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The Season of Goodwill

This is traditionally the Season of Goodwill although for all of us here at Wenhaston Word the Season of Goodwill exists in Wenhaston all year round!

Since we began producing the Wenhaston Word at Blythweb's office in April 2007 our efforts have been much encouraged by the kind comments we have received. We try to ensure that this newsletter is informative and truly reflects local life, while being a totally independent good-quality publication which pays its way. To this end we are supported only by donations and advertising revenue. Donations are very welcome and we thank wholeheartedly those who have kindly contributed to maintaining and improving this newsletter (you know who you are!). We also thank all our advertisers for their support and commend them to you. Those who contribute reports and articles for publication make the Wenhaston Word what it is and we thank them too.

A very special Thank You goes to the fundraising group comprising David Cox, Lyn Cox, Karen Delaney, Stephen Mann, Julie and Bar Staff at the Star Inn, Sheila Musk and Arthur Musk for donating half the proceeds from their recent music night to Wenhaston Word. With this sum, almost £300, we shall fund extra pages in the Wenhaston Word, commencing with this edition. Enjoy!

Our thanks also go to over two dozen people who deliver the 440 copies of Wenhaston Word throughout Wenhaston and Mells. We all strive to include every letterbox, but if there should be anyone omitted then please let us know. Every edition of Wenhaston Word is also available on the website www.wenhastonword.co.uk. This is accessed worldwide with as many copies read on-line as are delivered.

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Saturday 1st December

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Santa's Grotto Refreshments

Festive Stalls Grand Raffle

All Welcome

Royal British Legion

Wenhaston and District Branch.

Meeting held at Star Inn. Exhortation was recited and silence observed.

Letters were sent to Pall Mall and County Chairman on finance issues, also a letter to our MP John Gummer on Forces Covenant.

The Remembrance Service at the War Memorial was very well attended by village members. A wreath was laid by Branch Chairman Nelson Wright and another wreath by the Parish Council Chairman. John Levy carried the Standard. It was lovely to see all the children there also. Very grateful thanks to Mr Maurice Stammers for cleaning the War Memorial. The Church was also very full and the collection for Poppy Appeal was £182.00.

We had a very successful Quiz in Wenhaston Village Hall in aid of the Poppy Appeal. 16 Tables £192.00 entrance. All Branch members gave prizes for a large hamper and £90.00 was made on this. We would like to thank all the people who came and took part, the Quizmaster and the ladies and gentleman who marked the questions, a donation from a caravaner and also a lady in the village. The two tea ladies who also gave the tea, coffee and biscuits and all our members who helped in any way. A grand effort from everyone to make the magnificent total of £265.00 profit. It was nice to see our President Graham Holt here after his stay in hospital.

The Standard was taken by John Levy to Stowmarket and Leiston Festival Concert and Halesworth Service.

The County are having a new Standard bought for them by Pall Mall. County are buying the scrolls and groups are going to be asked to donate £10.00 towards the new pole.

A Dinner for March was discussed at the Star Inn.

Next meeting Monday 10 December 7:30pm.

We hope our Chairman will soon be better.

Sue Doy



Photo taken from inside the field. © G R T Hodges

Wenhaston now has a Dual Carriageway

Some of you may have noticed the thicket next to our property being removed to create a 'dual carriageway' access onto the field behind us. A one hundred and twenty foot by sixteen foot access has been driven through the thicket to provide additional access to the field. All because, as I understand it, the original track that had been used for at least the past forty years (tree rings on the tree stumps at the front of the track show them to be at least forty years old) is twelve to fifteen feet out of place.

We now have two access routes onto the field at a cost of a wonderful habitat for birds and other wildlife. Over the past years the thicket has been home and an overnight roost to a variety of birds, including blackbirds, sparrows, blue tits, great tits, long tailed tits, wrens, siskins and many types of finch. Two years ago it was used by nightingales. Also present were several hedgehogs, slow-worms, frogs, toads and newts (both smooth and crested). The thicket also housed several varieties of fungi including the not so common earthstars.

All these have now regrettably disappeared. On one side of us we have people giving of their free time to work on Blackheath to help ensure the future of its diverse flora and fauna. Whilst on the other side we have pointless environmental destruction as we already had a perfectly good access route to the field. Why oh why was this allowed to happen?

G R T Hodges

Wenhaston W.I. November Report

Our Annual Meeting began with a rather faltering rendition of Jerusalem. We welcomed a new member, Mary Montague, before getting down to the usual business of reading the minutes of the last meeting.

The Treasurer's report was efficiently and succinctly given by Christine.

