



Wenhaston Warbler

October 2025

Everyone is invited to our Village Harvest Festival

10AM SUNDAY 12TH OCTOBER
ST PETER'S CHURCH, WENHASTON

Join us for singing traditional hymns,
celebrating and reflecting,
followed by refreshments.



Food donations for local Foodbank and Community Larder.

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building sustainable lives and livelihoods on the frontlines of poverty and
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Practical ACTION





Fri 3rd & Sat 4th Oct at 7.15pm

Sun 5th Oct at 6.00pm

Mon 6th & Tues 7th Oct at 7.15pm

Wed 8th Oct at 3.00pm

Thurs 9th Oct at 7.15pm

**A BIG BOLD BEAUTIFUL
JOURNEY (15)**

Fri 10th Oct at 7.30pm. ON STAGE

**THE JERSEY BEATS
OH WHAT A NITE!**

Sat 11th Oct at 2.30pm & 7.30pm

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Fri 17th & Sat 18th Oct at 7.15pm

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Wed 22nd Oct at 3.00pm & 7.15pm

Thurs 23rd Oct at 7.15pm

I SWEAR (15)

Fri 31st Oct at 7.15pm

Sun 2nd Nov at 6.00pm

**BACK TO THE FUTURE
40th ANNIVERSARY (PG)**

Sun 9th Nov at 3.00pm. ON STAGE

**AN AFTERNOON WITH
JEFFREY HOLLAND**

Thurs 13th Nov at 7.15pm

Sun 16th Nov at 3.00pm

JOHN CLEESE

PACKS IT IN (12A)

Sat 29th Nov at 7.30pm. ON STAGE

**FOLK AT THE THEATRE
MERRY HELL**

Sun 7th Dec at 7.30pm. ON STAGE

**WE THREE KINGS OF
ROCK 'N' ROLL**

You
are
all
invited
to
come
along
and
enjoy
the
fun

On Saturday 4th October Our Village Hall will be 50 years old



There will be a **Treasure Hunt** for the children, on Church Common in the morning.

Refreshments

The Café will be open from 10am-12 noon, serving the usual homemade cakes and savouries. Bacon Rolls will be available from 12.15 pm.

Lickety Lick Ice Creams will be on sale in the car park in the morning and early afternoon.



Evening

From 7–10.30pm

various musical groups will be entertaining us in the Hall, along with other entertainment – the Bar will be open.

There will be a celebration Birthday Cake.

Please do come along and help us celebrate our lovely Village Hall on its 50th Birthday.

A suggested donation of £5 on entry would be much appreciated.

Village Hall Management Committee



Flower Club

THE MEETING IN SEPTEMBER was the first after our summer break, and we were delighted to welcome back Emily Robbins.

Emily demonstrated two vases and a wreath, all with an autumn theme. The emphasis was on the fact that you can achieve beautiful arrangements on a budget, by using what nature provides for your greenery, and buying your flowers from high street stores. The evening was very well attended and everyone had an enjoyable time.

Our next meeting will be our **Charity Night for The Halesworth Branch of Cancer Research**. This will also be a celebration of 45 years of the club. The format is different this year in that Jane will be demonstrating a selection of arrangements, and it will be a ticketed event.



Emily with her autumnal wreath

Regrettably, all the tickets are now sold out. Please let Jackie know if you have a ticket that you no longer require, as she has quite a waiting list.

If anyone has anything for the raffle please drop it off at Jackie's before the event.

Anyone who is lucky enough to have a ticket, please bring a little change with you if you would like to take part in the raffle, or would like to buy the Cancer Research Christmas cards/ gifts, or purchase some of the lovely knitted items. We apologise for the inconvenience as this is a *cash only* event.

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

The Village Hall needs your support

THE VILLAGE HALL SUB COMMITTEE work hard throughout the year to put on events. These events are for the community to come together and enjoy themselves. But they are also to raise money to help fund the existence of the Village Hall. No money, no Hall!

If you haven't been to any of these evenings out in the past, then please come. This is your opportunity to put something back into the community, and protect the Hall for future generations.

Our next and final event of the year will be:

Hallowe'en Friday 31st October

6-7.30pm — DJ Byron will be running a Disco for under 12s and their parents.

Admission is free (although a small donation in the bucket would be appreciated). Bring your own carved pumpkin to be judged, as well as the scariest fancy dress. Prizes for both will be awarded.

7.30-11pm — Over 18s disco. Cost is £12 a ticket, which will include, if you want, a ghoulish shot.

Again fancy dress, with a prize — so you can wear your best Frankenstein, Dracula, Wednesday and the Addams Family outfits, or whatever you want really.

Bar, and hot food on sale.

Tickets in advance from Jane at the Post Office or Karen on 07734200624.

