June 2023



Wenhaston Warbler



Young and old enjoyed the Coronation celebrations.

Despite some predicted poor weather, which fortunately did

not materialize, and a mini-COVID outbreak that affected their staffing levels, the school was still able to celebrate the King's Coronation with a joyous Crown Parade and singing of songs. The children wore red, white and blue on the day, and the event was enjoyed by all.

At St Peter's Church, the lunch ladies, assisted by WI members and friends, hosted a Tea Party, and were delighted when they had a full house. The tea was delicious, many thanks to all who provided it! With the gift of a coronation mug for the guests.



Update on the Motown Fundraiser

Thank you for front page update on the soul/Motown event. The evening made a £1,712.00 profit for the village hall, so all in all a great night. Thanks again to everyone who supported us. **Karen Clegg**

Wenhaston Tennis Club



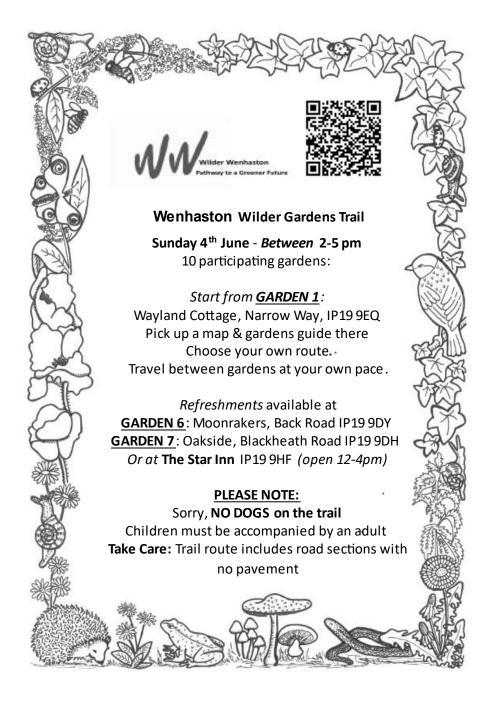
The Wenhaston
Tennis Club is open
to all abilities and
new members are
most welcome
(fees available on
request). We have
approximately 17
members and
ladies play on

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday mornings, starting at 09.15. The court is available all year round, subject to weather conditions. To play regularly, occasionally or just a one off, please get in touch via our email account: wenhastontennisclub@gmail.com or contact Zena Grant Secretary on 07775953987

Wenhaston Walking Group

A walk around Wenhaston will take place on Tuesday, 6th June leaving Wenhaston Village Hall at 10am. The second walk of the month will start at 10am at The Queen's Head, Bramfield IP19 9HT. A lunch menu will be circulated in advance. If you wish to have your name added to the walkers' circulation list, please email ipbigwood@btinternet.com

Heather Phillips (01502 478545)



Halesworth Community Hub

A new community hub on Saxons Way is being considered for Halesworth and the surrounding area

Please tell us your views by completing the

QUICK ONLINE SURVEY

by 1st July



www.halesworthtowncouncil.org.uk/halesworth-community-hub



Library Update

In addition to the regular activities in June, (Sociable Sundays on 4th and 18th June and Board Games Cafe on 26th June), the Friends of Halesworth Library will be hosting another book talk at the library in Bridge Street Halesworth during the month.

On 29th June at 7pm, local author Jo Jordan will be the speaker. Jo is well known in Halesworth as a solicitor, now retired, who practised in the town for many years. She has many other interests, including arranging long-haul overlanding expeditions across the whole of Africa with her husband Nick Fisher. She described her experiences in her book *African Approaches: Roads to a Far-Off Place*.

Since her retirement she has been involved in Belle Grove, an unusual and award-winning self-catering establishment. Further details of her talk will be available from the library closer to the talk.

For further information about any of the events, please enquire at the library on 01986 875095.

Mobile Library

The mobile library will be at the Village Hall from 3pm to 3.45pm on Friday 16th June. *Nigel Frostick*

Halesworth Community Hub

A new community hub on Saxons Way is being considered for Halesworth and the surrounding area.

Halesworth Town Council is consulting residents and businesses in the Halesworth area. Your views will feed into proposals for the community hub that could deliver a great range of community activities and services that are needed locally.

Please tell us your views by completing the QUICK ONLINE SURVEY by 1st

July: www.halesworthtowncouncil.org.uk/halesworth-community-hub

100 Club

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

- 1st prize James Ellis (number 108) £37.50
- 2nd prize Margaret Bloomfield (number 25) £22.50
- 3rd prize Jo Withnall (number 15) £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 £3 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*.

