

# Wenhaston Warbler

August 2025

### **News from the School**

s the summer holidays approach, we want to extend our sincere thanks to everyone in our community for your continued support of the school. Your involvement, whether big or small, makes a real difference to the children's learning and experiences. We wish you all a lovely, relaxing summer!



Mr Stone, Headteacher

### Year 6 Cycle Safety: Bikeability training

OUR YEAR 6 CHILDREN successfully completed their cycle training this term.



The sessions went very well, equipping them with essential road safety skills and building their confidence on two wheels.

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Fri 1st & Sat 2nd Aug at 7.15pm Sun 3rd Aug at 3.00pm

#### JURASSIC WORLD: REBIRTH (12A)

Sun 3rd Aug at 6.30pm

THE SALT PATH (12A)

Mon 4th & Tues 5th Aug at 7.15pm Wed 6th Aug at 3.00pm Thurs 7th Aug at 7.15pm

#### FOUR LETTERS OF LOVE (12A)

Wed 6th Aug at 7.15pm

THE BALLAD OF WALLIS ISLAND (12A)

Fri 8th & Sat 9th Aug at 7.15pm Sun 10th Aug at 6.00pm

SUPERMAN (12A)

Mon 11th - Thurs 14th Aug at 3.00pm

SMURFS (U)

Tues 12th & Thurs 14th Aug at 7.15pm

F1: THE MOVIE (12A)

Wed 13th Aug at 7.15pm

SIX - THE MUSICAL (12A)

Fri 15th Aug at 7.30pm. ON STAGE

**COUNTERFEIT QUO** 

Sat 16th - Thurs 21st Aug at 7.15pm (Not showing Mon 18th Aug)

THE NAKED GUN (15)

Sat 30th Aug at 7.00pm Sun 31st Aug at 3.00pm

ANDRE RIEU'S 2025
MAASTRICHT CONCERT (PG)

Wed 3rd Sept at 7.15pm Sun 7th Sept at 6.00pm

JAWS 50TH ANNIVERSARY (12A)

Sat 6th Sept at 7.30pm. ON STAGE

SONG SUNG BLUE - THE MUSIC OF NEIL DIAMOND

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### **Playpods: A Roaring Success!**

We're absolutely delighted to report that our new playpods<sup>1</sup> have been a real hit with the children! It's wonderful to see such fantastic imaginative play and collaboration, and, most importantly, lots of enjoyment during playtime. We're especially grateful to the *Pepyn and Lessey Trust* for their significant donation towards this endeavour.







#### **Year 6 London Excursion**

t's been a busy month for our Year 6 children! They have enjoyed a fantastic sightseeing trip to **London**. We're pleased to hear that everyone had a wonderful time, despite the warm weather. Our thanks go to the *Pepyn and Lessey Trust* for providing funds towards this memorable trip.





<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> A playpod is an interactive structure containing creative tools, such as scrap materials, to encourage imaginative play.

### Seedlings Explore the Great Fire of London

ur Seedlings class had an exciting time on Thursday, as they participated in a captivating **Great Fire of London workshop**. The session was led by a dynamic professional historian and thoroughly enjoyed by all the children. Our sincere thanks go to the parents who volunteered their time and helped out for the day, and to the *Pepyn and Lessey Trust* for their generous support.



### A Gentle Reminder Parking Near the School

e're reaching out to our local residents with a polite request regarding parking around the school. We've recently had an unfortunate incident where a car, to the best of our knowledge not causing any obstruction, had eggs thrown at it whilst parked on land near the school. This not only caused damage but also created a dangerous obstruction to the driver's view.

We appreciate that parking can sometimes be a challenge around the school, and we've worked hard to address these issues. However, acts of vandalism like this are simply unacceptable and can have serious consequences.

We're confident that by working together, we can ensure our school surroundings remain a safe and pleasant environment for everyone. Thank you for your cooperation.

Mr Stone, Headteacher

# Wenhaston Village Hall's Half-century Upgrade

Penhaston residents are to celebrate the Village Hall's 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary on October 4<sup>th</sup> 2025. Major upgrades to toilets have been carried out in recent months, and this is being followed by total refurbishment of the kitchen and of the café, which will improve efficiency and attraction to users. It is hoped to complete the work by the summer of 2026.



