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Wenhaston Warbler

Photo Karen Wright



New Look for Wenhaston United!

Our village
football team has
a new lease of life
– new

faces and a new strip, and nice to see it's sponsored by a village business, Heathside Holidays. The picture shows the 1st team displaying the new strip and now the Reserves also have the same new kit. They compete in the Macron Suffolk and Ipswich League, 1st and 5th Divisions, respectively, and you can follow their fortunes by watching them live from the touchline on Saturday afternoons, or catch up with their results online on Macron SIL.

The club is eager to welcome new players and is looking for someone to fill the position of Coach/Manager, and if any readers would like to lend a hand – notably on match days – **Dougie Canham (07771 517765)** will be delighted to hear from you.

***The Warbler Team wish all Wenhastonians a happy New Year.
Copy for the February edition to be sent to
wenhastonwarbler@gmail.com by the 15th January, 2023***

WEA Spring Course in Wenhaston: Cinema and Religion

The Wenhaston Branch of the WEA will burst back into action with the Spring 2023 term. Our course will be 'Cinema and Religion' and is described by our tutor, David Sharp, as follows:

“Since the invention of 'movies', believers have seen the potential of the screen to document, envisage and persuade the viewer of the importance of a certain religious way of life. Cecil B. DeMille's biblical blockbusters have given way to more sophisticated, sympathetic as well as sceptical perspectives on religion by directors such as Dreyer, Passolini, Weir and Scorsese.

Films will be grouped by major traditions: Buddhism, Christianity, Judaism, New Age and will raise different questions about religion and spirituality. Films chosen will generally be of a serious nature, well received by critics and rarely biblical blockbusters, horror, historical costume drama, comedies or feel-good films.

Students may like to watch the following films in preparation: 'Chariots of Fire', 'Silence', 'Yentl', 'The Seventh Seal', 'Dead Man Walking', 'Little Buddha', 'The Wicker Man', 'My Name is Khan'. You may also like to dip into books such as 'Religion and Film' by Melanie Wright and 'Luminous' by Mike King.”

The course comprises 7x2 hour sessions starting at 10am on Friday, 3rd February at Wenhaston Village Hall. A break for half term falls on Friday, 17th February and the last session will be on Friday, 24th March. You must book on-line at www.wea.org.uk (or by telephone on 0300 303 3464) quoting reference no. C2229293. The cost is £56. (For further details, contact wenhaston.branch@wea.ac.uk or 01502 478977).

Founded in 1903, the Workers' Educational Association is a charity dedicated to bringing high-quality, professional education into the heart of communities. Why not join a very friendly band of students; we always look forward to seeing new recruits as well as previous attendees. Get on-line or the telephone to book your place straight away!

Ian Bigwood

Wenhaston Walking Group

Just the one walk for January on Tuesday, 3rd leaving Wenhaston Village Hall at 10am. Come along for the simple pleasure of some fresh air after all the excesses. Happy New Year!

Heather Phillips (01502 478545)

Blackheath Clearance

Following the major fire on Blackheath in September of last year work will commence in the next few weeks to clear the burnt gorse from the western end of the common. This will be carried out mechanically by contractors employed by Suffolk Wildlife Trust. Please keep well away from the machinery when the work is taking place.

> > They will also carry out the next stage of scraping off the gorse layer at the eastern end of the common which was started in 2022, and also cut a firebreak in the large stand of tall gorse adjoining that area to try to reduce so far as possible the risk of fire spreading through to properties nearby. Again please keep well away from the machinery while the work is taking place.

Jonathan Alder

Wenhaston Allotments

In mid-November, the committee guiding the Wenhaston Allotment and Leisure Gardeners' Association (WALGA) decided reluctantly to disband after the retirement of some key members. Management of the allotments was passed immediately to the Parish Council which owns the land on behalf of the residents of the village. Work is ongoing to re-establish a small management team of gardening enthusiasts to ensure that 'business will continue as usual', early in 2023.

The allotments feature fourteen separate plots and current plot holders are reassured that their plots are secure if they wish to continue. Anyone on the waiting list will be invited to join as plots become available and in chronological order. The new group will be called the Wenhaston Allotment Association (WAA) and new tenancy agreements are already being drawn up. A fresh constitution has also

been written to ensure that the allotment area becomes once again a pleasant and fruitful experience for plot holders.

The inaugural meeting of the WAA will be held at Wenhaston Village Hall on Saturday 14th January 2023 at 2pm.

Happy New Year everyone!

Peter Wildish

Wenhaston Village Hall 100 Club

- Winners for December 2022 -

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

- 1st prize Sue Morris (number 72) £37.50
- 2nd prize Colin Wright (number 99) £22.50
- 3rd prize Viv Kemp (number 153) £15

Congratulations also to Eileen Hayes (number 41) winner of the £50 Christmas bonus draw.

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 £8 for the year starting from January.

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.***



Wilder Wenhaston – pathway to a greener future

We have joined the Village's website!!

For more information about Wilder Wenhaston and the range of projects we have begun and how to join one that interests you look here:

<https://www.wenhaston.onesuffolk.net/village-life/environmental-groups/wilder-wenhaston/>



Home Library Service

Many people struggle to get to their library for various reasons, perhaps because they have a disability or mobility issue.

The Home Library service is there for anyone who loves to read but can't get to the library.

