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Queen's Diamond Jubilee

On 6th February history will be made as this date marks 60 years of the Queen's reign. Wenhaston will be celebrating this event on 4th June with a Party Day at the Playingfield. The Wenhaston Photo Competition (see right) is raising funds towards this so do please take part and also come along to the Village Hall on 25th March to view the entries. All are welcome to the next Jubilee meeting at the Hall on 8th February at 7:30pm.



EMH

Wenhaston Photo Competition

We would like everyone to take part. You can enter as an individual as well as in a group. Minimum 1 photo, maximum 3 photos, up to A4 size:

- ~ Local Scenes
- ~ Wildlife
- ~ Portrait
- ~ Village Life



Entries to be in by the end of February.

Entry fee 50p per photo. They will be judged by three judges. All photos will be on show in the Village Hall on Sunday 25th March. Proceeds towards the Queen's Diamond Jubilee Party Day.

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The League are hosting a Registration Night on Friday 10th February, at Huntingfield Village Hall, IP19 0PU, from 7.30pm onwards, with all interested persons welcome to attend. Teams need only consist of the minimum of 4 players. Registration is just £15 per team for the entire season (March - September).

Nearly forty teams have already entered but the Coastal League are looking for more interested individuals, family or social groups, clubs, pubs and village communities to get involved in one of the most inexpensive all-inclusive sports around. Matches are played approximately once every three weeks. Leagues are arranged geographically to limit players' travelling time and expenses.

No experience or particular ability needed - nearly half of this season's entry are persons who are novices to the sport. Coaching and advice can be given freely by the League itself.

For further information email the League at imogenlewiskira@sky.com.

Simon Fletcher

Blood Donor Session

Wenhaston Village Hall 29th Mar 2012
To book an appointment call the helpline on
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Reminder!

Wish List For Wenhaston Village Hall

How would you like to change or improve your village hall? Wenhaston Village Hall Management Committee needs ideas in order to map out the future of this vital village amenity.

For example:

- Can the available space be improved?
- Does the hall need new equipment
- Is the bar area versatile enough?
- Does the kitchen need new white goods?

All your ideas will be added to the committee's wish list and incorporated into any future development of the hall.

Grants are available from a number of sources but there is no guarantee that funds will be forthcoming. However, the committee needs to know what the people of Wenhaston would like before applying for funding.

Please place your wish list in the Village Hall Management Committee pocket in the hall corridor or send an email to:
wenhastonhall@hotmail.co.uk.

Richard Tucker, Village Hall Secretary

Footpath Walking

The morning walk on Tuesday 7th February will leave from Wenhaston Village Hall at 10am.

The longer walk on Tuesday 21st February will also leave from Wenhaston Village Hall at 10am. We will go via Mells to Blyford Queen's Head for lunch. Hopefully the weather will be kind to us.

For any other help contact Heather Phillips
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HPP

Thank You

Pennie would like to say thank-you to all those who have sent her sympathy and kind good wishes.



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Wenhaston Gardeners Club

Orchids are very beautiful, rather alien-looking plants. I'm sure that at some time many of us have attempted to give one a home. Some people have spectacular success while others - myself included and no, I can't grow everything! - gaze forlornly at this stubborn pair of leaves which refuses to do anything except eventually die. Easier than fuchsias, indeed? Martin Wilson is obviously hopelessly smitten and goes off to the ends of the earth to visit these wonders in their natural habitat which must be amazing. The rest of us have to make do with gazing in florists' windows.

In order to attract pollinators orchids often mimic insects, some even giving off different scents to entice day or night time visitors. They then produce thousands of tiny seeds which are borne away on the wind but they must encounter a particular fungus in order to germinate. Despite this there are 70,000 types of orchid growing on every continent except Antarctica. And hybridisation has resulted in even more. But why the name Orchid, I hear you ask? Well, Mr Wilson didn't tell us and I'll leave that for you to discover for yourselves...

There's still time to bring along photos for the Jubilee competition to the next meeting which is on Tuesday February 14th. We shall be welcoming back Matthew Tanton-Brown who will talk to us about Evergreens.

Cherry Wilkinson

Methodist Church - February

- 5 10:30am Rev'd Robert Soanes S
- 12 10:30am Gordon Fray
- 19 9:30am United at St. Peter's
- 26 10:30am Iris Baker

Tuesday Meetings at 2:30pm

- 7 Women's Fellowship Open Meeting
- 14 Bible Study
- 21 Women's Fellowship Judy Baker
- 28 Lent Group

Wednesday 22nd at 2:30pm. Ashing Service.
Saturday 4th 9:30am-11:00am. "Pray Awhile"
on a come and go basis for prayer and meditation.

GLASSES FOUND

Pair of glasses found at Blyth Close bus stop on 1st January.

Please collect from Blythweb, The Street, Wenhaston, 9am-5pm weekdays, leave a note in our letterbox, or call 01502 440360.

If not claimed by 31st March these will be donated to a used glasses collection point for distribution overseas.

"Buyer Beware"

Warns Funeral Home

A Halesworth funeral home has hit out at tactics employed by door-to-door salesmen in the town.

