



January 2022

# Wenhaston Warbler

What we did in 2021 – our front page pictures



Happy 2022 to all our readers



## **The Village Show**

Thanks go to those who came forward and volunteered to join the village show committee: and so, the show will go on, THIRD TIME LUCKY, we hope! It will be held on Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> July 2022-clashing once more with Latitude, possibly drawing in a different type of visitor?! This will be the 25<sup>th</sup> show and will be even more special after all the trials and tribulations.

***Felicity Jelliff***

## **Wenhaston Walking Group**

Just the one walk for January on Tuesday, 4<sup>th</sup> leaving Wenhaston Village Hall at 10am. We will resume the 5 Commons Walk, where it was left off last time, by traversing Black Heath (north and south), the marshes and Merton Wood. It is likely to be boggy in parts. This is the opportunity to blow away the cobwebs of 2021 and look forward to good turnouts for the 2022 walks. Happy New Year!

***Heather Phillips (01502 478545)***

## **Wenhaston W.I.**

The December meeting was by way of a treat following a difficult year. Members were treated to a Cheese and Wine evening, with mince pies to follow, by our Committee . Such a treat to sit with friends and just chat about “normal” things, but then came the entertainment! Iestan Edwards told of how “His tutu went AWOL”, the dancer/singer and raconteur explained, to much laughter, how he ended up entertaining troops in Iraq and Afghanistan, becoming the first drag artist to become a mascot to the Royal Marines.

A wonderful laughing way to finish the WI year.

***Wendy Mendham***

## WEA – Spring 2022 Course

Following the highly successful autumn 2021 WEA course we are now looking forward to the spring term. Our tutor, Denise Bianchini, will deliver “From the Renaissance to Modern Italy” over 6 sessions, beginning on Friday, 4<sup>th</sup> February at 10am at the Village Hall.

This course is aimed at everyone with an interest in everything Italian. Italy is a country with a fascinating and complicated past, and this will give you a brief overview of the middle ages, the Renaissance period and the Risorgimento (unification), Italy's place in the world wars, Mussolini and the Fascist era leading into post-war and modern politics. The course will include some geography and modern culture and a weekly fun quiz aimed at revisiting the main points covered in the previous week.

The course comprises 6x2 hour sessions starting at 10am on Friday, 4<sup>th</sup> February. A break for half term falls on Friday, 25<sup>th</sup> February and the last session will be on Friday, 18<sup>th</sup> March. You can book on-line at [www.wea.org.uk](http://www.wea.org.uk) or by telephoning 0300 303 3464 quoting reference no. C2228381. The cost is £47.40. (For further details, contact [wenhaston.branch@wea.ac.uk](mailto:wenhaston.branch@wea.ac.uk) or 01502 478977). No previous knowledge or qualifications are required to join this course.

The Workers’ Educational Association is a charity founded in 1903 to bring high quality education into the heart of communities. Many courses are now delivered on-line, a contributory factor perhaps in the demise of a number of branches in this area of Suffolk. However, in Wenhaston, the branch committee believes that face-to-face learning is still popular and we hope for the continued support of students. So get on-line or telephone and book your place now to join a friendly band of students. After all, who doesn’t like a fun quiz? ***Ian Bigwood***

## Winter season's greetings

warm wishes for happiness and good health,

from David & Shane



(we're redirecting paper card costs to local charities)

### **Book Talks at Halesworth Library**

On Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> January 2022 at 2.30pm the Friends will hold the next in their series of book talks at Halesworth Library. This follows the successful event in November when Tessa Newcomb gave an illustrated talk introducing her new book *Where I Belong*. The January talk will be by L M West, who lives in Southwold, and has published a novel, inspired by true events, called *This Fearful Thing*. "An act of revenge. An accusation of witchcraft. A reckoning. A woman accused of witchcraft, not once but three times". L M West will also talk about the novel she is working on currently, concerning witchcraft in Aldeburgh. The talks are open to everybody but, as numbers are restricted, booking is required. Please ask at the Library desk, telephone 01986 875095 or email [friendsofhalesworthlibrary@gmail.com](mailto:friendsofhalesworthlibrary@gmail.com) if you wish to attend.