Swift Pint Walk Saturday 8th July



The Wenhaston Save our Swift Action Group is happy to announce that our swifts have begun to return to their homes in the village and the swift flag at St Peters churchyard is flying again.

The first sighting of birds flying over the village was reported on 28th April and the first 'camera confirmed' arrival into a swift box in Back Road was seen on 7th May.

We will be holding our annual Swift Pint walk on 8th July, starting at 6pm in the village hall car park, and finishing at the Star Inn from 8pm onwards, where we will enjoy watching the swifts who reside there swooping and screaming as we take refreshment. Alan Miller will lead the walk and may be able to show us views of the nesting swifts in his boxes on camera. All are welcome for this enjoyable walk around the village. Just turn up! There will be a chance to discuss any queries and thoughts about continuing to support habitats for swifts and other birds such as swallows and house martins in the village as we walk.

Thank you to villagers who have been in contact about installing swift boxes and callers. We now have two new potential homes for swifts' thanks to enthusiastic householders who have got ready for the season with newly installed boxes and callers. Two extra boxes have also been supplied by the group for installation at the primary school, to add to the pre-existing box and caller.

The calling systems which play the sound of swifts are an important part of attracting swifts looking for a new nest site. Studies have shown that swifts searching for a home are drawn in towards the recorded sound of swifts calling and will then investigate the nest box, often by 'banging' as they fly close by. The callers are set to switch on usually for short periods of time morning and night, and can be played quietly or for variable times, depending on what the human residents prefer! There are several examples in the village of swifts now nesting in new boxes, after the callers have been playing during the summer for 2 years or so. We have been playing swift calls in summer for three years from the school, church tower and the village hall. We are hoping that this may be the year the swifts will find homes there! Any further queries please do not hesitate to contact Kate at wenhastonsosactiongroup@gmail.com

Wenhaston Flower Club



Our meeting in May was called "Let's Twist" and a new demonstrator to us, Moira, certainly delivered. Not only did she show us how to twist and manipulate foliage but she entertained us with a selection of music including Let's Twist Again to which she danced along. Her flower arrangements were spectacular, all with a modern "TWIST".

Our next meeting is a pre booked trip to Henstead Exotic Gardens on 6th June, meeting there at 7pm even if wet. Cost is £10. Please let Jackie know if you would like to go by 26th May. Everyone welcome. Our final meeting in July before we have a summer break in August is a member only Garden Party, where we all bring a sharing plate of food, please contact Beverly for a list of food requirements.

For further information please contact Jackie Chenery 01502 478401

Wenhaston Village Produce Show. Sunday July 16th 2023

The above event is approaching fast. Hope your Potatoes in Buckets are well and truly planted and even showing some foliage. In addition, your lovely fruit and vegetables, crafts, cakes and flowers are well in to the planning/planting stage. For further details please pick up a schedule from the village Hall foyer, which will give full details of categories and timings etc. Special attraction this year - Model Railway displays. Hope to see you all on the day and you can even encourage your friends from outside the village to enter.

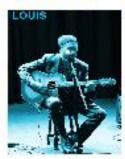
Richard Atkins



WENHASTON VILLAGE HALL PRESENTS

OUT OF NOWHERE

FOR AN EVENING OF SWING MUSIC AND DANCE







7.30 TO 10^{PM}

SATURDAY 24th June 2023

TICKETS £12 - ACCOMPANIED UNDER 165 FREE

AVAILABLE FROM WENHASTON POST OFFICE AND ON THE DOOR FROM 7PM Bar and 50-50 raffle, including nibbles!

For further information contact Carol on 07864 083296 Oremail caz-mike@outlook.com

Raising funds for maintenance of the Village Hall

Support for vulnerable people in our community

At times, the behaviour or care of someone in the village can become a concern for neighbours. It is not always easy to access the right help, but here are some useful contacts you could try if you are worried about someone.

It is important that you keep yourself safe and avoid putting yourself in a risky situation. If offering help to someone, try and find another person to accompany you.

Get help in a crisis

If you have a social care emergency and need urgent assistance, please call Customer First on **0800 917 1109**.

Outside of normal working hours this number will divert to the Emergency Duty Service. They can deal with anything that can't wait until the next working day.

Police

If you are really worried about someone's safety, then you should call 999. If it is not an emergency, you can call 101 to report a concern.

To get advice about an issue, you can contact the Safer Neighbourhood Team at: Contact us | Suffolk Constabulary

Rural Coffee Caravan

This organisation has a virtual leaflet resource which gives all sorts of useful information about organisations which can help with a range of issues. Signpost - The Rural Coffee Caravan

Halesworth Volunteers

Halesworth Volunteers is a registered charity that provides support and companionship to people in Halesworth and the surrounding area. All we do is powered by the energy and commitment of volunteers.

