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New!

Winning Ways For Village Hall

An exciting new venture, the *Wenhaston Village Hall 100 Club*, is to be launched in September. The aim is to offer the chance to win up to £50 and to generate much-needed funds for the cash-strapped village hall, a building which is the life-support for so many village-based activities - youth club, WI, badminton, table tennis, flower arranging, wine tasting and gardeners' clubs to name but a few.

For a monthly £1 stake there will be the opportunity to win one of three cash prizes with a grand draw in December for the £50 jackpot. The total income is shared equally between the village hall and prize money.

Fund-raising has become crucial to the future survival of the village hall because of the loss of vital regular bookings and some high maintenance expenses.

The 100 Club would provide a regular monthly guaranteed income for the village hall and thus help to safeguard its future. The promoters are Glynis Tucker, Sue Norris and Ann Jones. The draw will take place every month at The Star in the presence of at least one of the promoters.

Watch out for the entry form in next month's Wenhaston Word. The promoters would like to thank Blythweb for their generous support.

Ann Jones

Used Stamps

Would the person who left a small plastic carrier bag full of used stamps at the Post Office over a month ago please contact the Post Office counter staff as soon as convenient.

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Well Green Party
Sunday 12th June
Family Fun Day
Food ~ Refreshments ~ Games
(bring a chair or blanket)
in aid of **The Big C Appeal at UEA**
and **Wenhaston Youth Club**
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Grand Jumble Sale

Saturday 18th June

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Wenhaston Village Hall

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Wenhaston Village Hall

The Village Hall Committee have planned a Jumble Sale for June 18th to raise funds for the Hall. Please can you raid your sheds and lofts for Bric-a-brac, toys, books, and anything that is saleable (not electrical goods). Items for sale can be donated at the Hall on the morning of the event. Also ladies please make a cake or scones to sell or for the teas.

(See advert on front page) *June Tate*



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For more useful information about Wenhaston please see the Good Village Guide online at

www.wenhaston.net/GVG/index.php

where you can click through to the latest version.

Coffee Morning Results

The Coffee Morning held at Plovers, Wenhaston, on April 15th, in aid of the Motor Neurone Disease Association, raised £443.00. Tremendous thanks to everyone who worked so hard and gave so generously.

Jenny Dickson

News From The Church

The Eucharist on Easter Sunday was a happy and joyful service and it was good to be joined by so many friends. The Church was beautifully decorated with lilies and spring flowers and we are very grateful to all those who kindly donated money for the lilies etc in memory of loved ones. Thank you to Cyrilla and all those who arranged flowers and helped in any way. A lot of hard work, but it gave much pleasure to many people especially to all those who joined us for tea in the Church on Easter Sunday and Monday. And then there was the beautiful weather, we were able to put tables and chairs in the Churchyard for tea on both days and that was certainly a first! The teas and the carboy raised £397.00 for Church Funds. Thank you! Not forgetting all those who very kindly produced cakes etc. and of course the helpers.

The Plant Sale and Lunches was another successful venture with yet another day of good weather. There was an interesting selection of plants and I think some appetising lunches! A lot of people are involved in this event and I am very grateful to everyone for all the help but a special thank you to Jenny J for organising the plants and to all the men from the Gardeners Club who came and helped move tables and then manned the stalls on the Saturday. (Also of course Jack and Eddie who as always, worked very hard!) The two activities raised £705.85 - an excellent result.

I think that everybody now deserves a rest period and the Festival which we had planned for the end of June will not now take place. Instead we very much hope to have a Fund Raising Day in August, so watch this space!

Flying The Flag

Saturday 16th April - To celebrate the Golden Wedding of Laura and Peter Balsom.

Sat 14th, Sun 15th and Mon 16th May - to celebrate the 70th Birthday of Margaret Bloomfield.

Margaret Goldstone, Churchwarden

Small Ads

For Sale

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Footpath Walking

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

The longer walk on Tuesday 21st June will be led by Pam and Ken Whiteland. Meet at 10am in the car park near the Village Hall Car Park at Ditchingham for a walk in Broome Heath, Ditchingham and Ellingham. Lunch will be at Broome Artichoke.

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

Steam Heritage Centre Exhibition

The Southwold Railway Trust is holding an exhibition about their planning application for the proposed Wenhaston Southwold Railway Steam Heritage Centre on Sunday July 3rd (10am - 4pm) at Wenhaston Village Hall.

At the previous exhibition in October last year a number of useful suggestions were made and these have been incorporated in the new plan which is being submitted. *Tim Heaps*

St. Peter's Church Services - June

- 5 No service (Halesworth 9:30am)
- 12 No service (Holton Paddock 11:15am)
- 19 9:30am Ecumenical Eucharist
- 26 6:30pm Songs of Praise in the Churchyard

Wenhaston Commons Group

June Work Parties

Tuesday 14th - Blackheath. Meet 10:00am at the seat by Black Deek pond.

