



June 2025

Wenhaston Warbler

Rock 'n' Roll fun evening



for a good cause

ANOTHER FUN NIGHT, at the annual themed Easter event, was held on 19th April in the Village Hall. This time we danced our feet off to the amazing Daisy Chains, a 50s and 60s vintage rock 'n' roll band. The all-female, award winning band did three sets with costume changes throughout the night. They all sang beautifully and played saxophones, guitars and drums to a very appreciative audience.

There were people on the dance floor from the first song and throughout the evening. The East Coast Jive Club helped some of us non-jivers by showing us how it was done. There were some nifty outfits being worn with prizes given to the top three.

Thanks to everyone who bought a ticket, those who dressed up, and a big thank you to the individuals who also donated money separately: the two Margarets, Susie and the generous donation from Christine, our 50/50 raffle winner. As a result of the event, I managed to donate **£580 (£725 with gift aid) to the Motor Neurone Disease Association**. What's not to like? A great evening plus money to a good cause. And thanks especially to all the hard working volunteers, who helped me before, during and after the event. You know who you are. And now on to planning next year!

Karen Clegg



Fri 6th & Sat 7th June at 7.15pm

Sun 8th June at 6.00pm

Mon 9th & Tues 10th June at 7.15pm

Wed 11th June at 3.00pm & 7.15pm

Thurs 12th June at 7.15pm

THE SALT PATH (12A)

Fri 13th, Sat 14th & Wed 18th June at 7.15pm

THUNDERBOLTS* (12A)

Sun 15th June, 7.30pm. LIVE ON STAGE

SERIOUSLY COLLINS

Mon 16th & Tues 17th June at 7.15pm

Wed 18th June at 3.00pm

Thurs 19th June at 7.15pm

THE BALLAD OF WALLIS ISLAND (12A)

Fri 20th & Sat 21st June at 7.15pm

Sun 22nd June at 6.00pm

Tues 24th - Thurs 26th June at 7.15pm

BALLERINA (15)

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

Sun 13th July, 7.30pm

THE BOOTLEG SHADOWS

Fri 15th Aug, 7.30pm

COUNTERFEIT QUO

Sat 6th Sept, 7.30pm

SONG SONG BLUE

THE MUSIC OF NEIL DIAMOND

Fri 10th Oct, 7.30pm

THE JERSEY BEATS

Fri 14th Nov, 7.30pm

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Sat 29th Nov, 7.30pm

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Blyth Woods Group

Musical bird-boxes in Grove Woods!

THIS ENDLESS SUNNY spring has also gone to the birds' heads! In the bird-boxes put up by the Blyth Woods group in Grove Woods, there are stock doves nesting in the tawny owl box and tawny owls nesting in the stock dove box. The jackdaws are using the barn owl box at the moment. Let's hope their young don't get too confused as to what species they are, too!

St Peter's Pightle

Apparently, this May has been the driest month on record for seventy years and we do need more rain for our newly-sown seed. It's clearly not possible to water such a large expanse and the wildflower seed will just lie dormant until (eventually) the rains come. However, most of the newly planted trees (3,500 the total, plus hedging plants) are thriving.

A Memorial for Serena Inskip

Serena was a founder and great supporter of Blyth Woods throughout her life – and a well-known name in our village. Her memorial bench is being made by our Chair, Alan Miller, with oak kindly donated by Crispin Chalker, and will be installed in Grove Piece in due course. The plaque will read: 'Serena Inskip – Your joy of the natural world inspired others'

Free Summer Drawing Session

21st June, 10am - 1pm Tutor: Claire Ross-Masson

Come and learn how to draw grasses! It doesn't matter if you are a complete beginner or not. Just bring along a pencil, or whatever drawing equipment you want, paper and something to lean on. We will bring cake! Donation to Blyth Woods would be much appreciated. Meet at Vicarage Grove.

Finally, by the time you read this, our **Annual Meeting** on 22nd May will be over. There will be a full report in next month's Warbler. *Patricia Elliott*

Wenhaston Village Show
Sunday 3rd August 2025 2-4pm

Free to Enter



**Donations
welcome**

**Schedule and entry forms
available from the Village Hall**

**Café Open: Tea,
Coffee and Cakes**



**Halesworth to
Southwold Railway exhibit**



The Village Show

Bakers, gardeners and fruit growers,
Photographers, artists and craft sewers,
August is coming, the sun aglow,
So please join us at our **village show**.

Cakes and preserves – perhaps a jam tart,
And our lovely children – come see their art,
From allotment and garden, thence to the plate,
Your home-grown veg – what is their fate?

August 3rd, from 2 'til 4,
A time for fun at the **Village Hall**,
A raffle, tea, coffee and cake,
Enjoy what your neighbours can grow, make and bake.

See Jane at the Post Office, a lady so warm,
And ask her nicely for a schedule and form,
Lots of categories, so enter your lots,
Tomatoes, potatoes, onions, shallots.

So don't be shy,
Come give it a go,
The highlight of summer,
Wenhaston Village Show!

