



The Wenhaston Warbler

July 2026

Charity Tractor Road Run in aid of *Cardiac Risk in the Young (CRY)*

ON THE LAST
SUNDAY IN
MAY, NINETY
TRACTORS
assembled at
Church Farm to
begin the Tractor
Run. There were



many supporters at the farm waving them off in glorious sunshine, sustained by bacon rolls and drinks provided by the Village Hall Committee – £375 was raised for the Village Hall Maintenance Fund.

The route went through Blyford Estate onto Holton, then into Halesworth and through more villages along the route, arriving at the playing field in Walpole for lunchtime refreshments – supplied by the villagers of Walpole.

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Sat 4th July at 12.00pm
 Sun 5th July at 6.00pm

THE MANDALORIAN & GROGU (12A)

Mon 6th & Tues 7th July at 7.15pm
 Wed 8th July at 3.00pm
 Thurs 9th July at 1.00pm

VIRGINIA WOOLF'S NIGHT & DAY (12A)

Fri 10th July at 4pm & 7pm
 Sat 11th July at 1pm, 4pm & 7pm
 Sun 12th July at 12pm & 3pm
 Mon 13th-Thurs 16th July at 5pm & 7.30pm
 Fri 17th July at 4pm
 Sat 18th July at 1pm & 4pm
 Sun 19th July at 3pm
 Mon 20th - Thurs 23rd July at 4pm

TOY STORY 5 (12A)

Sun 12th July at 6pm

HANDA OPERA ON SYDNEY HARBOUR

Fri 17th & Sat 18th July at 7.15pm
 Sun 19th July at 6pm
 Mon 20th-Thurs 23rd July at
 7.15pm

SUPERGIRL (12A)

Fri 24th - Thurs 30th July

MINIONS & MONSTERS (PG)

Fri 24th & Sat 25th July at 7.15pm
 Sun 26th July at 6.00pm

DISCLOSURE DAY (12A)

A BRAND NEW COMEDY DRAMA
 WRITTEN BY WAYNE BURNS



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The Charity

CRY is a National UK Charity set up to help prevent young sudden cardiac deaths through awareness, screening, research, and supporting affected families. The money raised will be used locally to fund screening days and to promote awareness of the condition. To date in total we have raised an amazing £2,026, the village of Walpole has generously given £400, and donations are still coming in.

Thank you to:

- Arthur for sorting out the route, and his team of stewards, for keeping everyone safe on the roads.
- Karen, Mike, Susie, Sara and Donna for catering for us; we could not have managed without them.
- Claas Manns of Halesworth for the loan of a tractor, and Bill Kemball of Wantisden Hall for the loan of his trailer.
- the local landowners who gave permission for the tractors to use their many farm tracks.

Finally, thanks to everyone who supported us on the day to help make it such a wonderful success.

Fran Desborough



square” but instead of making it in fabric they made it in glass, using a wonderful “glass clay.” I’m sure you will agree that their tiles look amazing.

We were also excited to receive a visit from author, Guy Bass. He was hilariously funny and kept us all entertained, but at the same time was inspirational, and gave the children many practical tips for their own writing.

Just before half term, one of our pupils, Francis, entered the Suffolk Young Speaker of the year award. We are really proud to announce that he won the inclusion category for his very informative speech on living with allergies.

Jo Lockhart



Francis, with his trophy



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Mr Stone



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SUNDAY 26th JULY

2-4 PM

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If you want to enter a category get a schedule and entry form from The Village Hall.

ALL WELCOME



Notes from *a Fluffy Garden*

COME DOWN TO THE MEADOW WITH ME. Sounds like the start of a saucy folk song but, maidens and swains aside, there really is a meadow here in the garden.

It's a small section of the lawn – you know, that (mostly) green bit that is full of stuff very little of which is actual grass, or so I thought.

Anyway, the meadow is an uncut area which allows all and sundry to do their thing over the summer. In it I have, among others, ox-eye daisies, hawk's-beard, birdsfoot-trefoil, self-seeded geraniums that have bounced out of the flower beds, buttercups, yarrow and numerous grasses . . . yes really, who knew?!

I sit by my meadow with a cup of tea, the cats lie in it, enjoying the coolness, and all manner of flying, creeping and wriggling things make it their home. We love a bit of extra fluff for summer.