Tel: 01986 875600 Opening hours Mon-Fri 9am-3.30pm

info@halesworthvolunteers.org

To book a community car: 01986 874290 Opening hours Mon-Fri 9am-1pm

cars@halesworthvolunteers.org

Pear Tree Centre

The Pear Tree Centre is a warm and welcoming one-stop-shop which offers support, information, counselling and benefits advice to anyone who has been diagnosed with a life-changing illness.

Pear Tree Centre, Bungay Road, Halesworth, IP19 8SG

You can contact the Pear Tree Centre on 01986 899655 or email info@peartreefund.org

Revd Alison Alder

We need your memories for the Church and Community

Day

at St Peter's Wenhaston Sunday 25th June

Do you have memories of being involved in church activities when you were growing up in the village? Did you belong to Sunday School, the church-run youth club or Young Wives? If so, do you have any photos you could lend us or memories you could share for our "Church and Community Day"?

Were you married in St Peter's or were you baptised (christened) at the church? Again, we'd love to show pictures and memories of these special moments. Please contact me if you have anything you could lend us for this day.

Rev Alison Alder: <u>alisonalder@hotmail.co.uk</u> / 01502 478855

Wenhaston's Ukraine Fundraiser - One Year On

Just over a year ago we held a fundraising event for Ukraine in the Village Hall - the Black Deek Band and friends plus sales of donated artwork, crafts and more — and raised more than £3000 over the weekend. But the best was yet to come: do you remember the woven wall-hanging (a Sprang weaving) that we sent to auction (at Sworders Fine Art, who generously waived the seller's commission) and which went for a staggering £20,000? The eventual total was just short of £25,000. Now, a year on, I'm delighted to tell you what the money was spent on, courtesy of our liaison, Dr Monika McNeill.

The main beneficiary has been the Children's Hospital in Lviv Oblast, in the Ukraine.

The Director is Igor Kozankevych, who has been doing an incredible job there under trying conditions looking after about 300 people, including war victim patients and their sick family members.





Our fundraising purchased a large 80kW power generator last November, plus car batteries for hospital vehicles. Previously they had only 2-3 hours of electricity every 24 hours, and the generator now powers large parts of the hospital continuously.



Gorbaniuk, who has been working with war-traumatised children since the invasion of the Crimea in 2014, our funds were used to help equip a 'Mother & Child' Centre for traumatised children fleeing over the border (often on their own), with resources for children's play rooms - about eighty mums and children arrived last September.

In Lublin, Poland, our donation provided basic but vital medical equipment for treating Ukrainian refugees sheltered in hotels and hostels.

And under the supervision of psychologist Prof. Julia





The final part of the funds bought some appliances that were urgently needed in the Centre (kettles, electric hobs, hair dryers, etc.)

It is very gratifying to see the real practical difference that Wenhaston's fundraising has made!

Wil Harvey

WENHASTON Produce & Craft Market

Saturday 24th June 2023

10am – 12.30pm

In the Village Hall IP19 9EP

A wide and ever-changing range of local foods and produce, crafts, plants, jams & chutneys, home-made cakes and more.

New stallholders always welcome – Pitch fee £7

To book your table (provided), e-mail:

Carol at: caz-mike@outlook.com

Raising funds for Village Hall maintenance

Wenhaston Village Hall Community Open Day – Feed Back

The Community open day held in March was in part a great success. The various Clubs and Groups put on good display and information stands and there was a healthy response in the suggestion box. Attendance was good but mainly by present members of groups and users of the hall. We would have liked to welcome more of the wider village community.

From the box of numerous suggestions, ranging from Youth Clubs, Archery, Yoga, Carpentry classes, Fun Choir and many more, a new Yoga Class has since started, so popular it has a waiting list. We would like to thank everyone, including Wenhaston School, for all of the suggestions and to let you know we will be looking into the feasibility of further ideas you have made.

None of these will happen unless there are sufficient numbers interested and, critically unless there is a person or group of people willing to take an active role to organise it. Do you have a skill and/or could run a class. There are now limited time-slots remaining on the Village Hall's time-table. We would also like to take this opportunity of inviting you to join us on managing the Village Hall, all are welcome, please contact us via the wenhastonhall@gmail.com. Jan Clements

Wenhaston School Update



Firstly, despite some predicted poor weather, which fortunately did not materialize, and a mini-COVID outbreak that affected our staffing levels, we were still able to celebrate the King's Coronation with a joyous Crown Parade and singing of songs. The children wore red, white and blue on the

day, (see front cover), and the event was enjoyed by all. It was heartwarming to see the school community come together to celebrate this historic event, despite the challenges we faced.

