



August 2023

Wenhaston Warbler

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See it.....

Sit down in your garden, in a wood, in the park or anywhere where you might see birds, butterflies and other insects. You might try and take a picture of it.



Name it.....

Look up what you have seen. You can look in books or on the internet. What is it called? What does it eat? Find out information about it.

Love it.....

Just enjoy watching it. You might want to draw it or share what you've seen with friends and family.

Can you see how a bee drinks nectar from a flower?

Which flower does the butterfly like? How many swallows can you count?



The Wenhaston Warbler would love to publish your finds in our October issue, so please email words and/or pictures to wenhastonwarbler@gmail.com by the 15th September. There will be a book token for the most interesting item.

Christian Aid Week 2023

I am pleased to say Wenhaston managed a total of £478.76 for Christian Aid Week this year. Of this £225 was eligible for Gift Aid. Thank you to all who distributed envelopes and to Jane Peters and Alison Alder for acting as drop-off points. A special thank you of course to all who contributed, thereby helping those less fortunate than ourselves.

Moira Cooke

Wenhaston Flower Club

Our July meeting should have been our garden party in one of our member's beautiful garden, but the weather typically had other ideas so we had to adjourn to the village hall. Nevertheless we had a splendid time with lots of delicious food with everyone bringing a sharing plate, and the club providing all the beverages. We all had a chance to catch up and have a good old chat.

All the members thanked Jackie for continuing to run the club and for all her hard work organising our monthly meetings.

We resume again in September in our usual venue , Wenhaston Village Hall and time of 7.30 pm. We still do not have an annual membership fee, it is just pay on the night (tea/coffee and biscuits included)

So on Tuesday 5th September at 7.30 pm we will be holding a workshop and we are so excited to welcome back Lizzy from Bloomcore of Southwold.

Details of requirements for the workshop will be sent out in the monthly e-mail or contact Jackie.

Please come along to the meeting, even if you don't want to take part in the workshop, as our meetings are always good fun and we are a very friendly group. We look forward to seeing you all in September.

Forward notice:- our meeting on Tuesday October 3rd is our Charity Night for The Halesworth Branch of Cancer Research. Raffle and Tombola prizes would be very gratefully received, thank you.

For more information please contact Jackie Chenery 01502 478401

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Wed 2nd August - An afternoon of colour - face painting, glitter tattoos and craft - 2.00pm - 4.00pm

Wed 9th August - Wild libraries - quizzes and activities with Suffolk Wildlife Trust
2.00pm - 4.00pm

Wed 16th August - An afternoon with James Mayhew - author and illustrator
2.00pm - 4.00pm

Wed 23rd August - The Tricky Twister Magic Show and Balloon Twisting workshop
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Arts Society Southwold

Over 75 people heard a fascinating talk in the Village Hall in May on “London’s lost Department Stores - a vanished world of dazzle and dreams”. Tessa Boase took the audience on a trip of nostalgia and memories, some of which were shared in the Q and A session afterwards.

Arts Society Southwold hope to hold another lecture in the Hall next year, but in the meantime would welcome Wenhaston residents to attend our monthly talks at the Arts Centre in Southwold, on every second Tuesday of the month (except July and August). We begin again in September with a look at the work of mapmaker MacDonald Gill and on 18th October we have an extra event- a special interest afternoon on the 1000 year history of Britain’s most famous building: the Houses of Parliament. This event will be in the Stella Prescott millennium Hall in Southwold.

We still have a few golden tickets left which entitle you to free entry to one of our talks (normally £10). Please email

Sallygoodsell3@gmail.com if you would like one or for further

information. Thanks again for supporting our event. **Sally Goodsell**

ARTISTREE

9th & 10th September 2023

Thornington, Suffolk

Thornington Church

The church is an historic hidden gem snuggled in the heart of the Suffolk countryside, just south of Wenhaston. Recently put on the map by the outdoor

theatre just up the road, Thornington is a scattering of farms with a Suffolk Wildlife Trust conservation area and the Church. Thornington PCC are organising Artistree on the 9th and 10th of September 2023, an exhibition of two and three dimensional artwork inspired in some way by trees and all things to do with trees – birds, habitats, patterns etc. in

order to raise money for the church. Sculptural work is to be displayed against, amongst, on or from a hidden circle of trees and two dimensional work will be in the barn at Laundry Farm.

We have this glorious field of trees, adequate parking for visitors, and lots of delicious refreshment on offer, and on your way you may like to visit the church in its beautiful surroundings. We have held very successful art exhibitions in the past, but this slightly different idea offers more variety. We have attracted lots of artists to support the venture as well as some craft stalls selling appropriately themed wares. We have a great many enthusiastic art loving friends and supporters of Thorington Church and hope to make this event a great success.

Do come! Free admission! Silent Auction of Promises too.

If you would like to help in any way or would like to know more about this event please contact one of us.

