



February 2025

Wenhaston Warbler

Valentines Vibe Night

in the Village Hall

Friday 14th February 7.00pm–11.00pm



Tickets £12.00



Including Valentine Cocktail

Music by Local Group Table 9



Bar open and Food available to purchase



Tickets from Jane at the Post Office

(No Tickets for Sale on the Night)



Fri 31st Jan, Sat 1st &
Mon 3rd Feb at 7.15pm
Thurs 6th Feb at 3.00pm

QUEER (18)

Sun 2nd Feb at 3.00pm
Tues 4th Feb at 7.00pm

**LES MISÉRABLES: THE
STAGED CONCERT** (12A)

Wed 5th Feb at 7.00pm
Sun 9th Feb at 3.00pm

MACBETH (12A)

Fri 7th & Sat 8th Feb at 7.15pm
Sun 9th Feb at 6.00pm
Mon 10th & Tues 11th Feb at 7.15pm
Wed 12th Feb at 3.00pm
Thurs 13th Feb at 7.15pm

**A COMPLETE
UNKNOWN** (15)

Fri 14th & Sat 15th Feb at 7.15pm
Sun 16th Feb at 6.00pm
Mon 17th, Tues 18th, Wed 19th &
Thurs 20th Feb at 7.15pm

**BRIDGET JONES: MAD
ABOUT THE BOY** (15)

Mon 17th - Fri 21st Feb at 3.00pm

**SONIC THE
HEDGEHOG 3** (PG)

Sun 23rd Feb at 7.30pm
LIVE ON STAGE

THE VOX BEATLES

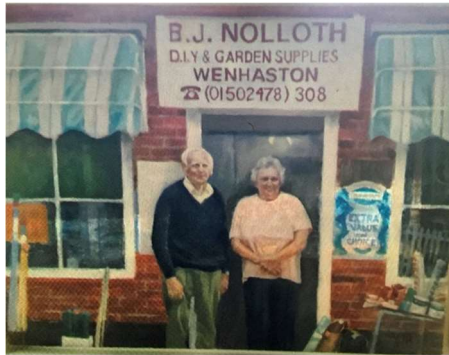
Sun 2nd Mar at 3.00pm
Tues 4th Mar at 7.00pm

**JESUS CHRIST
SUPERSTAR** (12A)

Thurs 13th Mar at 7.00pm
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JOPLIN: THE MUSICAL** (12A)

High Street, Leiston. IP16 4BZ. Tel: 01728 830549 www.leistonfilmtheatre.co.uk

BRIAN NOLLOTH
DIED
1ST MAY 2024



JANE NOLLOTH
DIED
26TH JULY 2024

WE WOULD LIKE TO SAY a big thank you for all the condolence messages and support we have received, following the sad passing of both Brian and Jane last year.

Brian lived in Wenhaston all his life, Jane joining him in the village when they married in December 1960, when they set up the Paint Shop in The Street. Villagers will recall seeing Brian in his little white van doing deliveries or taking his prize fuchsias up to the garden show in the Village Hall.

They retired and shut the shop on 31st August 2002, after serving the village community for nearly 42 years, even getting a photo and mention in the Guardian with the decline of village stores.

We would also like to thank Wil Harvey, who has since done a lovely painting of them both outside their shop (*above*), a copy of which is hopefully going up in the Village Hall, a lovely way for us, and for the village, to remember them.

Wendy, Paul and Jay

Wenhaston Walks

JUST THE ONE, local, walk in February. We will set off from Wenhaston Village Hall at 10am on Tuesday, 4th. If you wish to add your name to the circulation list, please email ipbigwood@btinternet.com

Heather Phillips 01502 478545



Wilder Wenhaston



SATURDAY FEBRUARY 15TH 2025

Wenhaston Village Hall

The second of our films is about

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and current chairman of Suffolk NFU

Film length is 1 hour 36 minutes, followed by Q & A session

Door and Bar open at 6.30 for 7pm start

Payment by donation on the night (recommended £5 per person)

Please email us at wilderwenhaston@gmail.com for further details or questions.

