



August 2022

Wenhaston Warbler

Swift Ringing in Wenhaston



It has been wonderful to see the screaming parties of swifts racing round the roof tops and feeding high in the fading light of summer evenings. Another month and they will leave us for their winter home and we will again eagerly await their return next year. As part of the Swift Action Group in Wenhaston, we have had swift boxes on our NE facing gable end for four years now and this year is the first year we have confirmed breeding swifts in one of our two boxes.

We were fortunate to have Alan Miller, a licensed ringer for the BTO British Trust for Ornithology, come round to ring the young swifts and this is about the third successful box that Alan has ringed this year in Wenhaston. At first, we thought we had 3 young, but once bagged and the ringing begun, it was evident that one was an adult, which had been roosting with its young, as it was much darker and feistier than its chicks, though with Alan's expert touch it soon quietened down.



Alan thought they were possibly only about a week away from fledging and showed us how the flight feathers were almost fully grown. Up close their feet are very claw like and facially they reminded me of a nightjar. Only one youngster made a fuss and squealed a little. Once ringed, fiddly but Alan tells us easy, it was then weighed (head first in a vitamin pot). One youngster weighed 54 grams, the other slightly smaller at 51 grams. Interestingly the adult only weighed 44 grams, which Alan says is quite normal. The young before fledging, weigh more than the adults because, just before they fledge, the adults stop feeding, and so the young are forced to leave the nest and start feeding for themselves, but they have a fat reserve to carry them over as they learn to hunt for themselves. The adult's wing measured 177mm.

The leg rings are numbered and carry the address of The British Museum. We found the ringing session fascinating and thank Alan for his expertise and time.

If you are interested in either joining the group, putting up swift boxes or just want to learn more about these wonderful summer visitors Contact Kate Archibald, co-ordinator at wenhastonsosactiongroup@gmail.com.

Jan Clements

Christian Aid Week 2022

I am delighted to say that Wenhaston has again done very well during Christian Aid Week 2022. The official total is £596.10 but a late donation tipped us just over to £601.10. An excellent total given the need to give generously elsewhere this year, plus the fact we are all having to tighten our belts a bit these days. Many thanks to all who contributed and to our hardy band of envelope distributors.

Moira Cooke

Editors note: You may have noticed the new adverts in the Warbler, and that we now have a couple more pages of small ads. These improvements are down to some excellent work by Hilary Jeffrey, who recently joined the Warbler team. It's not surprising that she is doing such a great job when you learn that she has thirty years' experience in advertising, for clients such as Unilever, VW, and Nike. She is semi-retired now, and moved permanently to Wenhashton, with her husband Andrew, in 2020. Thank you, Hilary.



Copy for the September edition to be sent to the [wenhashtonwarbler@gmail.com](mailto:wenhastonwarbler@gmail.com) by the 15th August.

Festival of Suffolk Torch Relay



The arrival of the Rickshaw at the Village Hall, bearing Heather Phillips MBE and the Torch, as detailed in the June Warbler, took place on Saturday 28th May. Photographs show the excellent support of the village for this event and indeed the Torch Relay Leader

Mark Brennan told all those present that ours was the best turnout so far for the Rickshaw's 588 mile journey through Suffolk...! Refreshments and musical entertainment followed in the Village Hall to complete a very successful social afternoon.



Lyn Gedney

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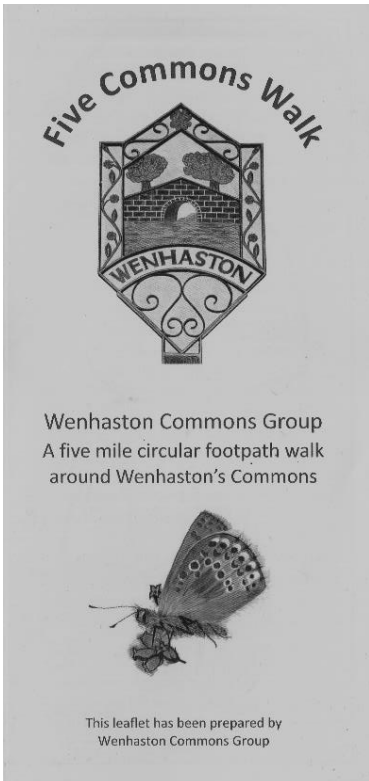
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Raising funds for Village Hall maintenance



Free Piano

We have been steadily removing all the contents of the Church Room over the last few weeks prior to completion of the sale, most of which has gone to new homes. However, one item remains, which is the small upright Collingwood piano and accompanying seat. This needs tuning but is otherwise ok. It's free to anyone who wants it and can arrange moving - it would make an ideal starter piano. Please let me know if you're interested. **Jonathan Alder** email j.m.alder59@gmail.com, or **07881 743991**



Wenhaston Five Commons leaflet refreshed

We have revisited this wonderful village walk which includes all of our five commons, Merton Wood and Grove Woods.