Secondly, I would like to extend my sincere gratitude to those who have volunteered to hear readers. Your support is greatly appreciated and we are getting everything ready for this to happen. Thank you for your willingness to help.

School life is busy as ever, and we are proud to announce that our Year 6 children have just completed their SATs and worked extremely hard. We will be rewarding them for their efforts with a well-deserved cooked breakfast. Congratulations to them! *Mr Stone*

St Peter's Church

The Coronation Weekend was celebrated here in Wenhaston starting with a celebratory service in church on Sunday Morning taken by Alison and well attended. In the afternoon the lunch ladies assisted by WI members and friends hosted a Tea Party. We had no idea how many would attend but were delighted when we had a full house. The tea was delicious, many thanks to all who provided it, and the atmosphere was warm and friendly. It was a pleasure to see so many people enjoying themselves. Marie entertained us on her harp and the luncheon club members went away with a coronation mug tucked in their bags. The retiring collection amounted to £250 which was donated to the East Anglian Air Ambulance. A happy afternoon.

On Saturday 13th May, we held our Plant Sale in the churchyard and were able to add £427.26 to church funds. Again, many thanks to all who donated plants, especial thanks to Woottens and Holton Road Garden Centre, and those who provided cakes and raffle prizes. We are most grateful. The remaining plants will be on sale outside Spindleberry so do take a look. Many thanks to Margaret for this. Please see June Services on posters outside church

Margaret Bloomfield

Methodist Chapel

Herewith details of services for June. All services begin at 10.30 followed by refreshments and fellowship.

Sunday 4th Rev. Martin Keenan, celebrating the church's anniversary.

Holy communion will take place.

Sunday 11th. United service at Methodist chapel with members of St Peter's

Sunday 18th Rev, Iain McKillop

Sunday 25th Rev. Les Richards

For future information, alternate united services will take place on the second Sunday of each month between the Methodists and Anglicans so in July the Methodists will be attending the service at St Peter's on July 9th.

Diana Furness

Editor's notes

Final date for copy for the July issue is the 15th June. Send as usual to wenhastonwarbler@gmail.com. For small ads contact warbler.ads@gmail.com

Special thanks to Wil Harvey this month for his cartoon casting a cynical eye on our pothole woes.

Let's hope for a sunny month with plenty of events to enjoy and share in the Warbler.

Deb Holmes and Gill Frostick

Church and Community Day



Sunday 25th June

St Peter's Church, Wenhaston

10am Thanksgiving Service followed by activities for young, old and everyone in between.

Discover the church's wildlife and plant life.

Share your memories of the church.

Family activities

Explore the Doom and other treasures.

Lunches and refreshments

Find out more about the life of the church.

Fortnightly drop in at Halesworth

Whatever the problem we're here for free, impartial and confidential advice.



NEW Face to face drop in at: HALESWORTH LIBRARY

First and third Tuesday every month 10.00 am to 12.00 noon Halesworth Library Bridge Street Halesworth IP19 8AD



Call us on 0808 278 7866 Contact us online caes.org.uk

Our offices are in : Beccles • Felixstowe • Leiston • Lowestoft plus outreach centres across the region



Fun Classes, Courses & 1-2-1s
Dog Sports
Dog School available Mon-Sun
bmdtbc@yahoo.com
07495337774
barkingmadsuffolk.com



Offering complete property renovations, including:

- Kitchens (Fitting, Spraying & Refurbishment)
- Bathrooms
- Floor & Wall Tiling
- Carpentry

07748 479678

propertydevelopment@s-aldridge.com



building and carpentry

- conservatories
- renovations
- alterations

Tel 01502 724293

Heathside Stores



Blackheath Road Wenhaston

01502 478747

MRWCF Electrical

Domestic and Commercial Rewiring, extra sockets, inspection and testing. 24 hour call out. Free estimates City & Guilds qualified

> Tel. 01502 478473 Matthew 07884 477110 William 07717 176655



Allen's Clean Sweep Established 43 years

All appliances catered for including

wood burners & Agas

Now based in Wenhaston

Professional service at great rates. Fully insured.