Suzanne Watkins

Notes from the School

Positive Ofsted Inspection

We were very pleased to recently welcome Ofsted to Wenhaston School for an inspection. While we must await the official report for all the details, the inspection was a positive experience, and we are hopeful that the findings will be a true reflection of our wonderful school and its deep roots within the Wenhaston community.

Village School of the Year!

Adding to our recent good news, I am absolutely thrilled to announce that Wenhaston School has been awarded the ASSET School Trust Award for 'Village School of the Year'! This is a fantastic achievement and a direct result of the strong and supportive connections we have with so many of you in the parish. We extend our sincere gratitude to Blyth Woods and the members of Pepyn and Lessey for their nominations – your belief in our school is truly appreciated. This award, alongside the positive feedback from Ofsted, is a wonderful reflection of where Wenhaston School is today.



*Andy Moore presenting the award
to teachers and school business
manager*

Mr Stone



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Bowls Club News

Dick Clarke Australian Pairs Tournament

THIS ANNUAL TOURNAMENT in memory of our dear friend, Dick Clarke, who passed away three-and-a-half years ago, was played at Wenhaston Bowls Club on Sunday 27th April. Sixteen players took part in this pairs tournament under Australian Pairs rules. Each pair had to play three 8-end games with the top two going into an 8-end final. This was played in brilliant sunshine and in the presence of Dick's widow, Jill, and their son, Dale. Organised by Chris Peck and Tom Daly, it was agreed by them that the prize money should be £40 to the winning pair, £20 to runners-up and £10 to 3rd place. This money was very generously donated by Jill and Chris. There was also a prize draw on the day, with the proceeds going to Jill's chosen charity, CRY – 'Cardiac Risk to Young people'. This draw was in memory of Toby Chenery, a young man from Halesworth, who recently died suddenly at a young age. The



The winners Pat Gilbert and Kim Dyer with Dick's widow, Jill Clarke

charity hopes to raise £10,000 in order that they can go out to young people and give them a scan; this is particularly important to those involved in sport as they are always at a high risk. The draw at this tournament raised £172. It is a big 'thank you' to everyone who contributed in some way to raising this amount. Winners were Pat Gilbert and Kim Dyer, the runners-up were Jen Daly and Richard Long, with third prize going to Carl Vincent and James Cantrell. This game was played in good spirits and enthusiasm and it is a huge thanks to all players for upholding the memory of Dick Clarke.

Jake Moyes

Save our Swifts

Wenhaston action group

THE SWIFTS ARE back, the flag is flying.
**Join us for our annual Swift Pint Walk:
Friday 4th July at 6pm. Just turn up!**



Meet at the **Village Hall car park** for a walk around the village looking out for swifts and their nest sites.

We end up at the *Star Inn* to enjoy a drink and the fantastic sights and sounds of the swifts who live under the eaves there. Young breeding swifts looking for a home will find the new nest boxes installed at the pub, but also at the village hall, the school, and homes in the village.

Check the RSPB Swift Mapper website to see where we have recorded known swift nests, and nest boxes, in Wenhaston. Any queries or information: wenhastonsosactiongroup@gmail.com Kate Archibald

The Bramfield Road

Packed-Lunch Mystery

Cheese and pickle? Egg mayonnaise? Coronation chicken? Just some of the sandwich delicacies wrapped in clingfilm and found in the ditch along Bramfield Road over the past few months.



Along with the sandwiches, others have found more of this roadside feast... untouched packets of Marmite crisps, Mini Rolls and apple pies.

Presumably these lunchtime offerings have been thrown from a vehicle? So, if you are the driver... and you're on a diet, or just can't stand Marmite crisps, how about sharing your lunch and putting the wrappers in a bin?

Fay Sweet

Pics-in the-Sticks

The Return of The Gladiator!

AT THE BEGINNING of April, the showing of the second of the films about a Gladiator in 200 AD Rome had to be abandoned, due to technical problems. As promised to the disappointed audience, we are going to re-show the film on **Thursday June 19th at 7.30pm**. Thanks to Roger Claxton and the Village Hall Management Committee, a newly installed projector will provide a much enhanced image and better sound quality. We hope you will come along and enjoy this epic film, directed by Ridley Scott and starring Paul Mescal. Bar open 7pm.

The Cinema Group

Show Trophies from 2024

Where are they?



WOULD ANYONE who won a trophy at the Wenhaston Village Show last year begin to think about where they put them! (The garden shed, the mantelpiece or even on a special shelf in the loo.) I would like to collect them in by the end of June, at the very latest, to polish and repair them where necessary. If you are happy to drop them to me at Stone Cottage, in The Street, that would be kind. But I am aware that some of you might not have transport, or have so many trophies that you can't manage them. In which case I would be more than happy to collect, just drop me an email, text or call.

Elaine Potter 07577 431350 Potter375@hotmail.com

News from St Peter's

AS WE LEAVE Spring behind and embark on Summer, we give thanks for a lovely Easter with a moving meditation on Good Friday, a joint service with our Methodist Friends on Easter Sunday and Afternoon Teas on Easter Monday. The Church had been beautifully decorated with spring flowers and lilies by our band of flower arrangers and we had a good turnout for the teas. So blessed!

