!

Having been rudely interrupted in March 2020, it is with delight that I can announce the return of WEA courses to Wenhaston Village Hall. Happily, we are fortunate to again have the knowledgeable and entertaining Stephen Jeffery-Poulter, this time tutoring us on the subject of “An Historic Tour of East Anglia.” In his own summary he says:

From gentlewoman Celia Fiennes accounts of her excursions in the late 17th century, via Daniel Defoe's best-selling book 'Tours Through the Whole Island of Great Britain' in the 1720s, to the enormously popular 20th century 'King's England Guides' of Arthur Mee, this course charts more than 300 years of change in the landscape and settlements of the historic Counties of Suffolk and Norfolk. Using the original observations and recommendations of travellers to this area in the past, combined with a wealth of period paintings, antiquarian engravings, vintage postcards and modern photographs this will be a fascinating and unusual perspective on the history of East Anglia.

The course comprises 7x2 hour sessions starting at 10am on Friday, 1st October. A break for half term falls on Friday, 29th October and the last session will be on Friday, 19th November. You can book on-line at www.wea.org.uk or by telephoning 0300 303 3464 quoting reference no. C2228380. The cost is £55.30. (For further details, contact wenhaston.branch@wea.ac.uk or 01502 478977)

And now a note from the WEA. Founded in 1903, the Workers' Educational Association is a charity dedicated to bringing high-quality, professional education into the heart of communities. With the

support of nearly 2,000 volunteers, 2,000 tutors and over 5,200 members, it delivers friendly, accessible and enjoyable courses for adults from all walks of life. No previous knowledge or qualifications are required to join this course. Why not get on-line or telephone and book your place now to join a friendly band of students. Looking forward to seeing you there!

Ian Bigwood

Wenhaston Swifts have departed!



= SWIFTS!
 = WAITING FOR THE SWIFTS TO COME BACK

We saw our last swifts overhead on Friday 13th August 2021. We may still see the occasional swift overhead on its migration path, but our flag is down and we (Wenhaston Swift Action Group) are having our final meeting of the year this week. Our annual swift count in July showed that the number of resident swifts in the village this year was about the same as last year, but sadly this was a step down from the number we counted in 2019. We are delighted that some of the swift nest boxes we have installed

attracted interest and a first swift nest site was identified in a new house in Becker's View.

The annual summary will be on the village website by the end of August.

Ann Follows WSAG co-ordinator

It is open on Mondays, Wednesdays and Saturdays from 10.30-11.30am.

The Community Larder currently needs:

- Semi skimmed, skimmed and full fat long life milk
- Coffee AND Decaff coffee
- Non-dairy milk products
- Squash
- Fruit juice
- Tinned fruit especially peaches and mandarins
- Microwave rice
- Cheese
- Fresh milk
- Baby food
- Cereals
- Brown sauce
- Gravy granules
- Spare plastic shopping bags

Donations for the Community Larder can be dropped off at St Mary's Church Hall when the Community Larder is open. They can also be left on our doorstep (clearly marked "Community Larder"), or phone 07771 556391.

Rev. Alison Alder Assistant Curate, BVTM

Community Lunches

Before the pandemic, the church organised monthly lunches for older people and people living on their own. Originally these two course hot dinners were served in the church. We are looking to start the lunches again, this time in the Village Hall, and would welcome volunteers to help with cooking, serving and transport. For more information, please contact me on 01502 478855 or at alisonalder@hotmail.co.uk .

Call to Action
The UN Climate Change Conference (COP26) Glasgow 31st
October – 12th November 2021



Many people are becoming increasingly concerned about the impact climate change is having on our world. It is easy to feel powerless in the face of such a complex problem.