Replacing a wooden hut in 1975, the Village Hall is pivotal in providing a social centre where Saturday coffee mornings, monthly craft markets, community lunches and teas are held. Indoor badminton and table-tennis sports are also major attractions, as well as regular bingo, and film evenings.

perational funding is generated by the hire, not only to local activity groups but to organisers of other events, such as wedding or birthday celebrations.

Wenhaston Village Hall was registered as a charity in 1991, and is run by a volunteer management committee, which is already planning fund-raising events to meet the high costs involved. Donations will be gratefully accepted.

Contact: Mrs Carol Hudson-Jary,

Vice-chair, Wenhaston Village Hall Committee Tel: 07864 083296

# Fire Risk on Wenhaston Heaths

With prolonged periods of hot, dry weather, there is a high risk of fire on the Commons in and around Wenhaston. To avoid this it would be really helpful for walkers and dog walkers to be vigilant, and pick up any broken glass and other potential hazards which could spark a fire.

### **Wenhaston** Walkers

OUR FIRST WALK of the month will leave Wenhaston Village Hall at 10am on Tuesday, 5<sup>th</sup> August. The second walk, led by Ian, will take place on Tuesday, 19<sup>th</sup> August, leaving The Horse & Groom, Wrentham NR34 7HJ at 10am. Details of lunch will follow. If you wish to add your name to the circulation list, please email <a href="mailto:ipbigwood@btinternet.com">ipbigwood@btinternet.com</a>

Heather Phillips 01502 478545

# Come and meet the moths that live in Wenhaston!



WENHASTON COMMONS GROUP invite you to come along to our pop-up study centre in St Peter's Churchyard on

Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> August from 9am.

Moth traps will be set up the night before at several sites in the village and the moths will be collected humanely, and brought for us to all see and try to identify. People of all ages will wonder at the different shapes

and colours of these extraordinary insects. The moths will be released, unharmed, to their natural environment after the event.



For your refreshment:

Bacon rolls and pastries, with tea and coffee will be served.

Voluntary contributions are welcomed to help the work of the Wenhaston Commons Group.

Look forward to seeing you there!

Kate Archibald

# Ukraine – thank you ... and please!

s you will be aware, Ukraine continues to be bombed by Russia, and everyday more people are left homeless and with very little. So, a huge thank you to everyone who has donated items to go to Ukraine with 'Hope and Aid Direct' in recent weeks.

I have had boxes and bags left on my doorstep. Some I know about others just turn up and I am so grateful. It's like finding treasure! 25 banana boxes were collected in June and will now be on their way.

I will carry on collecting, if you have anything you can spare. Maybe there is an airing cupboard that needs sorting out?! Things squirrelled away that you really don't need but could be a godsend to a family now having to live in a warehouse.

The list of things is as before but here goes:

- Always food, dried and tinned.
- Household items so cleaning products, detergent, tin openers etc.
- Hygiene items, sanitary products.
- Clothes for all ages, especially for children, but for young people and adults as well.
- Shoes new to the list.
- Bedding, so duvets, pillows, sheets, pillow-cases, blankets, towels and sleeping bags. Tea towels.

The list is endless it seems. If in doubt please ring me. 01502 478600. Delivery address: 3 Blyth Close. No jumble please.

hanking you in anticipation because, whenever I ask, the village always responds.

Jo Small

## Our Rivers in East Suffolk

t's been three years since Wilder Wenhaston set up a River Group to investigate pollution in the Blyth and its effect on our river's wildlife, and much water (plus undesirable additions) has flowed under the bridge! We found worryingly high levels of 'nutrient pollution' (nitrates and phosphates) and unacceptable bacterial contamination, predominantly from sewage treatment effluents. Our findings are very similar to those found on other rivers in our region, and we are teaming up with the Deben Climate Centre in a 4-Rivers Project (Deben, Alde, Blyth and Waveney), with significant funding from East Suffolk Council.

ur report, published in January, has been well received by conservation groups and local politicians, many of whom were unaware of the scale of pollution, so we are building on this work to pressurize politicians, government agencies, and water companies to improve our waterways.