We will have hosted our Plant Sale and met for our Annual Parochial Church Meeting by the time this issue is delivered. We are hoping for a good few visitors and a useful financial result at the Plant Sale. We hope some parishioners will join us for the AGM. More of this next month.

We have been asked to provide the refreshments for the Village Show on Sunday 3rd August – and don't forget our Quiz with Thorington on October 17th.

Margaret Bloomfield 01502478502 margaret@wrush.plus.com

Services at St Peter's in June

Sunday 1 st	10am	Team Service at Halesworth
Sunday 8 th	11am	Pentecost Communion, Halesworth
Sunday 15 th	10am	Morning Prayer
Sunday 22 nd	10am	Pause for Thought
Sunday 29 th	10am	Holy Communion at Holton

Methodist Church Services in June

Sunday 1 st	10.30am	Revd Pam Bayliss
Sunday 8 th	10.30am	Local arrangement
Sunday 15 th	10.30am	Revd Martin Keenan
Sunday 22 nd	10.30am	Revd Iain McKillop
Sunday 29 th	10.30am	Local arrangement

Mothers' Union

THE HISTORY OF Wenhaston was the subject of the talk at our May Meeting, and we were all extremely grateful to Felicity Jelliff for all the time and effort that she had put into researching her subject – she gave us a very interesting afternoon. It was particularly interesting to hear about the nine shops that there were in the village during the 1800s, together with various trades such as a shoe mender and an undertakers. How our village has changed!

At our June Meeting we shall be having a discussion where we divide into groups and discuss topical subjects. As always we shall be pleased to welcome anyone who would like to join us. *Margaret Goldstone 01502 478378*

Calling all Children ...

Come and join in the fun

at

The Activities Afternoon

on

Friday 13th June 3.30-5pm

in

Wenhaston Village Hall

Refreshments available

Mums and Dads welcome!

June at Halesworth Library

WITH THE WEATHER warming up, it's the perfect time to get down to the library to pick out your next summer read. Everyone is welcome to use our lovely garden, whether to read a book or newspaper, have your lunch or simply relax in the sun. We'll also be providing cold water to those who need it, so we can all stay safe in the hot weather. On Saturday 7th June, celebrate 'Libraries Change Lives' week with us by coming along to our free library-themed crafts session, 11am-12pm. 'Libraries Change Lives' week, Monday 2nd - Sunday 8th June, is a good time to find what we have to offer each week:

Sundays

1st, 15th and 29th June, 10.30am-12.30pm: Sociable Sundays

10.30-11.30am: Family Board Games Club

Monday

30th June 2-4.30pm: Board Games Café – play games and meet people

Tuesdays

10-11.30am: Rhyme Time & Play session, for little ones, free of charge

2-4pm: Knit and Natter group – every **other** week (ask for dates)

10am-4pm: East Suffolk Council advice drop-ins

10am-12noon: Citizens' Advice drop-in – every **other** week (ask for dates)

Wednesdays

10am: Time Out group for older people – cup of tea and chat

9am-5pm: Barclays Bank

Saturdays

12 noon -1pm: Lego Club

7th June, 11am-12 noon: library-themed crafts session – see above

This month's **book talk** hosts Tim Forster on Thursday 26th June, 7:30pm. Tim has lived in Halesworth for 35 years. Over the last 20 years he has studied with OU and recently completed an MA in Art History. In July 2024, Tim self-published *Robert Calvert: Through His Work* – Calvert is probably most famous for his work with Hawkwind in the 1970s. Tim's talk will appeal to anyone interested in Hawkwind, 70s music, cultural and political history, the 60/70s counterculture. The talk is free, but let library staff know your intentions to attend the talk. Don't forget, it's completely free to get a library card at any age!

Catherine Draper

Summer Breeze on a Summer Evening! 28th June - Village Hall Event

WITH THE LONG days, and hopefully some nice weather on the way, get yourself ready for a night out at our lovely hall. We have booked a great local band, **Summer Breeze**, who play chilled 'Yacht Rock' music. For those unaware of that genre, think The Eagles, Fleetwood Mac, Toto, Christopher Cross and more.

We will also have a **BBQ** going, to purchase food from, and our very reasonably priced bar. Any profit from this event will be going back to the Village Hall – and more specifically towards the new kitchen. Tickets are just £12, and can be purchased in advance from Jane at the Post Office.

Karen Clegg

Wenhaston Walkers

OUR FIRST WALK of the month will leave Wenhaston Village Hall at 10am on Tuesday, 3rd June. The second walk, led by Nicky, will take place on Tuesday, 17th June, leaving The Anchor, Main Street, Walberswick IP18 6UA at 10am. Details of lunch will follow. If you wish to add your name to the circulation list, please email ipbigwood@btinternet.com

Heather Phillips 01502 47854

Wenhaston Village Hall Ladies' Coffee Morning

Wednesday 11th June

10.30 – 11.30am

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

Every second Wednesday of the month



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Tennis Club

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starting at 9.15am. The court is available all year round, subject to weather conditions.

We also have Cardio tennis on a Wednesday evening between 6pm and 7pm. The cost is £8 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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