Our year's report was read by Helen. What a lot we packed into twelve months! Lots of interesting speakers, parties, and outings.

The President's report was read by June, short and to the point. She told us that we now have 51 members. A goodly number. Gillian Slaughter, our WI adviser, is retiring, as is June as our President. We voted in our new committee and chose Helen to be our new President. A vote of thanks was given to June and all her committee for all their hard work over the past year.

After tea and coffee Brian and Alison gave us a talk, illustrated with slides, about Romania. This showed us where our shoeboxes went. They visit once a year to verify that charitable boxes and money get to the right places. As Romania is now a member of the EEC it had been suggested that the shoeboxes were no longer needed. Seeing the slides it was clear that they certainly are. The poverty in places is terrible. The slides showed that people still wear traditional dress on Sundays and holidays. Their lifestyle doesn't seem to be very different to what it was in the middle ages, but things are changing.

People still take their hay to distribution points by horse and cart. Now, in their wisdom, the EEC have ruled that fire fighting equipment, including fire extinguishers, must be carried. The people cannot afford to buy these, nor can they pay the swinging fines that are imposed on them if they don't comply. Thus their small source of income is denied. It's not all jam in the EEC.

Eileen thanked Brian and Alison for an interesting and informative talk.

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Wenhaston Methodist Church

Services for December:

2nd 10:30am Iris Baker

9th 10:30am Rev'd Peter Clarke

16th 10:30am Rev'd Barbara Garwood
Holy Communion

23rd 4:00pm Carols by Candlelight
Rev'd B Garwood

25th 9:15am Christmas Day
Rev'd B. Garwood

30th 10:30am Rosemary Remy

Tuesday Meetings at 2:30pm:

4th Women's Fellowship. Mrs. Gwenyth Lines

11th Bible Study

18th Women's Fellowship. Carols/tea.
Rev'd B Garwood

Saturday 22nd. 'Pray a While'.

10:00am-11:30am. For prayer and meditation on a come and go basis.

All are welcome to any meeting.

St. Peters Church. © Blythweb Ltd



See a photo panorama from the top of the Church tower on www.wenhaston.ws/panorama/index.php

St. Peter's Church Services

December 2 8:00am Holy Communion
December 9 9:30am Parish Communion
December 16 9:30am Parish Communion
December 21 7:00pm Village Carol Service
December 24 11:30pm Midnight Service

December 25 No service at St. Peter's
(we join the Methodists for their Christmas Day Service at 9:15am)

December 30 No Service at St. Peter's (Team Service 10:30am at Halesworth)

Carol Singing round the Village

Come and join the Carol Singing round the Village on Monday and Tuesday Evenings December 17th and 18th. Meet at the Village Hall car park at 6:45pm. Collection will be for the Community Nurses.



June Lewis

Local History Matters: 7

Church.

St. Peter, originally St. Peter and St. Paul, was built on a site that possibly was hosting a small Roman temple, then a Saxon church, then a church mentioned in the Domesday Book in 1086 and the present one dating from 14th to 15th century. There are some Norman windows still in situ. The pulpit was made in 1620 at a cost of £3! There was a gallery across the tower entrance but this was removed in 1928.

The Doom painting was painted on boards and placed at the top of the chancel arch. In Edward VI time it was whitewashed over therefore escaping the attention of Dowsing's men. In 1892 the Victorian restoration was taking place and the painted woodwork was taken down and placed in the churchyard. Overnight there was a thunderstorm and some of the painting was revealed. Hasty rethinking took place! There have been various thoughts regarding the origins of the Doom. The latest and most acceptable is that it was painted around 1510 and by a Master Painter and his accomplice. The Master being from the Netherlands or being influenced by the Dutch School of Painting.

Keith Johncline

The Wenhaston Doom. © Blythweb Ltd



See the Doom on-line at www.wenhaston.ws/doom/index.php

Thank You

On Monday 22 October I went to the Post Office to buy stamps and as I drove home on my scooter I dropped my wallet in The Street because when I got home I was searching for it in desperation. Then three people appeared in my garage two young persons and a lady bearing my wallet which I had only just discovered was missing.

My thanks to them for its return, its loss would have been very troublesome. Thank you again.

Graham Holt

Wenhaston Mothers' Union

The November meeting took the form of a discussion on three subjects. These were

- 1) If there were to be a fire in your home, (all people and animals safe), what three objects would you try to save?
- 2) Find any articles relevant to the Mothers' Union from a newspaper
- 3) Why did you join the Mothers' Union?

