



2007 Vintage Tractor Run



Roger & Fran Desborough

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On a dry but overcast May morning, the Sunday of the Spring Bank Holiday weekend, some 167 vintage tractors gathered at Wenhaston for the 9th East Suffolk Vintage Tractor Run. The event was again a well-organised event bringing pleasure to many and much needed funds to this year's beneficiaries.

The 2007 route featured a lunch stop in Crafield, passing through Bramfield, Walpole, Sibton, Heveningham and Huntingfield along the way. The vintage tractors looked splendid, some bedecked with balloons and flags, some towing trailers so that the family could come along for the ride. See all the photos online at www.blythweb.co.uk/News/tractors2007

Tim Heaps

Thorington Church Art Exhibition & Sale of Paintings 23rd & 24th June

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array of local art.**

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in aid of Wenhaston Pre-school
Saturday 16th June 2007

Heathside Farm, Wenhaston

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Classes for Everyone

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Thorington Church Art Exhibition

Early summer sees the fourth annual Thorington Church Art Exhibition at St Peter's Church, Thorington on June 23rd and 24th.

Admission to the church and exhibition is free and visitors are invited to enjoy the spectacular array of art by many local artists. As ever this popular event will include plenty of things to see and do including activities for children, local field trials, lunches and strawberry cream teas in the Old Rectory garden. Other stalls on offer include local crafts and jewellery plus local seasonal produce. Visitors can also take part in a guided walk around the nearby Suffolk Wildlife Trust property. A silent auction and raffle will be held each day featuring a wide range of money-can't-buy prizes.

St Peter's Church is a beautiful example of a traditional round tower structure with a Norman arch discovered just twenty years ago. With only 48 parishioners in Thorington and an annual cost of £5,000 to maintain the building this small community is dependent on innovative fund-raising to keep the much-loved Church open.

This year's special feature is a poetry reading by Cicely Herbert – co-founder of the internationally successful Poems on the Underground – with a poetry competition for local schoolchildren.

For more details of what's taking place each day and when please call 01502 478065.

Melanie Welsh

Wenhaston W.I.

In the unavoidable absence of the President our May meeting was ably chaired by Helen Bowyer. As is traditional in May, the business part of the meeting was concerned with a discussion of this year's WI Public Affairs Resolution or campaign to be backed by Members. In previous years a number of topics have been put forward for debate but this year the focus of the Institute's attention is "to stop the closure of Community Hospitals which provide services to local people". Marro Johnstone proposed the topic, drawing attention to the fact that the smaller Community Hospitals were cleaner and therefore patients were less prone to infection and the quality of care, particularly in regard to the nutritional needs of patients, was invariably of a higher standard than that offered in larger hospitals. The motion was agreed unanimously and will go forward for further discussion at the Annual General Meeting which is being held in the Albert Hall in June, to which Wenhaston are sending five delegates. Members were thanked for their donations to and participation in the Spring Fayre event which was held last month and, it was agreed by the meeting that, from the proceeds, a donation of £300 will be made to the team working in our area on behalf of the NSPCC.

After a break for tea the meeting was pleased to welcome our speaker for the evening, Bryn Raven, who enlightened us on the activity of Eco Teams. These are based on a concept which originated in Holland and are formed to pool and share information regarding a concern for the environment. There are about 200 such teams in England and Bryn is a member of a group which has been active recently in Wenhaston. Bryn had some very frightening statistics to give, for example:- 1.5 million computers are dumped in land fill sites every year 90% of which are fully functioning.

The UK produces enough rubbish every hour to fill the Albert Hall.

The Eco Team encourages its members to measure the waste their home produces and

devise strategies to reduce this, disposing of what is unavoidable in the most environmentally friendly way possible.

Bryn encouraged anyone who had not yet done so to return the recently distributed questionnaire relating to Carbon Footprints as the village may receive some financial advantage from SCDC to improve recycling facilities.