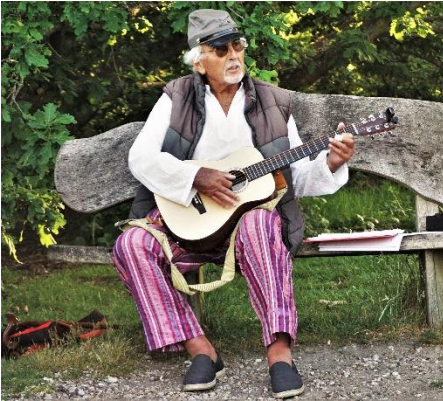
## The Mobile Library

The Mobile Library will be at the Village Hall between 3pm and 3.45pm on Friday 28 January.

***Nigel Frostick***

### **COLIN HOOPER - Musician, Singer & Songwriter**

Colin died in October 2021 and was finally laid to rest on 8th December at the Committal of his ashes as they were interred in St. Peter's Church graveyard in Wenhaston.



He left a significant music legacy, having played and sung at many local venues in this area over the years. He was a member of "The Young Ones" who also included his good friend of many years Andy Norris, another local very talented guitarist, and was responsible for running an informal 'open mic' Folk Club twice a month at The Harbour Inn in Southwold.

He played guitar, banjo, Irish bouzouki and harmonica and was happy to tell you that he would re-tune his stringed instruments to enable the simplest of left hand chord positions, using the minimum number of fingers - preferably one....! But he would also utilise a capo to sing songs in any key other than D.

Colin was a member of the Wenhaston Ukelele group and, at the age of 88, became the leading inspiration of The Black Deek Band, the Wenhaston group of, should we say, more mature musicians. We have lost a good and dear friend but will continue to further his legacy of music making to entertain, in the belief that he is probably now playing a harp, somewhere..... ***Lyn Gedney and the Black Deek Band***



## **New Year, New Projects**

The regeneration and nurture of Vicarage Grove, Malsters Little Field, Grove Piece and other areas around Wenhaston by the Blyth Woods group will continue. More fruit trees will be planted in Merton Orchard and the hedge will be restored after the builders have finished. Activities for classes 2 and 3 at Wenhaston Primary School are planned, together with more work parties to replant hedgerows and plant new trees on our community land.

With the help of volunteers and the AONB we have now cleared a lot of the invasive holly in Vicarage Grove, making it much easier to walk the paths and allowing light to reach the woodland floor so that other plants can grow. Holly offers protection for roosting birds and is a source of food, so we only want to reduce it, not get rid of it completely.

Holly – the holy bush - near a house or in a churchyard was once thought to be protective against 'foul fiends', presumably because it symbolised the blood and thorns of Christ's crucifixion. Earlier the Druids had also believed that holly offered protection against evil spirits and wore it in their hair. But it has remarkably far-reaching roots, sending up little shoots that can trip the unwary walker.

Rest assured that Vicarage Grove is still well protected, though: there are many smaller holly bushes remaining there!

(<http://blythwoods.org> For information about future work parties  
[blythwoods1@gmail.com](mailto:blythwoods1@gmail.com))

***Patricia Elliott***



## Grove Woods through the Seasons



**Spring**



**Summer**



**Autumn**



**Winter**

## Blyth Spirits

After much discussion the Committee agreed, in view of the changing Covid Regulations, to cancel our Christmas Drinks Gathering at Jane and Robert Gamble's Home. We were sad to do this but very much hope that we can all meet together in early 2022, possibly around Easter time.

Our January Meeting will be in the Village Hall on Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup>. commencing at 2.30pm. After a very short AGM. we shall be very pleased to welcome Mrs Patricia Elliot who is going to tell us of her experiences and joys of writing books for children. I am sure that this will be an enjoyable and entertaining talk.

