



January 2025

Wenhaston Warbler

SATURDAY JANUARY 18TH 2025

Wenhaston Village Hall

Inspiring film on farming and wildlife

followed by Q & A session

Chair: Alan Miller

with guest:

Argus Gathorne-Hardy

architect, farmer and co-founder of WildEast.

Doors and bar open at 6.30 for 7pm start

Payment by donation (recommended £5 per person)

Please email us at wilderwenhaston@gmail.com

for further details or questions

Ann Follows and Geraldine Lines



Wilder Wenhaston



Fri 3rd & Sat 4th Jan at 7.15pm

Sun 5th Jan at 6.00pm

Mon 6th & Tues 7th Jan at 7.15pm

Wed 8th Jan at 3.00pm & 7.15pm

Thurs 9th - Sat 11th Jan at 7.15pm

BETTER MAN (15)

Fri 17th - Sun 19th Jan

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Mon 20th - Thurs 23rd Jan at 7.15pm

Fri 24th Jan at 5.00pm

Sat 25th Jan at 12.00pm

Sun 26th Jan at 3.00pm

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Wenhaston Wilder Gardens Trail 2025

Are you interested in opening your garden as part of the Wenhaston Wilder Gardens Trail 2025 on Saturday 17th May 2025 between 11am and 3pm?

We welcome expressions of interest from those who garden for the benefit of wildlife and biodiversity, whether this is part or the whole of your garden, large or small.

Our aim is to include a range of gardens – new gardens alongside some that were open in 2023. Up to a maximum of ten gardens.

Please email us with contact details at wilderwenhaston@googlemail.com using the subject header WILDER GARDEN TRAIL 2025 to express your interest in taking part. Closing date to register your interest is January 31st 2025

We will then make contact and answer any questions you have. We'll arrange to meet you and look round your garden together before making a decision on the best combination of village gardens creating an interesting and accessible trail.

Thank you in anticipation, and we hope to see many of you on the Wenhaston Wilder Garden Trail in May 2025.

*Ann Follows and
Judy Miller*

The River Blyth Project and Wilder Wenhaston

DR WIL HARVEY OF THE BLYTH RIVER PROJECT opened the talk by saying that the Blyth river is contaminated by a wide range of pollutants, including natural decay, agricultural runoff, road drainage, and industrial and domestic waste. Surprisingly perhaps, flea treatments for pets are a serious addition.. Volunteers regularly test water at multiple sites. E. coli levels render the river unsafe for swimming, with much higher pollution downstream, where aging infrastructure worsens the problem, and sewage outflow from Halesworth and Southwold adds to the river's flow. The project continues to monitor the river, and to hold Anglian Water accountable.

In the second part of the evening, Alan Miller, who retired from the Suffolk Wildlife Trust just as the Covid lockdowns struck, came up with a plan. He invited Wenhaston villagers to record their garden birds, and send him their details. This was so enthusiastically supported, that he broadened the scope to include all forms of wildlife. Eighteen months later, the audit that resulted gave invaluable information, and the various local wildlife groups worked together to improve the local biodiversity. They have recorded over eighty 'significant' trees, which are now on the database in Ipswich. They have planted over thirteen thousand trees so far; worked with local landowners to restore hedgerows and ponds; created wildflower corridors, and hedgehog highways, and last year started the Wilder Garden Trail, which will be open again next year. It was exciting to see how much can be achieved when a village works together, and good to know that volunteers can provide such important local knowledge.

Our next talk will be at a different venue due to maintenance work at the Arts Centre. We will be at **the Reydon Sports and Community Centre**, Wangford Road, Reydon IP18 6PA , on Thursday, January 9th at 7.30pm. Simon Thompson will give an illustrated talk on the Birds of North Carolina. Entrance is £4 to include refreshments, under 25s are free, and everyone is welcome.

