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Wenhaston Commons Group Assists The Suffolk Barn Owl Project



Alan Miller with owl chick
Photo © Gus Jones

Two barn owl chicks have been raised for the first time in a Wenhaston Commons Group barn owl box.

Serious identification ringing of wild birds started 100 years ago and Alan Miller, Suffolk Wildlife Trust warden and village resident, has been ringing for 30 years. The Commons Group put up a number of barn owl boxes around the village just three years ago.

Suffolk has the best habitat for the barn owl countrywide and now Wenhaston has joined the

Suffolk Barn Owl Project in helping to protect the future of this species that is seen gliding effortlessly above the fields, marshes and commons that surround the village.

Recently, Alan Miller, who is licensed to ring birds in the wild, and two members of the Commons Group visited the nest site and assisted in placing identification tags on the chicks showing the date and place of the ringing.

Photographs of the chicks are shown here - another partnership achievement between the Wenhaston Commons Group and the Suffolk Wildlife Trust.



Alan Miller with owl chick
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Gus Jones

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21 years ~ see page 5

New Service

A textile bank is now at Wenhaston Village Hall car park. Proceeds to Hall funds.

Village Hall Surgery

There will be no Southwold Surgery at Wenhaston Village Hall on Thursdays 30 July and 6 August. Contact 01502 722326

Wenhaston Allotments Association

Strawberry Cream Teas

in the garden

16 August 2:00pm - 5:30pm

St James House

Bramfield Road, Wenhaston

All Welcome

Proceeds to the Wenhaston Allotments Fund

Looking for a service, gift idea, treat or tradesman?

See pages 3, 5, 7 and 8

Mrs Joyce Mead

Joyce Mead died suddenly at home on June 23 aged 84.

She moved from her bungalow on Blackheath (now The Garden House) after living there for nearly 30 years to St Michael's Way about six years ago. Her Funeral Service was held at St Peter's Thorington on 14 July.

She was born at Gt Dunmow and there are no known immediate blood relatives but she had some good neighbours and friends. I was introduced to her many years ago through mutual business associates and along with Jan Allen we were able to give Father Edward Rennard, who conducted the Service, some help with his address.

She was a quiet, unassuming lady, and an accomplished pianist. She was also very understanding and compassionate, always ready to use her book-keeping and clerical experience to help others. Her husband worked at the Builders Merchants yard of Sillett & Wright but died about 30 years ago.

She was friendly with the late John and Mrs Joyce Flint and their children, some of whom almost became 'her family'. She was a member of the Wenhaston Mothers Union and several members attended the Service. Jan Allen and Norma Boyle provided refreshments and cremation took place on the 15 July and her ashes will be interred at the family plot in Little Canfield.

Donations in memory of her will be given to the East Anglian Air Ambulance and may be sent to Woolnough's Funeral Service, Holton Road, Halesworth IP19 8LR. *Derek Newby*

Wenhaston Methodist Church

Sunday Services in August at 10:30am

- 2nd Sue Lovett
9th Iris Baker
16th Rev'd Helen Gardner S
23rd Ian Prettyman
6:30pm Sankey Songs of Praise
Rev'd Robert Soanes
30th Rev'd Robert Soanes B
No Midweek Meetings during August

Mothers' Union

The Mothers' Union Annual Meeting took place in Croydon in June, and I was fortunate enough to be there.

A coach load of members from this Diocese had a short holiday, staying at the Thistle Hotel in Brands Hatch. We spent one day in Canterbury, and a morning at Hever Castle, before attending the Festival Service, which precedes the meeting, in Southwark Cathedral. It was wonderful to be part of all that ceremony - the singing was great - and Margaret Sentamu, wife of the Arch Bishop of York gave the address using the Samaritan woman at the well as her theme. Over 1,500 members attended the Annual Meeting in the Fairfield Halls in Croydon, where we heard all the news from the Worldwide President, Rosemary Kempell, and from the Unit Leaders; Saltmine Theatre Group gave a revue, and our Chief Executive interviewed members from the West Indies, The Southern Cone and Tanzania. We all came away inspired to do greater things!

Now back to Wenhaston! We send our love and greetings to our Branch Leader, Margaret Goldstone, who has had a major operation. We wish her a speedy recovery and a return to full health. The garden meeting was held in Pat Kemsley's garden and the weather was relatively kind so that we managed to sit outside and enjoy our tea and chat after listening to the notices and taking part in a quiz. Pat was thanked and presented with a voucher for her hospitality.

Sadly, Joyce Mead, a long term member, has died. Several of us went to Thorington to say Goodbye to her.

