

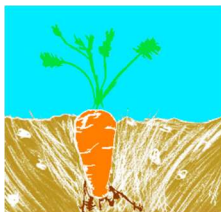


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Wonderful News from Wenhaston Primary School!

Dear Wenhaston Community,
I'm absolutely delighted to share with you the news of our latest Ofsted report. If you Google 'Wenhaston Primary School Ofsted' you will find it there, or you can scan the QR code below.

I am most pleased with Wenhaston's most recent inspection report because it truly captures the vibrant life and learning that takes place here at Wenhaston Primary. It highlights the significant progress we've achieved over the past four academic years, firmly affirming our position within the village. The report notes our school's philosophy that it truly takes 'a village to raise a child,' and we are so grateful for the part you all play in this. Our pupils consistently enjoy community events and visits from local community partners, and they are incredibly proud to prepare, cook, and serve at our community lunches. These are just a few examples of the many enriching experiences your support helps us provide.

While the report acknowledges we've 'maintained standards', we know that those of us closely involved in this journey understand the huge strides we've made. We've seen better outcomes for our pupils, a more cohesive curriculum, a genuinely inclusive and positive school environment, the introduction of wraparound care, and an increasingly confident and dedicated staff team, all



committed to achieving the very best for our children. **Furthermore**, I believe the school is back in a mutually beneficial relationship with the local community.

Thank you all for your support. Our journey of improvement continues, but today is a fantastic day to acknowledge our collective progress and celebrate all we've accomplished together as a community.

Thank you.

Mr Stone

Wilder Garden Trail May 17th 2025

"A really great day"



With over 100 visitors to the ten gardens that opened for the Wilder Garden Trail, we were really pleased to hear that those who opened their wilder gardens, enjoyed the experience as much as those who visited! We have received really positive feedback from garden visitors which is summarised in the 'word cloud' opposite.

We do not underestimate the time and preparation that our ten host gardeners went to in preparing and opening their gardens, so we thank them all for their enthusiasm and generosity. Feedback from the host gardeners include ***"enjoyed meeting residents"*** and ***"great team effort"***. We had organised a special trail for all the hosts to look round each other's gardens before the Saturday opening, this was greatly enjoyed – so too was our thank you gathering afterwards!

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This was truly a team effort, from the host gardeners to the wider organising team, including those who donated and served refreshments at the Village Hall and at Garden 8, the printing we needed and organising the signage. Too many people to mention individually, but you know who you are!



*Roger Best, Luci Skinner, Kate Ayre
Alan Miller standing*

The day concluded with our first Wilder Gardeners' Question time, which was also a great success with over 40 in attendance. Our Chair, Alan Miller, fielded questions that were addressed by our expert panel: Kate Ayres, Roger Best and Luci Skinner, who were informative and entertaining, especially when they had a difference of opinion!

Finally, the panel each picked a raffle ticket, and the three winners were delighted with the donated gifts. All money

raised from the day's event goes to expenses organising this event, and to current and future Wilder Wenhaston initiatives.

Ann Follows, Jo Jarvis and Judy Miller (organising team)

Wenhaston Walkers

Our local walk this month will leave Wenhaston Village Hall at 10am on Tuesday, 1st July. Our second walk, led by Sally and Nick, will take place on Tuesday, 15th July, leaving The Eels Foot Inn, Eastbridge, IP16 4SN at 10am. Lunch to be ordered on return from walk. If you wish to add your name to the circulation list, please email ipbigwood@btinternet.com

Heather Phillips 01502 478545

Summer Breeze on a Summer Evening!

28th June - Village Hall Event

Please support your Village Hall and buy tickets/come to this great night out. We have a local band, a BBQ and a very reasonably priced drinks bar. The cost per ticket is £12, which can be bought in advance from Jane at the Post Office, or from Karen on 07734200624.

Any profit made goes back into the Village Hall – to

ensure that we can keep it running for all the great clubs and activities throughout the year. In particular this money will be helping to fund the much-needed kitchen.

Please come along and enjoy yourself on a summer evening.

Karen Clegg



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You can report in confidence by scanning the QR code.