Sunday 26th - Bickers Heath. Meet by seat 10:00am. Work will include removal of light scrub from surrounding area. *Jonathan Alder*

Wenhaston Village Hall Management Committee

Positions available for Village Representatives

Any Parishioner wishing to serve on the Village Hall Management Committee should contact the Secretary
Mrs June Tate (preferably in writing)
to declare their interest by 10th June

Dog Walker Needed

Are you an experienced dog person who would be interested in walking two small dogs daily Monday to Friday (or just 4 days) at midday-ish, Blackheath end of village? Wage negotiable.
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Wenhaston Village Hall Bingo Night!

Saturday 18th June 7:30pm

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Refreshments Included * Raffle

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Thank You

Thank you to the many well-wishers concerned at my recent double dose of emergency eye operations and other medical issues. Thankfully, all progresses fine, if a little slowly.

My apologies to all those I usually acknowledge when out and about around the village but haven't recently, due to not being able to see properly. Nothing personal! *Eileen Heaps*

Wenhaston with Mells Hamlet Parish Council

The new Parish Council is as follows:-

Lilian Spindler *Chair*
Denise Corbett *Vice Chair*
Alison Alder
Robin Dillaway
Ann Edwards
Michael Gasper
Bernard Orme
Heather Phillips
Alan Spindler
June Tate
Jim Wright.

The new District Councillor is Michael Gower.

Our new Chairlady Mrs Spindler thanked Cllr. Bernard Orme for all his hard work during his time as Chairman.

The Parish Council would like to ask all village organisations and parishioners how they would like to celebrate the Queen's Diamond Jubilee next year. Please get in touch with me with your ideas.

The Parish Council would like to set up a Good Neighbourhood scheme in the village. If you are interested in helping setting up this scheme please get in touch with me or a Parish Councillor.

I am still waiting for a decision from SCDC regarding the Wind Turbine. When I have any information I will put a notice up on the Village Hall notice board and Well Green. *Mary Pennock, Clerk*

www.wenhaston.net/parishcouncil/index.php

Wenhaston Word Deadline Dates
20th June for July 2011 issue
20th July for August 2011 issue

Thank You

I would like to thank the voters who have enabled me to continue my 56 unbroken years as a Parish Councillor.

For over 100 years my family has been actively involved with the Parish Council.

Heather Phillips MBE

Wenhaston Voices

Arthur Musk has collected together over twenty voice recordings on behalf of the Wenhaston Archive Project group. These are the stories of local people by people born and brought up in the village. Chris Lavender, Shane Smeaton-Small and Bridget Cousins have added to these making a total of over twenty seven recordings. These recordings are now being digitally edited by Ann Follows who moved to the village recently and has experience of both archive work and voice recordings in the local area.

As these recordings are edited they will be posted on the Wenhaston Archive website <http://archive.wenhaston.net> together with a list of the topics discussed. We will be making it as easy as possible to bring these stories to life using the photographs on the website and in addition making them available on CD or DVD (eventually).

The process of recording and editing is lengthy but we will be making these available as and when they are completed. In addition, more recordings will be made and the archive will become a growing resource for the village.

Thank you to all the residents who have contributed to the voice recordings so far, and although it is a time since they were made you can be sure that your contribution will be posted on the Wenhaston Archive website soon. *Tim Heaps*

Dates For Your Diary

3rd July - Railway Exhibition, Village Hall

21st July - Blood Donors, Village Hall

24th July - Village Show, Village Hall

3rd September - Jumble Sale, Village Hall

For events in the local area go to

www.blythweb.net/calendar/

Voluntary Help Required

Would you like to be an active volunteer for a local charity? Wenhaston Village Hall (Reg'd Charity No. 1001694) is in need of a friendly person to take over as Booking Clerk.

If you think you would be interested then please do contact me. Your help would be much appreciated. **Becky Canham 01502 478842**

Wenhaston Gardeners

The May outing should have been an evening at Heveningham but instead was an afternoon at Helmingham. Heveningham we hope to do in September when we should have been at Helmingham. Still with me? Good. I think I speak for everyone when I say we had a lovely visit. Unfortunately a few people were unable to come due to the change of time and we are sorry about that. It was a relatively quiet day so wandering the pretty gardens was a pleasure. With tulips and poppies, peonies and irises, clematis and roses, aquilegias and alliums, everything is happening at once as indeed it is in our own gardens.

I hope there will still be enough for the Show on July 24th! The Show Secretary has asked me to remind everyone that schedules are available at the Star and the Post Office. In addition to all the usual classes this year we have added Honey and Eggs to the list. So come on all you bee and chicken keepers, let's, as they say, be 'avin' you!

