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A big thank you to all helpers, donators and everybody who supported the party on Well Green on June 12th, which raised just over £1,000. 80% to The Big C Appeal and 20% to Wenhaston Youth Club. Thank you.

Arthur and David

Wenhaston Village Show

Sunday 24th July 2:00 - 4:00pm
in the Village Hall



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Schedules and entry details from Wenhaston Post Office, The Star and Tony Gow 01502 478977
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Reminder - Steam Heritage Centre Exhibition

Just a reminder of the Southwold Railway Trust's exhibition at Wenhaston Village Hall on Sunday 3rd July 10am - 4pm. This concerns SRT's planning application for their proposed Steam Heritage Centre sited off Blyford Lane, Wenhaston. Suggestions made at the previous Wenhaston exhibition in October 2010 have been incorporated into the new plans. Come and see! All Welcome.

To know more about Southwold Railway go to www.southwoldrailway.co.uk . *Tim Heaps*

**** 10% discount on AD79 tickets ****
see details on page 9

Mrs Winifred Elisabeth Holt

The Funeral and Thanksgiving Service for Mrs Winifred Elisabeth Holt who died peacefully at her home in Wenhaston on 25 May aged 87 was held at St Peter's Church Wenhaston on 3 June. The Service was conducted by the Revd Anna Wright. The hymns 'Morning Has Broken' and 'Jerusalem' were sung and the readings were by Anne Evans (daughter-in-law) and Sarah Robinson (daughter). Elisabeth, as she was known, was a very versatile and accomplished lady with a wide repertoire of talents.

The Eulogy was given by Judy Boyt (daughter) who gave details of her mother's life from the time she was brought up in Dorset until the present time. She had married three times and with her last husband Graham travelled to many different places in the world. They bought Cobblers Cottage in Wenhaston and renovated and lived in it until they died. Elisabeth survived her husband by three years.

Family mourners were Chris and Anne Evans (son), Sarah and Dean Robinson, Judy Boyt (daughters), Bill and Esterina Holt (stepson), Stephen Evans, Simon and Emily Evans (grandsons), Rebecca Robinson (grand-daughter), Peter Cox, Chris Cox (nephews), Susie Wheeler (niece).

Others present included: Violet Jackson, Gwen Stockdale, Roddy and Ann Edwards, David Smeaton- Small and family, Sean Williams, Jennifer Dickson, Ann Follows on behalf of Elisabeth's neighbours, Peter Leech, Col. Nick Beard, Jean Wagg, Pauline Fisk, Sally Beales, Caroline Jeffery, Sue Thurston, Pam Andrews, Caroline Crisp, Mary Stammers, John Levy, Cherry Wilkinson, Norman Hatcher (also representing Mr D Newby), Dorothy Franklin, Jim Tate, Mr and Mrs B J & J V Nolloth (also representing P J Nolloth Motor Engineering), Bernard Orme, Peter & June Lewis, Peter and Mary Pennock (also representing Eileen and Tim Heaps), M. Goldstone, Ana Tucker.

Burial took place in Wenhaston cemetery and there were family flowers. Donations in memory of Elisabeth for the Alzheimer's Society are invited and may be sent c/o Rosedale Funeral Home, 19 Market Place, Halesworth IP19 8BB.

The input to community life in Wenhaston by Graham and Elisabeth Holt was considerable and very much appreciated. She will be remembered by most people for the Wenhaston Word which she co-founded with Mr Tim Heaps in 1995.

Elisabeth worked on this unceasingly until 2006 when she was no longer able to carry on. Fortunately Tim and Eileen Heaps agreed that this should be published from their Blythweb office with Wenhaston-born Becky assisting. The loss of this monthly publication delivered free to every house in Wenhaston by volunteers would have been a great shame as so many people look forward to receiving it. Long may this monthly feed of village information continue and I for one am grateful to Elisabeth and all concerned now with its publication and distribution.

Derek Newby



A family photo of Elisabeth in her younger days.



Elisabeth as depicted on the Millennium Map.

