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Local and European elections - cast your votes on 4 June

Lots of information about these elections and about voting is on
<http://www.suffolkcoastal.gov.uk/yourdistrict/elections/default.htm>

On Thursday 4 June, two elections are being held:

- for a Suffolk County Councillor to represent our area, Blything (includes Wenhaston Parish)
- for members of the European Parliament (MEPs), representing the Eastern Region of the UK

Wenhaston Village Hall is our Polling Station and will be open 7:00am-10:00pm for you to vote.



Thorington Church Art Exhibition and Sale of Paintings

20 June 12 noon - 6:00pm

Opera and Auction of Promises

and 21 June 10:00am - 4:30pm

Opera for Children and Treasure Hunt

Refreshments, Raffle and Local Craft Stalls

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See www.blythweb.net/calendar for more.

Healing Arts Open Day

at The Cut, Halesworth

Sunday June 7th 11:00am - 3:00pm

The Cut Arts Centre, Halesworth offers a wide range of health promoting activities, the 'Healing Arts': dance, pilates, tai chi and yoga, for all age groups.

This free open day offers an opportunity to meet the teachers, watch demonstrations and try a taster session of whatever suits you.

Café open for light refreshments.

For times of demos/tasters ring 01502 478544
or see Community News.

No need to book - just turn up and enjoy yourself!

To All Newcomers

We moved to Wenhaston 28 years ago and if it was not for the help of our local builder "T C" and the support and friendship of the Leech family (who have become part of our extended family), we would not have survived. Over the years we have been and are still involved with village clubs and organisations and would like to think that we have contributed in a small way to village life.

The village needs newcomers to keep clubs and organisation alive and active. Please do not be put off by the views of a few, come and join in village activities and enjoy the rewards of living in the village. *The Pennock family*

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Commons Work Parties in June

Tues 9th. Bickers Heath. Meet at seat. 10am.

Sat 27th. Wenhaston Churchyard. Raking. 10am-12:30pm

Sun 28th. Mill Heath. Meet at far (Holton) end of common. Work will include light maintenance i.e removal of birch saplings/bramble.

Jonathan Alder

Church News

Our Plant Sale and Ploughman's Lunches went very well although the weather was not too kind to us in the morning. However we had a good number of customers both for the plants and the lunches. Thank you to everyone who supported us or helped in any way to raise £570.00 for Church Funds.

June will be a busy month at St. Peter's! On Saturday June 6th there will be a concert in the Church 'Ballads of Blything Hundred'.

On Sunday 14th June the Rev'd Anna Wright will bless the new seat in the Churchyard, the Interpretative Board and the work of the Commons Group. This will be held after our 9:30am Eucharist and everyone is invited to join us. After the Service of Blessing there will be refreshments in the Church.

To celebrate our Patron Saint St Peter, we are holding an open-air service in the Churchyard on Sunday 28th June at 11:15am (if wet in the Church). The stump of the "famous" tree will be used as an altar. This service will also be part of the Blyth Valley Churches Crossover Mission.

After the service there will be a Buffet Lunch, again in the Churchyard weather permitting but if wet in the Church this meal will be free but donations will be very welcome.

We very much hope that many of our friends in the village will join us for this Celebration

Flying the Flag

Thursday 23rd April To celebrate the birth of Poppy Olivia Baxter born 25th March. A daughter for Jason and Mel, a sister for Freddie and a granddaughter for Stuart and Jenny, Mike and Olive.

Sunday 10th May To celebrate the Christening of Aimee Lilia Pennock, granddaughter of Mary and Peter Pennock. **Margaret Goldstone**

(Churchwarden)

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Litter Pick

The Parish Council will be having a litter pick over the next few weeks. If you are interested in helping please contact the Clerk who will supply you with bags and gloves.

Mary Pennock, Clerk

Mothers' Union

We were privileged to welcome Monica Twaits, our Diocesan Action & Outreach Co-ordinator to our May meeting. Monica brought along a bare tree and as she explained about all the branches of her work, a leaf was added until it was no longer bare but bursting with life. Monica oversees several departments under the umbrella of Action & Outreach including 'Away from it all holidays', whereby those in need of a holiday but unable to take one due to cost, are provided with a holiday. Last year two families in this diocese were given holidays enabling the children to enjoy the first holiday in their lives. Other projects include 'Parenting', Media watch - we do not complain enough when a programme offends, or praise enough when we are impressed, Prison Work - we have members visiting two prisons in our area, Overseas - many projects including Literacy Programme enabling the women to read and therefore take more control of their lives. Also included were the Relief Fund, Domestic Violence, Child Poverty, Family Life Project, Child Contact Centres and a Cookery Book produced for students in their first year in University.

