

October 2023

Wenhaston Warbler



**Wenhaston Saint Peter
and
Saint Peter Thorington**

Two-Saint-Peter's Quiz

Friday 20th October

Wenhaston Village Hall

Raffle

7 for 7.30

Bar

**Entry £16 for a table of four
Proceeds in aid of both churches**

Forms available at Wenhaston Post Office

Update from Wenhaston Post Office

Please be aware that anyone requiring letters or parcels to be sent by Next Day Special Delivery / Parcel Force and also Banking Cheques the cut off time for receiving them at the Post Office is 11.45 am – I have to produce paperwork for these items before the Postman can collect them and this cannot be done if they are dropped off after this time. Any items after this time will go out the following day.

To those of you that have medication delivered to the Post Office on a Thursday please collect it before the following Wednesday otherwise it will be returned to your Doctors Surgery - I cannot hold on to medication for longer than this.

Jane Peters

Wenhaston Walkers

A walk will start from Wenhaston Village Hall at 10am on Tuesday, 3rd October. On Tuesday, 17th October Phil and Virginia will lead a walk starting at 10am from the Dolphin Inn, Thorpeness IP16 4NA. It is only a small car park at the pub but there is plenty of on-road parking nearby. There is no requirement to book lunch in advance. If you wish to have your name added to the walkers' circulation list, please email ipbigwood@btinternet.com

Heather Phillips (01502 478545)

Wenhaston Flower Club

Our September meeting was unfortunately not as advertised but we were extremely happy to welcome back Susan Green who stepped in at the last minute. Susan has visited us many times and it is always a pleasure to see her, this time for a workshop demonstrating how to make a hand tied bouquet.



Susan with her bouquet

The members' bouquets



Our next meeting on Tuesday October 3rd is our "Charity Night" for The Halesworth Branch of Cancer Research in Wenhaston Village Hall at 6.30 pm. You don't have to belong to flower club the night is for everyone, so come and

enjoy a cup of tea and delicious cake and a chat with friends and neighbours. Cancer Research Christmas cards will be on sale and there will be various stalls, including Jane Bastow with her wonderful plants, Tombola, Crafts, Cakes, Raffle etc.

Please come along and support the work of this vital charity, every penny raised really will make a difference helping to fund new and better treatments for people receiving a cancer diagnosis.

If you would like to donate cakes, Tombola or Raffle prizes or for more information please contact: - ***Jackie Chenery 01502 478401***

Library News

In addition to the regular activities in October, Sociable Sundays and Board Games Cafe, the Friends of Halesworth Library will be hosting another book talk at the library in Bridge Street Halesworth during the month. On Thursday 19th October at 2.30pm, Jackie Carreira and A J Deane will be the speakers. They will introduce their first co-writing project *Winter Tails*. It is a collection of animal fables, both ancient and modern, from around the world, upon which Jackie's play of the same name is loosely based. Jackie is one of the patrons of the Friends. For further information about any of the events, please enquire at the library on 01986 875095.

Mobile Library in Wenhaston

The mobile library will be at the Village Hall from 3pm to 3.45pm on Friday 6th October. ***Nigel Frostick***

Your village hall faces temporary or even permanent closure.



The heart of our community, the Village Hall, is at risk of closing its doors unless immediate support from residents is forthcoming. The Village Hall Committee has issued a critical appeal for volunteers to step up as committee members to ensure the hall's continued operation.

Without a management committee the hall cannot open, so no café, film club, produce market, craft groups, Bingo, community lunches, WI, etc. The list is endless.

A member of the committee, emphasized, "We understand the disappointment this may bring to our villagers, but it is crucial that we rally together now. Without the active participation of local residents as committee members and officers, we may be forced to close the Village Hall. We need your support to keep this cherished institution alive."

Helping to run and organise the hall can be challenging, but also very rewarding and interesting. We really need you to join us and help share the load to keep this vital community resource open.

To offer your support contact us: -

guy.chinery@btinternet.com 07939211998

potter375@hotmail.com 07577431350

wenhastonhall@gmail.com

Please help us to continue the long legacy left to us by generations of Wenhaston residents that sits at the centre of our community, our village hall.