Rosedale Funeral Home is urging people to take their time when buying funeral plans and to remember that they have a seven day cooling off period.

"We understand that funeral plan sales teams are operating throughout the area and we are concerned that people may be misled into thinking they are representing local funeral homes such as ours, when this is absolutely not the case" said Alec Butcher.

"In common with most funeral homes, we offer a choice of funeral plans, but would never sell door-to-door as we feel this puts people under pressure which is something we would never do."

"If you are thinking of investing in a funeral plan, my advice would be to ask around, take your time and be very clear about what you are actually buying."

"People buy funeral plans for peace of mind so it is very worrying to hear that people may not have bought what they had originally intended. Buying a funeral plan is a positive thing to do and it would be very sad if people are put off by the worrying stories we have been hearing."

A family run business, Rosedale Funeral Home has branches across South Norfolk and North Suffolk. Its team includes well known local people such as Alec Butcher, Dee Besley and George Ling.

Rosedale Funeral Home

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Wenhaston Parish Transport Survey

Many thanks to those who helped us by returning completed survey forms for their households. We're now able to build a better picture of Wenhaston's transport needs and people's likes and dislikes. We've found that most people would like an hourly bus service to Southwold (Market Place) and Halesworth which is punctual and has good links with trains at the station, buses to Norwich, Lowestoft and onward to James Paget Hospital. It was interesting to note that very few people used the Suffolk Links Pathfinder so perhaps we need to raise awareness of this useful service – why not give it a try?

If you wish to travel in the area covered by the Pathfinder and are not able to access a bus service directly, the service will pick you up from a convenient point. For journeys within the service area where connecting to other services is inappropriate, end to end journeys will be possible. Simply call 01986 874479 up to a week before you wish to travel and book your journey. Suffolk Links Pathfinder will then pick you up at the point agreed and take you where you want to go within the defined area. The booking service is open from 1000 to 1300 Monday to Friday, making it easier for you to plan ahead. Bookings will be on a first come, first served basis.

Michael Gasper, Wenhaston Village Action Plan Team

Mothers' Union

January is AGM time, and this is preceded by a Corporate Communion Service.

Clergy are a bit sparse at the moment, so the bread and wine were consecrated at Halesworth Church in the morning and brought to Wenhaston Church for our service. This is called Communion by Extension, and I had the privilege of taking the service for my fellow members. Margaret, June and Ina read the lessons, and John played the organ for our rousing hymns. A lovely way to start the New Year.

As far as the AGM is concerned, it is as you were. Margaret kindly agreed to carry on as

Leader with Pat as Treasurer. The able committee will soldier on. Margaret reported on an interesting and successful year, and thanked all concerned. Margaret herself was thanked and presented with flowering bulbs in gratitude for all that she does. Our MU is very worthwhile and I urge anyone interested to 'give us a go'!

In February we shall have a musical afternoon on the 8th in the Church Room, with Bridget Cousins, the Childrens' Society Box Opening Coffee Morning is on 16th, 10am to 12 noon, and there is a Deanery Quiet Day at Uggeshall on 28th led by Rev'd Joan Lyon at 2:30pm.

Margaret Bloomfield

Warm Homes, Healthy People

Suffolk County Council and its partners have successfully secured £265,000 to support vulnerable people in the county through the remaining winter months. The one off grant from the Department of Health's 'warm homes healthy people' fund will help support a number of initiatives designed to tackle fuel poverty in the county.

Anyone who has a vulnerable relative or neighbour is urged to help them find out more about what support and assistance might be available to them.

Further information is available from www.suffolk.gov.uk/warmhomes or email winterwellbeing@suffolk.gov.uk. Alternatively call 08456 037 686 for information, advice and support.

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News From The Church

January seems to have quickly passed by and already Spring seems to be on the way! On the second Sunday of the month we joined with the Methodists at the Chapel for their Covenant Service which was taken jointly by The Revd. Robert Soanes and The Revd. Liz Cannon. We join together every year for this Service which is both thoughtful and inspiring and a Service which we all appreciate. The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity ended on Sunday 22nd January and we were very pleased to welcome The Rev'd Don Nicholls from the United Reform Church to take and preach at our Service.

We recently held a meeting to organise dates etc. for this years Fund Raising Events which hopefully will help us on our way to raising our Parish Share for 2012 of £18,027.00. Last year over £5000 was raised through Fund Raising Events and I consider that this was an extremely good effort by a very small group of people. I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who was involved in any way including all those in the Village who faithfully continue to support our events, we are all very grateful.

On Shrove Tuesday 21st February we shall be holding our annual Pancake Lunch - see Page 3 for full details. This will be our first event for 2012 so please do come and enjoy a pancake and bring your friends. The proceeds from this event will be used to help cover the high cost of Insurance for the Church Room - we do need your help! *Margaret Goldstone, Churchwarden*

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Please note earlier deadline date.

Wenhaston Energy Support Group

The Open Meeting, postponed from last month, will now take place on Tuesday 7 February at 7pm in the Committee Room at the village hall with Ann Edwards in the chair.