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Dates For Your Diary

13th August - High Summer Fete, Churchyard

14th August - Teas in the Church

3rd September - Jumble Sale, Village Hall

13th October - Quiz Night, Village Hall

14th October - Maasai Warriors, Village Hall

For events in the local area go to

www.blythweb.net/calendar/

Methodist Church - July

Sunday services at 10:30am

3 Rev'd David Read

6:30pm Songs of Praise

Rev'd Robert Soanes for NCH

10 Iris Baker

17 Julie Warren

24 Rev'd Robert Soanes S

31 Sue Lovett

Tuesday meetings at 2:30pm

5 Women's Fellowship Gladys Sexton

12 Bible Study

19 Women's Fellowship River Outing

26 Bible Study

Saturday 2nd 9:30am - 11:00am

'Pray Awhile' on a come and go basis for prayer and meditation.

Saturday 23rd 10:30am - 12:30pm

Church Gift Day.

All welcome at any event

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The Osiligi Maasai Warriors

come to

Wenhaston Village Hall

7:30pm Friday October 14

*An event not to be missed
so put it in your diary now!*

More information next month

All enquiries to Jill & Michael

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Wenhaston Word Deadline Date 20th July for August 2011 issue

St. Peter's Church Services - July

3 No service (Halesworth 9:30am)

10 9:30am Parish Eucharist

17 9:30am Parish Eucharist

24 6:30pm Evensong

31 10:30am Team Service

Blood Donors Wanted

Wenhaston Village Hall 21st July 2011.

To book an appointment call the helpline on
0300 123 23 23 or visit www.blood.co.uk

Footpath Walking

The morning walk on Tuesday 5th July will
leave from Wenhaston Village Hall at 10am.

The longer walk on Tuesday 19th July will be
led by Sandra Canham and Dorothy Franklin.
Meet at 10am on Dunwich Beach Car Park for
a circular walk with lunch at either Dunwich
Ship Inn or Bridge Nurseries.

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

Music Corner by Chris Dunn

Friday July 8th, 7:30pm, St. Edmunds Church,
Southwold. Recital by James Gilchrist (tenor)
and Alison Nicholls (harp), including music by
Britten, Ravel, and Nathan Williamson (local
composer). Tickets £12, or £17 (includes pre-
concert reception), from 01502 726161.

Wenhaston with Mells Hamlet Parish Council

Our PCSO Newson has asked if anyone is willing to volunteer to become a co-ordinator so that the Neighbourhood Watch scheme could be reinstated in the Village. Anyone interested please get in touch with me.

The Parish Council will be getting in touch with all Village organisations regarding the Queen's Diamond Jubilee. A meeting will be set up for September, when we would like a representative to attend a meeting giving your views and ideas on how to celebrate this event.

During the next few months the Parish Council will be looking into having meetings to see if Parishioners are interested in having a Good Neighbour Scheme for the Village. More information to follow.

The Wind Turbine has been refused planning permission.

Part side garden at Gorse Cottage, Back Road has been given permission for a detached dwelling.

We would like to remind Parishioners that the Minutes of all meetings are put on the boards at the Village Hall and Well Green, as well as online at the address below. Better still come along to the meetings. *Mary Pennock, Clerk*

www.wenhaston.net/parishcouncil/index.php

Burglary at Blythburgh

A burglary took place between 6:20pm Tuesday 14th June and 7am Wednesday 15th June in Old Angel Lane, Blythburgh.

Offenders have thrown stones at a property causing a window to break, allowing entry. Once inside cupboards were searched but no items were taken.

Were you in the area at the time, did you see anything suspicious? Do you know the name of the offender or offenders? If you have any information please contact Suffolk Police on 01986 835300 quoting reference LE/11/600.

Police Direct Team

Parish Council Information

The Parish Council would like to clarify the situation regarding a light at Star Hill.

The post half way on Star Hill is a British Telecom post and under new rules and regulations Electricity can't be put on this post. The Parish Council would have to pay anything from £8,000.00 to £13,000.00 to have a light on Star Hill.

The Parish Council would then have to pay for the electricity used as well as the maintenance.

Any items such as Salt Bins or Doggy Bins the Parish Council has to pay for. We get nothing free these days. *Mary Pennock, Clerk*



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Community Wellbeing Survey 2010

I would like to apologise to those very kind people in Wenhaston who took the time to complete our rather long survey last year. The data is being processed as part of a wider research project at Cambridge University.

Due to several personal crises within our group, including a bereavement, the prize draw did not take place as planned. Because of the long delay, it has been suggested that instead, we donate the £100 to the Wenhaston Village Hall fund. This I am happy to do and the cheque will be sent to the secretary. Thank you all once again.

Dr Maureen Tilford

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www.blythburgh.net

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Blyth Valley (Wenhaston) Community First Responders



You will know from previous articles in the Wenhaston Word that the Community First Responder project is operating within Wenhaston Parish.

