



1066 – A Tale of Two Halves

By Sarah Corbett, Andy Durham and Phil Corbett

There are two sides to every story. October 14th 1066 - the most famous of dates in English History and the inspiration for award-winning Oskar Foxtrot Production's latest new musical. Undeniably a moment when England's history changed direction, the Battle Of Hastings still divides historians over its causes and legacy, but Oskar Foxtrot's treatment of the story explores personal dramas as much as the battle itself. The production shows the famed events through the perspectives of the key protagonists, William the Conqueror and Harold Godwinson using the events depicted on the Bayeux Tapestry as inspiration.

1066 is a brand new musical written by a family team which has collaborated on seven musicals and this is the third time their work has played in the Halesworth area. Oskar Foxtrot's writers, who come from Wenhaston and Ipswich have written about a multitude of unusual musical subjects like the cloning debate, the eruption of Pompeii and the Cuban Missile crisis, and this year their treatment of the era of William the Conqueror promises to be of interest to all, delving further into one of the most famous events in English history and exploring it from two different viewpoints.

Oskar Foxtrot's band of musicians and performers will be playing on Church Common in Wenhaston on July 24th from 8pm with live music from 7:30pm and the audience are invited to bring rugs and chairs, picnics and drinks and insect repellent and to enjoy the story and music as the sun sets in the village. This is Oskar Foxtrot's first visit to Wenhaston since 2005's acclaimed Black Shuck which was nominated for two ESTAA theatre awards. Tickets are priced at £5, and are available from



The new Anglian Bus 601 Thursday service carried 48 people from our area to Lowestoft (and back!) on June 7th. **Michael Gasper**

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Phil Corbett on 01502 478505. Facilities are available at the nearby village hall and numbers are restricted to 120.

Sarah Corbett

Footpath Walking

The morning walk on Tuesday 3rd July will leave from Wenhaston Village Hall at 10:00am.

The all day walk on Tuesday 17th July will be led by Jenny Jeffrey and Dilys Grimwade for a walk round Rendham. Meet at 10:00am at the White Horse car park. Lunch at the White Horse.

For any other help contact Heather Phillips 01502 478545.

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R.B.L. Wenhaston

The Wenhaston and District Branch meeting was held at The Star Inn on 11th June. Vice Chairman Derek Doy recited the Exhortation and the silence was observed.

Chairman Nelson Wright welcomed all to the meeting. We all sent our good wishes to Graham Holt, our President, who is in hospital at Ipswich. Margery Onyett was welcomed back after her operation.

The Chairman said it was a pity there was no mention of the RBL and the Standards in the local papers after the Suffolk Show. The Treasurer read the financial report. The motion no.20 and the motion of urgency no.19a at National Conference were discussed. There were thoughts for and against. We are awaiting a discussion on this at the Group Meeting Monday 8th July at Beccles RBL Club.

Member John Levy took the County Standard to both the Suffolk Show and the 'F and J Rally' at Framlingham. Sue Doy marshalled at both these events. Derek Doy led the Leiston RBL Band as Drum Major at the 'F and J Rally'.

Members were interested in tickets for the band concert at Halesworth Middle School on Friday 28th September. The Royal British Legion Newmarket Race Day is on Saturday 25th August.

A drink and a chat finished off the meeting.

**Sue Doy. Secretary RBL
Wenhaston and District Branch**

Wenhaston W.I.

'A Palace on Wheels' was the intriguing title of the talk given to us by Dr. Sandra Holmes.

Dressed in a sari, she illustrated her journey with the most beautiful slides of Rajasthan. The Palace on Wheels proved to be a monster of a steam train, which she told us had been made in Britain in the 1950's. Not only was she travelling in a palace, but she visited many palaces along the way. After a short history of northern India and some pictures of both Delhi and New Delhi we were, metaphorically speaking, taken on a journey through the country side terminating at Jaisalmer. This fascinating desert city of small winding streets has the most amazing architecture. The palaces that she visited along the way were stunning, the stonework carved into intricate patterns. Throughout her narrative she interspersed little nuggets of information, e.g. the red turbans that the men wore signified that they were from Rajasthan. That jodhpurs were an English adaptation of the men's traditional trousers that were tied up below the knee. Inevitably the talk finished with some slides of the Taj Mahal, a building which one can never tire of seeing. Several of our members had gone to the AGM, including our president, so Helen took the meeting with quiet efficiency. Violet excelled herself this month making nine lovely posies for our June birthdays.