Vivienne Burns 07920 339906 info@cowshedholidays.co.uk

Trish Gower 07776 077860 trish@coastal1.plus.com

Wenhaston Village Hall 100 Club

- Winners for July 2023 -

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

- 1st prize Jane Peters (number 42) £37.50
- 2nd prize David Elliot (number 50) £22.50
- 3rd prize Dorothy Ellington (number 104) £15

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 £1 for the year starting from August.

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.**

WENHASTON

Produce & Craft Market

Saturday

26th August 2023

10am – 12.30pm

In the Village Hall IP19 9EP

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Carol at: caz-mike@outlook.com**

Raising funds for Village Hall maintenance

Wenhaston Walkers

On Tuesday, 1st August a walk will start from Wenhaston Village Hall at 10am. The second walk in the month will take place on Tuesday, 15th August, leaving at 10am from the Black Swan, Homersfield IP20 0ET. The pub lunch details will be circulated beforehand. If you wish to have your name added to the walkers' circulation list, please email ipbigwood@btinternet.com

Heather Phillips (01502 478545)

Wenhaston Mothers Union

The weather was kind to us for our garden meeting at Spindleberry in July and we were able to have our Wave of Prayer Service, followed by tea with strawberries and cream in the garden before the rain came! It was good to see everyone and especially to have Dominic with us to enjoy the Wave of Prayer Service together. All the many branches of the M U around the world are asked to take part in this simple but meaningful Service every year and this makes it very special to all the members.

In August some of us are going to join Yoxmere Branch at their Summer Party at Farthings in Peasenhall, and it will be good to meet with members from other branches. There will not be a meeting of the branch in August, but the Revd. Bill Mahood will be joining us in September and telling us his life story, and we are always pleased to have Bill with us.

Margaret Goldstone (01502 478378)

Wenhaston Blyth Spirits

We are hoping that the weather will be kind to us for our Summer Garden Party on July 19th, in Jane Gambles lovely garden and I will give a full report next month. There will not be a meeting in the village Hall in August but we shall look forward to seeing everyone again on September 20th. ***Margaret Goldstone (01502 478378)*** h

Wenhaston School Report

This will be our last update this academic year. Thank you as ever for your support of our school and I hope you enjoy reading. If you ever want to have a look around the school you are always welcome!

Performing Arts Show 15th July

Our performing Arts club simply amazed everyone with an outstanding evening of music, dance, comedy and musical theatre. Everyone absolutely loved the show and we were so proud of all that the



children achieved. A massive thank you to Miss Chambers who organised and choreographed most of the evening. It was stunning. I would strongly recommend looking into a ticket for next year's show. Honestly, I cannot describe just how brilliant this was.



Sports Day Success!



Sports Day proved to be a resounding success, with our whole school community joining forces to make it a memorable event. Our children, displaying commendable determination and sportsmanship, worked hard and competed with the right spirit. It was heartwarming to witness older students encouraging their

younger peers, fostering a sense of belonging within our school. We must also extend our gratitude to the PTA for providing refreshments and to Mr. Sanders for his exceptional work in organising the event. Lastly, a round of applause to the parents who participated in the races! What fun!



Year 6 Trip to London

Yesterday, our Year 6 students embarked on an exciting journey to London, exploring the sights and indulging in good fun. They thoroughly enjoyed the experience, although it is worth mentioning that by the end of the day, they were quite tired! We appreciate the efforts of the staff who made this trip possible and ensured the safety and enjoyment of our students throughout. It is also important to mention Pepyn and Lessey here who made a contribution to the trip which brought the overall cost down considerably!



Battery Recycling Initiative

We are delighted to announce that our school has become a battery recycling point. If you have old batteries, you can recycle these with us at the office.

ASSET Awards and Pepyn and Lessey Charity

I am delighted to inform you that Wenhashton charity Pepyn and Lessey were proudly recognized for their outstanding community work at an Academy Trust awards ceremony a few weeks ago. If you reside in Wenhashton, please remember that they are available to provide support and assistance towards the education of Wenhashton children. Here are trustees Lindsey and Glenis (second and third from right) receiving the award.



Library update

I am pleased to announce that the library build is officially complete. We are just in the process of raising funds to furnish it.

DT Project in Oak Class

Our DT work has continued to develop this term following the success of our Spring term soup kitchen. During this time, generous donations were made by our guests which have enabled us to make some much needed updates to our tool supplies for the woodwork side of our DT curriculum. We purchased new saws, bench hooks, sandpaper and of course the timber. (Special thanks to Huws Gray in Halesworth for a helpful discount on this.)

This term Seedlings class have been making 'toy town' style wooden building blocks for small world play and Oak class have designed and made their very own wooden photo frames.....

The children have learnt valuable skills including measuring and ,marking out, cutting and shaping, assembling and of course finishing and decorating. They have learnt the importance of things such as accuracy when attempting things such as mitre cuts and of course safety when handling tools.