At the plenary session many different answers were discussed – family photographs were a popular thing to be saved from destruction; articles varied from battered wives and bullying to helping the third world and recycling; and the reason why people joined the Mothers' Union was as a natural progression from Young Wives group, to meet people and join in a prayerful fellowship, and by encouragement from the clergy and their wives, or from mothers who were already members. It was a very fruitful afternoon.

About half the membership was absent for various reasons. June Lewis presided at the meeting, and asked our prayers for several members who were ill, had operations, were bereaved or in a nursing home. Members were asked to provide mince pies for the Carol Service at St Peter's on 21st December at 7pm.

The Christmas Party is on December 12th at 3pm in the Church Room. Members are requested to bring a plate of food to share, and invited to bring along a friend to join in the fun.

Margaret Bloomfield



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We would like to thank all the Wenhastonians who turned out to see us give a concert at The Cut on 26th October as part of the Halesworth Arts Festival. We had a great audience and the Festival organisers were delighted with the numbers, one of the highest for an afternoon performance. We hope you all enjoyed the music - and many, many thanks for your enthusiastic support!

Bridget and Fran Cousins

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Play your part to keep safe on darker nights

Falling crime figures show Suffolk is getting even safer, but the darker evenings can make us feel more vulnerable, especially those who live alone. During the busy festive season we need to be extra careful to keep ourselves, our households and our neighbours safe and secure so that we can all enjoy the celebrations.

Suffolk County Council is working with the police Safer Neighbourhood Teams (SNTs), district, borough and parish councils, Neighbourhood Watch and local groups to improve community safety across the county, but to succeed we all need to play our part.

Here are some seasonal safety tips and useful contacts:

Your home

- Don't leave your home in darkness – leave a light on using a timer switch and draw the curtains at night
- Fit a visible burglar alarm and outside lighting. Keep shrubs and hedges cut back. Lock all doors and windows and secure fences, gates and sheds
- Dispose of present boxes carefully – don't advertise what's new in your house
- Check smoke alarms, electric blankets and festive lighting are working properly

Personal Safety

- Never open your door to unexpected callers, without checking they are genuine. Ring a neighbour or the police first if you are unsure
- Keep your mobile phone battery topped up and put in a taxi contact number. Consider buying an audible attack alarm
- Make sure you are visible to drivers – wear reflective clothing, use cycle lights or carry a torch
- Limit how much money and valuables you carry. Avoid using cash machines late at night. Have your keys ready when you are approaching your car or home

- Park in busy, well-lit car parks near CCTV cameras. Keep valuables out of sight. www.saferparking.com lists police-approved car parks

- Where possible, don't walk alone after dark. Plan your route. Never accept lifts from strangers. Avoid isolated bus stops and sit near the driver or other passengers

Contacts

To contact your area Safer Neighbourhood Team visit www.safersuffolk.org.uk or call Suffolk Constabulary on 01473 613500. Neighbourhood Watch news and crime prevention advice is available at www.suffolk.police.uk

For safety advice about bogus callers, electric blankets, festive lighting, smoke alarms contact Suffolk County Council Trading Standards on 01473 264859, or visit the County Council website at www.suffolkcc.gov.uk

Issued by Suffolk County Council Community Safety Unit: 01473 264288
email communitysafety@csu.suffolkcc.gov.uk

Mary Burgess

Note: Mary Burgess at Suffolk County Council Community Safety Unit asked Wenhaston Word to publish this topical article.

Music Corner



Festive Music at The Cut in December: Tickets available from the Box Office. Tel: 0845 673 2123 or on-line booking now available on www.newcut.org .

Saturday 1st 7:30pm. 'Christmas is Coming' A medley of seasonal words and music performed by Blythe Spirits. Tickets £8/£6.

Friday 14th 7:30pm. Winter Concert by St Mary's Handbell Ringers. Selection of music including Christmas favourites. Tickets £6.

Thursday 20th - Friday 21st. Wenhaston Girls Choir. Light-hearted concert of Christmas songs and carols. Tickets £5/£3.

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Energy Support Group

Wenhaston Carbon Footprint - 9th November event:

50 people came to hear the results from the Carbon Footprint Questionnaire and discuss future options with Professor Tim O'Riordan. Free light bulbs and water-saving devices for toilet cisterns were available and much lively discussion ensued – many thanks to all who helped make the event a success.

The results indicate we have a higher than average carbon footprint in Wenhaston. We generate 4784 tons of carbon emissions every year, 13 tons per household – the national average is 9.7.