Both of Marro's book clubs go from strength to strength. The books being read this month are; 'Beautiful Child' by Torey Hayden and 'The Night Watch' by Sarah Waters. Next month is our garden party, hopefully a sunny day as for the past few years it has rained - heavily! On a personal note, I would like to thank all the members who produced teapots and cake stands for a wedding that I was catering for. The bride was thrilled as was!!

F.J.J.

St. Peter's Church Services

July 1	8:00am	Holy Communion
July 8	9:30am	Parish Communion
July 15	9:30am	Parish Communion by Extension
July 22	6:30pm.	Evensong

Volunteer Drivers Urgently Required

Halesworth Volunteer Centre run a very successful and highly-valued (by its users) Community Car Service, serving Halesworth and surrounding villages. It is literally a lifeline for many housebound and elderly people.

Due to retirements new drivers are needed now. If you can spare some time, on a regular basis, to serve the community please ring Karen on 01986 874290. You will be warmly welcomed and any help you can give will be much appreciated.

Bernard Orme - Trustee

Thank You

I would like to thank all those who gave donations towards the gift I received when I retired from the Village Hall Management Committee in May. We now have a lovely garden hammock to relax on when the sun shines.

Maurice Stammers

Christian Aid Week

As a result of the door-to door collection in May £603.10 was raised in Wenhaston, contributing to a Halesworth District total of £5858.19. Sincere thanks to all who helped with the collection and to the many people who donated so generously towards helping the world's poor and underprivileged.

Chris Dunn (District Treasurer)

Wenhaston Methodist Church

Sunday Services for July

1st	10:30 am	Gladys Sexton
8th	11:00 am	Service at Halesworth M.C.
15th	10:30 am	Local Arrangement
	6:30 pm	"Songs of Praise" Village Hall (NCH)
22nd	10:30 am	Keith Durrant
29th	10:30 am	Rev Barbara Garwood Holy Communion

Tuesday Meetings at 2:30 pm

3rd	Women's Fellowship. Judy Baker.
10th	Bible study. All welcome.
17th	Women's Fellowship. Garden Tea.
24th	Bible study. All welcome.
31st	Healing meeting.

Safari Supper Friday 13th July

Adults £10 Under 12's £5

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Marie Spindler

Ray, Jean, Jan and Anna, wish to thank you all for your love and strength you gave us. It will never be forgotten.

Marie loved this village in which she was born and grew up, and all the people in it. Remember her with love and a smile on her face.

£1,850 was collected for Ovarian Cancer Action and MacMillan Palliative Care.

Local History Matters: 3

Domesday.

In 1086 William 1 gave orders that a survey be carried out by which all land owners be listed. Wenhaston was listed separate from Mells. The owner of Wenhaston was Lord Alan the Red. A strong supporter of William at the Battle of Hastings he was rewarded with much land in England. He did not live here but his main home was Richmond Castle in Yorkshire. Mells was owned by Robert de Toden, a standard bearer at the Battle of Hastings. Again he did not live here but at Belvoir Castle in Lincolnshire. He built the castle on the hill and founded a Priory at the foot of the hill, where he was buried. Come the disbanding of the Priors, his stone coffin was taken up to the castle where one can see it (empty!) outside the door of the chapel. Wenhaston consisted of a wood for 16 swine, a mill and a church, and was inhabited by 6 Freemen, 3 Villeins and 16 Borders. Mells had 5 acres of meadow and wood for 100 swine and supported 8 Villeins and 12 Borders. All this would have produced a population of about 200. **Keith Johnceline**

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Scott Lewis

(The Lewis family live in Wenhaston)

Wenhaston UTD F.C

Our Season finished with the First Team third and the Reserves eighth in their respective Divisions. The Reserves were also runners-up in the Harpers Cup, all in all a good Season which might have been better.

We held our Annual Dinner at Sizewell Sports Club with an attendance of seventy seven, an enjoyable evening in which presentations were made to:- Trevor Chenery, Toby Ball, Matt Summerfield, Marcus Allen and Neil Curtis.

The AGM has been and gone, we are pleased that everyone is continuing on the Committee with the addition of new Wenhaston resident Len Wagner. It is this continuity that has enabled the Club to win the League Administration Award for the third Season running - an award based on marks given by Referees throughout the Season.

We look forward to next Season and will advise details of friendlies a.s.a.p.