COME AND HAVE A FREAKY, FABULOUS, FUN NIGHT OUT WITH YOUR FRIENDS

Karen Clegg



Wenhaston Village Hall Ladies' Coffee Morning

Wednesday 8th October

10.30 – 11.30am

**As Autumn creeps nearer come and join us for
coffee, tea, cake and a chat. £2.50**

Every second Wednesday of the month – look forward to seeing you all



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Wenhaston Commons Group

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Tuesday 21st October 6.45 for 7pm in the Village Hall

Guest Speaker: Richard Negus: Words from the Hedge

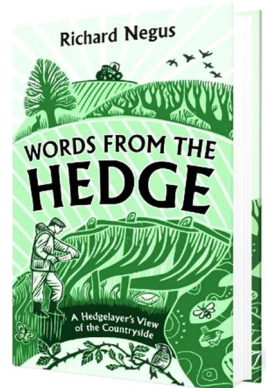
Richard is a hedgelayer, conservationist and author who has written about the people, wildlife and landscape for publications including *The Suffolk Magazine* and *The Field*.

Copies of *Words from the Hedge* will be on sale after the talk.

Wine, soft drinks and nibbles provided

EVERYONE WELCOME

Kate Archibald



Wenhaston Walkers

OUR FIRST WALK IN October will be on Tuesday, 7th and will leave Wenhaston Village Hall at 10am. The second walk, led by Phil and Virginia, will take place on Tuesday, 21st October, leaving The Ship Inn, School Road, Blaxall IP12 2DY at 10am. Parking is available at the pub and lunch will be ordered on the day.

If you wish to add your name to the circulation list, please email

ipbigwood@btinternet.com

Heather Phillips 01502 478545

News from St Peter's

ON 28TH SEPTEMBER our dear friend , Margaret Goldstone, celebrates her 90th birthday. Margaret was Church Warden for many years and has a been a good friend to many people. We wish her a very Happy Birthday and many more to come. Well done Margaret.

We celebrate the Harvest Festival in St Peter's on 12th October, together with our Methodist friends. The church will be beautifully decorated by our stalwart flower arrangers, so do call in to see it and also join us for the service at 10am followed by coffee and chat.

Also in October, on 17th, we have the Two St Peter's Quiz in the Village Hall, 7 for 7.30pm. The entry forms will be in the Post Office, and we are looking forward to seeing lots of teams to support us. There will be a bar and raffle.

Margaret Bloomfield 01502478502 margaret@wrush.plus.com

News from St Peter's, Thorington

THORINGTON PCC ARE delighted to say that our Thorington Church event , with Liz's great food and Liam's wondrous wine, on a sunny few hours raised £1,136. Halesworth Harmony singers joined us for a brilliant half-hour session in practice for their 'big' London *Wateraid* concert. We thank you all for your support, work behind the scenes, generous donations, raffle prizes, cakes etc, and to everyone for your time on the day, to make such a successful event. More than 60 people attended and gave generously, and enjoyed the fine church and churchyard: a great Suffolk church occasion as so many people commented. They really enjoyed the afternoon – so a huge thanks to all who came and supported us, and to help keep the church going forwards! We are looking forward to the Two-St-Peter's Churches quiz night in October too!

Trish Gower

Methodist Church Services in October

Sunday 5 th	10.30am	Revd Martin Keenan
Sunday 12 th	10.00am	United Service at St Peter's
Sunday 19 th	10.30am	Revd Les Richards
Sunday 26 th	10.30am	Mrs Lizzie Zukiewicz

Starting on **Thursday October 9th** at 2.30pm, and continuing each Thursday for 8 weeks, Rev. Martin Keenan will be taking us on a fascinating journey through the Bible.

Do join us at Wenhaston Methodist Chapel, Chapel Lane, IP19 9DT

Services at St Peter's in October

Sunday 5 th	10am	Team Service at Halesworth
Sunday 12 th	10am	Harvest Festival
Sunday 19 th	10am	Holy Communion
Sunday 26 th	10am	Pause for Thought

Two-Saint-Peter's Quiz

WENHASTON SAINT PETER AND SAINT PETER THORINGTON

Friday 17th October



Wenhaston Village Hall
7 for 7.30pm

Bar Raffle

Entry: £20 for a table of four
*Forms available at Wenhaston
Post Office*

Proceeds in aid of both
churches

Christian Aid Collection 2025

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL IN Wenhaston who contributed to this year's Christian Aid collection. You have achieved the grand total of £595.27! Of this £530 qualifies for Gift Aid, which boosts the total amount by a further 25%. For Aurelia and others struggling in Guatemala, where food is scarce, this will make a big difference by introducing more resilient crops. Thank you to all who spent time delivering envelopes in Wenhaston, and further a grateful thanks from myself and the rest of the Christian Aid committee for your generous gifts.

Moira Cooke

Mothers' Union

WE ALL ENJOYED AN extremely interesting afternoon at our September meeting when Dorothy Curtis, a well known local author, joined us to talk about her life as a writer and about some of the books which she has written during the past years: mostly thrillers with some very interesting but unexpected solutions! She also talked about her own life, and how she decided to consider writing after some difficult periods in her life. She brought some of her books for us to purchase, and the keen readers amongst us are pursuing who murdered who!