The 4-Rivers Project will not only give us much more collective clout, but also allow Wilder Wenhaston to participate in waterways improvement schemes such as runoff management and 'cutting edge' DNA analysis of E coli in the Blyth. These analyses of our river samples will be conducted in Suffolk University labs, and will identify toxic strains of the bacteria and very importantly - the extent of antibiotic resistance. We will also be extending our program from the Blyth's source at Laxfield to its mouth at Southold, sampling at several sites along its whole length on a regular basis to build up a profile of the river's health.

inishing on a bright note: phosphate in the sewage effluence from Halesworth and Wenhaston sewage treatment works has fallen dramatically, following installation of phosphate removal equipment by Anglian Water. One down, dozens to go...

Wil Harvey, Wilder Wenhaston River Group

# The Hidden Project at The Cut

The Hidden Project is an exhibition of radical photographic tableaux by Red Saunders. It recreates decisive but overlooked events in the long struggle of working people for democracy and social justice. The aim of the project is to reproduce important historic scenes involving dissenters, revolutionaries, radicals and non-conformists who have so often been hidden from history. It is on at The Cut until 8<sup>th</sup> August – and well worth seeing. Red lives in Wenhaston, with his wife, Nina.

Ann Edwards

# **Blyth Woods**Drawing Day in Grove Piece

GROVE WOODS WAS A LOVELY place to spend a sunny morning in June. The grasses were beautiful and varied and we all roamed the paths in Grove Piece admiring them.



The hedge gave some welcome shade in which we worked on our drawings, photography and relief rubbings to produce images that demonstrated the beauty we had found. Then there was cake, a tasty assortment, to round off an enjoyable morning. *Marie Rolfe* 

# Halesworth Library events in August

THERE IS A FULL PROGRAMME of events throughout the month, to keep you busy! As a reminder, the Summer Reading Quest is in full swing during August, so children are encouraged to visit us each week to receive their prize and weekly activity. The full programme of events can be seen below:

- Friday 8<sup>th</sup> August: Mixed Media Art workshop led by Anita for ages 8+.
   Spaces are £1 and limited, please book with a member of staff (time to be confirmed).
- Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> August 10:30-12:30 Sociable Sundays group for older people. Suggested £1 donation.
- Monday 11<sup>th</sup> August 2-4:30: Board Games Cafe. Suggested £1 donation.
- Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> August 11:30-12:30: Storytime and craft session with Sarah for all aged children. Free, drop-in.
- Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> August 10-11:30: Meraylah's Forest of Enchantment
  Oracle launch at the Time Out sociable group for older people. Drop-in,
  £1 suggested donation.
- Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> August 10-12:30 and 1-2:30: Forensic Workshop for ages 6+.
   Spaces are £1 and limited, please book with a member of staff.
- Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> August: Sociable Sundays group for older people. Suggested £1 donation.
- Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> August 11:30-12:30: Storytime and craft session with Sarah for all aged children. Free, drop-in.
- Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> August 2-3 and 3-4: End of Summer celebration with The Tricky Twister. Spaces are £1 and limited, please book with a member of staff.

Every Tuesday we will continue Rhyme Time & Play from 10-11:30 and East Suffolk Council Customer Service drop-in 10-4. With Citizens Advice attending Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> August 10-12. Knit & Natter group will be meeting Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> August 2-4. Additionally, Barclays Bank will have their drop-in every Wednesday 9-5 and Time Out Sociable group meet every Wednesday 10-11:30.

Catherine Draper



#### FROM THE PROMOTERS: ELAINE POTTER AND ANGELA CORSAN

ear Subscribers – thank you so much for supporting the 100 Club during the last year. Your current subscription runs out on 31<sup>st</sup> 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 2022 until August 2023. Your chance to win £33.50, £22.50 or £15 each month. The extra £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 by 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:

Sort code: 301364 Account no: 16021468

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**NEW MEMBERS WELCOME** 

Thank you again for your support and good luck for next year. All enquiries please phone Elaine on 07577431350 or Angela on 07878241258

### July winners:

1 <sup>st</sup> prize	£37.50	Bernard Orme
2 <sup>nd</sup> prize	£22.50	<b>Richard Atkins</b>
3 <sup>rd</sup> prize	£15.00	Linda Hammond

It's never too late to sign up! A chance to win a prize cost just £1 a month - our accounting year starts in September so if you need to renew or become a new member, 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 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

### **News from St Peter's**

do hope you are all enjoying the splendid summer. It has been rather hot for us East Anglians, and sadly the gardens have suffered, but it has been good to feel the sun on our faces and we can't say we haven't had a Summer this year. Winter will be upon us before we know it!

