



The Wenhaston Warbler

September 2026



Wenhaston Village Harvest Festival

is at 4pm in St Peter's Church on Sunday 27th September
followed by refreshments

Food donations will go to Halesworth Community Larder and Foodbank

Money donations will go to RAB¹ to support the farming community

Everyone is welcome – this is an opportunity for our community to come together to give thanks for the work of all the people who grow our food and to reflect on the continuing need for us to protect the natural world and all it gives us.

We do hope you will join us, particularly if you fancy a good sing!

Rev'd Canon Alison Alder

¹ Royal Agricultural Benevolent Institution

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 Sun 6th Sept at 3.00pm
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Village Show 2026

IN JULY ONCE AGAIN, THE VILLAGE WAS treated to a wonderful showcase of home-grown produce, sewing, crafts and baking from our many talented exhibitors at the annual Wenhaston Village Show.

After such a spell of hot weather, we wondered whether there would be much produce for the show tables. However, we need not have worried: the displays were impressive, colourful and full of variety.

Thank you to everyone who came along, entered exhibits and supported this much-loved village event.

Sue McKeown



The Winners!

Nolloth Prize for *The Novice Entrant with the most points*: John Hennesey

Hodges Trophy for *Young Exhibitor of the year*: Adelaide Sacco

Jill Heater Memorial Plate for *Most points in the Fruit Class*: Angus Holdcroft

David Remy Trophy for *Best Photograph in category 72-74*: Elaine Potter

Peter Phillips Trophy for *Best Photograph in category 75*: James Ellis

Peter and June Lewis Plate for *Most points in the Flower Class*: Christina Ballinger

Cissy Martin Spoon for *Most points in Baking and Preserves*: Sean McLaughlin

Halesworth Tool Hire Shield for *Most points for Vegetables*: Christina Ballinger

Community Council Trophy for *Best entry in the craft section*: Sue Pike

Blythweb Trophy for *WAA holder most points*: Angela Corsan

Harold Hatcher Memorial Cup for *Most Points in total*: Christina Ballinger

Charles Martin Shield for *Most points Runner Up*: Jo Small

Havard Cup for *Best in Show*: Sue Pike



Flower Club

MEMBERS OF WENHASTON FLOWER CLUB enjoyed a wonderful Garden Party last month, blessed with fantastic weather and a beautiful venue. It was a lovely evening filled with friendship, flowers, and good company. A special thank you goes to Ali for hosting such a successful and enjoyable event.

Ikebana demonstration

Ikebana is the traditional Japanese art of flower arranging, renowned for its elegance and simplicity. Richard Holmes will share his expertise with a demonstration at our next meeting. This promises to be an inspiring evening, and we look forward to welcoming Richard on Tuesday 1 September.

Charity Night in October

We will also be beginning preparations for our Charity Night in support of **Cancer Research UK, Halesworth Branch**. We hope members and friends will join us in making this fundraising event a great success for a worthwhile cause.

New members and visitors are always welcome to come along and join our friendly group.

Jackie Chenery 01502 478401

Notes from *a Fluffy Garden*



AS I WRITE THIS IN MID-AUGUST, the garden is not so much fluffy as crispy. Sort of roast chicken and thyme without the chicken. Pigeon, on the other hand, now that I could do. I don't know where they get the energy – strutting up and down the conservatory roof in pursuit of lurve...

Seeing the garden in the midst of this heat and drought, it is tempting to give in to those 'Oh, why do I bother' feelings. But when I think about it and look carefully, I can see that the pigeons are on to something. The place is full of love!

The Passion Flower is doing well and setting its first fruit (yes, yes, I know the real reason for its name). Tomatoes, once called love apples, are ripening faster than we can eat them. Romantic roses have been good this year and the sunflowers will be full of seeds, as are the figs. Ah, is that why the pigeons are so randy!

The dear little climber, Love-in-a-Puff, is forming its balloon-like pods, each containing round black seeds marked with a white heart. Blue Nigella, Love-in-a-Mist, are over now, but their seed heads known as Devil-in-a-Bush, could maybe make the list.

And throughout all, the sun-worshipping shrubby herbs paint the garden in fifty fluffy shades of grey. What's not to love?

Cherry Wilkinson

News from St Peter's

THE HOT DRY WEATHER CONTINUES! It is lovely for the schoolchildren who often have a rainy summer holiday. I think we are all praying for rain now, though, as our poor gardens are suffering. Having said that, I have a good crop of tomatoes, runner beans, figs and sweet corn so the hot weather has suited some things.