It was originally drawn up about 30 years ago by Wenhaston Commons Group members Heather Phillips and Dorothy Franklin, and also Violet Jackson and Anne Pidgeon, who have since died.

Free copies are available at Wenhaston Post Office, The Star and may be obtained from us.

If anyone who has a holiday let would like copies for their visitors please get in touch.

It will also be available on the wenhaston.onesuffolk.net website. We were very pleased to have the new look leaflet designed by Wenhaston's very own Becky Canham. We are grateful to Suffolk Wildlife Trust for funding the design and print costs.

Do go out and enjoy the walk! ***Jill Daines & Michael Gasper***
Jill.daines@btinternet.com

Defibrillator Training Could Save Lives

The recent provision of a defibrillator by the Parish Council to the sports-field pavilion, prompted the need for training to those running village activities who may need to employ it. On 30th June some thirty-five people, representing the Football Club, Bowls Club, the Tennis Club, the Village Hall Management Committee and the Parish Council, attended the meeting to hear Simon Drewitt, Training Officer, East Coast Community Healthcare, explain what to do if faced with someone in cardiac arrest, or who is having a heart attack.

The defibrillator is a mobile box and once taken from its wall-mounted storage cabinet and placed by the person in distress, a recorded voice provides clear and definitive instructions on how to carry out the procedure. This includes the strategic placing of pads on the person's chest and providing an electric shock to encourage the heart to re-regulate, or even restart. Armed with a dummy torso, Mr. Drewitt also demonstrated the benefits of CPR (cardiopulmonary resuscitation) which involves strong, rapid pushes to the chest.

The Parish Council now supports two defibrillators in the village. The installation at the village hall was purchased some years' ago and is regularly checked by a member of the Village Hall Management Committee. A Bowls Club volunteer has agreed to monitor the defibrillator at the sports field.

Peter Wildish

GIG IN THE GARDEN – Bring Your Own Picnic (Plus, your blanket and folding chairs)

After a four-year struggle with cancer, Wenhaston man David Canham has been told by his doctors that he is now free of the disease. By way of celebration, on Wednesday 3rd August David is opening his large and beautiful garden at Highfield House for a 'bring-your-own' picnic from 6:30pm to 10pm. Some car parking will be available.

All Wenhaston villagers are welcome to join the party when entertainment will include the local Black Deek Band and the Wenhaston Ukulele Strummers. There is no charge but a voluntary-donation pot will be available with proceeds going towards cancer research and hospices.

***Contacts: David Canham, Highfield House, Bramfield Road, Wenhaston, IP19 9DJ. Tel: 01502 478341 Mobile: 0790 9997638
Mac McKeown: Mob Tel: 07545 869514 Peter Wildish: Mob Tel: 07307 890555***

Wenhaston Walking Group

A local walk will start at 10am at Wenhaston Village Hall on Tuesday, 16th August. Ian will lead a second walk starting at 10am at the Swan Inn, Barnby NR34 7QE on Tuesday, 16th August. The circular walk includes the communities of Barnby and North Cove and lunch will follow: a menu will be circulated prior to the day. If you are interested in being added to the circulation list, please email

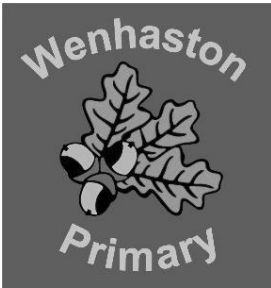
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Heather Phillips (01502 478545)

Mobile Library in Wenhaston

The Mobile Library will be at the Village Hall between 3pm and 3.45pm on Friday 12th August. The next visit will be at the same times on Friday 9th September

End of Summer Term Report



Dear Reader,

It has been a busy end of year at Wenhaston Primary! Here are a few highlights:

Outdoor Classroom The term began with the grand opening of our new outdoor classroom, which we hope will promote outdoor learning in the school. We are really happy with the structure.





London trip for Year 6

Year 6 also enjoyed a trip to London to see the sights! A special mention here for Pepyn and Lessey who contributed towards the costs of this trip.

Minsmere Trip A trip to RSPB Minsmere was also enjoyed by our younger children.



Wenhaston Young Ambassadors

The Wenhaston Young Ambassadors recently undertook their first community litter pick in the village, and whilst doing it raised over £30 for the Ukraine DEC appeal. This will continue into next year, so look out for dates of when they are doing their litter picks. They attended a conference at the University of Suffolk in recognition of their work.



Library

I am pleased to report that I am in the final stages of getting permission to construct a new library for the school! This is very exciting and I will keep you posted.

That is all for now. I wish to take this opportunity to thank the local community for all their support towards the school this academic year. I look forward to building closer relationships in the future.

