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# Word

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## The New Look Word!

This is the first issue of the Wenhaston Word published by Blythweb Ltd. It is a new A5 format and in colour too, published and printed here in the village by Tim, Eileen and Becky. A totally local newsletter but available globally online at [www.wenhastonword.co.uk](http://www.wenhastonword.co.uk).

This version is just 8 pages of A5 but we will be expanding that to at least 12 pages as we get into our stride this summer. We would like to feature articles and reports from all village societies and organisations, especially those who have not used the Wenhaston Word in recent years.

The Wenhaston Word office is open at Blythweb in The Street from 9am to 5pm Monday to Friday. Call in to say hello. We have great plans for the Wenhaston Word and we would love to hear your thoughts on how the new Wenhaston Word can get better and better.

We can accept reports and contributions in



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almost any format including clear handwriting although we would prefer text that we can OCR scan or read straight from disk or email.

We would also like to hear from anyone who is willing to contribute a regular column on a subject of interest to the village. This could be any length from a few column centimetres to a whole page, with or without photos. If you have an idea come and talk to us.

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## Urgent Call for Parish Councillors

There will be an election for the Wenhaston with Mellis Hamlet Parish Council on 3rd May 2007. If enough people put in their nomination papers by noon on 4th April 2007 there will be a Poll but if there are less than eleven nominations then all those nominated will automatically be elected.

The Parish Council is very important to the life of the village and everyone living in the village should take an active interest in their Parish Council - they are after all spending our money!

So if you think you have what it takes to be a Parish Councillor and would like to join the Parish Council then this is your chance. You can get your nomination papers from Mary Pennock our Parish Clerk.

## Parish Council Election

3rd May 2007

Nominations close at noon on 4th April 2007

Nomination forms are available from Mary Pennock (Parish Clerk).

01502 478448

## **Wenhaston Parish Council meeting 21st March 2007**

The Chairman Cllr B Orme welcomed Tim & Eileen Heaps of Blythweb Ltd to the Parish Council meeting, and then invited them to speak about the forthcoming newsletter.

A six month trial period was proposed by Mr Heaps to see how cost effective the new Wenhaston Word would be.

The Good Village Guide, to be printed by Blythweb, to go ahead with distribution perhaps in May or June.

Cllr B Orme thanked Tim & Eileen Heaps who then left the meeting.

A letter was received from the Pre School seeking permission for the parents taking children to and from School to park on the car park on the Playingfield, and a gate to be installed at the rear of the School. The Parish Council agreed to these requests.

The Council is committed to provide an Internet Provider for the Computer in the Village Hall in the next month or so.

A Horse Route map for Blackheath has been produced and is now available from the Parish Council.

The Annual Parish Meeting is on 25th April at 7.00pm in the Village Hall. Please come along and have your say in matters that affect the Village or better still become a Parish Councillor, the election being on 3rd May. The Clerk has Nomination papers.

There were no planning matters at this meeting.

*Mary Pennock*

### **Annual Parish Meeting**

**25th April 7.00pm**

**Wenhaston Village Hall**

Please come along and have your say  
in matters that affect the Village

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## **Wenhaston W.I. March Report**

Our meeting began in a sombre mood as we commemorated with a minutes silence the life of one of our members, Eileen Snelling who had been frail for some time Heather read a short address on Eileen's active and interesting life.

The mood was hardly lightened by our speaker's subject. The work of the NSPCC. It was the first time John Simpson had spoken to a WI group, I am sure it won't be the last as he was an excellent speaker. He began his talk by giving us the background of the NSPCC which was set up in 1884 and now incorporates Child Line. Then he related some chilling statistics. One child a week dies at the hands of a parent or a carer. They receive 200,000 calls a year from adults concerned about children. Child Line receives 4,000 calls a day from young children in trouble. 700 children a week are put on the child protection list.

Britain has more child abuse than any other country in Europe. What's gone wrong? Break down of the family unit; break down of marriage, families spread out. Then there is alcohol abuse, drug abuse, violence between parents, serious bullying and the modern evil of Internet child pornography. To help combat the latter mobile 'phone companies and credit card suppliers give information to the police. Microsoft also helps track down these despicable web sites.

What can we do? Understand and recognise child abuse. Listen to peoples' problems and give support. If one is concerned in any way contact the N.S.P.C.C.

After this talk our business seemed rather trivial. Eileen and Felicity both gave a report on days one and two of their course on "Speaking with Confidence", and final details on various outings were given.

## Footpath Walking

The morning walk on Tuesday 3rd April will leave from Wenhaston Village Hall at 10am.

The all day walk on Tuesday 17th April will be led by Heather Hammond around Homersfield. Meet at 10am in the car park opposite Homersfield Black Swan. Lunch at the Black Swan.

For any other help contact Heather Phillips 01502 478545.

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## Can You Help?

Janet Ford in Derbyshire is researching the Wenhaston name NEWSON as part of her husband's family tree. She is interested to know more about Louisa Newson who was christened in Wenhaston 16/08/1829 and who married Charles EADE (aka Charles TURNER) in 1849. In particular Janet is keen to define the relationship between Louisa and Harriet Newson.