Wenhaston Village Hall Management Committee

Wenhaston Village Hall

Presents

Ceilidh Dance Night

Saturday 21st October 2023

with

Harbour Lights Ceilidh Band



Doors and bar open from 7pm. Dancing starts at 7.30pm.

50 / 50 Raffle - £1 per strip

Tickets (incl. nibbles) £12 adults, £6 children over 12

Available from Wenhaston Village Hall or on the door on the night

Contact: Carol caz-mike@outlook.com

Raising funds in aid of Wenhaston Village Hall - Reg Charity No. 1001694

Halesworth Branch of Cancer Research

When I woke up on Friday 1st September to see a very wet day, I thought our Maze by Torchlight event at The Old Hall Cafe Southwold would be a washout, but far from it. The evening turned out to be beautiful and warm and we had a fantastic time. The staff at The Old Hall were brilliant and we can't thank them enough for hosting this event. The young people who were working that night were so polite and helpful, fetching and carrying for us, they certainly were a credit to themselves and The Old Hall. Thank you to the kitchen ladies, I don't think I have ever seen such huge hotdogs and the bacon baps were delicious. Special thanks to Bella and Emily for organising this event and so very generously donating all the entrance money to us at The Halesworth Branch.

Our committee members and volunteers ran some stalls and the fun games were very popular, with family members getting very competitive with each other to see who would win.

We would like to thank Lowestoft Lions for lending us their games and John for transporting them. A big thank you to everyone who came and enjoyed the magical experience. I will be able to let you know how much the event raised as soon as I get confirmation from Bella at The Old Hall Cafe.

October

We have two events this month.

On Tuesday 3rd at 6.30 pm in Wenhaston Village Hall, Wenhaston Flower Club are holding a "Charity Night" for us.

You don't have to belong to flower club, the night is for everyone, so come and enjoy a cup of tea and delicious cake and a chat with friends and neighbours.

Cancer Research Christmas cards will be on sale and there will be various stalls, including Jane Bastow with her wonderful plants, Tombola, Crafts, Cakes etc.

Saturday 14th it is our ever-popular Jumble Sale in Holton Village Hall from 10am-12pm. We will be serving teas/coffee and as usual delicious

cakes. We will have our usual good as new clothes, Bric- a- Brac, books, household linens etc. (see our advert in this edition).

We are very sorry for any inconvenience caused but all our events are cash only as we don't have access to a card machine.

Christmas Cards And Diaries.

We have a wonderful selection this year and if you are one of Nina's regular customers, she will be selling them again so please get in touch with her. The cards will also be available at the Jumble Sale and Christmas Fair in November.

For more information, please contact me: - **Dawn Davis01986 873640**

Free Popular Astronomy Magazines

David Macmillan, who lives in Wenhaston, has popular astronomy magazines from September 2016 to the present month, free to anybody who would like them,65 in total.

telephone 01502 478143

When Birds Sing.

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Penny Mansfield

Contact us at swtblythvalley@gmail.com

Wenhaston Commons Group AGM

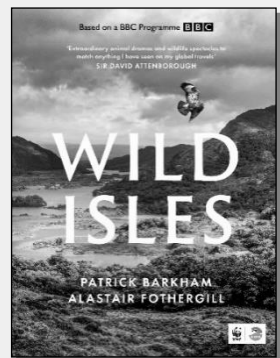


**Tuesday 10th October 6.45 for 7pm
At the Village Hall**

Guest Speaker: Patrick Barkham: 'The Wild Isles'

Patrick Barkham is an award-winning author of many books on Natural History including: *The Butterfly Isles*, *Badgerlands* and *The Wild Isles*. He also writes regularly for *The Guardian*

Wine, soft drinks and nibbles provided
Everyone welcome



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WENHASTON VILLAGE HALL

Quiz Night

Sat 25th November 2023
at 7.30pm

Doors and paying bar open from 7pm

Teams of 4 per table; £4 per person

50/50 raffle

Tickets from Jane Peters at the Village Hall Post Office or
on the door on the night

Quizmaster: Terry Cushion

Further details from Carol:

caz-mike@outlook.com

Come and join the fun!