Remember the Show is open to all residents of Wenhaston and Mells - you don't have to be a member of the Garden Club. Before that the next event is the trip on June 16th to Chippenham Park and Lucy Redman's garden. Details on 01502 478815.

Cherry Wilkinson

Helping Older People Stay Independent In Suffolk

A local charity has announced that it can offer more help to older people in Suffolk who want to remain living independently in their own homes.

Age UK Suffolk has recently re-launched its successful Independence Advisors Service as a result of a new partnership with Supporting People Suffolk.

"The Independence Advisors Service offers a home visit from a friendly, well informed advisor" said Independence Advisors' Manager, Marsha Janssens.

"We can visit anyone over 60 wherever they live in Suffolk and the visit is free. Our Advisors are able to discuss any issue that is affecting someone's daily life and give accurate information and advice about services available to help people stay independent."

"The Independence Advisors Service has been running successfully for 5 years in partnership with Suffolk County Council, but a recent injection of funding from Supporting People Suffolk will allow us to expand the service, employing more advisors to meet the high demand for visits" said Mrs Janssens.

"As part of this new funding we will be seeking in particular to offer our service to older people living in the county's Sheltered Housing schemes, in order to assist residents to be fully informed about services available to help them stay living independently for longer."

To request a visit from an Independence Advisor call Age UK Suffolk on 01473 288048, or email marsha.janssens@ageuksuffolk.org or write to Age UK Suffolk at 14 Hill View Business Park, Old Ipswich Road, Claydon, Ipswich, IP6 0AJ.

Age UK Suffolk is a local independent charity working with and for older people and their family carers in Suffolk.

Helen Taylor, Age UK Suffolk

Mothers' Union

What a moving and inspirational talk we had at our May meeting when the Rev Helen Patten and guide dog Ingle came to tell us about life as a person blind from birth. Helen was found to have tumours in both eyes at a very young age and therefore lost her sight. When her mother asked the doctor how to bring up a blind baby, she was told to bring her up like any other baby, and this is what she did. Nothing seems to have stopped her - she had a very good education at a School for the Blind, read English at University, taught English in Bangkok, and then at various institutions in the UK. However it was her Christian Faith that shone through all of this, and Helen attended Theological College and became a Lay Reader in the Church of England, then a Curate at Brighton where she met her future husband, Michael Patten. Her final post before retirement was Chaplain in a Hospice in Hastings where her mission was to bring the dying to God in a gentle way. She says that life is full of challenges, and hers must have been but she has met them full on and is a great inspiration to us all.

Our Garden meeting is on Wednesday 15th June at 3pm and will be in Jenny Dickson's Garden. The Committee will provide the tea and if anyone could produce a game, please do.

Margaret Bloomfield

Consumer Champion Network

The Consumers Champions will have access to information about consumer protection and the latest Trading Standards news. They will also act as a bridge between Trading Standards and the local community, to highlight what the issues are in their area.

How does the scheme work?

We offer different ways for you to get involved that will suit your lifestyle and commitment levels. You can simply sign up to email updates to receive the latest news and scam information from Suffolk Trading Standards.

For those that want to get more involved:

Level 1. Volunteers will receive a training pack and initial basic training; as well as access to educational documents and email updates to disseminate within their local community.

Level 2. In addition to their basic training, they'll receive refresher training twice a year to cover topics in more depth. As well as access to additional documents and literature. These volunteers are expected to want more involvement; such as giving talks or writing articles for parish magazines.

Why should you become a Consumer Champion?

- It gives you the chance to make a difference in your community; by signposting people to the relevant help
- Receive alerts on the latest Trading Standards news via email and an online platform that can only be accessed by Consumer Champions
- An understanding of basic trading standards law
- Enhancement of future employability and personal development
- Opportunity to meet and work with other volunteers

How to join?

Those that have already joined the network include Police Support Volunteers, CAB advisors, Parish Council members and people that are actively engaged in helping their community.

If you would be interested in joining the scheme and getting involved visit:

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Wenhaston Energy Support Group

By the time you read this, the Low Carbon Innovation Centre will have presented their report to the village. You can find the full report and summary on our website. As the report is very thorough and therefore rather lengthy, you might prefer to read the summary, which gives the main messages.

During the next year, we will be working hard on implementing some of the recommendations. We will be looking at:-

- Reducing demand
- Being even more energy-efficient (Warmer Wenhaston 3?)
- Schemes for renewable energy

We expect to hold more meetings in public in the future.

Do let us know what you think about any of this. We would welcome involvement from anyone, whether you have a little or more time to spare.