If you can help at all email Janet Ford at [jford44@btinternet.com](mailto:jford44@btinternet.com) or contact Eileen at Blythweb for fuller details.

## Wenhaston Village Hall

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### Annual General Meeting

will be held on  
Wednesday 9th May at 7.00 pm

There will be the Normal Report and The Election of three Village Representatives

The present representatives:

Maurice Stammers, Mary Pennock, David Remy automatically resign under the rules of the constitution, but are eligible for re-election.

Mr Stammers does not wish to stand.

Any one wishing to stand should notify the Secretary seven days before the meeting. Should there be more than three people standing the vote will be taken by a show of hands on the night of the election.

Village Hall Secretary:  
David Remy 01502 478385



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## New 'Pathfinder' Service

A new public transport service is operating from the Halesworth Volunteer Centre. It's called the Pathfinder – it's a bit like a taxi but runs at standard bus rates – you can even use your free bus pass!

The Pathfinder operates from Tuesday – Sunday, 7am to 7pm centred on Halesworth and reaches areas which are not served by scheduled buses. It can carry up to six passengers and is wheelchair-friendly.

To book your journey, phone the Halesworth Volunteer Centre on 01986 874479 between 10 am and 1 pm, Monday to Friday at least 24 hours in advance of your intended journey.

Why not pick up a leaflet at Wenhaston Post Office and book your journey soon?

**Michael Gasper**

*Wenhaston Parish Council Transport Officer*

## Star Inn Table Top Sale

Thursday 5th April 10am - 12noon

£5 per table

Coffee & Cake

Proceeds to East Anglian Air Ambulance  
Contact Julie at the Star Inn 01502 478240

## W.I. Spring Fayre

**21st April 11:30am - 2.00pm**

**Wenhaston Village Hall**

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Come and enjoy this great lunch-time event for all the family. WI stalls selling preserves, cookery books, cakes. Also household linen, fresh/silk flowers. Try your luck at the Treasure Hunt! Bring your friends!



## **Wenhaston Sports Club**

The Club welcomes the new village newsletter and takes this opportunity to invite all residents of Wenhaston and neighbouring communities to join the Club. We already have about 60 members, but there's plenty of room for more people of all ages and abilities. The Sports area on the village Playing Field comprises a skateboarding area, which is open to all at any time, a tennis court for members' use and a multisport court for five-a-side football, basketball, etc. These courts are floodlit, so are available during the evenings until 9.30 pm as well as during daylight hours.

Cycling is also part of the Club's activities. The Wenhaston Wheelers go for 10-mile or 25-mile rides at weekends and, for the first time this year, will be starting occasional rides further afield than the regular routes that start and finish in the village. Our first ride will be on Sunday 15 April starting and finishing at The

Star and in May, we will be taking our bikes to Woodbridge and cycling home from there, taking quiet country lane routes.

This year, the Club will be organising the Village Open Gardens event, together with an Arts & Crafts Show. Look out for more details of these during the weekend of 16-17 June.

The evening before this piece was written in mid-March, there were more than 25 youngsters using these facilities, playing football, tennis, skateboarding, BMX riding and having a great time. Please come and join us! Joining the Club is dead easy - just talk to Wil Harvey [478248], Ann Edwards [478466], David Harrison [478757] or any of the Club's existing members, who will be happy to explain how to go about it. There are special rates for juniors or those who just wish to be a Wheeler - not expensive; we've held our fees steady since 2002!

**David Harrison**

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## **New Beginning for Wenhaston Pre-School**

Tuesday 17th April is set to be an auspicious day for the community of Wenhaston when its pre-school will open in a new purpose-built extension to the primary school at 10.00 am sharp.

The honour of cutting the ribbon goes to Mrs Violet Jackson of St Michaels Way who is the much revered former teacher of several generations of Wenhastonians and still regularly

visits the primary school to help children with their reading.

### **COMMUNITY EFFORT**

Right now there is still much to be done with decorating and buying and setting up of the new equipment in preparation for the all important Ofsted building inspection but the opening day will be the culmination of over a year's hard work by the voluntary committee. Chairperson Lindsey Savage first floated proposals with the parish council and primary school in March 2006. By June, exhaustively

prepared applications had been made to Suffolk County Council that in September secured a £139,000 building grant from central government's Extended Schools Scheme.

Awards of £1500 from Adnams Charity and £1800 from the Pepyn & Lessey Trust and £7000 by Suffolk Acre followed for the costs of professional fees and new equipment. The pre-school children got involved too by raising over £775 by holding sponsored bounces and cake sales.

### **MORE OPPORTUNITIES TO LEARN**

Ever since Wenhaston Pre-School opened its doors in 2001, it has held sessions three mornings per week at the village hall but would have to close whenever another booking conflicted with the schedule. Now, in its own building, it can hold sessions five days a week and extend sessions to 1.00 pm. A holiday club and after school club will use the building as well, run by a separate committee, the Wenhaston Community Play Scheme.