> **Andrew & Steve** 07919 258206

01502 478040 (answerphone only) srosbrook1@yahoo.co.uk



Suffolk & Norfolk Firewood

Locally sourced Ouality hardwood & kindling £240 for 2m³ available in 9" or 12" £5 per bag of kindling. Stacking available

07767699622

sandnfirewood@gmail.com

Specialist legal advice in Southwold

Residential Property Commercial Property Wills & Powers of Attorney Probate. Notarial Services

Tel 01502 724750 MANTINS.CO.UK





Extensions
Timber Frame Structures
Ground Works
Patios, Block Paving
Decking, Fencing
Alterations
Maintenance
Mobile: 07957 459 785

Tel: 01502 580136

Email:

landscape2build.mb@gmail.com



MOTOR ENGINEERING LTD

Wash Lane, Back Rd, Wenhaston Tel 01502 478642

Email: paul@pjn-motor.co.uk FOR ALL YOUR GENERAL VEHICLE REQUIREMENTS

MOT for cars & bikes classes I, II and IV Car Servicing

CAM Belt & Clutch Replacement www.pjn-motor.co.uk For a Personal, Friendly Service please contact Paul Nolloth

TOWNSEND ELECTRICAL

DOMESTIC - COMMERCIAL - INDUSTRIAL - SECURITY

Electrical Contracting Electrical Testing Battery Storage Off-Grid Solutions Backup Power EV Charge Points CCTV Smart Home Solar PV

Broadway Drive, Norwich Road,
Halesworth
T: 01986 875397
E: info@townsend-electrical.co.uk









Karl Andrews Painter & Decorator

Qualified City & Guilds 30 Years' Experience 01986 874926 07825622477

karlandrews603@gmail.com



A HIGH QUALITY HOT MEAL DELIVERY SERVICE FOR THE ELDERLY

Nutritious and healthy home cooked meals Main course only £6.00 2 courses £6.80

Tel: 01603 742373

Storm Furniture (Bramfield)

Handmade furniture & cabinetry, freestanding & fitted. Traditional bespoke joinery in hard & soft timbers.

Call Terry 07969240523

Email: terry@storm-furniture.co.uk

Wenhaston Tiling

All floor and wall tiling undertaken. Call Robert on 01502 478740 or 07544 396310

EcoChimneySweep

NACS registered & fully insured

All types of chimneys/flues swept Stove servicing Birdguards / spikes fitted

> Tel 01502 566278 Mob 07534971654

leighturrell@hotmail.co.uk

Can I help you?

- Admin Services
- Bespoke Graphics
- Print-Ready Design
- Handy Website Icons

01502 478842

beckycanham@mail.com www.beckycanham.com

Fleigh

Eco friendly activewear

Looking after Mind, Body & Planet. Come say hi on our socials @fleighactivewear

Or visit us at www.fleighactivewear.co.uk



Visit Ruth McCabe Contemporary Art June 3,4,17,18,24,25 Coles Hill Wenhaston Tel: 07426 925065

www.ruth-mccabe-artist.co.uk Instagram @ruthmccabeartist8420

TO ADVERTISE IN THE WENHASTON WARBLER PLEASE EMAIL

warbler.ads@gmail.com

THE STAR INN

TUESDAY TO SATURDAY 12pm-3pm & 6pm-9pm

SUNDAY 12pm-4pm Stone baked pizza Fri & Sat 6pm-8pm (eat in or takeaway) Please pre-order 01502 478240

Accommodation Agency

Local holiday cottages
Weekly lets/short breaks
contact Trish Gower 01502 478078
www.suffolkcoastalcottages.co.uk

Flute, clarinet, saxophone, piano tuition & much more

Classical, jazz, folk etc Any age/ability, beginners to diploma Marie Young CTABRSM ATCL LTCL 07917 484161

WOOLNOUGH CONTRACTORS LTD

COMPETITIVE PRICES on
SAND, GRAVEL, AGGREGATES & PLANT
HIRE
Call 01502 478894 or 07702 139291
Fast Friendly service

Adam and Barbara Gill

Your local carpet and upholstery cleaners
Environmentally aware
Tel. 01502 377427

WILDLIFE PONDS

Water garden services est.1985

Ponds built from scratch,
relined or repaired

Ponds cleaned out, renovated
and planted out
Telephone 01502 478140

Ian Poole Decorating

Painting, Tiling & Wallpapering
Hand-painted kitchens & furniture
Reliable & Insured
Tel: 01502 710257 / 07952022436
decor@ipooledecorator.co.uk

A PET'S BEST FRIEND Animal Sitting

Occasional & casual dog walking SARAH GRIMWOOD 9 Bigod Close, Halesworth Tel 01986 873 592 Mob: 07895 025 174 frary8sr@btinternet.com

The Old Forge Studio

looking forward to welcoming you to SUFFOLK OPEN STUDIO 2023

JUNE 10 & 11 17 & 18 24 & 25 11am to 5pm

If you wish to pre-arrange your visit, please text Lin on 07970 285566 Back Road • Wenhaston • IP19 9DZ