



The **Wenhaston Warbler**

February 2026

Blyth Woods Group on a snowy day



A big **THANK YOU** to all the hardy *Blyth Woods* volunteers who braved the snow blizzard on 3rd January to mulch some of the 3,000 trees planted last year at St Peter's Pightle.

There are still more trees to plant and more mulching to do, so here's hoping for better weather at our next Working Party, which will be on Saturday 14th February when we meet at 10am at St Peter's Pightle (end of Church Lane). As always, refreshments will be enjoyed.

You can also email: [blythwoods1@ gmail.com](mailto:blythwoods1@gmail.com) for more details of forthcoming working parties and find out more about *Blyth Woods* at www.blythwoods.org

Jo Jarvis



Sun 1st Feb at 3.00pm
Wed 4th Feb at 7.15pm

HAMNET (12A)

Tues 3rd & Thurs 5th Feb at 7.15pm

MARTY SUPREME (15)

Fri 13th & Sat 14th Feb at 7.15pm
Sun 15th Feb at 6.00pm
Tues 17th & Wed 18th Feb at 2pm
Thurs 19th Feb at 3.00pm

KANGAROO (PG)

Fri 20th, Sat 21st, Tues 24th &
Thurs 26th Feb at 7.15pm

PRIMATE (18)

Sun 22nd Feb at 3.00pm
Wed 25th Feb at 7.15pm

I SWEAR (15)

Fri 27th Feb at 7.15pm
Sun 1st Mar at 6.00pm
Mon 2nd Mar at 1.00pm
Tues 3rd Mar at 7.15pm
Wed 4th Mar at 3.00pm
Thurs 5th Mar at 7.15pm

WUTHERING HEIGHTS (15)

Sat 28th Feb at 7.30pm. ON STAGE

THE ALTER EAGLES

Sat 21st Mar at 7.30pm. ON STAGE

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Village Hall Kitchen

Update on work

WORK ON THE REFURBISHMENT OF THE KITCHEN in the Village Hall will be starting shortly.

As a result, **the Café will be closed from 7 February, and will re-open on 7 March 2026.**

We appreciate your patience during this period and look forward to welcoming everyone back, once the work is complete.

Thank you for your understanding. *Angela Corsan,*
on behalf of Wenhasdon Village Hall Management Committee

The Village Hall

Management Committee

. . . wish to inform Wenhasdon residents that we have received funding from these donors, for the modernisation of the Village Hall kitchen and café:

The Belstead Ganzoni Charitable Trust	2,461.16
Adnams Community Trust	4,000.00
National Lottery Community Fund	16,469.00
Private	500.00
Private	500.00
Donation Raised from 50th Birthday Party	340.02
Wenhasdon Village Hall Donation	10,000.00
Enable Community Budget Funding from Councillors: Beth Keys-Holloway & Geoff Wakeling	2,000
Total	£36,270.18

Notes from the School

A Winter Picnic in Grove Woods

IN EARLY DECEMBER OUR YOUNGEST CHILDREN, in Saplings Class, had a wonderfully creative afternoon in Grove Woods – in collaboration with *Blyth Woods Group*. They focused on the theme of 'what makes a celebration?!



The children gathered natural food sources that woodland creatures enjoy – berries, seeds, nuts, leaves and grains. They then coated slices of wood with apricot jam and used their collected items to construct a beautiful winter picnic for the creatures. On revisiting their display, it was clear the picnic had been a success, with a cheeky squirrel spotted scampering off, leaving behind several disturbed and partially-eaten 'plates'! Other celebration activities included crafting decorative wreaths by weaving leaves, berries, and seed heads into hazel frames.



A Trip to DanceEast Ipswich

Also in December, the whole school enjoyed a cultural trip to Ipswich. This was to see a production of *The Magic Flute* at **DanceEast**. It was a marvellous experience that exposed the children to the excitement of live ballet and opera.



Star Turn in the Village Hall

Our Christmas production was a huge success; performances for Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2 were packed to the rafters in the Village Hall.



The children did a fantastic job, and the singing was superb, showcasing the talent and enthusiasm of all involved.

We hope you have enjoyed hearing about our December activities. *Mr Stone*



News From Jane at Wenhaston Post Office

FIRSTLY, I WOULD LIKE TO THANK EVERYONE for the kindness and understanding these past few months over the loss of my brother – it has been really appreciated. It just proves what a lovely village Wenhaston is to live in.

But it has made me look at my future in a different light and, with my on-going health issues, I have made the decision to open the Post Office on three days a week only, starting from the first week in February. I hope you will understand my reasons for doing this.

I will be open Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday mornings, 9am-1pm.

I appreciate this will be awkward, with Halesworth not having a Post Office at present – but at least Wenhaston will still have a Post Office.

Jane Peters

Christmas Community Lunch

A huge thank you!



... to everyone who worked so hard to make our final lunch of last year, such a great success



Thank you to:

- the planners
- the invitation deliverers,
- those who set up and tidied up the hall
- the cooks
- the servers
- the washing-up team
- the wine waiter
- the hot drinks makers
- and the drivers.

Thanks also to Mr Stone and children from the school – for their wonderful singing. It was lovely to welcome so many guests, to share good food and wine, music and laughter.