During term time the Wenhaston After School Club will operate from 3.15 pm to 6.00 pm providing an extended - but more relaxed - learning environment for 5-9 year olds and in school holidays; Wenhaston Holiday Club will run from 8.00 am to 6.00 pm. An area is being fenced for outdoor play and gardening and with the playing fields adjacent, more learning will be done outdoors to promote physical fitness. Wenhaston can be proud that its pre-school has already attained the highest possible Ofsted rating and this effort has been the response to the challenges set by Ofsted and the community's recognition that it's never too early to start giving children the best possible chances in life.

Positions for Play Leaders to run the after school and holiday clubs are still open. There are possibilities for flexible working and job sharing in these roles and anyone interested is urged to contact Lindsey Savage on 01986 872947 or email [nfsuffolk@aol.com](mailto:nfsuffolk@aol.com) for an application form immediately.

**Nat Bocking**

### **'Smasher' Dowsing rides again**

WHEN Circle 67's play *The Iconoclast* comes to the Village Hall on 20 April, it won't be the first time that the infamous William 'Smasher' Dowsing's men have visited Wenhaston.

Commissioned by Parliament to empty the churches of 'superstitious images,' in 1643 he sent his men to St Peter's, where they broke all the stained glass windows, took away the font cover and the organ—and made the churchwardens pay their costs!

Luckily for Wenhaston our famous 'Doom' had already been lime-washed over to hide it from an earlier despoliation, and it stayed out of sight for another 250 years. But the Vicar was removed from office in 1644 for 'ungodly activity,' as were the vicars of Blyford and Holton.

Bernard Fox's play, written especially for Circle 67's 40th anniversary year (its 'Ruby Jubilee'), is based on the dramatic story of Dowsing's official visit to Laxfield, his own home parish, in the following year and of his clash with the Vicar and his own family there.

Tickets (£8 & £7) from the Post Office, and by phone from 01986 784534.

**Peter Lewis**

### **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

**6th May** Tractor Run commencing from Church Farm at 10am. A Charity Event.

**7th May** May Day Walk commencing from Wenhaston Village Hall at 10am. Wenhaston Commons Group.

**9th May** 7pm Wenhaston Village Hall AGM

**16th -17th June** Open Gardens plus Arts and Craft Show. Wenhaston Sports Club

**21st July** Fundraising Event, Table Top Sale, Lunches,Teas at the Garden House, Blackheath, 10am - 4pm in aid of Wenhaston Village Hall and the Royal Marines Association. Call Alan Middleton-Stewart 01502 478840

## Wenhaston Gardeners' Club

At our March meeting a large turnout was entertained ( and to some extent, educated ) by the President of the Club, Ric Staines. His topic was "The Vegetable Year" and his comments and advice were based on a good deal of first-hand experience. It was a most useful and entertaining talk and we are very grateful to him.

On **April 10th** we have a change of emphasis; Matthew Tanton-Brown is coming to talk to us on "The Scented Garden". He is also a speaker with first-hand experience since Matthew is the manager of Place for Plants at East Bergholt. We have always found him to be good value. Everyone is welcome, you don't have to be a paid-up member to come.

Although April will be our last indoor meeting until October a number of trips have been arranged over Spring/Summer.

## Wenhaston United FC

We approach the final weeks of the season with the First Team fifth in Division Two of the Metaltec Suffolk & Ipswich League, as there is a possibility of three teams being promoted there is still a lot to play for.

The Reserves who are in a comfortable mid-table position in Division Four are to be congratulated on reaching the final of the Harpers Intersport Cup to be played at Framlingham Town FC on Friday April 27th, our opponents are still to be confirmed.

### Fixtures April/May

	1st XI	Reserves
7/4		H Grt Blakenham
10/4	A Stradbroke	
14/4	H John Bull	A Waterside
21/4	A Dennington	H East Bergholt
27/4	Harpers Final at Framlingham	
28/4	H Ipswich Exiles	
5/5	A Claydon	H Somersham
TBA		H Walsham

*Peter Pennock*

**May 23rd.** Evening Visit to Mr. Foster's garden at Redisham. No cost to members.

**June 14th.** All-day Visit to Mannington Hall and Blickling Hall in Norfolk. Costs £15 for members, £18 for non-members. Places available.

**July 10th.** Yaxharn Park, Norfolk. Together with W.I. A few places still available. For details and cost please contact Mrs June Tate on 01502 478622.

**July 26th.** All-day Visit to Kew Gardens, West London. Total cost, including Guided Tour is £25. Fully subscribed at present but names can be entered on a waiting list in case of people withdrawing for one reason or another.

For further details of all the above, contact Mrs Tate on the number above or Bernard Orme on 01502 478708.

**Bernard Orme**

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## The Iconoclast

A play by Bernard Fox  
being of the life and times of  
William Dowling, gent of Laxfield

*"They plucked communion tables down,  
and broke our painted glasses  
"They threw our altars to the ground,  
and tumbled down the crosses..."*

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