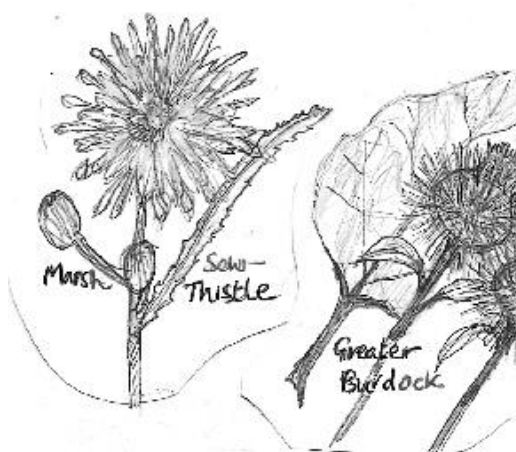
In the run-up to the UN Climate Change Conference, there are things we can do to ensure our concerns are heard by politicians and decision makers. Some people are raising funds for charities, such as Christian Aid, who are campaigning to tackle the climate injustice global warming is creating. Others are finding creative ways to help people of all ages to express their views.

If you would like to become involved in any way, please contact me at alisonalder@hotmail.co.uk or phone 01502 478855.

Revd. Alison Alder

Marsh and Garden

The riverside paths on the north bank were mown towards the end of July, making walking much easier. The thistles are still growing in



abundance. The Marsh and Musk thistles are joined by the larger less branched Spear thistles. The pink and mauve of these flowers contrast with the Yellow Ragwort, the Tansy, and Marsh Sow thistle. These plants are all in the same family, together with the Greater Burdock (with its burrs and dock like leaves), which joins its

near relations along the river as well as beside the barley fields. The main body of the Burdock flower sprouts many fine spines which each end in a tiny hook, forming the burr, and neighbouring blooms tend to stick together. This plant provided the inspiration for the inventor of Velcro fabric. Both Burdock and Sow thistle were traditionally thought to increase the flow of maternal milk and the latter gained its common name from being fed to mother pigs. Burdock also attracts several types of butterfly, and it was beautiful to see a pair of Painted Lady butterflies feeding on the nectar on plants growing along the path which leads from Blyford Lane to Low farm. As the bramble bushes flower along the old railway track path, the blooms attract many Gatekeeper butterflies. They are a light orange brown, looking quite similar to the

female Meadow Brown , which are everywhere in the garden. The Gatekeepers have a double white spot in the dark ‘eyes’ on either side of their upper wings, whereas the Meadow Browns have a single white spot. It can be tricky to tell the difference if they don’t settle.

As the garden birds quieten and reduce activity, I go for a walk along the river path towards Blythburgh to catch up on how the swans are doing. I have been concerned that we have not seen any cygnets this year. The reed beds are much quieter as well, but I hear a few notes from Reed and Sedge and

Grasshopper warblers. Red Admirals and Peacock butterflies dance along the path, and also some dragonflies, one couple mating on the wing, settling briefly on a bright green reed leaf. On the path around the edge of Bulcamp hill I see Club Rush Sedges with their bunches of dark chunky seed, mixed in with the usual reeds. I climb to the top of the hill to get a view over the marshes. I cannot see any swans. On the way back I see a little egret flying over the grazing meadow, the only larger white bird seen today.

Kate Archibald

What’s On

“Brass on the Grass”

Sunday 19th September 2021 from 12 noon.

Jubilee Green Reydon

Wrentham Brass Band, BBQ, bar and local stalls.

Lyn Elliott, On behalf of The Rotary Club of Southwold & District

Film Matinee at the Cut



Charity no. 1170477

Halesworth Dementia Carers' Fund are showing their next matinee film at the CUT, Halesworth on Wednesday 15th September - 'The Intern' - at 1.45 pm for 2 pm start - £5 on the day. All are welcome. **Dave Rich**

The Blyth Valley and Southwold Wildlife Group of the Suffolk Wildlife Trust are pleased to announce that we are re-starting our talks programme.

On Thursday 9th September, Simon Hooton will be giving a talk titled 'Puffins Galore'. Talk starts at 7:30pm and the venue will be Wenhaston Village Hall, Hall Road, Wenhaston, IP19 9EQ. Entry fee is £3 for adults and includes a cuppa and a biscuit. There is no entry charge for children. There will be a raffle and a second-hand book stall. All are welcome, you do not have to be a member of the Suffolk Wildlife Trust to join us.

For the other talks in our Winter season, we will be returning to our usual venue of Southwold Arts Centre, Cumberland Road, Southwold, IP18 6JP.

Thursday 14 October - The River Blyth Project with Alice Wickman.