We don't have a meeting in August but we are hoping for a good day for our outing to Somerleyton. *Margaret Bloomfield*

St. Peter's Church Services August

- 2nd 9:30am Team Service at Halesworth
9th 9:30am Parish Communion
16th 9:30am Parish Communion
23rd 6:30pm Evensong
30th 10:30am Team Service at St. Peter's

Local Services *(More on page 7)*

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Kathleen Orme
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Meet The Tutor ~ Wenhaston Church Room
10:30am 11th September

Activity Camp at Wenhaston

Suffolk Coastal are running a bigger and better activity camp here this summer. It will be run from Monday 17th to Friday 21st August, and is for 8yrs and over. Activities may include football, dodgeball, face-painting, T-shirt designing, puppet making, skatepark, dancemats, Tri-golf, parachute games, music making, adventure games, rounders, cricket and many more. Cost: £6.50 for half a day (9:00am - 12:30pm or 1:30pm - 5:00pm) £12 per day or £50 for the week. Booking necessary - forms available at the post office. *Wil Harvey*

Bell Ringing

We had jam-packed practices last month as we were joined by ringers from both Reydon and Southwold. This was a great opportunity to meet and ring with new people, compare styles and just have a thoroughly enjoyable evening all rounded off with a pint at the pub.

There will be no Friday practices at Wenhaston during August but, as Halesworth are having some tower work done, there will be a practice on Tuesday 4th August between 7:30pm - 9:00pm at St Peter's Church, Wenhaston. Visitors are welcome to come and watch and new ringers are always welcome to join us.

For details of practice nights at other towers please contact the Wenhaston Tower Rep.

Becky Canham

Commons Work Parties in August

Tues 11 Blackheath. Meet 10am by seat at pond.
Sun 23 Blackheath. Meet by seat at pond. 10am.
Work will include removal of overgrown scrub surrounding the pond. There will be a picnic afterwards.
Jonathan Alder

Mobile Blood Unit

The next session will be at Wenhaston Village Hall on Wednesday 2nd September.
To book an appointment call the helpline on 0300 123 23 23 or visit www.blood.co.uk

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Dates For Your Diary

6th September - Village Show
7th September - Wheelie Bin Roadshow
12th September - SHCT Cycle Ride
For events in the local area go to
www.blythweb.net/calendar/

Brickbats and Bouquets ~ Letters received

From David Clack

I am the Scout Leader of 1st Halesworth Scout Group, a troop of 16 boys and girls, we meet every week at our Headquarters in Halesworth.

Last year we were looking for somewhere local to camp and I enquired at Heathside Farm, on Blackheath. Mrs Wright said we would be more than welcome to camp there (at no cost to us I might add) and she would be pleased that some Scouts were putting the field to good use.

Since that camp we have used the field to practise putting up tents with our younger Scouts, and met in the yard as a starting point for 3 hikes around Wenhaston.

I would like to convey my gratitude to the Wright Family for allowing us to use their property, it is nice to have somewhere local we can go and enjoy the rural surroundings. Thank you very much from 1st Halesworth Scouts.

From Anastasia Miller

I would like to express my 'thanks' to the men in the black pick up who hurled abuse at me as I attempted to pick myself up off The Street, Wenhaston, having been knocked down by a car on June 23rd at about 11:15pm. Maybe next time one or all of them sees someone clearly injured and in distress, they might think of stopping to assist them and not stopping to abuse them and add to their obvious distress. A few kind words are worth their weight in gold.

From Delphine Proctor

I wish to make it known to all my friends in the village that contrary to pure gossip, I am in favour of Mr J Wright being given the go-ahead with his plans for holiday chalets. Someone who has remained anonymous, has said that I am against the project. In fact to the contrary I believe that it will enhance the village, will employ local people and a proposed shop will generate business within the community. To those who are against the proposal may I pose this question 'If Mr Wright doesn't get permission, what can he do with the land - revert back to raising chickens or pigs?' It could be used without planning permission or authority from local populace. The aroma on a humid night would hardly enhance the idyll that some people think the chalet build would destroy.

From Carol Townshend

Would the people who walk their dogs at the top of Coles Hill, please watch where their dog is going! I have not got a dog but found myself having to clear up dog poo outside the front gate last week, which was disgusting to say the least!

If your dog is on an extendable lead please don't let it wander into our front gardens. If your dog does poo *clean it up yourself!*

From Hazel and Akimbo

Thank you so much to the phantom paper shredder for all the shreadings you have left us. It helps to keep our beds nice and clean, then it all gets recycled in the garden compost. From two very happy 'green' guinea-pigs.



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The cars around then, in 1988, were very different to what they are now. I remember working on Ford Escorts and Sierras, Rover Montego and Metros and the good old Vauxhall Cavalier.

Part of the servicing schedule then was to change the points, setting the gap and engine timing, then tweaking the carburettor to get the car running efficiently once again and greasing all those grease nipples and setting up tappet gaps.

With the fast change in technology today, cars have become like computers being adaptive to change in condition and use. No longer is it easy to tinker around on your own car. Therefore trained and qualified personnel are required to work on these vehicles with the latest diagnostic equipment and knowledge.