Ann Follows and Geraldine Lines

Let's Be Creative Again in 2025!

Footpath Art 3

DO YOU REMEMBER when we created our first Footpath Art displays during lockdown, when we were all apprehensive and bored and needed something to distract us? We built extraordinary structures out of what we could find in the surroundings of Vicarage Grove, Grove Piece and Malster's Little Field and displayed them on the paths that we all walk along while exercising our dogs, our children and ourselves.

We used twigs, leaves, pebbles, dead moss, feathers to create these weird and wonderful natural structures, often witty, sometimes beautiful, into a



treasure trail for other walkers to look out for and enjoy. We repeated it again, three years ago, Now let's do it again!

Since Christmas, the weather has been bitter, though perhaps by the time you read this, it may be milder, given our unpredictable English winters. Whatever February has in store, we all need encouragement to leave our warm homes and go out and face it. The land in winter is particularly beautiful: the leafless trees show their intricate structures,

the colours of the land are sepia, the frost outlines the furrows of the fields, the pale sun shines through mist. So while you're out walking, have a go at creating a 'sculpture' yourself, collecting anything you can find to build it along those paths through Vicarage Grove, Grove Piece and Malster's (reached – and signposted – from the Bramfield Road). You may even find some there already!



As before, the most striking creations will appear on our website and in the next issue of the *Warbler*.

News from St Peter's Pightle, Blyth Woods' recent acquisition for the village: We are very grateful to the Parish Council for their generous donation. This will provide funding for the new children's nursery.

On 18th December the group planted 820 hedging trees along the far border and in the gap at the end of the path to the Bramfield Road. Quite a feat in three hours! More work was carried out on 6th January.

Regular planting work parties open to everyone will now continue every two weeks. Another will take place on Monday 27th January from 10am. All very welcome to help. No experience needed, equipment provided. To reach the Pightle, walk from Church Lane and along the path at its end. Check the next *Warbler* for further dates and times.

Patricia Elliott blythwoods1@gmail.com blythwoods.org

New Year's Day Bird Challenge

Wilder Wenhaston

WHAT A START TO THE NEW YEAR – it was the weather that gave the biggest challenge – 40+ mph winds and at times torrential rain. Nine teams took part with four, having looked at the weather forecast, opting to do the garden bird watch. The other five hardy souls braved the elements to scour the rest of the village for as many species as possible, before the weather made it impossible to see anything through the pouring rain.

Amazingly a total of 58 species were seen or heard, with the winning village watch team of Kate and Myles Archibald reaching a score of 52, some 18 more than the next team. Rumour has it the Landrover worked as a waterproof hide at times, but well done for persevering through the day. The garden prize was won by the Alder family, with a total of 19 species seen whilst staying dry!

No surprises in that every team recorded wood pigeon, great and blue tit and ironically the winning team missed the grey heron and bullfinches that others saw literally 100m from their home. As one team member said, they wouldn't have ventured out in such awful weather had it not been for the challenge, but such is the lure of competition.

Alan Miller 07493 622952

WENHASTON

Produce & Craft Market

Saturday

29th March 2025

10am – 12.30pm

In the Village Hall IP19 9EP

A wide and ever-changing range of local foods and produce, crafts, plants, home baking and pre-loved treasures.

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To book your stall (provided) contact:

Carol

Tel: 01502 478732

Email: caz-mike@outlook.com

Raising funds for Village Hall maintenance



Winners for January

THE DRAW WAS MADE at the Ladies' Coffee Morning and we are delighted to announce the winners:

1st prize £37.50 Janet Wickwar
2nd prize £22.50 Sarah MCLaughlin
3rd prize £15.00 Terry Grimwade

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, for anyone wishing to join now, the fee is £7 for the period to end August 2025. There are a few spaces left. We welcome new members – contact the promoters, or get a form from the Post Office (thank you Jane), where details of how to pay can be found. Thank you for supporting the Village Hall in this way and having a chance to be a monthly winner. Don't forget, as well as the usual December prizes, there is a Xmas Bonus Prize of £50 to be won! All enquiries please phone:

Elaine on 07577431350 or Angela on 07878241258

Wenhaston Village Hall Ladies' Coffee Morning

Wednesday 12th February

10.30 – 11.30am

£2.50 for coffee/tea, something to eat, and a chat

Every second Wednesday of the month

Look forward to seeing you all



Feeling the winter chill?