Cathy Harrison

90th Birthday Celebrations

I would like to thank all my friends and relations who joined me to celebrate my birthday and for donating so generously to Cancer Research UK. I was able to send the organisation a cheque for £357.00

May Parker

Footpath Walking

The morning walk on Tuesday 5th June will leave from Wenhaston Village Hall at 10am. The all day walk on Tuesday 19th June will be led by Joan and Peter Waters. Meet at Huntingfield Arms at 10am where we will return for lunch after walking round the village. For any other help contact Heather Phillips 01502 478545.

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St. Peter's Church Services

June 3 No Service
June 10 9:30am Parish Communion
June 17 9:30am Parish Communion
June 24 6:30pm Evensong

Wenhaston Methodist Church

Sunday Services at 10:30 am

3rd Barbara Garwood Holy Communion
10th Rev Leslie Richards
17th Iris Baker
24th Gordon Frary

Saturday 9th June Church Anniversary

Anniversary Tea 4:30 pm
Songs of Praise 6:30 pm Barbara Garwood

Tuesday Meetings at 2:30 pm

5th Women's Fellowship Kelsale Rally
12th Bible Study All welcome
19th Women's Fellowship Rev Olivent-Hayes
26th Bible Study All welcome

Still Time to Plant Your Pumpkin Seeds!

Following the tradition of the past few years, the new much admired and respected Tenant at The Star Inn, Wenhaston, Julie Davis, has announced that she will be continuing the highly popular Pumpkin Competition, to be held on Friday 26th October at 5pm. Julie is aware that seeds should have been planted by now, but is advised that late planting will still produce some fine specimens. There will be five categories in the competition. The biggest pumpkin, the quirkiest pumpkin, the heaviest pumpkin, the best pumpkin pie and for the under 14's, the best dressed pumpkin. Entries will have to be delivered to the pub by 5pm on the day and judging will take place between 5.30pm and 6.30pm. A well known personality will be chief judge assisted by a chef and a local gardener.

Dudley Clarke

The Royal British Legion

RBL Wenhaston and District Branch. Meeting opened with Exhortation and Silent Tribute. Chairman Nelson Wright welcomed everyone to meeting.

Apologies from Major Graham Holt and Margery Onyett, who are both unwell. Cards and good wishes were sent for speedy recoveries. Welfare visitors have done their rounds.

RBL posters have been put on notice board. The Branch News and County Chairman's letter were discussed, about the new way National want branches to keep only £200 or enough to run The Branch. The rest to be sent to National, to get higher interest.

Future Events: Suffolk Show Wed May 30th.
F&J Rally Sunday June 19th at Framlingham.
County Rally Sunday July 8th at Southwold.
Newmarket Race Day Saturday August 25th.
Next Group meeting Monday July 16th at Beccles RBL.

Next Branch meeting Monday June 11th 7:30pm Star Inn. New members welcome.

Sue Doy

Wenhaston Open Gardens Sunday June 17th 11:00am - 5:00pm

Entry by printed guide
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£3.50 per person
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Refreshments, Raffle & Garden Quiz

Yard Sale

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Local History Matters: 2

The Romans

Experts agree that Wenhaston was an important settlement and trading post. Ships sailed up the River Blyth to Blyford (Blythford), but could not proceed further, so they emptied their cargo here. The market was between Star Hill and the River. The fields have been walked and much Samian pottery, brooches and over 500 coins have been found. One presumes that the inhabitants lived on the higher ground, and possibly a small Roman Temple was built - are its foundations to be found under our present church?

Communication was important and there is a Roman Road from Bungay to Halesworth, and it probably wound its way from Holton to Blyford by the river and forded over to Wenhaston.

When ploughing a field by Blyford Bridge in the 1880s, a farmer discovered a Roman statuette of Venus, six inches high. There is a small stream that leaves the River Blyth and goes under the road at Brook Farm.