Cherry Wilkinson



Wenhaston *Walkers*

OUR FIRST WALK IN JULY WILL BE ON TUESDAY 7TH, setting off at 10am from Wenhaston Village Hall. On Tuesday 21ST July, Lesley and Alastair will lead the walk from *The Plough & Sail*, Snape Maltings IP17 1SP, starting out at 10am; park to the right in the rear overflow car park, in order to gather together. Lunch can be ordered on the day.

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

Ian Bigwood

Halesworth Library *Summer activities*

- Wednesday 29th July 10-11am: a sports themed craft club. This is FREE, but booking required – contact the library to secure your place.
- Friday 31st July: a chess taster session – drop in anytime between 2.30-4.30pm. Whether you are a complete beginner or looking to develop your skills, we hope to see you there.
- Wednesday 5th August: Mini Monsters at the library with their creepy crawly roadshow. £1 per child, booking required. Choose between our morning session 11.30am-12.30pm, or the afternoon session 1.30-2.30pm.
- Wednesday 12th August: local artist, Anita Andrews, a craft workshop 1-3pm. £1 per child, booking required.
- Friday 21st August, 10am-3pm: Anita will be running an all day workshop showing children (aged 8+) how to create their own notebooks. Lunch provided. £1 per child, please book in advance.
- Wednesday 26th August 10-11am: a rainbow fish craft club, FREE but booking required.

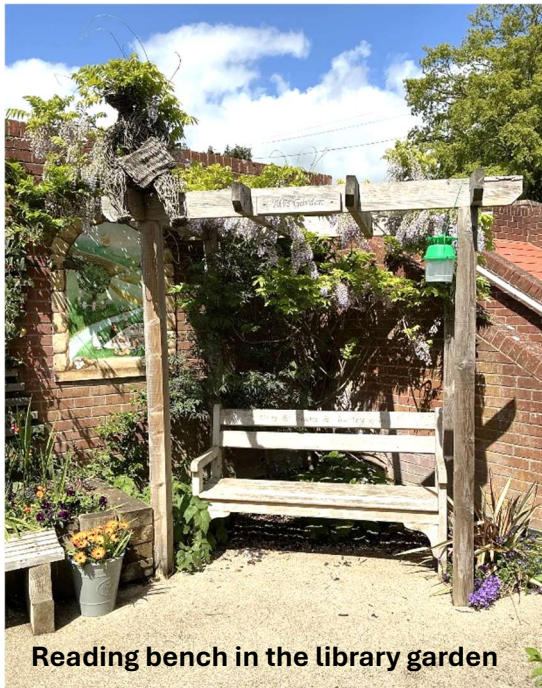
The Reading Quest will be returning at the end of July – make sure you pop into the library to sign up and collect your casebook to carry you through the summer!

The Friends of Halesworth Library AGM

The Annual General Meeting will be on Tuesday, 30th June 6.30pm, at the library. Anybody may attend the meeting, but voting rights are restricted to the Friends.

Copies of the agenda, the report of the trustees to members and accounts for the year to 31st March 2026, will be available for collection from the library from 15th June.

Following the formal business, there will be a panel discussion and audience Q&A reviewing the transition of the library service to Suffolk County Council in 2025. We will also discuss the future projects and activities of the Friends group under the new in-house provision. The panel will include Daniel Harvey, Library Operations and Delivery Manager, Suffolk Community Libraries and Councillor Annette Dunning, Suffolk County Councillor for the Halesworth Division and ambassador of the Library. Come along, share your views, and be part of the conversation about the future of our library.



Reading bench in the library garden

Mothers' Union

THE WORLDWIDE MOTHERS' UNION IS CELEBRATING 150 years since its foundation in 1874 and, as the birthday was the same date as our June meeting, the 10th, we held a service in St Peter's Church, as Wenhaston's part in the celebration.

The service was led by Revd Edmund Smith, who is also one of our members. We sang favourite hymns, and were accompanied by Jonathan on the organ. Felicity gave an appropriate reading, and Margaret Bloomfield led the Intercessions. It was good to have several members of other branches with us, as well as friends from the St Peter's congregation and the village. The service was followed in the church by tea, cakes and lots of chat!

My thanks go to Edmund, Jonathan, Margaret, and to everyone who helped in any way to make the afternoon both memorable and enjoyable.

In July we shall be meeting in the garden at Spindleberry (hopefully!) to participate and appreciate the Wave of Prayer Service together. As always, this will be followed by our usual summer tea!

