



September 2024

Wenhaston Warbler

Wenhaston Village Show 21st July 2024

Despite our misgivings due to the unusually bad growing year for fruit and vegetables, the Village Show was another great Success. There were 39 entrants with 210 entries. Dee Barker won Best in Show for her



lovely vase of garden flowers (first time she has ever won anything), Tony Gow won The Harold Hatcher Memorial Cup for the most points and the Children's entries were well up on last year with Angus Holdcroft (a young newcomer to the village) winning The Hodges Trophy for the under 15's or younger.

The hall was decorated with lots of amazing artwork from the school as well as displays from local groups and

Jane's plants and flowers were for sale. David Steadman, the detectorist, attracted the public's interest with his impressive archaeological artefacts and the Church members served scrumptious cakes with that well needed cup of tea.

Meanwhile outside, 31 Buckets of Potatoes were duly emptied and weighed with the heaviest yield going to Janet Wicklaw.





Sun 1st Sept at 6.00pm
Tues 3rd Sept at 7.15pm
Wed 4th Sept at 2.00pm

HORIZON: CHAPTER 1 (15)

Fri 6th & Sat 7th Sept at 7.15pm
Sun 8th Sept at 6.00pm
Tues 10th & Wed 11th Sept at 7.15pm

ALIEN: ROMULUS (15)

Fri 20th & Sat 21st Sept at 7.15pm
Sun 22nd Sept at 6.00pm
Mon 23rd & Tues 24th Sept at 7.15pm
Wed 25th Sept at 3.00pm
Thurs 26th Sept at 7.15pm

THE CRITIC (15)

Fri 27th & Sat 28th Sept at 7.15pm
Sun 29th Sept at 6.00pm
Tues 1st Oct at 7.15pm
Wed 2nd Oct at 3.00pm

LEE (15)

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

Sat 5th Oct, 7.30pm

STADIUM ROCK EXPERIENCE

Sat 26th Oct, 7.30pm

WAYNE BURNS ONE MORE TIME 18+

Sun 27th Oct, 11.30am & 2.00pm

DAYGLO INDYDARC PUPPET SHOW

Sun 27th Oct, 7.30pm

SWING MACHINE BIG BAND

Sat 16th Nov, 7.30pm

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The afternoon ended with Prizes being awarded by Rebecca Bishop (founder of Two Magpies Bakery who now runs her new venture “The Next Loaf” cookery School), this was followed by a fantastic raffle, always a highlight of the day.



Grateful thanks goes to everyone who helped and contributed to put on the show. A lot of hard work goes on behind the scenes with preparation before, and clearing away afterwards. We thank the Parish Council and Woottens for their invaluable sponsorship, the Church for running the café, the village groups who attended, The village school for their help with the children’s entries and for all those who entered.

The members of the group who run the show are ever changing and we would love to have further help and support to keep this lovely traditional Village Show going. Should you feel you could join us for about 4 short meetings a year, plus Show day please contact Suzanne on 07729 732120. Green fingers really not necessary. ***Jan Clements***

Clive Curteis

I would like to say how much we appreciated the support everyone has given us since Clive passed away. It has brought us much comfort. I would like to thank all those who donated to our two charities, The Pear Tree Centre Halesworth and our local Parkinson's group.

Also a big thank you to Anna for the help she gave us at The Star Pub, whose spread was superb.

Thank you all once again.

Ros and family

Wenhaston Walkers

The first walk in September will leave Wenhaston Village Hall at 10am on Tuesday, 3rd. The second walk on Tuesday, 17th will leave The White Horse, Badingham IP13 8JR at 10am, led by Lesley and Alastair. Details of lunch will follow.

If you wish to add your name to the circulation list, please email

ipbigwood@btinternet.com

Heather Phillips 01502 478545

Blyth Woods Bioblitz – Results!

We had a good turnout for our annual Bioblitz (open to everyone this year) on 13th July, when naturalist expert Dorothy Casey was our very knowledgeable guest. Under cloudy skies threatening rain – which fortunately never arrived – we followed her around Malster's Little Field hanging on to her every word, while she pointed out the many species of wild flowers, grasses and shrubs now growing there. She was impressed by the sheer number, in what had been a sterile arable field only a few years ago. Afterwards, we all enjoyed a tea of cold drinks with homemade scones and biscuits.