*Penny Mansfield
contact us at swtblythvalley@gmail.com*

Wenhaston Flower Club

OUR DECEMBER MEETING was our Christmas party where everyone brought a sharing plate of food and the club provided the drinks. The amount and variety of food was amazing and everyone thoroughly enjoyed it. Jean provided the decorations for the tables and everyone took part in the Secret Santa gifts. It was wonderful to see so many members attend the evening and it was a lovely festive atmosphere.

The highlight of the evening was a demonstration by Roger, who made three beautiful arrangements. We were so lucky that he agreed to come along, as it was possibly one of his last demonstrations as he is now concentrating more on workshops.

It was very fitting that we should be one of his last demos, as he was the first demonstrator when Jean Spindler and her colleagues first

started Wenhaston Flower Club over 40 years ago.

Congratulations to the lucky winners of the raffle for

Roger's beautiful arrangements. A further raffle was also held to raise money for The Halesworth Branch of Cancer Research. Congratulations to everyone who won a prize and thank you for your support.



Roger with Jean



Roger with his beautiful arrangements

We don't meet in January as this will be our Christmas meal, which this year is at The Randolph in Reydon. All the details will be sent out by Beverley in our newsletter. We resume in February with a new program of demonstrations and workshops and February's details will again be sent out by Beverley via the newsletter. We meet as usual on the first Tuesday of the month in Wenhaston Village Hall at 7.30pm.

For more information please contact: *Jackie Chenery on 01502 478401*

St Peter's Church

NOW THAT THE OLD YEAR is nearly past and a new one is on the horizon, on behalf of St Peter's Church, I should like to thank everyone who has helped and supported us throughout the year. Thank you to our clergy who have been happy to minister to our small congregation, and to Jonathan, our organist, and to the other team members who have taken our services. Many thanks to the flower ladies for lovely arrangements, and to the cleaners who have kept the church spruce. Thank you to the people who have done the readings and led the prayers. To the bellringers who have woken folk up to campanology, and to the coffee makers. We are grateful to all who have helped at our fundraising events and who have donated items for sale or given donations, and to all our regular givers. Also to the church unlockers who faithfully open and close the church in all weathers. And to anyone else I have forgotten, thank you! On a personal note, I should like to thank Jonathan, our Church Warden, who works so hard for the church and its members.

In January Arthur Musk is putting on a Plough Day in aid of the church, for which we are most grateful. See poster in this issue.

All it remains for me to say now is that everyone at St Peter's Wenhaston wishes one and all a very happy, healthy and peaceful New Year.

January Services - see posters. *Margaret Bloomfield*

Wenhaston Mothers' Union

CAROLS RANG OUT from Spindleberry on Wednesday 11th December when we had our annual Christmas Party. Carols and readings, chosen by the members, were enjoyed by us all, and it was good to have Canon Alison with us to lead our singing. This was then followed by tea and cakes, accompanied by lots of chat and exchanging Christmas wishes. It was lovely to have several guests with us and we hope that they enjoyed their afternoon.

In January we will start the New Year with a Communion Service on Wednesday 8th in the Methodist Chapel at 2.30pm. Anyone who would like to join us for this Service will be very welcome.

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

Margaret Goldstone 01502 478378

Wenhaston Village Hall

Valentines Vibe Night

Friday 14th February 7.00pm-11.00pm



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For more information contact Arthur Musk: 07827 018 896

Wenhaston Walks

JUST THE ONE, LOCAL, WALK in January. We will start out from Wenhaston Village Hall at 10am on Tuesday 7th. Plenty of time to have recovered from the Christmas and New Year exertions and to breathe in some fresh air! If you wish to add your name to the circulation list, please email:

ipbigwood@btinternet.com

Best wishes for 2025.

Heather Phillips 01502 478545

Methodist Services for January

Sun 5 th	10.30am	Mrs Julie Warren
Sun 12 th	10.30am	United Service at St Peter's
Sun 19 th	10.30am	Revd Martin Keenan Covenant Service
Sun 26 nd	10.30am	Revd Les Richards

Everyone Most Welcome

Bowls Club's Big Success

MEMBERS FROM WENHASTON BOWLS CLUB joined with other clubs in the Saxmundham and District Bowls League, at Sizewell Sports and Social Club, for the league presentation dinner on Saturday 23rd November.