Coffee Morning

As part of the celebrations, branches have the opportunity to accept £5 from Mary Sumner House, and then to organise fund-raising events to increase the £5 to at least £50!

Wenhaston Branch plans to do this by holding a **Coffee Morning on Wednesday 29th July at Spindleberry, Narrow Way 10.30am-12.30pm with a raffle, and a Bring and Buy stall**

Our aim is to increase our £5 to £150 and we invite everyone to come and join us!

The money raised will be sent to Mary Sumner House, who will use it to continue the tremendous Work that the MU does in so many countries in the world supporting families and children.

Please do put the date in your diary and come and have coffee with us.

Margaret Goldstone 01502 478378

News from St Peter's

OUR ANNUAL PLANT SALE WAS A GREAT SUCCESS. The weather was kind, the churchyard was buzzing with people buying plants and cakes, and taking part in the raffle. Any leftover plants were transported to Margaret Goldstone's garden, where she very kindly sold them to passers-by. The final total was just over £400 – thank you to all who made this possible.

The APCM took place on 20th May and I am pleased to say that Jonathan will continue as Church Warden, Anne as Secretary, and myself as Treasurer. We are so grateful for all that Jonathan does for us.

Congratulations to our curate, Edmund, who is being Priested on 27th June in St Edmundsbury Cathedral. Some of us hope to be able to join him for this special occasion.

On 21st August we have been invited to join the Village Hall Committee in putting on a quiz. We hope there will be lots of teams and that it will as entertaining as it usually is. More next month.

Margaret Bloomfield 01502478502 margaret@wrush.plus.com

Services at St Peter's in July

Sunday 5 th	10am	Team Service at Halesworth
Sunday 12 th	10am	Joint Service with Methodists at St Peter's
Sunday 19 th	10am	Holy Communion
Sunday 26 th	10am	Pause for Thought

Methodist Church Services in July

Sunday 5 th	10.30am	Mrs J Shiret
Sunday 12 th	10.00am	United Service at St Peter's
Sunday 19 th	10.30am	Revd Martin Keenan
Sunday 26 th	10.30am	Mrs Sue Groome

So, what are we doing now? We are running monthly ‘**spot checks**’ on the whole of the Blyth catchment, sampling 24 sites covering Blyth and its tributaries at the same time on one day, ensuring the same weather and river flow conditions to give us a snapshot of where the pollution is. This has been made possible by the addition of several welcome volunteers from Laxfield,

E. coli in the Blyth

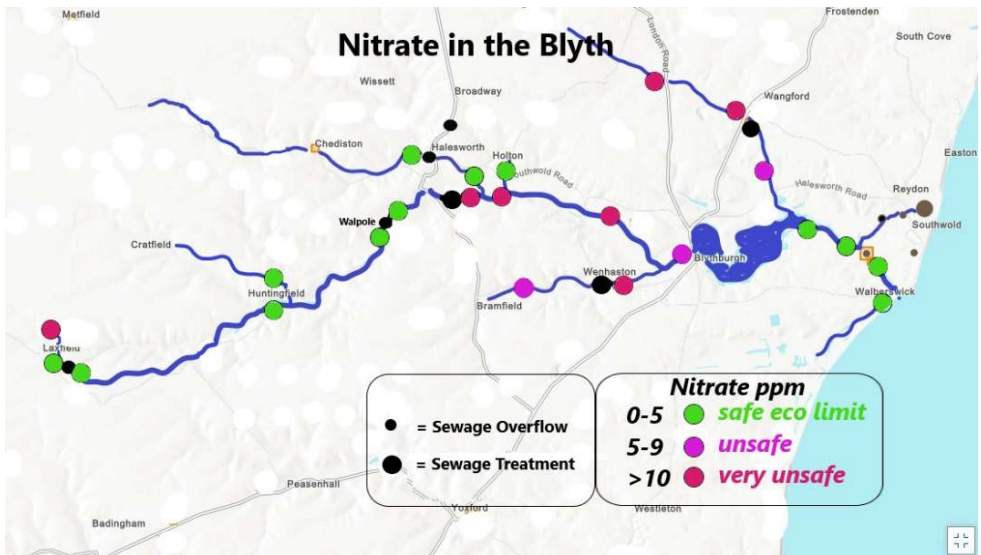
Legend:

- = Sewage Overflow
- = Sewage Treatment

E. coli cfu/ml

0-5	Yellow circle	'Safe bathing'
5-9	Orange circle	
9-50	Pink circle	'Unsafe bathing'
> 50	Red circle	

The map shows the Blyth River flowing from the north towards the south. Key locations marked include Matfield, Wissell, Broadway, Wangford, South Cove, Easton, Reydun, Southwold, Walpole, Huntingfield, Walpole, Wenheston, Bramfield, Brundage, Walpole, and Westleton. The river is shown in blue, and the surrounding land is in light green. A legend box in the bottom right corner explains the symbols for sewage overflows and treatments, and the color-coded E. coli levels. A scale bar at the bottom indicates distances in miles and kilometers.