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Swifts Update

It's early September as I write this and the last Swifts have now left our shores for a long journey south. We miss seeing the small squadrons racing over our homes screaming as they go, masters of the skies, and feel honoured that they fly so far to raise their families with us. Numbers have dropped substantially over recent decades and to help them find homes when they arrive, swift boxes have been put up around the village and we put two up on the front of our house. For the last three years the tweeter fixed below the boxes, called to them in vain to come and have a look, but in spite of some birds bombing the box, (flying close by), no one seemed to take up the offer. It isn't easy to see the boxes from our garden and we had resigned ourselves to another year without any residents.

But one day in early August as I walked round to the back garage door near to the boxes, a swift flew straight up to a box and left again shortly after. The adult birds collect boluses of 300-500 insects in a pouch under their beak and don't visit the nest frequently, so the timing was fortunate. I asked Alan Miller, our local wildlife guru and registered bird ringer, if he could investigate and sure enough, we had

twins! How very exciting - it was worth the long wait! They were nearly ready to fledge having been growing for 6 to 8 weeks and gaining in strength by doing wing and tail press ups and all completely unknown to us. Four days later, early one morning, they soared off into the sky and away. Stay safe little birds in your life on the wing and we look forward to your return next year.



We will put a camera in the box and hopefully will be able to watch next year's brood growing up.

If you would like to join in and are interested in providing a home for swifts, please contact Kate for more information and advice via e mail WenhastonSOSactiongroup@gmail.com

Sally Amery

Wenhaston Mothers Union

Unfortunately, I am having to do this report before our September meeting with the Revd. Bill Mahood but I will include the talk in my next Report.

For our October meeting we are joining with the other branches in the deanery for a Songs of Praise in St Peter's Church Wenhaston, on Wednesday 11th October at 2 o'clock. Anyone who would like to join us to sing popular hymns will be very welcome, there will be tea and cakes afterwards. Just come – we shall be very pleased to see you.

We continue to remember Daphne in our Prayers and we thank God for the joy which she gives us when we visit her. We are pleased that she enjoyed her 90th. Birthday and the Flowers which we sent to her. We are also remembering Jean who is at present in hospital. We send her lots of love and hope that she is soon home again.

A final reminder that we are filling shoe boxes again this year to be taken to Eastern Europe, and we will be very grateful for any contributions you may like to give. Just leave them in the porch at Spindleberry, please. 478378. Please do phone me if you are uncertain as to what items we need for the boxes.

Margaret G. (478378)

Editors' Note: Articles for the November issue to be with us by the 15th October. Articles for the December COLOUR ISSUE to be with us by the 15th November, all material to wenhastonwarbler@gmail.com.

Wenhaston Blyth Spirits

News of our September Meeting in my next report!

In October -18th.we look forward to welcoming Jo Small who is going to tell us about her holidays in Costa Rica, together with lots of slides. Jo is well known in the village and she takes beautiful and amazing photos, so I am certain that it will be a very interesting afternoon. Do come and join us if you would like to – 2.30pm in the Village Hall, tea and biscuits to finish!

In November we shall be very pleased to welcome David Elliot who is going take us with words and slides to” The Nation’s Village Hall”.I am sure that it will be an interesting journey!

Any queries please phone 478378.

Margaret G.

Improved Bus Links for Wenhaston

Some minor changes have been made to local bus services from 3rd September. The main interest for Wenhaston is the 99A which has been improved by adding buses to make the service almost hourly Monday to Saturday between Halesworth and Southwold only. To travel on to Lowestoft change onto the 99 at Southwold.

Halesworth now has a direct bus service to Norwich – the X41 runs hourly Monday to Saturday via Bungay. From Wenhaston it would be possible to link up with the 99A but it’s not a connecting service. BorderBus has extended the 522 Aldeburgh – Halesworth route to Beccles, Monday – Friday.

Timetables. First Bus do not provide paper timetables – the new 99A times are printed here in the Warbler. You can obtain a photocopy (free of charge) of local bus services if you ask at the counter in Halesworth Library, Bridge Street.