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. *Janice Claxton*

Local History Matters: 32

Taxes

No one likes paying taxes but it is no new thing. Here are a few examples of taxes in times past:

1327 - *Subsidy Returns*. 1/20th of value of movable goods and must have at least 5/- worth to be taxed. 25 were taxed amounting to £1.14.1. Heading the list were Galfrido de Wenhaston and Thoma Gorge 2/6 each.

1381 - *Poll Tax*. All persons over 15 years old, one shilling per person. In Blything Hundred 221 paid £21.1.0.

1524 - *Subsidy Returns*. 1/20th of movable goods. Total amount £4.15.8. William Pepyn £1.10.0. 29 in Wenhaston and 12 in Mells.

1568 - *Subsidy Roll*. 16 pence per pound of value of land and 10 pence per pound on value of goods. Total amount £2.18.8. 15 in Wenhaston and 5 in Mells.

1640 - *Ship Money*. 'For the safeguarding of the seas and defence of the realm.' £14.6.0 for 57 people.

1674 - *Hearth Tax*. 2 shillings per hearth. £187 for 64 inhabitants. John Hall and John Lemman each had 10 hearths. *Keith Johnceline*

Does Someone You Love Drink Too Much?

For a significantly large and growing number of men, women and teenagers, alcohol takes over their lives to the point where relationships, friendships, jobs, morals and values, all take second place to their dependency on alcohol. When a relative or close friend drinks too much it is impossible to remain unaffected by the negative effects of their drinking.

The drinkers can successfully hide their dependency; the family and friends hide their concerns and suspicions, preferring to keep their heads buried in the sand, until a crisis forces change. Behind closed doors his or her family may have suffered physical and mental abuse, shame, fear and financial insecurity for years. If this has happened to you then you could get help by going to a local Al-Anon Group. Al-Anon is a world-wide fellowship of relatives and friends of alcoholics who believe that alcoholism is a family illness and that changed attitudes can aid recovery. At these meetings members get comfort and understanding from others who have been affected. Over a period of time they learn how to cope with their individual problems and come to accept alcoholism as an illness.

There is an Al-Anon Group at the Harmony Centre, Walpole Hatch Farm, Halesworth, Suffolk, IP19 9BB. The meeting is every Wednesday at 7pm. New members are always made welcome. More details and a contact number are available from our General Service Office: 0207 40 30 888 or log on to www.al-anonuk.org.uk.

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Paula Heycock

Activity On Your Doorstep

Rural communities are being given the opportunity to get more active thanks to a new initiative recently launched by Suffolk Sport.

'Fit Villages' gives villages the chance to run subsidised sporting and physical activity sessions from local facilities such as village halls, community centres and recreation grounds thanks to support from national and local funding bodies.

By participating, local people are given the chance to engage with an activity programme without transport, cost, time and environmental concerns; often cited as obstructions to quality activity provision in rural areas.

Activities are determined following a simple consultation with local people and can include things like health walks, tai chi, badminton, yoga, Pilates, keep fit and Nordic walking amongst others.

For further information, please visit www.suffolksport.com/fitvillages.

For queries and to register your village, please email henry.tapp@suffolksport.com or call 01394 444289.

Henry Tapp



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The Wenhaston Website

Wenhaston WI

It was a hard decision to make. Our secretary read out the two resolutions upon which we had to vote. In a nut shell; whether to fight the closure of libraries or to fight the application for planning permission for so-called mega farms. Imagine 4,000/8,000 cows all incarcerated in what we are assured are hygienic conditions. I suppose it was the spectre of this unnatural phenomenon that won the day.

Our darts team very nearly won the final but lost in the best of three play offs. Not daunted they have decided to start training sooner for next year.

The gourmet members are moving around the area, breakfast at Bateman's Barn and high tea at Satis House.

At the beginning of her talk on 'Grandes Dames of Crime Writers', Dorothy Courtis tested our knowledge by asking us to name a female writer for each letter of the alphabet.

Who hasn't heard of Agatha Christie, Dorothy L. Sayers, Margery Allingham and Ngaio Marsh with their detectives, Hercule Poirot, Lord Peter Wimsey, Albert Campion, and Chief Inspector Alleyn? 1918/1940 was the golden age when these books were written, their formula was much the same, Death, Deduction and Conclusion but the plots had to be authentic and couldn't be solved by intuition or coincidence. Today's psychological thrillers are more complex and dare I say it, sex rears its ugly head.

Next month's meeting on 1st June, very early, we have a bring and buy stall and Douglas Baker gives us 'The memories of a Work House Boy 1819/1882'.

FJJ

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- 4:30pm Tea
- 6:30pm Songs of Praise Rev'd R Soanes
- 12 United Pentecost at Holton Paddock
- 19 9:30 am United at St. Peter's
Rev'd Robert Soanes S
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- 14 Bible Study
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