As always, we shall be pleased to see anyone who would like to join us on the second Wednesday of every month at 2.30pm in the Methodist School Room. Our speaker in October will be a past President of the Mothers' Union in the St Edmundsbury and Ipswich Diocese. *Margaret Goldstone 01502 478378*

Harvest Festival 2025

IT'S THAT TIME OF YEAR again, with both Wenhaston Primary School and our churches holding Harvest Festival services in St Peter's Church. Whether it's singing 'We plough the fields and scatter' or "Big red combine harvester", this is a time for both celebrating the work of our agricultural community and reflecting on the challenges faced by farmers and land workers all around the world.

This year, we are asking for non-perishable goods, which will go to the Community Larder and Food Bank in Halesworth, and for financial donations to 'Practical Action' which supports small scale and sustainable land projects around the world. Our Village Harvest Festival is on Sunday 12th October at 10am in St Peter's Church. See you there.

Revd Alison

Notes from *a Fluffy Garden*

SEASON OF MISTS and mellow fluffiness.* Yes, as we head into October the garden is assuming its autumn mantle.

Grasses – the stars of this desert summer – are still wafting in defiant abandon. Of course, by grass I don't mean the area that I laughingly call the lawn. This is, on the whole, green but sprinkled liberally in summer with daisies, buttercups, tiny geraniums, large hawk's bits, beards and other appendages...all underpinned by copious billows of moss.

No, not that, but the ornamental grasses such as blue/grey *Festuca glauca* and flaxen haired *Stipa tenuissima*, self-seeded in the paving, and a picture earlier on alongside the scabious-like *Knautia macedonica* which have also made their home there. Clumps of tall Feather Reed grass, with their russet plumes, add height in the borders over the seedheads of Michaelmas daisies, Echinaceas, Helianthus, other late bloomers, and hardy geraniums in need of a trim. But will they get it? Unlikely at this late stage.

It's time to fully embrace the fluff. The garden and its creatures, like us, need a warm blanket to take them through to Spring.

*With apologies to John Keats.

Cherry Wilkinson

At the Library *in October*

EXCITING THINGS ARE happening at Halesworth Library this October! We start the month with a Quiz Afternoon on Thursday 2nd October at 2.15pm, hosted by the Friends of Halesworth Library. We're looking for teams of four to take part, it's £12 a team and booking is essential. Please email friendsofhalesworthlibrary@gmail.com or call 01986 506062 to book. If you've not got a team, please do contact us and we can match you up!

As part of 'Poetry in Aldeburgh's' pre-festival libraries programme, we're very excited to host Poetry People's specialist community poets Dean Parkin and Naomi Jaffa. On Friday 17th October at 10.30am-12.30pm, Dean and Naomi are running a free 'Finding Family Lines' poetry workshop. Suitable for both new and seasoned writers, this welcoming session will offer a mix of inventive exercises and inspiring sample poems to prompt reconnections with those relatives, episodes and memories that continue to shape our lives. Spaces are limited, please call 01986 506062 to book your free space.

As part of their 'Thursday Book Talk' series, the Friends of Halesworth Library will be hosting a

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book talk on Thursday 16th October at 2.30pm. Further details will be published later, on our website suffolkcommunitylibraries.co.uk, social media channels or speak with a member of staff.

The October half-term will also see the first set of art workshops for young people, as part of a gift from Edna Comport who was a local resident and regular user of the library. This year's workshops will be hosted by Francesca Armour-Chelu and Meraylah Allwood. Specific details will follow on our social media channels or speak with a member of staff from October. During the school half-term, the library will be taking part in the town's Scarecrow Festival and Trail – look out for our spooky display! On Tuesday 28th October 10.30am-12.30pm, we'll be joined by Suffolk Archives who are running a craft session for families.

There will also be sessions of Sociable Sundays on Sunday 5th and 19th October 10.30am-12.30pm and Board Games Cafe on Monday 27th October 2-4.30pm, 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 12noon -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 10am-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.

Catherine Draper



Winners for September

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

- 1st prize £37.50 Helen Siddle
- 2nd prize £22.50 Derek Webber
- 3rd prize £15.00 Dorothy Ellerington

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 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

Produce & Craft Market

Saturday

25th October 2025

10am – 12.30pm

In the Village Hall IP19 9EP

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Tennis Club

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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.

Hi-de-Hi star coming to Leiston Film Theatre



Sitcom legend, Jeffrey Holland will be in conversation with Comedy Historian Robert Ross at a special one-day event at Leiston Film Theatre on Sunday 9th November. Best-loved as holiday camp comic Spike Dixon in Hi-de-Hi as well as for appearances in television shows such as Are You Being Served, Dad's Army and It Ain't Half Hot Mum, Jeffrey will be sharing memories of working on these classic shows.

An afternoon with Jeffrey Holland is at the Leiston Film Theatre on Sunday 9th November at 3.00pm. Tickets are priced at only £10.00 and are now available from the Film Theatre box office on 01728 830549 and via the venue's website at: www.leistonfilmtheatre.co.uk



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