Monica was thanked by June Lewis.

'Soup Sandwiches and Shopping' raised over £300 for MU funds, and the hampers were won by Dorothy Drew and Pat Kemsley.

On 13th August there will be an outing to Somerleyton Hall. Tel 01502 478378

Our next meeting will be on June 10 - David Bird on chaplaincy work at St Elizabeth Hospice. **Margaret Bloomfield**

Footpath Walking

The morning walk on Tuesday 2nd June will leave from Wenhaston Village Hall at 10am.

The all day walk on Tuesday 16 June will be led by Jenny Jeffrey and Dilys Grimwade. Meet for a prompt 10am start at The Old Mill House pub, Saxtead Green, near Framlingham, for a walk around Saxtead and Bedfield. Please choose your lunch from the menu available from Jenny Jeffrey (01502 478815) or Heather Hammond (01502 478532) at least a week before the walk. For any other help contact Heather Phillips 01502 478545. **HPP**

Reports From Wenhaston School

Imogen and Tilly's Music Report

Mrs Cassels has run all the music clubs. These have included recorder, ocarina and choir. Several girls and boys go to recorder club on a Tuesday after school and they all have their own recorders. Ocarina club is held at lunchtime and is enjoyed by girls and boys. They have fun learning different tunes. There are approximately 13 children who regularly go to choir. At present these are all girls and they wish more boys would attend. They have a great time and are able to perform songs they have learnt at Parents and Leavers assemblies.

Holly and Rhys's Drumming Report

Mark came in on a Thursday afternoon to teach African drumming. There were two different types of drums and everybody in KS2 had a chance to play both of these. We had great fun learning different beats and rhythms and also sang different African tunes to go with these. You had to listen very carefully to Mark's instructions to be able to play the beat correctly.

Charlie and Celia's Electricity Report

Some people from EDF Energy came into school to talk to us about safety around electricity. We watched a film and learnt how electricity gets to our homes, the differences between conductors and insulators and safety in the home. This was a very interesting afternoon and made us think very carefully about what is and what is not safe.

(More reports next month).

Music Corner by Chris Dunn

Saturday 6th June 7:30pm

St Peter's Church, Wenhaston.

Halesworth Community Choir, Bridget Cousins and Syzewell Gap. "Ballads of Blything Hundred". Legends, tales and real events of this area evoked in song. 01502 478178.

Sunday 21st June 3:00pm

The Cut Arts Centre, Halesworth.

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News from the Bus Shelter

If you fancy a bracing walk at Southwold you don't need to jostle for a car parking space if you take the bus. It's worth remembering that the 601 bus service through Wenhaston turns at the Harbour instead of the Market Place. Southwold Harbour is a good place to start a walk along the beach towards the pier - even better if the wind is behind you!

*Michael Gasper, Transport Officer,
Wenhaston Parish Council*

Preserving Our Community

I came away from the recent Parish Council Meeting with a strong concern that Wenhaston is in danger of allowing a planning application to seriously undermine the very thing which makes it a special village: its strong sense of community. We live in a village where the need to make a living from the land has always existed alongside areas of rare and sometimes fragile natural beauty. Like other rural communities, Wenhaston has had to adapt to changes in its way of life: changes in farming practice, an influx of people from other areas, new housing developments and the closure of shops and pub.

Despite these changes, we have a thriving school, lively sports and youth clubs, many other clubs and organisations, small businesses and a pub which continues to offer a warm welcome to all. I hope that as we discuss this latest change to village life, we can think about the issue in a balanced and sensitive way rather than allowing it to become a divisive and bitter dispute. The very real concerns of those living close to the proposed development, the impact on everybody's life of increased traffic and visitors, the benefits of new job opportunities, the impact on the natural environment are important issues which need careful consideration. As decisions are reached, what is of paramount importance is that we preserve and develop the life of our village community for future generations.