In all, 23 new plants were recorded that afternoon to add to our previous records, ranging from Crested Dog's Tail (my favourite!), Southern Marsh Orchid to Hairy Tare. We are now trying to remember them all as we walk in Grove Woods! There were 7 new insects also discovered, including the Long Winged Cone-Head. A new fungus – Fairy Ink-Cap – was recorded.

Overhead we saw Swallow, Whitethroat, Kestrel, Chiff-Chaff and Yellowhammer. If you are interested in bird life, Grove Woods is the place to spot or hear them, while sitting quietly on one of the benches in Grove Piece.

Patricia Elliott

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Gardening For Butterflies

It's been a mixed year for butterflies. Started well but numbers took a dive after May, so here are a few hints on giving them a helping hand.

Butterflies feed on nectar without being too fussy about which plants they visit, so attracting butterflies to your garden can be as simple as just growing lots of their favourite flowers in sunny, sheltered spots and holding fire on insecticides.

In spring and early summer, wildflowers such as bluebell, red campion, cornflower, primrose, birds-foot trefoil and clover provide nectar together with the blossom of fruit trees, currant and bramble.

In mid and late summer, lavender, perennial wallflowers and flowers of herbs like thyme and marjoram attract butterflies and other insects, especially bees.

In the autumn, when most other nectar providers have shut down, Ivy flowers are an important food source.

Although caterpillars are more particular about their food, leaving areas of long grass should bring in egg-laying female Meadow Brown, Speckled Wood and Ringlet butterflies. Stinging nettles are the main food crop for caterpillars of Red Admiral, Small Tortoiseshell, Comma, and Peacock butterflies. Painted Lady caterpillars fatten up on thistles and Holly Blues on holly and ivy.

Our thanks to Linda Hammond for writing this month's article. Linda is part of a team who complete an annual butterfly survey in the village.

Tell us YOUR ideas for tips and jobs to be shared here, email wilderwenhaston@gmail.com

*Ann Follows and
Judy Miller*



PIE, MASH & PINT NIGHT
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FRIDAY 20TH SEPTEMBER

**£10 includes pie supper,
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Brewitt**

Pie and Mash Night

Friday 20th Sept is supper night at Wenhaston Village Hall.

A pie supper with pie, mash, peas and gravy PLUS a drink of your choice and background music from local singer/guitar player Daniel Brewitt and all for the cost of just £10 per ticket.

A selection of meat, chicken and cheese and onion pies from a local supplier will be available and a paid bar will be open for additional drinks after your free one.

The supper night will run from 6.30pm-9.30pm on Friday 20 September.

Tickets are limited to 65 people and can only be bought in advance from Jane @ Wenhaston Post Office.

Come along to a social supper with your Wenhaston friends.

Karen Clegg

Quiz



Do you know your flags? What is this flag (yellow crown and crossed arrows on blue field) seen flying over Blackheath Stores?
Answer on page 10

Poems, Prayers and a Pint Evening



Everyone is welcome to come along to a pint with a difference! Join us on Thursday 5th September 2024 at 7:30pm, for an evening of poems, prayers and a pint or two. We will be hosting an open-air and open-mic evening at The Star in Wenhaston. Bring along a poem or prayer written by yourself, or your favourite poem or prayer to share. Or come along to listen, be inspired and spend time with amazing people. Perhaps we will even witness a new Sylvia Plath or Wordsworth in the making.

Whether you are an aspiring poet, a complete novice or an established poet this is the the evening for you.

Where: The Star Inn, Hall Road, Wenhaston, Suffolk, IP19 9HF

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Wenhaston Flower Club Charity Night

in aid of Halesworth branch of Cancer Research

Wenhaston flower club are proud to be associated with the Halesworth Branch of Cancer Research and will be again raising funds for the vital work carried out by Cancer Research.

The Charity Night will take place on Tuesday 1st October in Wenhaston Village Hall at 6.30pm – open to everyone, and a warm welcome awaits you all.

The night takes the form of a Fair/Bazaar so there will be the usual kind of stalls: Tombola, Raffle, Cakes, Books/ Jigsaws etc but there will also be some brilliant stalls selling hand crafted items including cards, knitted pumpkins and toadstools all ready for Halloween, knitted Christmas items, gifts etc. Jane Bastow will be there with her lovely plant stall and Cancer Research will be selling their Christmas Cards.