Revd Canon Alison Alder, Blyth Valley Churches

The Fascination of Fungi

A NUMBER OF HARDY PEOPLE BRAVED THE STORMY WIND and rain to come to our local Suffolk Wildlife Trust January meeting in Southwold, where Tony Brown, a local naturalist of many years' experience, gave a talk on the wonders of fungi. He explained that there is no scientific difference between a toadstool and a mushroom, as they are both essentially the same thing. The fungus we see above the ground is the fruiting mechanism of the mycelium beneath, whether that is in the soil or in rotting wood. Mycelium can run considerable distances underground; in the USA, some honey fungus mycelium has been found to be 30 miles long. No wonder it can spread so fast.

Many fungal species have gills that store and spread the spores, but others have pores, 'teeth', or, as in the case of the ink cap, a cap containing spores that dissolves into a black ink, which was once used by medieval monks as a writing material.

Tony is an expert photographer, and we were treated to a fascinating visual account of the huge range of fungi, from bracket fungus to puff balls, coral tooth and dead man's fingers: from startling whites to reds, ochres, yellows - the breadth of colours and shapes was extraordinary, and many were photographed locally. However, one rule Tony emphasised several times was never to eat any fungus unless you are completely certain of its identity. The deathcap is as deadly as it sounds!

We all enjoyed such a visual presentation, and it certainly encourages us to observe our natural surroundings more carefully.

Our next meeting will be on Thursday, February 12th, at 7.30pm, at the Southwold Arts Centre, IP18 6JP, when Martin Tickler will talk about House Martins. Entrance is £5, to include refreshment, under 25s are free, and it is open to everyone.

*Penny Mansfield
contact us at: swtblythvalley*

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Saturday 18th April

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Karen Clegg



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Services at St Peter's in February

Sunday 1 st	10am	Team Service Halesworth
Sunday 8 th	10.30am	United Service at Methodist Church
Sunday 15 th	10am	Holy Communion
Sunday 22 nd	10am	Pause for Thought

Methodist Church Services in February

Sunday 1 st	10.30am	Mrs Laura Lawrance Martin/Mrs S Baker
Sunday 8 th	10.30am	Revd Les Richards
Sunday 15 th	10.30am	Revd Martin Keenan
Sunday 22 nd	10.30am	Rev Robert Soanes/Mrs J Shiret

News from St Peter's

HOPE YOU HAVE ALL MANAGED TO STAY WARM and safe in the snowy weather. It was quite tricky getting about at times and I for one am glad the pavements are clear again now.

Sadly, the Tractor and Ploughing event, which was booked for 11th January, had to be cancelled, as the forecast wasn't good. This was disappointing, but maybe we can have it later in the year.

Hopefully we will provide Easter Teas again this year, and also the Plant Sale in May. It has been a quiet month so I hope to have more to share with you next month. *Margaret Bloomfield 01502478502 margaret@wrush.plus.com*

February *at the Library*

WITH CHILLY DAYS AND DARKER NIGHTS still here for a while, now is the perfect time to curl up with a good book. Did you know that Halesworth library can deliver books to your home? If you cannot visit us, one of our volunteers can come to you. Contact us on 01986 875095 for further information.

Thanks to a council grant, the library can provide a warm space this winter with hot and cold drinks, soup, snacks and hygiene products, along with scarves and blankets. Please speak to library staff, or volunteers, if you would like to take advantage of this service. The library will also be offering a Kindness Rack (donations of winter clothing much appreciated!).

Watch out for information on children's activities at the library over half-term, but don't forget 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 at 10am our Time Out sociable group for older people meets for tea and biscuits. The Knit & Natter group meet alternate Tuesdays 2-4pm, staff can provide dates. Lego Club is on every Saturday 11-12 noon 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 10-4pm and Citizens Advice have a drop-in every other Tuesday 10-12 noon – please ask a member of staff for future dates.

There will be sessions of Sociable Sundays on Sunday 8th and 22nd February: meet new people and enjoy good conversation over a cuppa and a cake in the welcoming space of the library. Drop in any time between 10.30am and 12.30pm. Board Games Cafe is 23rd February 2-4.30pm. There are many games to choose from, old and new ones, or bring along your own favourites. There's no need for special skills or knowledge. Join us, and have a relaxing afternoon, meet new friends, enjoy tea and cake! There is a suggested £1 donation to the Friends of Halesworth Library, who host these events. We also hope to hold a Book Talk on Thursday 19th February so keep an eye out for posters and flyers, or email the Friends at friendsofhalesworthlibrary@gmail.com.

Catherine Draper

Wenhaston Walkers

JUST ONE, LOCAL, WALK IN FEBRUARY setting out at 10am on Tuesday, 3rd February from Wenhaston Village Hall.

January's walk was blessed with crisp, clear weather and snow underfoot; let's hope for similar this time round.

If you wish to add your name to the circulation list, please email ipbigwood@btinternet.com

Ian Bigwood



December Winners

THE DECEMBER DRAW WAS MADE at the Christmas Fair:

Christmas bonus	£50	Katherine Edwards
1 st prize	£37.50	Hazel Sacco
2 nd prize	£22.50	Christine Buttle
3 rd prize	£15.00	Wesley Kerr

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 2026. 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! All enquiries please phone:

Elaine on 07577431350 or Angela on 07878241258

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to you all*

from the Editors
-- and a reminder
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Raising funds for Village Hall maintenance

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. 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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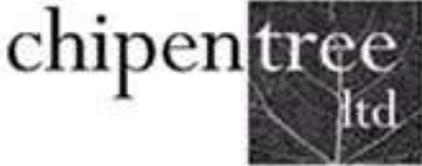
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