January is the beginning of a new year for Blyth Spirits and the Committee have arranged a year of interesting speakers and events. The new Programme for the year will be available at this meeting when annual Subscriptions of £20.00 will be payable.

We look forward to seeing all our present members and we extend a warm welcome to any new friends who would like to join us. Maybe you would just like to give us a try, and, if so, you are always very welcome at any of our meetings as a visitor - A New Years Resolution - to come and meet us!!

A HAPPY HEALTHY AND PEACEFUL NEW YEAR. **Margaret G (478378)**

## **Volunteer to Manage Small Ads**

We are looking for a volunteer to take over the job of managing the adverts for the Warbler. Geraldine Lines has been doing the job very efficiently for some time, but, unfortunately, due to the pressure of her work, she needs to pass it over to someone else. We need someone who can spare the time to keep the Warbler show on the road, as the advert revenue is vital to it continuing.

Geraldine is very happy to pass over her accumulated knowledge, so please contact her directly

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Or the editorial team at [wenhastonwarbler@gmail.com](mailto:wenhastonwarbler@gmail.com)



# **Wenhaston Product and Craft Market**

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New Year. We look forward to seeing you  
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## **Gordon Crosse**

**1 December 1937 – 21 November 2021**

I'm not sure how many people in the village knew that they had a renowned composer in their midst, living quietly in Brant's Cottage on Blackheath, first with his late wife, Elizabeth, and more recently with his beloved partner, the poet Wendy Mulford. Gordon was a gentle man with a glinting sense of humour, always modest and unassuming, yet during his lifetime he composed operas, string quartets, concertos, symphonies and song cycles, and his music was performed in concert halls and churches, at festivals, including Aldeburgh, and on the BBC.

I first met Gordon in my early twenties when he composed the magical children's opera, Potter Thompson. Then, many years later and shortly after coming to live in Wenhaston, by extraordinary coincidence my husband and I unwittingly stayed in the same hotel in Orkney and Gordon and Wendy were sitting at the next table. Gordon was composing a piece about Orkney, where they had a cottage, when tragically he was diagnosed with cancer.

*Patricia Elliott*

### **Editors' Note**

**The last date for copy for our January 2022 edition is the 15<sup>th</sup> January. Copy to [wenhastonwarbler@gmail.com](mailto:wenhastonwarbler@gmail.com), as usual. Our best wishes to all for 2022.**

*Gill Frostick and Deb Holmes*

## Marsh and Garden

As the winter winds bite and the garden becomes drab with fallen leaves, with only skeletal seed heads to brighten the scene, the marsh, the river and the nearby grazing fields continue to provide stunning sights.



As we returned from a chilly walk to the bridge, the low sun glowered under the dark rain cloud, casting a brilliant pewter light onto the water pools scattered across the field. Behind us a double rainbow had formed, looking as though

the pot of gold was somewhere near Sotherton.

The fields are becoming increasingly saturated with water, in which you can taste a tiny hint of salt derived from the tidal river. The single redshank I saw before has become a small flock of around fifteen, flying around and then settling on the water 'flashes', to stalk around on orange legs in search of small invertebrates to eat. There is also a regular pair of shelduck and we hope they will stay to breed near here.

The most amazing sight over the marsh recently has been the starling murmurations, most beautiful to see at the time of a rising full moon. The birds are searching for a roosting place, usually in the reed beds, sometimes creating a dark mantle over reeds near here, while some of the flock

breaks away as a separate shape changing cloud moving down river.

Back in the garden chattering sparrows settle then move around within the overgrown top branches of the hawthorn hedge, waiting to make a beeline for the bird feeders. Goldfinches seem to be doing well here as well and we regularly see eight at a time feeding on the tube of niger seed.

We regularly see small voles scampering in a straight line across from a clump of bushes

to the bird feeding area, attracted by edible morsels dropped by the birds.

A handsome chestnut stoat bounded across the garden near the house recently. Bad news for larger less appealing rodents.