WESG is already forging links with other organisations in the village including the Gardeners' Club and Wenhaston Commons Group and would extend a warm welcome to anyone interested in green issues and energy efficiency.

WESG is open to ideas on working more closely together, particularly where there are projects, such as the community wood scheme, which could be moved forward by several groups.

Christmas may be just a distant memory but how did you dispose of your Christmas tree - if it was a real one? Hopefully, you brought it to the village hall for shredding thereby reducing any carbon footprint involved in transportation to a recycling centre.

This green initiative funded by WESG resulted in nearly forty trees going through the shredder. The chippings were then taken to the allotments, just a short distance down Narrow Way, and used to make paths. WESG would like to thank Crispin Chalker for helping to facilitate this project which it hopes to repeat in January 2013.

For more information on photo-voltaic renewable energy and links to other useful websites go to www.wenhastongreen.org.

Ann Jones

2012 Bed and Breakfast Guide

Enclosed with this issue is a copy of the 2012 Bed and Breakfast Guide for Halesworth and Area. There are details of 22 local properties, with most open all year and offering traditional hospitality. Please keep this Guide for reference, just in case.



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For more useful information about Wenhaston please see the Good Village Guide online at www.wenhaston.net/GVG/index.php

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'I'm just going outside and may be some time.' How often have we misquoted that famous remark? Listening to the talk 'Gus' Jones gave us about the Forgotten Surgeon, (the subject of his recently published book) it became clear to us that if Captain Robert Scott had taken the advice given to him by Dr. Koettlitz, possibly his ill-fated expedition would not have ended in tragedy. Dr Koettlitz had been on previous explorations with Captain Scott and had given him advice as to how to survive in arctic conditions. Namely to eat off the land; to wear animal skins and to use dogs to pull the equipment instead of using man-power. All of this was disregarded by Scott who used provisions supplied by one of his sponsors, Fortnum and Masons, and the clothes he wore were given by Burberry. As for the dogs, it was thought that only the 'natives' used dogs. 'Gus's' talk about this amazing man was both informative and on occasions amusing. Historians have chosen to ignore Dr Koettlitz but after all the information that 'Gus' has brought to light it is to be hoped that he will now be properly recognised.

We were also entertained by Viv who read the poem '12 days of Christmas Turkey' which amused us greatly. Helen read out the letter we had received from E.A.C.H., thanking us for the £500 that we had raised at our canapé evening.

Next month Ric Staines will be talking to us about English Cottage Gardens. *FJJ*

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Mark Woolnough has very kindly cut a path along the top of Hall Road which now joins up with Star Hill Lane footpath. This should provide a safer way to walk to the Star, rather than down Star Hill Road.

The Parish Council has appointed a new Clerk, Mr Richard Day, more details next month.

Mary Pennock, Clerk

Local History Matters: 36

The Poor

Domesday Book of 1086 indicated that many were poor in our village.

There were 28 Borders listed. They held about five acres and were of low rank performing menial work for the Lord, and also three serfs who were no more than slaves at that time. Possibly a third to a half were in poverty.

Laws were passed in the 14th and 15th centuries punishing begging and vagrancy. The abolition of the monasteries in 1538 did not help as they gave some relief to the needy. Poor Laws passed in 1598 made each parish responsible for the poor within its boundaries. It was the duty of the Overseer Of The Poor to direct children to be taught a trade while older and infirm received money from the Poor Rate, which was payable by all owners of property. The Overseer had his office on the ground floor of the Guildhall.

Naturally a great drain on this fund was made and in 1662 a further Act was passed which produced 'Settlement Warrants' and 'Removal Warrants', which provided proof that one belonged to a particular village. In 1704 the annual amount collected by the Poor Rate was £15.12s.8d, raising by 1771 to £85.16s.2d. In 1740 an entry in the Overseer's book shows 40 shillings being paid to William Parish to do surgery for the poor of the parish. This state of affairs could not last and the House of Industry appeared through the Workhouse Act of 1723. See a previous note on the House of Industry. [see page 4 of the August 2007 Wenhaston Word www.wenhastonword.co.uk/pdf/August2007.pdf].

Wages for a carpenter in 1780 was 12 shillings a week and by 1830 it had risen to 16 shillings. A farm labourer in 1700 was paid nine shillings and two pence a week, rising in 1803 to 12 shillings and ten pence.

Keith Johnceline

Music Corner

A singing workshop for young tenors and basses. North Suffolk Youth Choir ~ Group Harmony #3.



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100 Club Winners

The winners of last month's Wenhaston Village Hall 100 Club draw were:

- 1st prize Carl Ernsting (number 116) £29
- 2nd prize Gilly Parsons (number 46) £18
- 3rd prize winner requested no publicity £12

The 100 Club has now reached 123, with four more signed up at January's draw, but it's not too late to join. Anyone who has paid before the first of the month will be entered for that month's draw. Entry forms can be downloaded from the village hall webpage

www.wenhaston.net/villagehall or contact one of the promoters Glynis Tucker, Ann Jones or Sue Norris. The next draw is at 1pm on Saturday 11 February at The Star.

Ann Jones



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