This threads it's way through Thorington marshes to Bramfield. It was much wider and deeper in olden times, as in the Bramfield records there is an entry 'Taking the hay down to the wharf at Bramfield'. **Keith Johnceline**

'Venus'. Detail from the Wenhaston Millennium Map. Reproduced with permission of the Commons Group



Wenhaston Mothers' Union

We welcomed Anne Holland to our May Meeting to tell us about the trip to Antarctica she and her husband took in February/March 2006. Anne said that despite some reservations about the cold and rough terrain, they decided that they would take the trip. The expedition started at Ushuaia in Argentina, and on the way to the edge of Antarctica, the cruise ship, Explorer, with 200 passengers, visited The Falkland Islands, South Georgia and the South Orkneys. The interesting thing about these islands was mostly the wildlife, although there were some small churches (one

a cathedral), and they were able to see Ernest Shackleton's grave on Elephant Island, and the area where his ship was trapped in the ice for many months, as well as the place where he and his crew eventually came ashore. The passengers saw many thousands of King Penguins and their young, who seemed unperturbed by the human presence, Fur seals – some of which were quite vicious, elephant seals, which slept on regardless, reindeer, chinstrap penguins to name but a few.

All of the passengers were supplied with warm red parkas, and when they reached Antarctica, the ice was a delicate blue, and very beautiful. A visit was made to Deception Island which was a huge volcano, and across the channel there was an opportunity to swim in hot springs, although Anne herself declined. It was not quite possible to reach the Arctic Circle as they were only able to explore the very edge of the continent, which is huge, being the fifth largest in the world, but we could tell by Anne's enthusiasm that it had been wonderful, an experience of a lifetime. Anne was thanked by Valerie Ellis.

In June we are visiting Helmingham Hall on 13th in place of our meeting. Cars leave the Village Hall Car Park at 1:30pm. Teas are available at the Hall, and anyone wishing to go should contact June Lewis on 01502 478106.

Plans were made for our Fundraising event and meeting in July, and for the Arch-Deaconry Garden Party on 7th July, but more of that next month.

Margaret Bloomfield

Church Plant Sale Results

The Plant Sale and Ploughman's lunches held on May 5th resulted in the Grand total of £1023, a splendid result. Very many thanks for all those who supported the event and to all those who gave so much help in making it possible. Note for your diaries: There will be a Safari Supper on July 13th, tickets for which will be available at the Post Office nearer the time.

Margaret Goldstone

Music Corner

Sunday 3rd June 6:00pm at Holy Trinity Church, Blythburgh. The Blythburgh Singers. "Music for a Summer's Evening". Choral items and readings for Trinity Sunday.

Chris Dunn

Village Energy Day

Saturday 30th June

10:00am - 4:00pm

Wenhaston Village Hall

Barbecue on playing field 12:00-2:00pm

Fun for all – do come

Wenhaston Carbon Footprint – Update

Thanks to everyone who returned questionnaires. Wenhaston Word distributed copies to every home in the village. 17% were returned - Although a good response (most surveys get around 15%) it doesn't give an accurate picture of our energy use. This is important. Whatever your view on what is happening to our world and our climate, looking at our 'footprint' makes sense. By understanding our environmental impact, we can look at measures to reduce it. Results could help save households money - but also, Suffolk Coastal has promised to pay up to £300 to parishes bringing in high questionnaire returns. This could be spent on something to benefit everyone.

The questionnaire is NOT

- 'Big brother'-style snooping – you can remain anonymous
- An expression of your views on global warming or nuclear power
- A 'nanny state' exercise

So please – if you haven't already - fill in a questionnaire and return it to the Post Office, The Star or Wootens. If you've lost or recycled your copy, extras are available from the Post Office - completion date has been extended till 30 June, which is also our 'Energy Day' – see box ad in this edition.

Bridget Cousins

on behalf of the Village Energy Group

Thank You

Thank You to everybody who voted for me in the recent Parish Council Election.

Stuart Hayward-Rutter

Election Results

Elected to Wenhaston with Mellis Hamlet Parish Council: Bridget Cousins, Michael Dickson, Ann Edwards, Michael Gasper, Stuart Hayward-Rutter, Bernard Orme, Heather Phillips, Maurice Stammers, June Tate, Trevor Tate and David Wilkinson.