Of course there will be a selection of treats, teas and coffees for refreshments so the ideal time to meet up with family and friends for a catch up over a cup of tea.

There is no entry fee, but we apologise for the inconvenience as the event will be cash only. For more information please contact: Jackie Chenery 01502 478401

Answer to Flag Quiz: It's the Suffolk flag! Registered in 2017, the emblem is attributed to St Edmund, King of East Anglia, murdered by Vikings in 869.

Wenhaston Bowls Club's annual tournament a big success!

On Sunday 11th August a super sunny Wenhaston Bowls Club held their annual 3 wood triples tournament. A full house of 32 teams were entered into the competition, sponsored by Townsend Electrical. All teams played 3 games of 8 ends, with the top four teams playing for 3rd and 4th place and 2nd and 1st place.

After two exciting final games the final 4 teams were:

WINNERS: Connor Peck, Marcos Allen and Chris Peck

RUNNERS UP: Fred Keen, Tom Keen and Pat Gilbert

3rd PLACE: Mike Topping, Jack Topping and Phil Reeder

4th PLACE: Rob Bullen, Ted Meadows and Mark Mitchell



*Connor Peck, Marcos Allen, and
Chris Peck*

Wenhaston Bowls Club would like to thank Townsend Electrical for sponsoring the tournament and donating all of the prize money. We would also like to thank Malcolm Napthine for running this year's tournament and a big thank you to all of the Wenhaston members and their friends and families for giving up their time and helping with food sales, tea making and selling raffle tickets.

As the outdoor season nearly draws to a close, Wenhaston Bowls Club would like to invite locals to attend our carpet bowls evenings, starting from Thursday 5th September at Wenhaston Village Hall from 7pm. For more information or to submit a membership application form please email jake.moyes9@gmail.com or visit www.wenhastonbowlsclub.com

Thorington Harmony Day – all welcome!

St Peter's Church Thorington IP19 9JF

Saturday 7 September 12 noon-4pm

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- 2.00pm Voices Two with Jennie and Helen sharing a capella songs and Kimberley Moore Singer, songwriter
- 3.15pm Guided walk Suffolk Wildlife Trust Church Farm reserve from the church

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The Tractor Run



*Stuart Mann has sent
this bird's eye view of
the Tractor Run*

Wenhaston Village Hall 100 club

The August draw took place at the Coffee morning in the Village Hall on 14th August. This month's results can be viewed below in the Warbler and on the Village Hall notice board.

Winners for August 2024:

1 st prize	£37.50	Number 136	Susan Marling
2 nd prize	£22.50	Number 26	Margaret Bloomfield
3 rd prize	£15.00	Number 125	Ellie Webb

New year starting in September – it's time to renew your membership

New members are always welcome and forms can be obtained from Jane in The Post Office.

Thank you so much for supporting the 100 Club during the last year. Your current subscription runs out on 31st August and we hope you will continue to support this venture. A chance to win a prize costs just £1 per month, £12 for the full year running from September 2024 until August 2025. There have been 333 winners in all. Keep going everyone! The £50 Christmas bonus draw will again take place in December.

Your draw numbers will remain the same as the previous year. Please pay by cash, or cheque made payable to Wenhaston Village Hall 100 Club and hand into Jane at the Post Office in an envelope **CLEARLY MARKED WITH YOUR NAME**. We assume those paying directly into the 100 club bank account will continue to do so. For new BACS payments, bank account details are:

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Thank you to those people who have already paid

Any queries, please email

Elaine Potter Potter375@hotmail.com

Angela Corsan Angela.corsan@hotmail.com

Halesworth Scarecrow Festival 2024

19th October-2nd November

Planning and preparation is well underway for this year's Halesworth Scarecrow Festival. We cannot believe it is nearly time again and cannot wait to see all the incredible scarecrows lining the Thoroughfare, Market Place, Miles Ward Court and St Mary's Church Halesworth. With a theme this year of Disney or Pixar, it is sure to be loved by all the family. There are lots of different things in the planning, for example, the traditional pumpkin trail, bonus questions, children and youth activities, as well as new flags and bunting.

Are you a community group that is based in Halesworth but do not have premises? This year for the first time, you are welcome to make a scarecrow and display it in St Mary's Church or a shop window. Just pop Pauline or Hetty an email to let us know that you are going to be taking part, and we will organise a place for your scarecrow.

To keep up to date with the latest plans and news be sure to follow the Halesworth Scarecrow Festival Facebook Page.