The scheme is a vital volunteer-based operation in support of the East of England Ambulance Service. The CFR's have already attended calls within Wenhaston.

The group now has ten volunteers to cover the three villages (Wenhaston, Walberswick and Blythburgh) but only one from Wenhaston.

It is important to generate more volunteers from Wenhaston. Anyone over 18 and under 70 years of age who might be interested should contact Gus Jones on the following number – 01502 478085. Full training is provided by the Ambulance Service.

*Gus Jones, Co-ordinator
Wenhaston Community First Responders*



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Bogus Traders

Police are advising residents to be alert after information from Norfolk Trading Standards about leaflet drops offering valuations of gold and jewellery in village locations throughout Suffolk.

It is believed the company behind the leaflet may be bogus and residents are urged to exercise caution when considering getting valuations of any items. Please check that the address and contact details provided relate to a registered company and not just to a leaflet distribution centre.

If you have items which you want to have valued please contact reputable local or national businesses and aim to get several opinions before committing to any transaction.

Suffolk Trusted Trader Scheme is a directory of service providers created by Suffolk County Council in conjunction with local businesses. The overall aim of the scheme is to enable consumers to make informed decisions about the selection of a provider based on direct customer feedback. This feedback is obtained through a survey system operated by Referenceline Ltd. and made available online to all local and national consumers.

For more information on the scheme visit the website:
www.suffolk.gov.uk/BusinessAndConsumer/TradingStandards/TrustedTrader.htm ,

Want to find a Suffolk Trusted Trader?

A list of providers on the Suffolk Trusted Trader Scheme is accessible on the Suffolk Trusted Trader website. Alternatively, please call our Service Line on 01473 264859. *Police Direct Team*



Wenhaston Village Hall 100 Club

Just complete the enclosed form in this month's Word, send it to one of the promoters and help to launch a new village hall fund-raising initiative. The first prize-winning numbers in the Wenhaston Village Hall 100 Club will be drawn at The Star in September. *Ann Jones*

Small Ads

Found

Large key with red fob. Found on Blackheath. Collect from Blythweb.

Advertise items for sale and wanted for just 30p per word (min £4.50). Photo £5.
Lost and Found items FREE

New Village Hall Booking Clerk

From 7 July Phil Corbett will be the Booking Clerk for Wenhaston Village Hall. After that date Phil's contact details will appear on www.wenhaston.net/villagehall/ where a village hall brochure and booking form are also available along with other Hall information.

Wenhaston Village Hall

The Village Hall Management committee would like to thank everyone who helped with the Jumble Sale on Saturday June 18th and also those people who provided cakes and items to sell.

I personally would like to thank the two Margarets, Goldstone and Bloomfield and Daphne Jordan for all their help and expert advice! I couldn't have done it without them.

The final total raised after expenses was £504.67.
June Tate, Secretary
WVH Management Committee

Wenhaston Gardeners

The great British weather can always be relied upon. Plan an outdoors event and bingo, down comes the rain. However, the great British garden never disappoints either, and the two we visited in West Suffolk for our June outing were worth getting a bit damp for. The great British gardener is a hardy specimen. Chippenham Park is impressive in size but warm and welcoming in nature. Its most memorable feature to me, anyway, was the sheer number and range of exquisite roses flowering and scenting the air. The arrival of the rain at lunch time also allowed us a peek into the house where we ate in the dining room surrounded by lovely hand painted walls. Visiting the loo was quite an experience too!

There were lots of quirky features at Chippenham but when we moved on to Lucy Redman's garden at Rushbrooke we were plunged into the exciting, wacky and plant packed world that she has created – in what seems like an impossibly short time. Unusual and inviting things beckoned from every corner. Cameras snapped and pencils scribbled as we tried to keep up with the stream of tempting ideas. After tea and cakes, hurrah, the sun came out and we climbed back on the bus replete in mind and body after a great day out.

Just space to say – the trip to Cheney Manor is on July 7th and then The Annual Show is Sunday July 24th. Good luck everyone.

Cherry Wilkinson

Southwold Railway again

From 1879 - 1929 the Southwold Railway ran the nine miles between Halesworth and Southwold, with stations at Wenhaston, Blythburgh and Walberswick. Of over 2,000 Wenhaston Archive images on <http://archive.wenhaston.net> over forty are of Railway photographs and documents (select 'Railway' in the 'Browse by Category' area).