Kevin Keable (from Walberswick) is our new District Councillor.

Wenhaston with Mellis Hamlet Parish Council.

Parish Council Meeting 16th May 2007.

Cllr. B.Orme was re elected as Chairman and Cllr. T. Tate as Vice Chairman.

Cllr. T. Tate and Cllr. M.Gasper were elected as representatives to the Village Hall Committee.

The Chairman voiced his thanks to Viv Kemp and Derek Roberts, former Councillors, who didn't stand for re election. Also to Mr Graham Holt (who was not re elected), for all his hard work over the years as Chairman and Parish Councillor.

The Chairman welcomed the new members to the Parish Council, and our new District Councillor Mr Kevin Keable.

Cllr. Phillips announced that her brother Dr Ellis and herself are prepared to donate a piece of land to replace the Common Land at Star Hill. Hopefully this would enable the footpath to go ahead.

The Council would like to hear from anyone in the Village who is interested in having an allotment. Please get in touch with Clerk.

Planning permission was granted for the following applications:-

(A)Erection of a single storey rear extension at Skibbereen, Back Road. (B) Erection of single storey front/rear extension (existing garage to be demolished) at Skaigh, St Michael's Way. (C) Construction of 16 Holiday Lodges at the Halesworth Golf Club.

The Precept of £12,000 has been received from Suffolk Coastal District Council and the balances are as follows:-

Current Account	£2,480.39
High Interest Account	£14,840.46
Total	£17,320.85

Mary Pennock 5

News from the Bus Shelter

Just a reminder that the Anglian Bus 601 Lowestoft service resumes on Thursdays starting June 7, picking up in The Street at 0926, returning from Lowestoft at 1400.

For those who want to go to London, 'One' does train tickets from £6 single – you do need to book early on 0845 600 7245. You can also use the 521 bus to get to and from Halesworth station – it ties up with daytime trains.

Michael Gasper
Transport Officer, Wenhamston Parish Council

The basic timetable for service 601 appears below.

Service 601 - Bungay to Lowestoft via Halesworth

Operates Thursdays only from 7th June 2007

Bungay, St Marys Street	0845	1518
Halesworth, Saxons Way	0913	1455
Holton, Cherry Tree	0921	1447
Blyford Queens Head PH	0924	1444
Wenhamston, The Street	0926	1442
Blythburgh, Bus Shelter	0931	1437
Wrentham, Layby	0942	1426
Kessingland, Wildlife Park	0949	1419
Lowestoft, Gordon Road	1010	1400

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Small Ads

Wanted:

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

13th July Safari Supper. Tickets available from the Post Office nearer the time.

21st July Fundraising Event, Table Top Sale, Lunches and Teas at the Garden House, Blackheath, 10am - 4pm in aid of Wenhamston Village Hall and the Royal Marines Association. Call Alan Middleton-Stewart 01502 478840.

26th October Pumpkin Competition.

The Star Inn. 5:00pm. Plant your seeds now!

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

New Birth for the Balsoms



A new foal was born on 16th May to mother Joy. A very pretty light brown and white colour. Really sweet.

Wenhamston United Football Club

AGM Thursday May 31st.

To be held in the Pavilion at Wenhamston Playingfield commencing 7:45pm. All welcome.

Peter Pennock

Wenhamston Wanderers CC Fixtures

The club is hoping to arrange a couple more evening fixtures in June. If you want to play or challenge them to a game, please call Simon Manning on 01502 478344. Or come along to net practice at the Playing Field every Tuesday evening from 6:30pm. **Bob Cattell**

Date	Team	Ground	Start	Format
Saturday June 9	Southwold	Southwold	2:30pm	40 overs
Saturday July 14	Rumburgh six a side competition	Rumburgh	10:00am	5 overs
Friday July 20	SB Exiles CC	Southwold	6:00pm	20 overs
Saturday July 28	Rumburgh	Rumburgh	2:00pm	40 overs
Friday August 3	Reigate Pilgrims	Southwold	6:00pm	20 overs

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