At PJN Motor Engineering we have just invested heavily with the latest Snap On Verus Diagnostic equipment so that we can safely work on these newly equipped vehicles. Even the simplest of oil changes can now require use of such equipment, to tell the car it has new oil. Some new vehicles can tell when the oil viscosity falls below acceptable levels, so new information has to be put into the vehicle computer so that it can then calculate then cycle all over again. This is only the tip of the iceberg with cars these days, There is no stopping the technology movement, so the only way forward is investment.

We can now re-Gas air conditioning systems and remove any nasty bacteria smells that can build up, created from the air con. Another service we can offer amongst so many others.

On the evening of Tuesday 25th August we would like to invite anyone to come and join us for a BBQ with raffle to see what service we can offer, or if you would like us even just to show you what we do on an everyday service with more besides.

A representative from Forte Lubricants will be present to show products we use and a representative from The Good Garage Scheme will also be present to speak about this scheme of which we are members.

Paul Nolloth

News from the Bus Shelter

Although the changes to the Anglian 601 service in April were minor for most people in Wenhaston travelling to Southwold and Halesworth, it's still worth making sure you have the up to date timetable guide no 16. Look on the back - it should read 'Issue 4'. If not recycle it - supplies are coming through to the usual outlets including Wenhaston Post Office.

I hear that Anglian are fitting their buses with WiFi networks. Not on the 601 yet but you can surf your way from Halesworth to Norwich on the 588. Personally I prefer the view!

Michael Gasper, Wenhaston Parish Transport Representative

Footpath Walking

The morning walk on Tuesday 4th August will leave from Wenhaston Village Hall 10am.

The walk on Tuesday 18th August will be led by Joan and Peter Waters. Meet for a 10am start at The Queen's Head pub Dennington for a circular walk in the Dennington and Framlingham area. The pub will be open from 9:30am to receive lunch orders.

For any other help contact Heather Phillips
01502 478545. *HPP*

Wenhaston Energy Support Group Suffolk's Greenest Village?

Did you read the article in the East Anglian Daily Times on June 29th? There is a copy on our notice board at the Village Hall. It tells about our 'green' efforts, especially the energy-efficient re-furbishment of the hall. One of our future projects is our 2nd carbon audit, to see what improvements we have made in the last 2 years. Every Wenhaston household will receive information about this later in the year.

Visit by the Advocate for Rural Communities

Dr. Burgess, the Rural Advocate, visited the village with his team on July 16th to find out what we had done to reduce the effects of climate change. He was shown the new allotments, solar panels, and the Village Hall improvements. Also displays and information from the Commons Group and our primary school. They seemed to be really interested in everything and took information and issues back to the government.

Low Energy Bulb Library

Are you sure you are knowledgeable on the latest developments in light bulbs? If not, why not borrow this? Just contact Tony Wollin at Heathlands, Hog Lane, Blackheath 01502 478241 for more information.

To find out more about the Energy Group go to our website www.wenhastongreen.org

Janet Dillaway

Suffolk Historic Churches Trust

The Annual Cycle Ride takes place on Saturday 12th September. I shall be seeking stewards to sit in the church porch to sign the cyclist in, please, and I should be delighted if anyone is able to cycle or walk in aid of Wenhaston Church. The sponsor forms will appear in church shortly. *Margaret Bloomfield*

Wenhaston with Mells Hamlet Parish Council

The Chairman Cllr. Orme welcomed our new district councillor Mr Peter Austin to the meeting.

The Parish Council are requesting that if any Parishioner has branches of trees overhanging the pavements that they trim them.

It has been reported to the Parish Council that people have been camping on Mill Heath and a fire was started on Bickers Heath. If you see anyone camping please contact the clerk or get any vehicle number if possible.

The affordable houses in Narrow Way have at last been started.

Suffolk Coastal informed me that they are unable to accept the name for the Hastoe Housing site. Perhaps, as the children are on holiday they would like to come up with a name, a small prize for the winner. Please put your suggestions in the Parish Council pocket in the Village Hall, or at the Post Office.

Some of the play area surface at the playing field is to be replaced. Hopefully this will be done before the summer holidays.

Cllr. Gasper gave the report on behalf of the Village Hall Committee. He stated that phase 1 has been completed. Fund raising was needed to help with phase 2. He asked that as many people as possible attend the Open Garden at Blackheath raising much needed money for the Village Hall.

Cllr. Orme asked if the spare electricity was being sold to the national grid. He was informed that a buyer has not yet been found.

Mary Pennock, Clerk

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Reports From Wenhaston School

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Libertie and Ruby's Report on the French Play

Madame Camplin comes in on Mondays to teach us French and decided that Years 3 and 4 could star in two French plays in school in front of parents, teachers and the rest of the school. Year 4's play was 'The Wolf and the Seven Goats'. It took lots of rehearsals but was lots of fun and everybody worked very hard – especially Madame Camplin who made us all costumes for the plays. Everybody really enjoyed watching us perform and we hope to visit another school to show them our productions!
(More reports next month).

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