Eileen Heaps

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Well Done Wenhaston! - Christian Aid Week 2011

The good people of Wenhaston donated £822.87 which, together with Gift Aid, gives a grand total of £926 from this village. This is the best ever collection. Thanks go to all the individual collectors for their hard work...and to you for your generosity to this very worthy cause.

Christine Buttle

Local History Matters: 33

The Guildhall

The Guildhall (now Church Cottages), was built in the early 16th century, overlooking the churchyard. A deed dated 6th January 1513 concerned land lying to the west of the churchyard that had recently been built upon. The Guild in Wenhaston was not a Trade Guild, but a Church Guild. This looked after the salvation of the members and prayed for their souls when they died. Church Guilds were closed down in 1547 by order of Henry VIII.

When Pepyn and Lessey founded the school in the 1560s it is fairly certain the school started on the first floor of the Guildhall while the overseer of the poor occupied the ground floor. The school moved to what is now the Church Room in the early 19th century and the property turned into three cottages and let. The rents were used for the repair and upkeep of the church.

Looking through the Churchwardens' Accounts one is made aware of the continuing items recorded for the repair and upkeep of the Guildhall with bricks and thatch appearing many times. The roof was reroofed in the 19th century.

Keith Johnceline

Advice To Keep Your Jewellery Safe

Suffolk Police are urging people to take extra measures to ensure expensive and sentimental items of jewellery are kept safe from burglars.

Keeping doors and windows locked will slow offenders down and the forcing of them may cause noise and can attract attention. However, once inside a property burglars may be able to search and locate expensive items of jewellery. Any such items should be kept in a secure location, ideally a very good quality safe.

Do not keep items in the top drawer of a chest of drawers or in the back of the wardrobe, this is generally the first place offenders will look.

Property marking is really important, and you can advertise the fact that this has been done by displaying window stickers.

SmartWater can be used to mark items - it is invisible to the naked eye but is detectable by police using specialised equipment. Each SmartWater formula is unique, and the marking can be tested to trace the owner of the item.

You can also take detailed photographs. If you have the items valued keep this information safe and separate from the jewellery. If the jewellery is stolen we can circulate the pictures to auction rooms, jewellers and dealers and so stand a better chance of its recovery.

Alarms, security lighting and CCTV can all be used to keep homes more secure. Keep gardens tidy and gates locked so criminals have nowhere to hide. If you notice any suspicious people or vehicles at your neighbour's property, call police. Dial 999 if a crime is in progress.

For further advice contact your local Crime Reduction Officer on 01473 613500.

Police Direct Team

Oskar Foxtrot Theatre Company presents: AD79

'A day in the life of Pompeii - its last...'

Oskar Foxtrot Productions returns to the New Cut for the 7th time with AD79. The musical was written by a well-established team. Phil Corbett of Back Road wrote the lyrics, while his daughter Sarah composed the music, and his son-in-law Andy wrote the script. AD79 is the story of the lives and loves, dreams and schemes of the denizens of Roman Pompeii just prior to the earth-shattering events that would leave the town forever frozen in time. Set around the fateful eruption of Vesuvius, the musical follows senators, soliders, wives and mistresses, families and their slaves and even a stray dog.

This is the first performance of the musical at the Cut, but it was actually written in 2003, and has been performed by other theatre companies in the UK - and by one in the US after its publication in 2004. Those who know the story of Pompeii may understand that there is not a happy ending for all, but the audience should keep an eye out for the most resourceful characters, some of whom may outwit Death herself.

As usual Oskar Foxtrot is pleased to offer 10% off tickets to Wenhaston inhabitants due to the close familial links with the village. Simply show this article when booking your tickets. Or you can book tickets online at newcut.org, or by calling 0845 6732123.

Sarah Corbett

(see ad on front page).

Mothers' Union

We were very lucky with the weather at our Garden Meeting on 15th June when we visited Jenny Dickson's garden for tea and fellowship - it was really hot at times. After a general knowledge quiz and a bird identifying one, some played croquet before we embarked on the usual delicious teas provided by the committee. Jenny was thanked by Margaret and presented with a rose bush.

On 13th July we shall say the 'Wave of Prayer', when we remember our link branches in Mount Kenya, Windward Isles and Australia, and also hear from Jo Small, the daughter of one of our members, on her visit to Romania.