Peter Pennock

Wenhaston Mothers' Union

On a day when rain was forecast, but which stayed warm and sunny, a party of members visited Helmingham Hall in place of our usual monthly meeting. The garden was a blaze of colour, in such a tranquil setting, much enjoyed. After a leisurely stroll round, a cup of tea and a piece of cake were very welcome.

In July, there are two exciting meetings. The first is the Archdeaconry Garden Meeting at Westleton on Saturday 7th, when we shall visit the garden of The Barn by kind invitation of Mr and Mrs Turner. There will be a Eucharist at 2:00pm, a tour of the garden at 3:00pm, and we shall enjoy our own picnic tea at 4:00pm, and tour the stalls provided by the Deaneries. It should be a very interesting afternoon and members are urged to make the effort to attend. Then on the 11th July we shall have our annual Garden Meeting, this year at Meresig, Back Road, by kind invitation of Mr and Mrs Gamble. The meeting will commence at 3:00pm, and should be a fun afternoon - please bring a small amount of food to share, and we are praying for good weather!

Margaret Bloomfield



This surely must be a contender in the class for 'The Happiest Looking Dog' at the Wenhaston Pre-school's Fun Dog Show and Car Boot Sale at Heathside Farm last month.

Wenhaston Village Hall Bookings

Becky Canham has recently taken over from Jan Allen as the new Village Hall Booking Secretary. Contact Becky on 01502 478842 or by email: villagehall@wenhaston.net

For more information go to www.wenhaston.net/villagehall/

Note to all local clubs and groups, please remember check your pocket in the Hall foyer.

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Presentation Evening

The East Suffolk Vintage Tractor Road Run Team would like to thank Margaret Bloomfield and her kind helpers for the great spread of refreshments they provided at this years Presentation Evening which was held on 15th June, well done to all.

This year we gave £1600 to the Halesworth First Response Team and £1600 to Breast Care at James Paget Hospital. Cratfield Village Hall made £500 for providing lunch for us, well done to them. £300 to Wenhaston Church and £100 for the hire of Wenhaston Village Hall.

Thanks to all at Blythweb for the 300 photos and support. Thanks to all.

Arthur Musk

Thank You

Grateful thanks to all the generous people who donated food for the Tractor Run Presentation evening in the Village Hall on June 15th, and who came along to help. The food was much appreciated by the people present, so very many thanks.

Margaret Bloomfield

Wenhaston Word Puzzle

From the clues given in each line find the letters to make up the hidden word. Good luck!

My *first* is in bubble and also in bee
My *second* in holly but not in tree
My *third* is in acres and also in space
My *fourth* is in picnic and also in place
My *fifth* is in walk but never in fly
My *sixth* is in happy but not in cry
My *seventh* is in open and also in free
My *eighth* is in grass but not greenery
My *ninth* is in newt but not in gorse
My *tenth* is in here, not inside, of course
My *whole* is in Wenhaston all out of doors,
for all to enjoy - you and yours!

What am I?

(Answer in August Wenhaston Word)

Sandra Canham

65 on 3rd July

Happy Birthday

With love from
Becky and Hannah xxx



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Open Gardens

This year's Open Gardens event was again blessed with fine weather and saw over 100 people from near and far touring the 12 splendid gardens. We raised over £900 from this - all thanks to the marvellous efforts of the garden owners, as well as all those who helped bake, serve, compile quiz questions & guides and donated raffle prizes. Thank you all.

Wil Harvey, Wenhaston Sports Club

Music Corner

Sunday 8th July, 3:00pm. Westleton Parish Church. Tallis Chamber Orchestra. Music by Rossini, Mozart and Dvorak. Admission £7 by programme, at the door.

Sunday 22nd July, 11:00am.

The Cut Arts Centre, Halesworth.

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Chris Dunn

Erratum

Congratulations to those of you who have spotted the small mistakes to do with information about the Village Hall, in the enclosed leaflet advertising the Open Garden and Bargain Sale on Saturday 21st July 10:00am - 4:00pm. The Hall was opened for 1975. Although the Eastern Angles have not performed for a while at the Hall, it has been used by Circle 67 and other theatre groups. Apologies for these errors.

David Smeaton-Small

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

2nd August Suffolk Wildlife Trust. Coffee Morning at Golden Acres, Blackheath. 10:00am to 12 noon.

26th October Pumpkin Competition. The Star Inn. 5:00pm.

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Wenhaston with Mells Hamlet Parish Council

Due to holiday commitments the June meeting was re-scheduled from 20th June to 27th June making it too late for a report to be included in this Wenhaston Word. The reports of both the June and July meetings will be included in the August edition.

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