Our Big Quiz will have taken place when you get your September edition. We are very grateful to the Village Hall Committee for including us in the planning and running of the quiz. We are hoping for a good number of contestants and a fun-filled evening.

On 27th September we will have our Harvest Festival in St Peter's at 4pm followed by a Harvest Tea. This will be a joint service with our Methodist friends, and we invite everyone to come to give thanks for the harvest and enjoy fellowship with us all over tea. Revd Canon Alison will take the service.

Don't forget the *Suffolk Historic Churches Trust* 'Ride and Stride' on Saturday 12th September. We are looking for participants to take part on behalf of St Peter's, and also for stewards to welcome those who visit our lovely church. We receive half of the sponsorship money and the other half is used by the Trust to maintain Suffolk churches. St Peter's has benefited from this recently – towards the cost of preserving the Doom Painting.

Margaret Bloomfield 01502478502 margaret@wrush.plus.com

Services at St Peter's in September

Sunday 6 th	10am	Team Service at Halesworth
Sunday 13 th	10am	Morning Prayer, joint service with the Methodists
Sunday 20 th	10am	Holy Communion
Sunday 27 th	4pm	Harvest Festival followed by tea in the church - everyone welcome

Methodist Church Services in September

Sunday 6 th	10.30am	Mrs Julie Waller
Sunday 13 th	10.00am	Service at St Peter's
Sunday 20 th	10.30am	Revd Robert Soanes
Sunday 27 th	10.30am	Revd Iain McKillop, Harvest Festival Service

Everyone is very welcome to all services – please join us!

Mothers' Union

OUR PLAN FOR AUGUST WAS TO have afternoon tea together at a local restaurant. However, as we got nearer to the proposed date, interest seemed to wane and the outing was cancelled. Perhaps it was a good idea, as it was rather hot on the actual day!

We will now meet again on Wednesday 9th September in the Methodist Chapel at 2.30pm, when our Speaker will be a member of staff from the Pear Tree Centre, who will update us with all the information and the work that is carried out there. I will look forward to seeing anyone who would like to join us for this talk and a cup of tea afterwards!

Margaret Goldstone 01502 478378

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At the Library in **September**

JOIN US AT HALESWORTH LIBRARY TO CELEBRATE the end of the summer:

The Tricky Twister Friday 4th September 3.30-4.30pm. For ages 5-11, £1 per child. Spaces are limited, so contact the library to book your place.

We will be getting involved in Heritage Open Days this year with two special craft sessions:

- **Traditional corn dolly making:** For adults, on Wednesday 2nd September, 10.30am. Free, no booking needed.
- **Medieval paint-making workshop:** For children, on Saturday 19th September, 10am-12 noon and 2-4pm. Free, but booking required. This is a chance for children to learn about medieval paint. The children can have a go at mixing and using their very own watercolour paints.

These activities will be run by Meraylah Allwood, an artist and illustrator, whose miniature paintings have been exhibited with the Royal Miniature Society and the Hilliard Society. She also worked as a librarian for many years and runs creative workshops for adults and children in the community.

Catherine Draper

Wenhaston with Mells Parish Council vacancy

There is a vacancy for an additional parish councillor in Wenhaston.

We would like to hear from any interested parishioner who might like to join our team of volunteers.

If you are interested and would like further information, then please contact me:

07500 210476 or email: clerk@wenhastonmells-pc.gov.uk

I shall be pleased to help. *Richard Day, Clerk, Wenhaston Parish Council*



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Winners for August

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

- 1st prize £37.50 Ian Spoor
2nd prize £22.50 Andrew Bodiam
3rd prize £15.00 Ted Woods

Thank you. *Elaine and Angela*

Wenhaston Walkers

OUR FIRST WALK IN SEPTEMBER WILL BE on Tuesday 1st, setting off at 10am from the Village Hall.

On Tuesday 15th September, Ali and David will lead the walk from the Sir Alfred Munnings, The Street, Mendham IP20 0NH, starting out at 10am; lunch details will be notified in advance.

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Ian Bigwood

Wenhaston Tennis Club

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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.

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Zena Grant, Secretary on 07775953987

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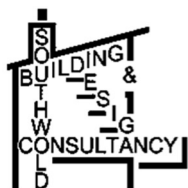
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