We can all play a part in reducing this by –

- Ensuring every home has full insulation
- Cutting car use and using public transport/sharing more
- Improving the efficiency of our electricity

Travel

- one trip to Halesworth and back emits 1kg of carbon
- In Wenhaston, we generate 574000 kgs (574 tons) of carbon from our car journeys yearly.
- For every ton of carbon we emit, it will cost our children £75 to put right.

Insulation

Many homes in Wenhaston do not have full insulation. This can save a lot of money as well as preventing wasted energy - you can get an insulation check for free. You can get £50 off council tax when you insulate your home.

Who can help?

CRed ,SCDC and the County Council can all help us reduce our carbon footprint. Other communities have already decided to take village-wide action – we can do the same. The Energy Support Group will continue to highlight what can be done and help make things happen.

Wenhaston Energy Support Group presents

'AN INCONVENIENT TRUTH'

Al Gore's challenging film about global warming. A must-see for anyone concerned about our children's future.

Wenhaston Church Room

7:30pm 7th December

FREE - donations towards costs welcome.

What we can all do NOW

- Every household will shortly get a leaflet from CRed (on recycled paper!) giving 50 actions for saving energy – and money. Start by turning off the standby button on electrical appliances when not in use
- Janet Dillaway - 01502 478966 – is co-ordinating a bulk-buy bid for solar water heating systems. Contact Janet for info – you could save 10% or more

What we could do in future

- Obtain funding to help our Community buildings become more energy-efficient and save money (eg School, Village Hall)
- Investigate small scale community power generation

Coming up

7th December at the Church Rooms, the Al Gore film 'An Inconvenient Truth' 7:30pm, entrance free: donations welcome towards cost of room and refreshments.

Contacts:

Wenhaston Energy group:

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News from the Bus Shelter

Further to last month's report, updated timetables for the 601 Anglian Bus service are now available at the Post Office*. The improved service, effective from 6th December, is faster to and from Lowestoft and will be helpful for those travelling to James Paget Hospital and Great Yarmouth.

Car drivers - why not reduce your carbon footprint by pledging to take one bus journey a month?

Michael Gasper
Transport Officer, Wenhaston Parish Council

*(See new timetable published in full on the left)

Wenhaston with Mells Hamlet
Parish Council: November Meeting

Cllr. M Stammers was thanked by the Chairman for cleaning the War Memorial.

A letter has been received from NPS Consultants stating that they are currently seeking approval from the SCDC to enter into a licence so that the land at Narrow Way can be used for allotments.

Mr Jack Ellis and Cllr. Heather Phillips have donated a piece of land adjacent to Blackheath Common to replace the Common Land at Star Hill in order that the footpath may go ahead. Also, they have donated land for a Cricket pitch for the village. Many thanks to Mr Ellis and Cllr. Phillips for their generous donation.

The Parish Council is making a contribution of £100.00 to the Blyth Estuary Group to help cover the cost of GPS height survey.

The planning application for 6 affordable houses in Narrow Way was approved. Please see Hastoe Housing notice on page three for anyone interested in the project.

Erection of first floor extension at Gorse Cottage, conversion of garage into habitable room at 2 Corn Hill, and side extension at St. James House, Bramfield Road were also approved by the Parish Council.

The Parish Council would like to wish the residents of Wenhaston and Mells Hamlet a Happy Christmas and a peaceful New Year.



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The Sports Club will be having its usual Mulled Wine and cake stall at the Christmas Bazaar on Saturday 1st December at 2:00 pm in the Village Hall. Early next year we will be having our usual New Year Jumble Sale, on Saturday 26th January in the Village Hall. Volunteers to help with this event should contact David Harrison.

We are pleased to announce that David Smeaton-Small has agreed to help the Club by undertaking minor repairs, maintenance and inspections of the court areas. David should be contacted for court maintenance duties from 1st December.

Our Annual Meeting will be on Thursday 13th March at 7:30pm in the Church Room, so make sure that's in your new 2008 diary.

David Harrison

Footpath Walking

The only walk in December will be on Tuesday 4th.

Meet at 10:00am at Reydon Church car park for a circular walk which will be led by Ian Denney and Pat Elvin. This will be followed by a Christmas lunch at Wangford Plough.

Any of our retired walkers will be welcome to join us for lunch. If so please contact Heather Phillips 01502 478545.

May I wish you all a very Happy Christmas. Thank you to land owners, publishers and walkers for your support.

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Conservation Work Parties

December work parties are as follows:

Tuesday 11th. Blackheath 10:00am-12noon. Meet at the pond.