The Home Library Service is run by volunteers who pick up books, audio books or DVDs from the library and take them to customers in their own home. The service provides a lifeline for many older and disabled people across Suffolk who also benefit from the regular social interaction too.

Volunteers can visit private homes or care homes and operate within COVID guidelines to keep everyone safe. All volunteers have been through an application, reference and DBS checking process and a training programme.

If you or a relative would benefit from the service, you can contact your local library who can pass the details to their volunteers, or you can also email hls@suffolklibraries.co.uk or call 01473 351249.

Wenhaston Blyth Spirits

Welcome to a New Year and a new programme with Blyth Spirits! We look forward to seeing all of our regular members and new members are always very welcome.

We start in January with another talk by the Revd. Alison Alder on her recent trip to Israel. Alison spoke to another group in the village last year about the journey that she made and I think that we were all overwhelmed by the experiences which she witnessed on the trip and we were left concerned and troubled about the situation in that country.

Alison says that she has so much more to tell and a second talk has been requested by various people in the village. This will be an open meeting to anyone who would like to join us,

The date for Alison's talk is on January 18th. in the Village Hall at 2.30pm. and there will be tea and biscuits after the talk, followed by a very brief A.G.M.

We very much hope that you will want to join us.

Margaret G (478378)

Wenhaston M U.

By the time this magazine reaches its readers the M U Members will have hopefully enjoyed a happy Christmas Party together and all the members will have had a lovely family Christmas

We meet again on January 11th. in the Methodist Chapel at 2.30pm. where we will have a Corporate Communion with The Revd. Alison Alder followed by our A.G.M.

We wish all our readers a Happy and Peaceful New Year.

Margaret Goldstone (478378)



IRIS MAVIS BAKER

16th September 1930 - 1st November 2022

Iris Baker was born in 1930 in Prittlewell, Essex. She was proud of her birthplace and would correct anybody who thought it was PRETTYwell. She lived there as a child, briefly living in Croydon with her aunt during the war until they were bombed out whereupon she returned home.

As a young woman, she trained as a nurse and worked in St Georges Hospital, Ilford. She cared for people all her life.

She had a well developed sense of humour. One night after returning from a dance with her friend Mabel two Tommies followed them and kept asking if they could have a bed for the night. To Mabel's horror she heard Iris say she could provide them with a bed. The unsuspecting Tommies were therefore somewhat surprised when Iris, en route, waltzed them up to the nearby police station and told the duty officer that "these lads would like a bed for the night" and continued to walk home. She eventually met and married her husband Cyril through their mutual love of dancing. They had two children, David and Joanne and adopted a third, Karen. She was a wonderful cook and flower arranger and her dinner parties were renowned. These gifts were passed on to her children.

On retirement, Cyril and Iris moved to Wenboston. She joined the W.I. making many friends and eventually became President. She was also a leading light in Wenboston Am. Dram. group and together with producer Dorothy Franklin put on events that many people in the village fondly recall. She was a practising Christian from childhood and joined the members of the Methodist chapel.

When Cyril died, she became even more involved, always organising events and helping out with others. She, together with her good friends Delys Grimwade and Rosemary Remy became lay preachers. She instigated and was part of a team who regularly put on little play-lets in Wenboston Primary School to help children understand the Bible when they "Opened the Book". At the annual Christmas carol service in St Peter's church, it became tradition that Iris opened the service singing the first verse of "Once in Royal David's City, solo.

She was great company until the last, always smartly dressed and taking such interest in everything and everybody. A good life well lived. Iris touched so many lives in Wenboston, and we who were fortunate enough to know her will miss her very much.

Helen Bowyer.

St Peter's Church

We wish everyone a very happy, healthy and peaceful New Year. We hope Christmas was enjoyable for you as we celebrated our Saviour's birth and met with family and friends for this special occasion in the Church's year.

Many thanks to all who contributed to the Tombola at the Christmas Bazaar. It was good fun and raised £75 for Church funds. Each year we are asked to pay a very large sum to the Diocese, which pays for clergy wages, housing, pensions etc. and the generosity of the village folk goes a long way to help us pay this, so thank you very much.

January is a quiet month in the Church's calendar so there is not much news but I hope we can relax and refresh ourselves ready for a busy Spring.

Margaret Bloomfield

January services

1 st January	Team Service, Halesworth 10am
8 th January	Holy Communion 10am Bramfield
15 th January	Holy Communion 10am
22 nd January	Pause for Thought 10am
29 th January	Holy Communion Halesworth 10am

WENHASTON COMMONS GROUP**WORKING PARTY PROGRAMME 2023**

Meet at 10.00am unless otherwise specified.

See Wenhaston Warbler for any changes or ring
Myles Archibald 07774 781186

Month	Day	Date	Leader	Location	Meet at	Task
JANUARY	TUE	10	JA	Churchyard	Churchyard	Coppicing Yew
	SUN	22	MA	Blackheath	West End	Clearing gorse from burnt area
FEBRUARY	TUE	14	AM	Church Common	Entrance to Church Common	Gorse and scrub clearance
	SUN	26	JH	Blackheath	West End	Clearing gorse from burnt area
MARCH	TUE	14	JA	Blackheath	West End	Clearing gorse from burnt area
	SUN	19	MA	Blackheath	West End	Clearing gorse from burnt area
JULY	TUE	11	LH	St Peter's Churchyard	Churchyard	Clearing hay

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