You're always guaranteed a Warm Welcome at Halesworth Library

HOT DRINKS ARE STILL AVAILABLE for everyone at the library, so please pop in to see us and we'll put the kettle on.

The Friends of Halesworth Library will be hosting a Quiz at the library on Wednesday 5th February at 7.15pm for 7.30pm. Teams of 4 - £12 (£3 each) and we will match up teams if individuals cannot fill a table. Participants should bring their own nibbles and drinks.

On Thursday 20th February at 2.30pm, The Friends of Halesworth Library welcomes author Ann Shearer for this month's book talk. Ann Shearer worked for The Guardian on and off for 20 years. Since then, she has been a Jungian analyst and psychotherapist, engrossed in stories people tell about themselves. Her books reflect these interests, from 'Disability: Whose Handicap?' (1981) to 'Why Don't Psychotherapists laugh?' (2016). Talks and refreshments are free, but donations are always welcome.

If you have little ones at home, join us every Tuesday 10.00-11.30am for our free Rhyme Time & Play session to sing fun songs followed by free play with our toys. We also hold a Time Out group for older people every Wednesday 10am to make new friends and chat over a cup of tea. There are also two sessions of Sociable Sundays on 9th and 23rd February 10.30-12.30pm and Board Games Cafe is 24th February 2-4.30pm, both hosted and run by volunteers of the Friends of Halesworth Library.

You can find advice drop-ins from East Suffolk Council Customer services every Tuesday 10-4pm and Barclays Bank on Wednesdays 9am-5pm. Citizens Advice have a drop-in every other Tuesday 10am-12 noon – please ask a member of staff for future dates.

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 875095](tel:01986875095) for further information. *Catherine Draper*

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Suffolk Wildlife Trust

The Birds of North Carolina

ON A BITTERLY COLD JANUARY evening, the Southwold and Blyth group of the Suffolk Wildlife Trust gathered to hear Simon Thompson's illustrated talk on the birds of North Carolina. Originally from Suffolk, and now returned here, Simon lived for thirty years in North Carolina, observing the wildlife, travelling extensively, and running birding tours around the world, which he continues to do. This part of America is not often on the British tourist trail, and it was fascinating to learn more about it. North Carolina has three geographical areas: the Mountains, the Piedmont Plateau, and the Coastal Plain, and each area is rich in birdlife. The forested mountains are home to many species whose general names we recognise – warbler, robin, waxwing, siskin – but whose bright colours and songs are completely different. Many are migrant species from the tropics. The Northern Saw-whet Owl was a particular favourite. The lower Piedmont, with more open farmland and longleaf pines, has the grassland species and wildfowl – sparrows, woodpeckers, teal, but again with bright colourations. The Coastal Plain has huge marshlands and lakes, as well as sandy shorelines and barrier islands. The area attracts a wide variety of water fowl, such as rails, oystercatchers and plovers, and vast numbers of snow geese and other migrant seabirds. Offshore there are storm petrels and shearwaters.

It was a relaxed and enjoyable evening, and although it ended with a look at the devastation caused by Hurricane Helene in September last year, we were left with the positive message that nature will heal itself over time.

OUR NEXT MEETING is on Thursday, February 13th, at 7.30pm. Anne Westover will talk about *A Life Working in Landscape*, with a passion for trees and hedgerows.