We will be serving the teas at the Village Show in August, and I am sure we shall be very busy as it is a popular event. Otherwise we will be having a quiet summer at church, but we do have two weddings in August and we send our blessings to Molly and Thomas, and to Alexandra and Basil, and wish them long and happy marriages.

A reminder that we shall be having the Two St Peters Quiz on October 17<sup>th</sup> in the Village Hall.

Margaret Bloomfield 01502478502 margaret@wrush.plus.com

### Services at St Peter's in August

Sunday 3 <sup>rd</sup>	10am	Team Service at Halesworth
Sunday 10 <sup>th</sup>	10am	Ecumenical Communion
Sunday 17 <sup>th</sup>	10am	Holy Communion
Sunday 24 <sup>th</sup>	10am	Pause for Thought
Sunday 31st	No Service	

### **Methodist Church Services in August**

Sunday 3 <sup>rd</sup>	10.30am	Revd Martin Keenan
Sunday 10 <sup>th</sup>	10.00am	United Service at St Peter's
Sunday 17 <sup>th</sup>	10.30am	Revd Iain McKillop
Sunday 24 <sup>th</sup>	10.30am	Local Arrangement
Sunday 31 <sup>st</sup>	10.30am	Mrs Julie Warren

### St Peter's Church Thorington

Thorington PCC is planning an event in the churchyard for Saturday 6
September from 1pm. There will be Halesworth Harmony singing for us all from 2pm so do come along – inside in the church if wet for sure!

Liz is making delicious lunches, and there will be homemade tea and cakes until 4pm. More details next month, and look forward to seeing you all then.

As always do join us at a morning service – the more the merrier! (usually the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the month at 11am).

Anyone looking for more details about this, contact:

Trish Gower 01502 478078

### Wenhaston Village Hall

### **Apologies ... but**

Bacon Rolls and Coffee will NOT take place in August.

Volunteers are taking a well deserved break and hope to return in September.

Thank you for your support.



The café team

### **Notes from a Fluffy Garden**

ello, my name is Cherry. I live in Wenhaston and I am a gardener. Now, I'm sure many of you have heard of cottage gardening, natural gardening, wild gardening and even chaos gardening. Well let me introduce you to the Fluffy Garden. My gardens have always been cottagey, natural, somewhat wild and at times chaotic. But why fluffy? It has come about as over the last two or three years increasing problems with mobility have meant that I haven't been able to do everything that I might have wanted to.

Sterling work by my trusty sidekick, Sally, and grass cutter and handyman extraordinaire, David, have helped enormously but still there is that sort of blurring round the edges, that vagueness of form, that....fluffiness! So what if not all the spent forget-me-nots have been cleared away – all the more for next year! Who cares if that far corner, that no one really sees anyway, is festooned with bryony. How beautiful the glowing berries will be. Mexican fleabane in every crack of paving? Just the way I like it.

Now with a new hip, and looking forward to returning fitness, I shall sit back, breathe, enjoy, and see how the Fluffy Garden evolves over the rest of the season. There will always be room for a bit of fluff. *Cherry Wilkinson* 

### The village phone box

This was sent away for months, for an expensive renovation. It has been returned in a fabulous condition and has been sitting in its current position for months.

It seems a complete waste of money, and waste of a village asset, to be sat there doing absolutely nothing. It would be great if it could be put to some use for the village's benefit – maybe someone could install some shelving and it could be used as a seed bank for villagers to get free seeds. Steve Mace



### This is Mavis

MAVIS ENJOYS two things in life: catching mice and losing her owner's expensive GPS AirTag cat collars!

Now you would think that the high-tech AirTag could easily be recovered by the owner, but NO. Karen can been seen walking around the village, iPhone in hand, and knocking on doors to see if she can search back gardens.

Anyone in Corn Hill or Cole's Hill, or anywhere in

Wenhaston really, who finds an AirTag/collar, please hand it in to Jane at the Post Office. Or ring me on 07734200624 before I go bankrupt! Thanks.

Karen Clegg



# WENHASTON

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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.

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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(except for December and for February when it is the  $\mathbf{12}^{th}$ ).

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