Excited wishes, Pauline and Hetty

pauline@growingtogetherearlyyears.co.uk



September Events at Halesworth Library

Headlining events at the Library this month is author Elizabeth Wilde McCormick, a Halesworth based writer who has published a trilogy of novels featuring Dr Max Maxwell, a psychotherapist working with patients. She will be in conversation with Abbie Clements of the Halesworth Bookshop and fellow Brigand author Peter Holland. Elizabeth and Peter are currently collaborating on writing a TV series screenplay for the Dr Max trilogy. Elizabeth's working life was spent as a psychotherapist in both NHS and private settings and she's the author of a number of psychological self-help books. The three books of the trilogy are: *The Pale Green Room*; *The Ruthless Furnace* and *Wordless Threads*, all published by Brigand London. This takes place on Thursday 19th September at 2.30pm.

There are also two sessions of our regular *Sociable Sunday* events on the 8th and 22nd of September. You can drop in any time between 10.30am-12.30pm and enjoy meeting new people, and chat over a cuppa and a slice of cake.

We round the month off with *Board Games Café* on Monday 5th September between 2.00pm and 4.00pm (drop in at any time). It's open to all ages and abilities. There will be a range of games available, so join us and meet new friends, have fun and enjoy tea and cake in the welcoming space of the library. Feel free to bring your own board game along! No need to book.

All events will take place in Halesworth Library and are organised by the Friends of Halesworth Library. Attendance is free, though donations to cover the cost of refreshments are appreciated. It helps our planning (how many biscuits to buy etc) if you can let us know if you plan to attend the book talks. You can email us at friendsofhalesworthlibrary@gmail.com or speak to the library assistants.

St Peter's Church

Our 'Sing out Yoxford' concert was a great success, and Margaret G will report on this elsewhere in this issue. The very next day, we served refreshments at the Village Show, and very busy we were! We raised a goodly sum for church funds and many thanks to the helpers on the day and all the generous folk who donated cakes. It was a happy occasion.

Last month I stated that the Two Churches Quiz (Wenhaston and Thorington) would take place on 18th October but I have since found out that the Village Hall had been double booked so we will now run the quiz on **Friday 25th October**. Please put this date in your diaries as we are hoping for a good attendance.

It will soon be time for Harvest Festival and I will say more on this in the September BVT. I hope you have all had a good Summer and have enjoyed the warm weather.

Margaret Bloomfield

September Services See poster

SHCT Ride and Stride This Annual Event will take place on Saturday 14th September from 9 am to 5 pm. St Peters and the Methodist Church will be open for cyclists and walkers to sign in and there will be light refreshments available. If anyone would like to take part and be sponsored to raise funds for either, the forms will be available in the church. The money raised is divided between Suffolk Historic Churches Trust and the local place of worship. MB

Blyth Spirits

After much thought and discussion we have sadly decided to close this group, after ten years of afternoon meetings with a wide variety of interesting speakers, which quite a few people have enjoyed. There will not be any more meetings but hopefully by next month we will be in a position to detail what we are going to do with any remaining funds.

Margaret G

Peter Balsom Sadly, Peter, who was 86, died recently in the Norfolk and Norwich Hospital and his funeral was on the 16th August. Peter lived in Wenhashton, very near to the Church, where he became very involved. He was a Churchwarden with me for several years and he gave a lot of his time and energy to this position. I have many good memories of this period, working with him to care for St Peter's and its congregation. Peter and his wife Laura moved from Wenhashton to Reydon before eventually moving to West Runton in Norfolk, where they spent many happy years. Laura sadly died from cancer several years ago. Laura will be remembered for the horses and ponies which she kept in the field behind their house! I do not think many people now living in Wenhashton will remember Peter, but those who do will remember his cheerful happy character always willing to help anyone he could.

May Peter Rest in Peace and Rise in Glory.