Please note that this will be held at **Reydon Village Hall, Lowestoft Road, Reydon IP19 9EQ**. Entrance is £4, which includes refreshment. Under 25s free. All are welcome.

Penny Mansfield swtblythvalley@gmail.com

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Methodist Church Services in February

Sunday 2 nd	10.30am	Revd Iain McKillop
Sunday 9 th	10.30am	Revd Robert Soanes
Sunday 16 th	10.30am	Revd Clive Sutcliffe
Sunday 23 rd	10.30am	Mrs Sue Groome

Please join us

St Peter's Church

THERE IS NOT MUCH to report in quiet January. It has been lovely to see the blue skies and crisp frosty ground. We are lucky so far in that we have come off lightly as far as winter is concerned. I hope I am not speaking too soon.

Margaret Bloomfield

Services in February

Sunday 2 nd	10.00am	Team Service at Halesworth
Sunday 9 th	10.30am	United Service at Methodist Church
Sunday 16 th	10.00am	Holy Communion
Sunday 23 rd	10.00am	Pause for Thought

News from the School



BACK BY POPULAR demand... we are running our very own community kitchen again this year.

This year sees the return of the popular 'Soup Kitchen.' Come and enjoy a delicious homemade lunch made by the children.

Look out for booking information and further details in the next edition of the Warbler ...

Mothers' Union

AS IS OUR TRADITION we started the New Year with a Communion Service in the schoolroom at the Methodist Chapel, and we were extremely pleased that The Revd Gini was able to lead this service for us. We shall all miss Gini when she leaves us, and our love and prayers go with her as she adjusts to different circumstances.

Next month we are making Christmas cards (for Christmas 2025!) for prisoners who will be in prison in Suffolk during Christmas. We are making these under guidance, using all the Cards which we received this year! This is something which the MU in the Diocese has now been doing for many years and the Cards are very much appreciated by the prisoners.

We are all very pleased to learn that The Revd Alison, who is an active member of our branch, has recently been asked to become a Trustee of MU in the Diocese and has accepted. Our prayers are with her in this new position, a job which we are all sure she will do with her usual caring, love and efficiency.

Margaret Goldstone 01502 478378

Wenhaston Village Hall

Bacon Rolls morning



Wednesday 26th February 10.00 – 11.30am

Your chance to enjoy a bacon roll served with mugs of proper coffee or tea for only £3. A great place to meet people for a chat. A great place to meet old friends and make new ones.

We look forward to seeing you.

Wenhaston One Suffolk website

Wenhastonmells-pc.gov.uk

JUST A QUICK REMINDER that you can find about what's happening on the village website –

- Parish council meetings
- Village Hall details
- Village life and interest groups
- Events
- Warbler editions

It's particularly useful if you don't use Facebook or look at the posters round the village.

If you are involved in a group or activity, it's helpful if you can that the information is up-to-date.

Details and posters of upcoming events are always welcomed. *Roger Claxton*

Village Hall Café – Bakers Wanted !

WE ARE LOOKING for people who would be interested in making cakes and savouries for our cafe which is on Saturday morning.

We pay £9 for a cake and £8 for 12 Sausage Rolls, 12 Cheese Scones and any other kind of sweet or savoury item.

For further information please contact: *Sara McLaughlin on: 07919178014*

Editors' notes

NOT A VERY CHEERFUL START to the year, but at least we have spring to look forward to and the chance that the temperature will get into double figures. As always, we welcome all your stories and pictures, so please keep them coming. The closing date for articles for the March edition is **Wednesday 12th February** (as it is a short month) to be sent to the usual address:
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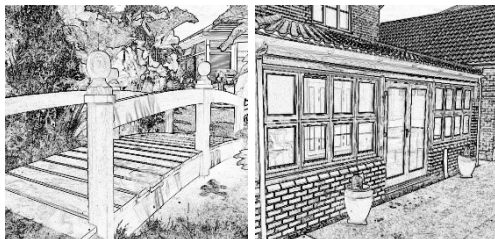
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