Flower Girls

A few weeks before Chelsea, Jina Hoddy organised a minibus to take a group to Chelmsford for the Hylands Garden and Flower Show. We set off from the Village Hall, and we were pleased to see that the vehicle had a capacious



Jina is third from the left

boot for all the plants we planned to buy.

We were not disappointed. There were nurseries selling everything from Azaleas to Zinnias and displays of bonsai and cacti. The theme of the event was 'Safari', so local florists competed with imaginative arrangements, using Bird of Paradise and Protea flowers. After hours on our feet, we rewarded ourselves with tea and cake in the Old Stables café. Then we walked around the

Pleasure Gardens – with wisteria tunnels to rival Kew.

We enjoyed a chatty journey back to Wenhaston, where we unloaded the goodies, which will now be planted in our gardens. I treated myself to a cactus which is now in full flower. We would all like to thank Jina for giving us a great day out.

Geraldine Lines

Mothers' Union

I do not think that we will find ourselves joining a Discussion Group on TV in the near future, but nevertheless we all enjoyed our Discussion Groups at our June meeting. where there was quite a lot of chat and laughter! The subjects ranged from: "What is your favourite hymn and why?", to "If you could live your life again, what changes would you make? ... and a few more subjects in between! This is always a popular meeting and it is good for us to be able to voice our thoughts and opinions and we all certainly have plenty of those!!

We are halfway through the year already and it is time for us to have our summer party and to join together for The Annual Wave of Prayer Service, followed by afternoon tea, on Wednesday 9th July, in the garden at Spindleberry, Narrow Way at 3pm, not the usual 2.30pm. Please feel free to bring a friend if you would like to.

Margaret Goldstone 01502 478378

News from St Peter's

Our Plant Sale in May was very successful. We were joined by Wilder Wenham who had gardens open across the Village and used the churchyard as their starting point. It was a busy and friendly morning; our funds were boosted by £575.95 on the day, and a further £61.35 from plants sold at Margaret G's gate. Thank you Margaret. Also many thanks to all who donated plants, cakes and raffle prizes, and who helped on the day. We are most grateful.

Our Annual Parochial Church Meeting has also taken place. We are very happy that Jonathan has agreed to carry on as Churchwarden, and I will remain as Treasurer. The PCC all agreed to stay as well, so we start another year with a good team. If anyone else would like to join us on the PCC to help run the church, fund-raise, or promote, you would be most welcome.

Our next event is providing the teas at the Village Show on Sunday August 3rd. We should be grateful for any cakes, please.

Margaret Bloomfield 01502478502 margaret@wrush.plus.com

Services at St Peter's in July

Sunday 6 th	10am	Team Service at Halesworth
Sunday 13 th	10.30am	United Service at the Methodist Church
Sunday 20 th	10am	Holy Communion
Sunday 27 th	10am	Pause for Thought

Methodist Church Services in July

Sunday 6 th	10.30am	Mrs Lizzie Zukiewicz
Sunday 13 th	10.30am	Revd Iain McKillop United Service with St Peter's
Sunday 20 th	10.30am	Mrs Sue Groome
Sunday 27 th	10.30am	Local Arrangement

July at Halesworth Library

July marks the start of the summer holidays and the start of the Summer Reading Quest! Join us on Saturday 19th July, 10am-12pm, at Halesworth Library for our **Summer Reading Quest** sign-up event. There will also be lots of activities throughout the summer holidays. Kicking off a jam-packed summer we have two sessions of 'Kitchen Chemistry', run by Kinetic Adventure, on Friday 25th July 10:30am-12:30pm and 1-2:30pm. Tickets for 'Kitchen Chemistry' are £1 and can be purchased from a member of library staff from 1st July. The following week on Tuesday 29th July we will have a free, drop-in craft session, 11:30am-12:30pm, where we'll be making lots of fun things!

The Friends of Halesworth Library will be holding their AGM on Thursday, 24th July, 6.30pm, at the library. Copies of the agenda, the report of the trustees to members and the latest accounts will be available for collection from the library from 7th July. The guest speaker this year will be local writer, Natalie Meg Evans, who will talk about the importance of libraries to authors.

There will also be a session of Sociable Sundays on 13th and 27th July 10.30-12.30pm and Board Games Cafe on Monday 28th July 14:00-16:30, both hosted and run by volunteers of the Friends of Halesworth Library.