Alison Alder

Wenhaston with Mells Hamlet Parish Council

Cllr. Bernard Orme was re-elected as Chairman and Cllr. Trevor Tate was re-elected as Vice Chairman of the Parish Council.

Mr John Goodyear of SCC and Mr John Davies of SCDC met with the Parish Council to discuss Star Hill Footpath. Hopefully the Parish Council are one step nearer to the footpath being constructed.

Hastoe Housing will be starting the affordable housing any time now.

The Parish Council would like to clarify the plans meeting on 29th April to discuss CO8/2216 - *New Farm, Blackheath Road. Erection of 20 holiday log cabins, shop and toilet/facilities block, and provision on site for 20 visiting caravans.* The Chairman allowed the meeting to be closed in order that parishioners might have their say. The meeting was formally re-opened for the Councillors who were present to express their views. The Chairman Cllr. Orme proposed and Cllr. Ives seconded that the planning application be supported by the Parish Council. The five Councillors present voted three in favour and two against. Proxy votes from the Councillors unable to attend the meeting were counted, three against and two in favour. Ten Parish Councillors voted. This amounted to a spilt vote of the Parish Council.

The Chairman, under the Meeting and Procedure of a Local Council, Local Council Administration Act, could have cast a second or casting vote but declined.

As the Parish Council were spilt the Chairman proposed that SCDC be informed of the spilt vote. Also that some of the Councillors had expressed that they might view the application in a different light if a new planning application was received reducing the size of the development. Proposed by Cllr. Orme and seconded by Cllr. Dickson.

The Chairman during the open meeting did in fact disassociate himself and the Parish Council from the comments that were expressed about 'Incomers'.

Mary Pennock, Clerk

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Wenhaston Energy Support Group

Give and Take Day and Zero Waste Week

At the Give and Take Day on April 25th, Wenhaston saved over 23 tonnes of carbon as well as finding all sorts of useful things to get rid of and then lots of other things to take home. Thanks to all who took part.

Recycling news

Two welcome improvements are coming. We are soon to have a clothing and textile bank at the Village Hall and the introduction of the wheeled bin refuse and recycling service has been brought forward a little further. We will now be receiving the new service from the beginning of November this year.

Love Food Not Waste

Recipes for creative left-overs have started to come in – more welcomed! Drop them round to the Energy Group pocket in the Village Hall or email to suzigow@btinternet.com or jlclaxton@rclaxton.ndonet.com

Low Energy Bulb Library

This has now arrived and Tony Wollin is looking after it. If you would like to borrow it, contact him at Heathlands, Hog Lane, Blackheath 01502 478241, or put a note in the Energy Group pocket in the Village Hall.

Village Hall Refurbishment

Congratulations to Robin Dillaway and everyone involved in the successful Energy Saving Project at the Village Hall. Something to be really proud of!
Janice Claxton

Wenhaston Methodist Church

Sunday Services for June at 10:30am

7th Rosemary Remy

14th Church Anniversary Rev'd Robert Soanes

6:30pm Songs of Praise Rev'd Robert Soanes

21st Rev'd David Read

28th United Service at St. Peter's

Tuesday Meetings at 2:30pm

2nd Women's Fellowship Kelsale Rally

9th Bible Study

16th Women's Fellowship Rev'd Robert Soanes

23rd Fellowship Meeting

30th Healing Service

Saturday 6th 'Pray a While'

on a come and go basis for prayer and meditation. Please note new time 9-10:30am

All Welcome at Any Event

St. Peter's Church Services for June

- 7th No Service (9:30am Halesworth)
14th 9:30am Parish Communion followed by
Blessing of The Commons Group
in the Churchyard at 10:45am
21st 9:30am Parish Communion
28th 11:15am Service for St. Peter's Day and
the Crossover Mission in the
Churchyard (if wet in the Church).

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The Wenhaston Website

Wenhaston WI

Ok so I lied. Jenny Gibbs' talk wasn't about Turkish Cuisine but about Turkish Ladies in the last 90 years and fascinating it was too. Jenny walked into the room in full traditional Turkish dress, colourful and, she assured us, comfortable. She has lived in Turkey for 16 years in a village that has hardly changed for centuries.