We were lucky enough to have a visit from local photographer Molly of MollyRuby Photography come to do a photoshoot of the children with their friends, so that they have a lovely picture to put in the frame too. This has proven to be another great hands on piece of practical learning for all involved.

Miss Welby

A Blyth Woods Summer

Like everyone in Wenhaston, the Blyth Woods group faced the record-breaking heat and drought of June, the thunder and torrents of early July and the fierce gales that followed and blew branches and twigs down into our gardens. Now we wait to see what August will bring!

Meanwhile, in Vicarage Grove the Tawny Owlets have fledged and one has been ringed. In Grove Piece the pond has refilled after our last rainstorm and the saplings have sprung up, so that it is now beginning to look like a true young wood, with oak, ash, hornbeam, hawthorn and field maple all flourishing.

We held our Blyth Woods Friends' Picnic and Bioblitz here on 8th July and the Friends' hard work hunting out and identifying species of plants, insects and animals was rewarded by a delicious lunch of chilled soup, sandwiches, cakes and strawberries. As always, the results of the search were interesting, in particular the amount of life we found in the newly restored pond in the Copse in Grove Piece. Despite being buried under a metre and a half of silt, there had been plenty of seed lying dormant and we spotted soft hornwort now growing. We also found young smooth newts, which means they have already bred this year. Several species of dragon and damsel flies are laying eggs. The pond is coming to life!

The meadow grass in Malster's Little Field will be cut shortly and we have planned an evening work party to rake it on **10th August at 6 p.m.**, with a break for refreshments halfway through. Do come and join in. Your help would be greatly appreciated (rakes will be available) and they are always great social occasions.

We are replacing the existing interpretation board at the Vicarage Grove end of Grove Piece. The new one will show up-to-date information about Grove Piece and photographs of what can be seen there. We are arranging for separate signs saying 'Grove Woods' to stand at the start of the Bartholemew's Farm path and the one leading from Bramfield Road. This is to help those who don't know how to reach Grove Woods, or, indeed, that the name covers Vicarage Grove, Grove Piece and Malster's Little Field. At the moment along the Bramfield path with its ancient hedge on one side and the bean field on the other, the pink clover is out, humming with bees, and there are pink-white bramble flowers and daisies. It is a beautiful walk, with the cool shade of Vicarage Grove at the end to welcome you.

The programme devised by Marie Rolfe with Wenhaston Primary School has continued over the summer term, with the Teddy Bears' Picnic in Vicarage Grove for the Reception class on 9th of June (marmalade sandwiches and strawberries, after they had found the hidden teddies!) and a creative writing session for Years 5 and 6 (Oaks) on 12th.



Samples of the children's work were displayed on the boards at the Village Show. On 26th June Years 1 and 2 (Seedlings) explored Merton Wood and the children were excited to see trees planted by school children thirty years ago. We hope that some of these children will be looking after Grove Woods in the future.

We had two tables at the Wenhaston Village Show on Sunday 16th July, with displays and our lovely new notelet cards on sale, and were delighted to talk to people about what we do. For anyone needing further information, please visit our website below.

www.blythwoods.org blythwoods1@gmail.com

Patricia Elliott

Editors' Note. We hope that all Wenhastonians are having a wonderful summer, and that some of you will share your adventures with us, including any of the young ones who have done the Nature Challenge. Deadline for that is September 15th. Copy for September to reach us by August 15th. As usual to wenhastonwarbler@gmail.com.

Special note for those planning events in October. Our September edition will be coming out later than usual because of holiday commitments, so if your activity is in the first few days of October it would be wise to put it in the August copy as well. *DH and GF*

St Peter's Church

July seems to have been a month of mixed weather, lovely sunny days and some wet and windy. The gardens do not seem to mind as the vegetables, fruit and flowers are all flourishing. We were reminded of this by the good display of produce at the Village Show on Sunday 16th. The Church served the refreshments and did a roaring trade. Many thanks to all who provided food, especially the ladies of the Show Committee who helped us out with cakes.

Two reminders for your diaries:-

The Suffolk Churches Ride and Stride takes place on Saturday 9th September raising funds for local churches and the Suffolk Historic Churches Trust, which gives grants to churches for repairs etc.

Wenhaston has benefitted from the trust this year in the form of a grant towards the re-roofing of the chancel. There will be sponsor forms in the church nearer the time, and if anyone feels they are able to walk or cycle to visit a few churches and ask for sponsorship, we in Wenhaston Church would be very grateful. I shall also be looking for stewards to man the church nearer the time.

We have arranged a quiz to take place on Friday 20th October at which Phil will be question master and Denise will man the bar. We are so grateful to them and hope that lots of you will come along and take part. The proceeds will be split between St Peter's Wenhaston and St Peter's Thorington. August Services – see posters *M. Bloomfield*

Dates for Wenhaston chapel

August 6th Julie Warren

13th. Rev. Les Richards, a joint service with members of St Peter's joining with us

20th. Rev. Robert Soanes

27th. Rev. Iain McKillop. With Holy Communion

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