***Kate Archibald***

## **Chris Stone, New Wenhaston School Headteacher**

Having just completed my first term leading Wenhaston Primary School, I wanted to take this opportunity to thank the local community for the warm welcome they have given me. It is clear to me that there is a thriving community here.

So far my aims for the children have been outlined in our 'ACE' Curriculum. We want the children to 'Aspire', be great 'Communicators' and value their 'Environment' both locally and globally. Another strand of my aims has been around positive mental health and wellbeing. The children need, in my view, to learn about how they manage feeling and emotions; another aspect of this is

getting the children to enjoy the great outdoors, as we know how beneficial this is to our mental health.

I am really keen to use our local community to benefit our children's experience of school. Do you think you could help us? Do you have a talent or skill or profession which you feel would be of interest to the children? If so, let us know, I would love to hear from you.

I look forward in the coming months to sharing more with you of what we are getting up to as a school.

Best wishes for the year ahead

***Mr Stone - Headteacher of Wenhaston Primary School***

### **Wenhaston Village Hall 100 Club**

#### **Winners for December 2021**

The Wenhaston Village Hall 100 Club December draw was made and we are delighted to announce the winners:

- 1st prize Dorothy Ellerington (number 103)  
£37.50
- 2nd prize Denise Corbett (number 44)  
£22.50
- 3rd prize Elizabeth Robertson (number 151) £15.00

**£50 CHRISTMAS BONUS PRIZE: HELEN BOWYER (Number 15)**

Congratulations to all!

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 £8 for the period to end August 2022, we welcome new members ! 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 Jane at the Post Office (thank you Jane for being our collecting person!) .

A cheque for £935 has been handed to the Wenhaston Village Hall treasurer now, and we will let you know where the money is spent. Thank you all again for your payments and supporting the village hall in this way, and having a chance to be a monthly winner. ***All enquiries please phone Trish on 478078.***

## Wenhaston Mothers Union

Our Christmas Gathering was luckily held before we all became too concerned about the spread of the new Covid virus and so we were able to have an enjoyable afternoon together when we sang carols and several members read meaningful Christmas poems to us. After a delicious tea provided by the Committee we enjoyed lots of “Chat” ending in Christmas Wishes to each other.

We shall start our new year as always with a service of Holy Communion, followed by a very brief AGM. Our Communion Service will be led by Alison to whom we are very grateful and the Service will be held in the Methodist Chapel (not at St. Peters as in previous years)

After the service we will go into the School Room for our AGM. Any friends who would like to join us at this Service will be very welcome. The Programme for 2022 will be available at the AGM and I would like to thank the small Committee which we now have for all their help with finding Speakers etc. I am very grateful.

I think that we are all appreciating being able to meet together again and we look forward to another successful year – we have much to Thank God for.

We all wish our Readers a Happy, Healthy and Peaceful New Year

***Margaret G.(478378)***



## St Peter's Church

May I begin by wishing everyone a Happy, Healthy and Blessed New Year from all at St Peter's Wenhaston. I hope and pray that it will be less stressful than the last two and we can pick up the threads of our lives once more.

The church had a cake stall at the Christmas Bazaar and this raised £85 for church funds. Many thanks to all our loyal bakers for producing so many delicious cakes.

By the time this issue is distributed, we shall be in the midst of our Christmas services and all are invited to the Carol Service on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> December at 7pm and to our Christmas Eve Service at 8pm.

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

2<sup>nd</sup> January Team Service at Halesworth at 10am

9<sup>th</sup> January To Bramfield or other services

16<sup>th</sup> January Pause for Thought 10am

23<sup>rd</sup> January Eucharist 10am

30<sup>th</sup> January Team Service at Halesworth 10am

***Margaret Bloomfield***

**Wenhaston Methodist Church  
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2 Iris Baker  
9 Rev Clive Sutcliffe  
16 Rev Peter Rayson  
COVENANT SERVICE H C  
23 Rev Leslie Richards  
30 Rev Robert Soanes

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