Any ideas we had about Turkish women being subservient to their men were swiftly banished, Turkey being a Matriarchal society. Even in the time of the Ottoman Empire it was the Sultan's Mother who made political decisions. When the Empire fell in 1923, women were given equal rights with men, in education, the work place and in schools. They were also given the vote. Turkey had the first woman Prime Minister, Supreme Court judge and combat pilot. Although marriages are still arranged, there are many rituals to go through and the girl has the final say. The two families meet and she makes coffee for them. If she likes the chosen man she makes the coffee sweet if not she puts salt into the coffee. No word is spoken so no 'face' is lost either side.

Jenny ended her talk by sharing some Turkish dishes with us. The evening had been a Turkish Delight.

Next month, Ann Holland talks to us about 90 years at the sea side.

FJJ

Local History Matters: 19

Bells

There have been bells in the tower of St Peter's for many hundreds of years. In 1553 there were four bells and a Sanctus bell, however the dates on our bells show them to have been cast before then.

Nowadays there are six bells, one is dated 1386 and another 1450. Of the other four bells, one is dated 1767, two are dated 1787 and the remaining one 1823.

By an Inventory of 1636 there were six bells 'well fixed and in good repair'. It is thought that the two oldest bells may have come from Blythburgh Priory after the Dissolution of 1535.

In the Churchwarden Accounts there are frequent references to payment for food and drink for Bellringers for special occasions such as Coronations, November 5th, weddings etc. One notes that in 1693 two shillings was paid for mending the treble bell which young Buxton had broken purposely! *Keith Johnceline*

Bell Ringing Competition Results

Congratulations to the Halesworth team who were winners of the call-change trophy at the NE District Striking Competition held at St Peter's Church, Theberton, on 9 May 2009.

Results... (faults in brackets)

1st Halesworth (10) 2nd Sweffling (12)
3rd Southwold (13) 4th Aldeburgh (15)
5th Reydon (20) 6th Fressingfield (31 1/2)
7th Wingfield (37 1/2) 8th Wenhaston (39)
9th Theberton (58 1/2). Well done to the Wenhaston team. This was their first time competing at this event. Ringing for Wenhaston were Philip Gorrod (treble), Samii Vick (no.2 bell), Becky Canham (no.3 bell), Dilys Grimwade (no.4 bell), Charlotte Carter (no.5 bell) and Clive Marshall (tenor).

Wenhaston practice nights in June are Fridays 12th and 26th between 7:30pm - 9:00pm.

Becky Canham

Discover Halesworth's Millennium Green 6th - 7th June

Come along to the events and activities this weekend to discover more about the wildlife and history of this Millennium Green. It's all free - just turn up anytime between 11 am and 4pm. We will be located next to the New Reach on Folly Meadow (signposted from Halesworth Town Park).

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Wenhaston Gardeners

On a cold and windy May evening we went in search of Paradise. And tucked into a tree-sheltered pocket, in Henstead Exotic Garden, we found a glimpse of another world. Andrew Brogan began creating his garden seven years ago and has transformed this one acre plot into a landscape of rocks, pools, palm trees and temples. The majority of plants grow outside all year round and are obviously flourishing. A very welcome hot cup of tea or coffee and delicious cakes ended a most interesting evening. And who didn't come away with a baby *Trachycarpus Fortunei* under their arm?!.....The stuff of dreams.

June 18th outing to Corpusty Mill and Priory Maze. Please note the departure time is 8:30am from the Village Hall.

July 9th trip to Cambridge Botanic Gardens. Departure as above.

Seats are still available for both these excursions and are open to non-members. So hurry and book your place by ringing Jenny on 01502 478815. *Cherry Wilkinson*

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Ploughman's lunches will be available in the Church Room from 12 noon and teas will be served during the afternoon. Programmes for the event will be sold at the Village Hall and give entry to all the participating gardens, including those serving teas. In addition to the gardens, the new village allotments and an artist's studio will be open and the Churchyard Meadow will also be on show. The Halesworth Community Bus, driven by volunteers, will be circling the village during the afternoon offering free transport for all to 'bus stops' near the gardens. There will be a plant stall at the Village Hall where there will also be the opportunity to participate in a raffle and plant quiz.

The Sports Club is most grateful to all those who have kindly offered to open their gardens for the above event.

David Harrison

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