Thursday 11 November - Hares with Sue Alderman.

Thursday 13 January 2022 - Local Reserve Roundup with Jamie Smith.

Sally Skinner (Secretary of the Blyth Valley and Southwold Wildlife Group)

swtblythvalley@gmail.com

At large with Halesworth Dementia Carers' Fund

With the easing of Covid restrictions the Halesworth Dementia Carers' Fund are now able to get back to working in the community, and have various socially-distanced activities planned.

Film Show at The Cut

We are delighted to confirm that we shall be showing the film *The Intern* at The Cut on Wednesday 15th September. It will be at the new time of 2.00 so doors will be opening at 1.45. Entrance is by £5 donation. Starring, among others, Robert De Niro and Anne Hathaway this is a lovely feel-good film, so we hope you can join us.

Singing with Friends

The last session on 3rd August was live at Holton Village Hall and was a great success. 20 of our carers and their loved ones met for a socially-distanced music session, and it was wonderful to actually be able to meet, make music, and enjoy a refreshment break halfway through. Looking to the future, sessions will move to fortnightly on Wednesday afternoons from 2.00 – 3.00. The next session will be 18th August, and then 1st September.

Thanks as ever to Helen Hayes for doing such a great job, and bringing so much fun and enjoyment to these sessions.

Art Group.

Plans are moving forward, and these sessions, which will be led by Sophie Wood, will begin in September. The plan is to run 12 sessions, with visiting artists each week. They will be at The Cut on Thursday afternoons, from 2.00 – 4.00 and the first of these sessions will be on Thursday 23rd September. The sessions are aimed at people living with dementia and their family carers, and it would be helpful if those wishing to attend would let Teresa Fyfe know on 07739 643469.

John Wood



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Raising funds for Village Hall Maintenance

Editors' Note

Things are getting back to normal as we move into autumn. We are creating an informal 'What's On' section to highlight future activities. If you have an event to publicise you can give us a longer article, plus a few lines for the listing. See also a 'Wanted' small ad on page 17. These cost £5 an issue. Articles, photos and anything else you think may be of interest, by the 15TH September.

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St Peter's Church

It really feels Autumnal now, doesn't it? I hope you have had a good Summer and maybe have had a holiday of some sort. It's good to get away for a few days and always nice to come home.

We are delighted to welcome Dominic and Liz to our Team, and the Induction service was very well planned and enjoyed. It was a privilege to be there. We look forward to the future with Dominic at the helm. He will take his first service at Wenhaston on 29th August when we will host a Team Service. All welcome.

Our Harvest Festival is on 26th September when we will welcome the members of Wenhaston Methodist Church to join us.

A Plea from the Flower Arrangers If anyone in the village is a keen flower arranger, the church ladies would be very grateful for more people for the flower rota. Please contact Jenny Jeffrey 01502478815 Don't forget the **Quiz on October 22nd**. Entry forms will be in the Post Office in due course.

Jumble Sale Due to many of my helpers being unable to help this time, and the problem with disposing of all the leftover goods, I have decided to cancel the Jumble Sale planned for 18th September.

Blyth Valley Parkinson's Support Group Coffee Morning

Thank you to all who came to our coffee morning. It was very well attended and the magnificent sum of £320 was raised to help the members with grants to make their life easier.

Pepyn & Lessey Trust

The Trust is able to give grants to young people up to the age of 18 years who have resided in Wenhaston and Mells for at least two years. The grants must be for educational purposes.

The Clerk is Mrs Glenis Leech who may be contacted at glenis.leech@icloud.com or 01502478467 for an application form.

Our services for the month of September

5 th September	Team Service at Halesworth at 10am
12 th September	Morning Worship 10am
19 th September	Pause for Thought 10am
26 th September	Harvest Festival 10am

Margaret Bloomfield, Chairman

Wenhaston Methodist Church

ALL SUNDAY SERVICES at 10.30 am

5 Rev Pam Bayliss
12 Rev Leslie Richards H C
19 Thelma Waller
26 10 00am Harvest at St Peter's

Tuesday 21st Bible Study at 2.30 pm

ALL WELCOME AT ANY SERVICE

WANTED!

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