Margaret G

Methodist Church Services for September

September 1 st	10.30am	Revd Iain McKillop
September 8 th	10.00am	United Service at St Peter's
September 15 th	10.30am	Ms Pat Williamson
September 22 nd	10.30am	Revd Les Richards
September 29 th	1030am	Revd Clive Sutcliffe

Editors' Note: We are delighted to welcome Janet Wagon to the *Warbler* team. She will be taking over from Deb Holmes as layout editor. Gill Frostick and Hilary Jeffrey will be carrying on their part of the work. We think it's great that we have a volunteer, and if anyone else would like to get involved, there's always room for someone who could cover for holidays or illness, or who would just like some experience. We look forward to your contributions for the October issue. Email as usual to wenhashtonwarbler@gmail.com by **15th September**

Sing Out Yoxford

The “Sing Out Yoxford” Choir made their third visit to St. Peter’s Church Wenhaston on Saturday 20th. July. It was lovely to welcome them again to help raise funds for our Church.

They sang a wide repertoire of songs, which were certainly appreciated by the large audience. The weather was kind to us and we were able to have the refreshments outside in the churchyard during the Interval. They are a very friendly group of people and we are extremely grateful to them for their support in helping us to raise funds for St. Peters. Entry was by donation and we were able to raise well over £400.00. We would also like to thank everyone who supported us at the Concert.

Margaret G

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Big Band swings into Leiston Film Theatre this October

Suffolk based Big Band, Swing Machine, will be recreating the familiar sounds of the 1930's, 40's and 50's at Leiston Film Theatre this autumn, with a special fundraising concert, to celebrate Leiston Film Theatre's 110th anniversary on Sunday 27th October.



This brilliant band's repertoire includes music from Glenn Miller, Count Basie, Ted Heath, Woody Herman and Duke Ellington, to name only a few.

The band will also be accompanied by two vocalists, who perform individually and as a duo, covering songs which could include those made famous by Frank Sinatra, Bobby Darin, Ella Fitzgerald, Michael Bubl   and Harry Connick-Jr, amongst many others.

With some fantastic instrumental soloists complementing the band's arrangements, the concert is certain to provide an enjoyable evening of fine entertainment.

The Swing Machine Big Band appear at Leiston Film Theatre for ONE NIGHT ONLY on Sunday 27th October at 7.30pm.

Tickets are priced at £19.95 for adults, £18.95 for concessions and £17.95 for Film Theatre Friends. Limited are available from the Leiston Film Theatre box office on 01728 830549 or via the venue's website at: www.leistonfilmtheatre

The event is supporting the Friends of Leiston Film Theatre, who since 1992, have funded over £140,000 worth of improvements at the Film Theatre.

The evening will include a Grand Draw, also in aid of the Friends, with draw tickets now available from the Film Theatre box office and also on sale during the evening.

Annual membership as a Film Theatre Friend is only £8.00, or £25.00 for those who wish to be a Premier Friend.

Membership benefits are featured on the Leiston Film Theatre website and membership forms are also available from the Film Theatre box office, or by contacting the venue on 01728 830549 or email: staff@leistonfilmtheatre.co.uk.



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 doubles on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday mornings starting at 09.15. The court is available all year round, subject to weather conditions. We also have Cardio tennis on a Wednesday evening between 6pm and 7 pm. The cost is £8.00 on the night and is open to all ages and abilities – rackets are supplied.

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.

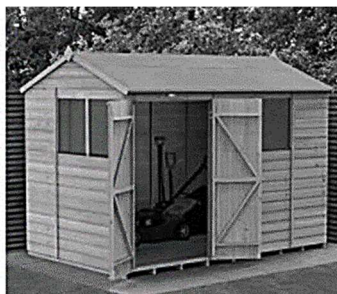
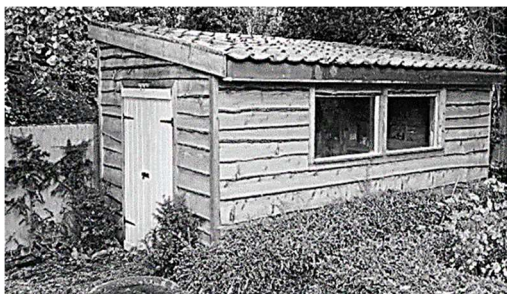
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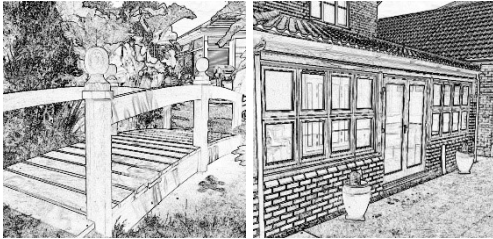
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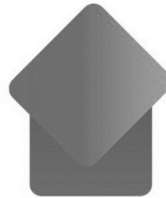
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