Pollution ‘Spot-Checks’

Huntingfield, Holton, and Blythburgh, as well as newcomers to our original Wenhamston team, enabling the group to cover the Blyth catchment from source to sea.

We test for pH, conductivity, dissolved solids, ammonia, nitrate, phosphate, and the faecal bacteria *E. coli*.

The maps here show levels of **nitrate** (a plant nutrient pollutant) and ***E. coli*** (faecal contamination indicator) measured at the end of May, and you can see there is a worrying degree of pollution along most of the non-tidal Blyth and its tributaries. *(continued)*

The tidal estuary had acceptably lower levels of pollution, not surprising as the large tidal flow of saltwater in the estuary effectively dilutes and washes out the pollutants from the river.

E.coli contamination was very high downstream from the sewage overflow at Laxfield, close to the source of the Blyth, and below each of the sewage treatment works at Halesworth, Wenhaston and Wangford.

Although *E.coli* is an inevitable component of effluent from our outdated sewage pipe network and treatment works, the high levels we have seen at Laxfield – a pumping station overflow - is alarming. Even though recent rainfall in the area has been minimal for several weeks, discharge records show eight maintenance events on the outflow pipe; totalling 38 hours, with 2 over 14 hours.

Also extremely concerning are the high levels of *E.coli* pollution in the Holton tributary and upstream from the treatment works on the river Wang.

Possible sources of faecal pollution in these parts of the rivers are:

a) leakage from the mains sewer network,

b) overflow from septic tanks,

or

c) animal livestock. We will be doing further work to identify them!

The **nitrate** 'hot-spots' along the Blyth and Wang, other than downstream from treatment works, are likely to have come from similar sources, and/or nitrate fertilisers via run-off into ditches and streams.

So, what do we make of this?

1. *Are these results a one-off exception?* **No:** they fit the pattern that our River Group has observed over the last three years of testing.
2. *Should we be worried?* **Yes:** apart from the immorality of polluting our vital water courses, pollution has a detrimental effect on the river

system's plants and animals. Faecal/sewage pollution is a health risk to animals and humans coming into contact with river water.

3. *What can we do about it?*

- Report any obvious pollution to the Environment Agency (0800 80 70 60)
- Increase public and political awareness to press for improvements.
- Reduce our domestic waste pollution: use eco-friendly cleaning products and proper disposal of potentially damaging waste such as medicines).

What next for our River Group?

We plan to repeat this 'spot-check' testing each month to October to build up a picture of pollution changes through the year, and to use the data to press the EA and Anglian water for improvement to our waste-treatment infrastructure.

We will be using these results to help track down unauthorized sources of pollution and press those responsible to ensure they are remedied.

And finally, the DNA from the *E.coli* in our samples will be analysed at the University of Suffolk using cutting-edge technology to see how virulent they are, and if they are capable of spreading antibiotic resistance to other bacteria!

Wil Harvey for the Wilder Wenhaston River Group

wilderwenhaston@gmail.com



Dear Subscribers

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- Cash in an envelope, as above.

Some people have already set up automatic payments so need to do nothing.

Changes

The following changes will take place from **September 2026**:

- As Lloyds are now charging us for cheques, we are going to encourage everyone to pay their subs and receive their prizes through BACS. We realise that some people may want to continue to receive or give cheques, and this option will be available for those who wish to do so. Cash subscriptions will still be accepted.
- **There will be one prize of £60 a month and a Christmas prize of £120.**

If you are a current subscriber and do not wish to continue from September, please let us know well in advance.

Any new members are welcome, contact the administrators for more information:

Elaine Potter 07577431350 Potter375@hotmail.com

Angela Corsan 07878 241258 angela.corsan@hotmail.co.uk



Winners for June

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

- 1st prize £37.50 J Baker
- 2nd prize £22.50 Hazel Sacco
- 3rd prize £15.00 Fay Sweet

Elaine and Angela

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