Not forgetting our regular activities and drop-ins! Every Tuesday 10-11:30am there is a free Rhyme Time & Play session to sing fun songs followed by free play with our toys. Every Wednesday 10am our Time Out sociable group for older people meet for tea and biscuits. The Knit & Natter group meet alternate Tuesdays 2-4pm, staff can provide dates. Lego Club is on every Saturday 12-1pm and Family Board Games Club every Sunday 10:30-11:30am. You can find advice drop-ins from East Suffolk Council Customer services every Tuesday 10.00-16.00 and Barclays Bank on Wednesdays 09.00-17.00. Citizens Advice have a drop-in every other Tuesday 10.00-12.00, please ask a member of staff for future dates.

Catherine Draper

Summer News from Blyth Woods

At our Annual Meeting on 22nd June in the Village Hall, followed by a short presentation with slides from Chair of Suffolk Tree Wardens, Richard Frost. There were delicious home-made nibbles available and wine from the bar, much appreciated by all who came.

Alan Miller began his Chairman's report by announcing that although he is standing down, Ann Edwards will be taking over for the next twelve months.

It has been a busy year for the Blyth Woods group, with work parties maintaining Grove Woods and clearing sessions in Vicarage Grove. We have continued to monitor our nest boxes in Grove Woods, though fewer broods were produced due to the poor spring last year. As the scrub starts to establish beneath the young trees, the numbers of robins, wrens and long-tailed tits are increasing.

We were saddened by the death of founder member, Serena Inskip, this year. Her memorial bench is now installed in a peaceful spot overlooking the pond in the Copse, off Grove Piece. Our big news is that we have acquired an additional 4.5 acres of land, now known as St Peters

Pightle – the field at the end of Church Lane belonging to the Church Charity. It is being leased to us for 25 years, by which time it should be a small wood. Some 3,200 native hardwood trees have been planted, thanks to wonderful volunteers; two ponds dug, and the perimeter ditch restored – which should reduce flooding in the main street. It has been partly sown with a grass/wildflower mix funded by our local district councillors. The entrance gate, pedestrian gate and fence were all paid for by a grant from the AONB Community and Conservation Fund. Further planting will happen this winter, including fruit trees to create a community orchard.

Our expert Webmaster, John Rolfe, continues to improve our website, meanwhile.

Wenhaston Primary School has been very much involved with the Pightle, as Marie Rolfe and Jo Jarvis described in their impressive report. It won Village School of the Year, partly based on work done with Marie and Jo. Years 5 and 6 drew up design plans and took part in a tree planting day in January, using saplings grown in the school tree nursery. The whole

school helped plant a hedge beside the ditch in March. Natural Habitats worked with the school on mapping and surveying the area and making an animation film, which will be an unique record of the field: *Creative Nature at St Peter's Pightle – Blyth Woods*. Mr Stone, Mrs Sacco and Ms Welby have been a wonderful support throughout. Saplings class laid and followed trails in Merton Wood, Seedlings used Grove Woods to support their work on creatures' homes, making bumblebee homes and stumperies. Other activities planned this summer, include 'How to sell a nest to a pigeon or a hole to a mouse..', setting up a tree nursery and a Teddy Bears' Picnic.

Sally Amery's excellent Treasury report showed that at the end of the year we had a healthy balance, a great achievement given the amount of work which has taken place over the year. We received several grants towards the cost of developing St Peter's Pightle. We are so grateful to our Friends, and to those who regularly send donations to support Blyth Woods.

Richard Frost, Chair of Suffolk Tree Wardens, then described their work, touching on the rare and endangered black poplar.

We'll be taking tables at the Village Show on **3rd August**. Displays, competitions and quizzes, goodies on sale and questions answered!

Patricia Elliot

100 Club Winners for May

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

- 1st prize £37.50 Martine Tinney
- 2nd prize £22.50 Jean Andrews
- 3rd prize £15.00 Tina Packer

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 £2 for the period to end August 2025. 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.

Elaine on 07577431350 or Angela on 07878241258




Tennis Club

The Wenhaston Tennis Club is open to all abilities and new members are most welcome (fees available on request). We have approximately 26 members and ladies play doubles on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday mornings

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.

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