Wenhaston had a very good night collecting the **Knockout Cup**, which Captain Kevin 'Wink' Canham and his team had won in August.



Members Chris Peck, Elaine Peck and James Cantrell also had a good night, collecting trophies for the numerous competitions they won, including the triples (James, Chris and Elaine) the over 60s pairs (Chris and Elaine) and the 4 wood singles (Chris). Wenhaston was

also awarded **The Victor Ludorum Trophy** for winning the most individual competitions.

Our Secretary, Jake Moyes, was awarded **Secretary of the Year** by the League Secretary, Tom Daly.

The Bowls Club would like to thank Tom Daly, Howard Saxby and all the staff at Sizewell Sports and Social Club for an amazing evening.

Jake Moyes



The Blyth Woods group wish everyone a very fruitful green and growing 2025.

NB There will be a planting work party, *open to all*, in our newly-leased field, St Peter's Pightle (end of Church Lane), on Friday 17th January . Come along – to help (no experience needed) or just to watch – as we begin work on land that will be an asset to the whole village.

Patricia Elliott

blythwoods1@gmail.com blythwoods.org

Thinking of your New Year's resolutions? Halesworth Library can help!

WHETHER YOU WANT TO READ more books, learn a new skill or join a social group, the library can help. Don't forget that it's free to use the library and sign up for a library card. With your library card you have access to thousands of physical and online books, access to free newspaper, magazines, and even exercise equipment!

Starting off the New Year, on Friday 3rd January, we're hosting another **Blank Page Project** which is the free creative sessions for those aged 10-16. Join us and Nat Whitney for 'Sonic Self: A Creative Technologies Workshop'. For more info, please go to our website or speak with a member of library staff.

On Thursday 16th January at 2.30pm, The Friends of Halesworth Library are delighted to host author Michael Bartlett for their 30th session of the monthly '**Thursday Book Talks**'. Norfolk-based Michael Bartlett has been a writer for over 50 years, with his latest novel *Mr Redmond's Mending Day*, published on 12th December 2024. Come along to hear all about his writing life, as well as his previous work in tv, radio and theatre.

Also Tuesdays 10-11.30am for our free **Rhyme Time & Play** session;
Wednesdays 10am **Time Out** group for older people; 12th and 26th January, 10.30am **Sociable Sundays**; 27th January, 2pm **Boardgames**.

Did you know that the library can deliver books to your home? If you're unable to visit us at the library, one of our volunteers can come to you. Please contact us on 01986 875 095 for further information. *Catherine Draper*

Editors' Notes

A HAPPY NEW YEAR to all our readers and thank you to everyone who supports us. To all the advertisers, the Wenhastonians who send us their articles each month and a special acknowledgment to the valiant band of volunteers who go out in all weathers to deliver the magazine. We couldn't do it without you!

The next edition will be the February one. Articles by the deadline:

Wednesday January 15th, to the usual address,

wenhastonwarbler@gmail.com

Brightening up the borders around the Village Hall

On Saturday ^{2nd} November Jo, Sue and Kate spent some time taking off turf, planting 100 daffodil bulbs with some forget-me-knot plants, and sowing some wild flower seeds.

If anyone would like to help with future planting, or have spare insect and bee friendly plants for planting out in the Spring, please contact Sue via email:

[Suzanne Mckeown@sky.com](mailto:Suzanne_Mckeown@sky.com)



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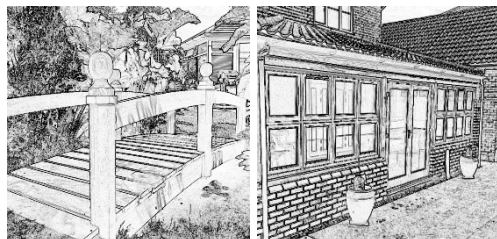
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