Sunday 16th. 10:00am-1:00pm. Our Yuletide work party. Meet near the bottom of the slope leading to the Silver Studded Blue area of Blackheath.

A Merry Christmas to you all.



Commons Group

Horseriders!

Do come and join us on Tuesday December 11th for a couple of hours to walk and discuss the Blackheath Horse Route and help us on our work party. Meet 10:00am at the seat by Black Deek pond. Tools and refreshments after will be provided.

*Michael Gasper 01502 478016
Wenhaston Commons Group*

Autumn Fair Result

A splendid total of £766 was raised at the Autumn Fair for St. Peter's Church. Many thanks to all our friends who supported the day and raised such a good result.

Margaret Goldstone

Wenhaston Gardeners Club

At our November meeting members were treated to an excellent talk by William Notcutt on 100 years of his family's business. Through words and pictures he introduced us to the relations who started it all, along with some of the characters who helped mould it into the huge concern it is today. He took us from their humble beginnings and spoke of his hopes for the future. Big companies, household names, often seem impersonal - it was good to see the human side of this one.

We are looking forward to the Club's Xmas Party on December 11th at 7:30pm. Tickets are still available at £4.50 from the Post Office or Stuart Hayward-Rutter on 07824 385 992.

Talks begin again on January 8th with Andrew Tokley speaking on showing flowers and vegetables.

Cherry Wilkinson

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Pumpkin success at Star Inn

Once again Pumpkin Night at the Star Inn turned out to be a great night with loads of entries. The Pre-School ladies had a cake stall and raised money as they did at the Quiz Night the following week which was also well attended. I would like to thank all the people who came to the Star and supported both of these special events. Many Thanks.

Julie Davis

Wenhaston United Football Club

Home Fixtures

01/12/07	1st	v Wickham Mkt	KO 1:30pm
08/12/07	Res	v Ufford	KO 2:00pm
15/12/07	1st	v Salvation Army	KO 2:00pm
22/12/07	Res	v Woolverstone	KO 2:00pm
29/12/07	No Game		

Peter Pennock

The Star Inn

Wenhaston
Adnam's Ales
Julie and Staff
01502 478240



Traditional English Cooking

Opening Hours

Monday - Saturday: 11:00am - 3:00pm
6:00pm - 11:00pm
Sunday: 12:00pm - 10:30pm

Food Service

Monday - Saturday: 12noon - 2:30 pm
6:00 pm - 9:30 pm
Sunday: 12 noon - 3:00 pm

French Boules pitch now available

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

11th January. WEA 10 week Course starts.
10:00am Wenhaston Church Room.

26th January. Sports Club Jumble Sale.
Wenhaston Village Hall

16th February. Valentine Dance. 7:00pm
Wenhaston Village Hall.

For more events in the local area go to
www.blythweb.net/calendar/

Recycling Plastic Bottles

The Recycling Centre at Beccles requests only
clean plastic bottles, no tops and no labels.

Will now take plastic carrier bags.

I can collect from your home. Thank you.
Andrew Taylor 01502 478692 for collection

Please note: Deadline for January 2008 issue
is 14th December 2007.



Friendly people wanted this Christmas!

See the world without leaving home; challenges charity HOST UK. Why not do something very different this Christmas? Our volunteer host families invite international students who are studying in the UK to stay as a guest in their home for a weekend or for Christmas. This often leads to long-term international friendships and always gives a greater understanding of each others culture! Could you welcome a unique opportunity into your home this Christmas?

A host exclaimed: "Through the eyes of our students we have travelled the world: China, Japan, Pakistan, Taiwan, Malaysia, Indonesia, Bali, the Russian Federation, Azerbaijan, Ukraine etc. We didn't know that from answering the advert 15 months ago we would end up with such a large international family that is still growing and giving us such pleasure!"

The students find out more about British culture in a weekend than a year on campus. One German student commented: "Everything was perfect! From the first moment we met I felt very welcome and comfortable. My hosts were so friendly! We had lots to talk about and it was never boring".

Hosts come from all walks of life and backgrounds. HOST is very much in need of hosts for the rest of the year as well as Christmas itself. So if you would like to meet people from different lands perhaps because you have travelled yourself, or to broaden the kids outlook, then why not become a HOST volunteer? Everyone is supported by a local volunteer Regional Organiser and by the team at the HOST office. You can host occasionally or regularly to suit your lifestyle. HOST is a registered charity.

For more information call 020 7254 3039 (office hours) or e-mail Mavy.Andres@hostuk.org
Further details are available at www.hostuk.org.uk

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