A lot more transport information can be found at www.suffolkonboard.com

Michael Gasper

99A Southwold – Wenhaston – Halesworth

Mondays to Saturdays (except public holidays)

from 3rd Sept 2023

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| Southwold Kings Head | 0730 | 0850 | 0955 | 1050 | 1155 | 1355 | 1505 | 1705 |
| Reydon The Drive | 0733 | 0853 | 0958 | 1053 | 1158 | 1358 | 1508 | 1708 |
| Blythburgh A12 Chapel Road | 0741 | 0901 | 1006 | 1101 | 1206 | 1406 | 1516 | 1716 |
| Wenhaston The Street | 0746 | 0906 | 1011 | 1106 | 1211 | 1411 | 1521 | 1721 |
| Holton Lord Nelson | 0753 | 0913 | 1018 | 1113 | 1218 | 1418 | 1528 | 1728 |
| Halesworth Norwich Road for rail stn | 0759 | 0919 | 1024 | 1119 | 1224 | 1424 | 1534 | 1734 |
| Halesworth Saxons Way southbound | 0801 | 0921 | 1026 | 1121 | 1226 | 1426 | 1536 | 1736 |
| Halesworth Durban Close | 0805 | 0925 | 1030 | 1125 | 1230 | 1430 | 1540 | 1740 |
| Halesworth Dukes Drive | 0810 | 0930 | 1040 | 1130 | 1240 | 1440 | 1544 | 1744 |

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| Halesworth Saxons Way northbound | 0814 | 0934 | 1044 | 1134 | 1244 | 1334 | 1444 | 1614 |
| Halesworth Norwich Road for rail stn | 0816 | 0936 | 1046 | 1136 | 1246 | 1336 | 1446 | 1616 |
| Holton, Lord Nelson | 0822 | 0942 | 1052 | 1142 | 1252 | 1342 | 1452 | 1622 |
| Wenhaston The Street | 0829 | 0949 | 1059 | 1149 | 1259 | 1349 | 1459 | 1629 |
| Blythburgh A12 Chapel Road | 0834 | 0954 | 1104 | 1154 | 1304 | 1354 | 1504 | 1634 |
| Reydon The Drive | 0842 | 1002 | 1112 | 1202 | 1312 | 1402 | 1512 | 1642 |
| Southwold Kings Head | 0845 | 1005 | 1115 | 1205 | 1315 | 1405 | 1515 | 1645 |

A Message from Wenhaston Primary School

Dear Wenhaston Residents,

I hope this letter finds you all in good health and high spirits.

I am pleased to report that the new academic year has started off positively at Wenhaston School. The children are fully engaged in their learning and are thoroughly enjoying the educational experiences we provide.

In addition to the excellent teaching and learning happening within our classrooms, we have also made significant efforts to improve the overall appearance of the school. Over the summer, staff dedicated their time and energy towards enhancing the school's aesthetics, resulting in a fresh and appealing environment. I am delighted to inform you that by the time this letter reaches you, we will hopefully have our brand-new library, which will further enrich the learning opportunities for our pupils.

Looking ahead, we have a range of exciting plans for the year as we continue our journey towards making Wenhaston School an excellent school that nurtures and prepares our pupils for success. Additionally, we are keen to involve our wider community in the life of the school. As part of this effort, I would like to extend an open invitation to all residents, inviting you to visit and take a tour of our school.

Furthermore, I am always keen to explore the possibility of local residents sharing their talents with our pupils. If you possess any particular skills, whether in arts, sports, or any other field, I would greatly appreciate your willingness to share them for the benefit of our students.

Lastly, I look forward to keeping you informed about the various events and accomplishments that will take place throughout the year. It is my hope that, through regular updates, we can foster a sense of shared pride and celebration within the community.