Mr Stone - Headteacher

WENHASTON VILLAGE HALL

VOLUNTEERS WANTED

The committee are looking for volunteers to help with various hall activities including, organising entertainment for adults, young families and children. We also need help with hall maintenance and event preparation. Cafe volunteers are also wanted on Saturday mornings.

If you are interested, please contact:

**Entertainment: Carol Hudson-
Jary Tel: 07864 083296**

**Maintenance: Mac
McKeown Tel: 07545
869514**

**Cafe: Liz
Cunningham Tel:
01502 478964**

Events in the pipeline include Motown concert, Children's Christmas Disco Party, New Year's Party, Village Talent Show?

It's your Hall and we want it to be the centre of Wenhaston life. We're not asking people to sit on committees, but if you have thoughts on how we can achieve that, have a word with Jill Daines (01502 478016) or Jane Peters (01502 478196).

It is true then....

I was most delighted to read in the July edition of the Warbler that a Blyth Woods correspondent had confidently heard the call of a golden oriole. Because.... On a solitary walk during the spring of 2020, I chose a footpath running east of Bartholomew's Lane. Looking up into a half dead oak tree, I saw an unbelievably yellow bird. I mean, bright in-your-face yellow, with a few black markings, and then there was another, yellow, but dappled with black, bird to go with it. When I got home and consulted my bird book I identified Golden Oriole, but reading on it said there are less than 20 pairs in the UK in summer, I then convinced myself I must have been mistaken and merely seen a woodpecker's bottom. So now, to have confirmation that this rare bird does hang around in these parts, was quite thrilling and I am sticking to my original story. As if to tease me, today (July 11th) I also heard an extraordinary clear whistle call, that rises up at the end, which I have not heard before. Could that be it?

Back in the garden, that same year there were masses of small apples falling off my eater tree, and tons of redcurrants, which gave me a start on a little rhyme:

Picked from the bushes,

Blown from the trees,

Each was a flower that's kissed by the bees.

Some are to eat

Some are to keep

And some going straight to the compost heap.

Katherine Edwards

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Wenhaston Blyth Spirits

As I write this short report on a very warm day, we are about to enter the RED warning area tomorrow, so at the moment it is rather uncertain as to the fate of our Garden Party on Wednesday the 20th. However, we very much hope that it will take place and that the heat will have receded and that it will not deter people coming! Sadly, our speaker has developed Covid, so already we are not off to a good start, but we wish him well. For our August meeting on Wednesday 17th. we have Chris Parfitt talking to us about the Arctic Circle Express. We have had Chris to speak on other subjects and his talks have always been enjoyed. As always, we shall be very pleased to welcome visitors and new members, our meetings start at 2.30pm in the Village Hall, do think about joining us.

Margaret G (478378)

Wenhaston Mothers Union

A very happy Summer Party was held in July at Jane and Robert Gambles' House where we enjoyed the Wave of Prayer Service followed by a delicious tea! The weather was not too hot and we all appreciated sitting in Jane and Roberts' lovely garden. We were joined by six members of Halesworth Branch and Win Sutton led the service. We showed our appreciation to Jane and Robert in the usual way! In August we are going as a group to have tea at the Dingle Cafe in Dunwich. If you would like to join us and do not have transport, please be at the Village Hall Car Park by 2.30pm. on Wednesday 10th August. I am sure that this will be a very enjoyable afternoon. Please do contact me with any problems.

Margaret G (01502 478378)

Wenhaston Village Hall 100 Club - Winners for July 2022

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

- 1st prize Margaret Bloomfield (number 26)
£37.50
- 2nd prize Suzanne Watkins (number 85)
£22.50
- 3rd prize Dorothy Ellerington (number 103)
£15.00

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 £12 for the period to end August 2023. 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!)

All enquiries please phone Trish on 478078.

St Peter's Church

As I write this, we are in the middle of a heat wave. We all look forward to the Summer and then many of us find it too hot! There is no pleasing some of us! It must be a worry to the farmers and other growers but for those on holiday it is a blessing. I just hope those who are vulnerable have been well looked after and have coped.

Looking forward, we are planning a conducted walk and, afterwards, a picnic in the church yard. We hope that many families and others will join us on Saturday 20th August at 11am for a shortish walk around the village and then come to enjoy a picnic. All free but donations welcome. See poster.

The church is serving the refreshments at the Village Show and hope the show was a great success.

As you will know, Jenny Jeffrey has been unwell and is no longer able to deliver the Blyth Valley Times to the distributors. Please is there anyone in the village who would collect the BVT from St Mary's Church, Halesworth, monthly and distribute them to the six people who deliver them. We should be so grateful.

Margaret

Bloomfield

Services for August

- 7th August Team Service, Halesworth 10am
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