33 members from the Diocese, including Jenny Dickson and myself, travelled to Edinburgh for the Annual Meeting of the Worldwide MU. We took a coach to our destination, a day's journey, and while there, visited the Rosslyn Chapel, The Botanic Gardens and The Royal Yacht Britannia.

There were 1,250 members at the welcome service at St Mary's Cathedral, one could really let go when singing the lovely hymns, and it was wonderful to be among so many sister MU members. The Annual meeting took place in the Usher Hall and was opened by the Worldwide President, Rosemary Kempshall. The guest speaker was Prof. Tania Byron, a real live wire who had us in fits of laughter but also challenged us about issues concerning the bringing up of children. It was a privilege to be there and I look forward to next year's conference in Wales.

Margaret Bloomfield

Shakespeare in the Sunshine

The Circle 67 Players are paying their annual visit to Church Common on Saturday 23 July at 2:30pm. After the high tragedy of Othello last year, this summer we turn to the War of the Roses, and to that most enjoyably wicked of all Kings of England, Richard III. No charge for admission: but bring a little money for the end!

Peter Lewis, President The Circle 67 Players

John Castle was the workhouse boy that Douglas Baker came to talk to us about. What an amazing man John was, raising from a pauper family to founding the Co-operative Society in Colchester. John was 2½ when his father, a chimney sweep, moved to Sudbury in Buckinghamshire. Shortly afterwards his father died leaving the family destitute. John's grandmother walked the 75 miles from Coggleshall to attend the funeral and to take the 2 year old boy back with her. At the age of 8 he went to a writing school for a year.

Mr. Baker passed a photocopy of an example of John's writing, its legibility was something today's youngsters could aspire to. On reaching 9 years John went to work in a silk mill, his first job was to clean the silk, working his way up to become a weaver. Here Mr. Baker deviated slightly to give us some information on the silk trade.

We listened while he read a poignant little tale from John's diary. How he, unwillingly, went rooking. This was at a time when the practice was classed as poaching and the punishment, if caught, severe. The lads evaded the game keeper and climbed the 50 feet trees to the nests. One of the boys fell from the tree, broke his neck and was paralysed for the rest of his life. He subsequently learnt to draw and paint, Queen Victoria bought one of his sketches for five guineas. To hear more of John's adult life we will have to ask Mr Baker to come and talk to us again.

Our Wenhaston Show Day was well advertised in the SEFWI news. We were asked to put our thinking caps on to come up with exciting ways to celebrate the Queen's Diamond Jubilee next year.

Congratulations to Anne and Cathy on their epic cycle ride.

Next meeting is on July 6th. Sue Reith tells us about 'Investing in a Fairer World'.

FJJ

We regret to announce that this service is no longer available at Blythweb's office in The Street, Wenhaston.

Wenhaston Energy Support Group***Energising Ideas***

An electric car plugging into free energy at the village hall, a thermal imaging camera to monitor heat loss, buying land for a community wood, a half-hourly bus service and a group initiative to tender for photovoltaic panels....

These were just some of the exciting ideas that emerged from a brain-storming session following Wenhaston Energy Support Group's AGM.

Dr Zoe Wallage, from the Low Carbon Innovation Centre at the University of East Anglia, gave a brief summary of a report commissioned by WESG, outlining the possible options for Wenhaston in its efforts to reduce carbon emissions and, at the same time, save cash. She emphasised the importance of achieving demand reduction and energy efficiency before moving on to renewable schemes.

Janet Dillaway, chair, said that the way forward is for like-minded village groups to join together and forge links for the future.

Some of the challenging suggestions from residents will now be incorporated into an Action Plan which WESG will work on over the coming months.

WESG officers remain unchanged with Janet Dillaway, chair; Janice Claxton, secretary; Glynis Tucker, treasurer.

If anyone would like to join the group tendering for PV they should contact Ann Jones on 01502 478085. For more information go to www.wenhastongreen.org, contact any member of the group or leave a note in our pocket in the village hall.

Ann Jones

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A date for your diaries - On Saturday 13th August we are planning a High Summer Fete to be held in the Churchyard together with arrangements of Summer Flowers in the Church. Lunches will be served in the Church Room and there will be all the usual Stalls etc. In the evening there will be a Concert in the Church with all local artists performing. On Sunday 14th we shall serve Teas in the Church during the afternoon. Watch for full details in next months' WW.

Flying The Flag - Sunday 13th June to celebrate the 50th Birthday of Judy Miller.

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