Yours faithfully,

Mr Stone Head Teacher

01502 478328

News from Thorington

Thorington PCC thank everyone who visited their very successful Artistree event this September and especially thanks to Liam for hosting the event in the Barn and surrounding grounds, an idyllic location where art and sculpture merged into the landscape. Artistree was the idea of Viv Burns and follows on from the art exhibitions held at the church a few years ago. There were the usual homemade refreshments, bar with plenty of ice-cold beers and wine and a Silent Auction too. Also a few local artists and craftspeople joined with their stalls, all in all a very well attended event on the hottest weekend of the year. The final amount raised, in excess of £5000, will be published next month. All are welcome to the usual services at the church, or do just walk around the building and churchyard, two benches available for resting time!

Our joint Quiz Night with Wenhaston on 20 October is advertised, but any query do call Trish on 01502 478078.

Wenhaston Village Hall 100 Club

- Winners for September 2023 -

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

- 1st prize Alison Alder (number 101) £37.50
- 2nd prize Daphne Francis (number 119) £22.50
- 3rd prize Valerie Ellis (number 112) £15

Well done to all the winners this time!

It's never too late to sign up for next year. A chance to win a prize costs just £1 a month so anyone wishing to join now, the fee is £11 for the year starting from October.

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.

Summer to Autumn on the Marshes

There are lots of plump red hips on the Dog-rose bushes sharing space on some branches with the curious orangey pink galls known as 'robin's pincushions' caused by a wasp 'Diplolepis rosae', which lays her eggs in the leaf buds, causing the tissues to distort into a collection of multiple colourful wispy extensions.

In the hedgerow on the way back there are a couple of Guelder rose bushes with stunning bright red bunches of glossy berries, the best ones I have ever seen. All the Hawthorn trees and bushes are covered thickly with a multitude of darker red berries. Of course, the glorious show of blackberries should not be forgotten. Bramble plants come in a multitude of different genetic variations which accounts for the differing sizes and taste intensity of different bushes. With so many this year the picker can be choosy. Although everything started slowly this spring and early

summer due to excess cold, many living things seemed to have thrived in the subsequent wet and now warm conditions. Owls are doing well on the marshes, with four barn owls seen flying one evening, and the tawny owls calling across the fields most nights. In the daytime there are two juvenile buzzards and their parent, flying and calling to each other frequently over the neighbouring field, heard through the hedge. I have been lucky to have one of the young ones fly less than twenty feet above me as it made its way over the garden to hunt over the maize field on the other side. There seem to be plenty of mice and voles around as prey.

We have continued to see groups of swallows and martins gathering and flying along the river, feeding as they start their migration back to Africa. The reed beds are almost silent now, as even the usually noisy resident Cetti's warbler is quiet, and the migratory warblers have all gone to Africa.

Kate Archibald

Village Harvest Festival



**10.30am Sunday 8th October
at St Peter's Church, Wenhaston
followed by a bring and share lunch
in Wenhaston Village Hall.
EVERYONE WELCOME.**



St Peter's Church

I do hope you enjoyed our Indian Summer! It was lovely to have a few days in the sun, Margaret G and I spent three of them at a local hotel and had a very pleasant break. October is typically an Autumn Month with the leaves turning and the fruit ripening. The nights have really begun to pull in too. A mellow time of the year!

The Village Harvest Festival will be on Sunday 8th October at 10.30am, when we will be joined by our Methodist friends. The service will be

followed by a lunch in the Village Hall at 12 noon. We do hope lots of the village folk will join us for one or both.

The Suffolk Churches Ride and Stride took place on Saturday, 9th September. Very many thanks to the stewards who sat in the porch and welcomed the riders and striders. There were not as many this year, probably as it was such a hot day. Also thank you to those who sponsored me. I will publish the result next month.

Friday 20th October is quiz night. I will put forms in the Post office next week so that teams can be registered. The proceeds will be split between St Peter's Wenhaston and St Peter's Thorington. See poster in this issue.

October Services see Posters

Margaret Bloomfield

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Produce & Craft Market

Saturday

28th October 2023

10am – 12.30pm

In the Village Hall IP19 9EP

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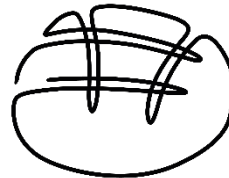
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