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Sunday 27 March - The Date Of The 2011 Census

Every ten years the Office for National Statistics undertakes a census throughout England and Wales. There is also a census undertaken in Scotland and in Northern Ireland. This survey counts the population and produces statistics to show the make up of society, nationally, regionally and locally. Straightforward questions are asked about such things as marital status, religion, education, work etc. Every person living or staying in a household on census day should be recorded.

This year the census questionnaire can be completed by hand and posted off, or you can choose to complete online. The paper questionnaire is limited to completion for six people. For more than this number you will need additional continuation questionnaires. The online option can include up to 30 people so is good for larger households (see <http://2011.census.gov.uk/>) . Fuller details will be provided when you receive your questionnaire in the post this month.

St Peter's Church Wenhaston Shrove Tuesday 8th March

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Geoffrey Goddard

I would like to thank the village for all the wonderful help I received whilst Geoff was in hospital and since he has died. Please accept my sincere thanks for the lovely cards and messages. We are truly blessed to live in such a caring community.

Joyce Goddard

Chris Cargill

Chris my neighbour, friendly, lively, so multi talented and above all a dog lover. I will miss you and all your doggy advice.

Heather Hammond

Wenhaston Commons Group

Following the erection of rabbit exclosures on Blackheath, Bickers and Mill Heaths last year, we have monitored the contrast between those areas outside the exclosures compared to the protected area inside. This has been shown to be very marked, with significant heather growth inside such that we hope that some of the exclosures could be removed within 2 or 3 years. It is also clear how rabbit grazing has significantly checked the regeneration of those areas restored over the last few years.

We have agreed therefore with SCDC to erect further exclosures on all 3 commons shortly, and are grateful to the Council for funding the purchase of the materials required from the grant they themselves obtain from Natural England for this kind of work.

WCG March Work Parties

Tuesday 8th - Church Common - meet 10:00am in the central area.

Sunday 13th - Blackheath. Meet 10:00am by the sandpit area at the western end of the common adjoining Blackheath Road. Work will include removal of overgrown gorse in this area to restore the pit, and encourage species such as Sand Martin.

Jonathan Alder

Wenhaston Gardeners

What does a young RAF chap do while hanging around in a hangar waiting for his next flight? Why, take out his well thumbed copy of Fiske's Clematis Catalogue of course! That was how last month's speaker, Julian Flood, introduced his talk on climbers. I dread to think what kind of ribbing he got from his fellow flyers. Anyway, he eventually tired of Service life and retired to start up his own Nursery – growing things which like to travel skyward. He gave us an impassioned, illustrated talk on climbers, old friends and new must-haves and plenty of tips. Love thy neighbours? Well then, share your *Ecchreocarpus* seeds but if you'd rather not see them, plant a honeysuckle hedge and hide them in the nicest possible way.

At our next meeting on March 8th Colette Barrere will be speaking on 'Scent in the Garden'. Her last talk was quite delightful so we're looking forward to seeing her again.

Also, along with the usual plant stall there will be a Seed Swap. Bring along any surplus good seeds and see what you can get in exchange.

Buckets and spuds! No, that's not a typo. Collect your bucket and seed potato at the March meeting for our exciting new challenge in this year's Show. How big a crop can you produce? All this and with Spring on the way it's time to get gardening.

Cherry Wilkinson

Wenhaston Word Deadline Dates

20th March for April 2011 issue **20th April** for May 2011 issue

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Wenhashton Sports Club Annual General Meeting

Thursday 17th March
7:30pm

Wenhashton Church Room
Refreshments Available

News from Wenhashton Youth Club

Wenhashton youth club has now held three meetings. All meetings so far have had around 20 children attend. This is very good as we now know that the children ages 8 - 13 are keen to come along and join in. The youth so far have enjoyed a number of activities with lots of other things yet still to do. Youth leaders have now completed a first aid course and we are filling in forms to apply for funding, which will help us to purchase much needed resources and equipment.

All children in and around Wenhashton ages 8-13 are welcome to come along every fortnight 6:30pm - 8pm at Wenhashton Village Hall. Future Youth Club dates will be put on the notice board at the Village Hall.

Julie Woolnough

The Mothers' Union invites you to Soup Sandwiches and Shopping

**on Saturday 12th March
in the Church Room
11am to 1pm**

Pantry, Bric Brac & Book stalls, Raffle
In aid of MU Charities

Come & Have Lunch with us!

Wenhashton Commons Group

Annual General Meeting

Tuesday March 15

7pm Wenhashton Village Hall

Short business meeting followed
by a speaker from RSPB at 8pm

All welcome

Wenhashton Village Hall

Bingo Night!

Saturday 26 March

Eyes down at 7:30pm

Entrance £5 includes first 5 games

Refreshments Included

Additional 3x Extra Games £1.00 each

(with Snowball Rollover)

Footpath Walking

The morning walk on Tuesday 1st March will leave from Wenhashton Village Hall at 10am.

The longer walk on Tuesday 15th March will be led by Kate Draycott and her friends Sue Gillingham and Pat Neal. Meet at 10am at Wissett Plough car park for a walk to Spexhall before returning to the Plough for lunch.

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

Blood Donors Wanted

Wenhashton Village Hall 13th April 2011.
To book an appointment call the helpline on
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Happy Birthday

Mum T. 18th March.
Love Andy and Jo xx



Local History Matters: 30

Lords and Masters

Who were the first known owners of Wenhaston? It would appear that our village was originally spelt *Wenadestuna* in Saxon times, which means Wenheard's Farm. So he was the earliest named inhabitant. However the Battle of Hastings changed the ownership of most places. Domesday Book of 1086 states that Wenhaston was owned by Lord Alan, the Red, Lord of Brittany, who was the son of Eudo, Count of Penthièvre. More to the point it is said Lord Alan was the son-in-law to King William the Conqueror! Anyway he fought at the Battle of Hastings and was amply rewarded by gifts of much land. In fact 400 Manors in 12 counties, mainly in Yorkshire, Lincolnshire and East Anglia. He did not live at Wenhaston but in Yorkshire. He built Richmond Castle and was created Earl of Richmond. With all his property he was considered the sixth richest man in England with a yearly income of £1100. Bringing that figure in 1086 up to date he would now be classed as a billionaire. He died in 1089.

Mells was owned in 1066 by Manning, a free man, but by 1086 was now owned by Robert De Todei, a standard bearer at the Battle of Hastings. Naturally he had various gifts of land and his main property was at Belvoir where he built a castle at the top of a hill and a monastery at the foot. He died and was buried in the monastery, but at the Dissolution in the 1530s his stone coffin was taken up to the castle where one may see it at the door of the chapel (empty one trusts!).

Over the following years a number of owners were named for Wenhaston and Mells, but around 1311 Sir Walter de Norwich, who owned Wenhaston, bought Mells from Peter de Mells and Wenhaston became the parish that we now know.

Keith Johnceline

Village Hall Management Committee

Contrary to suggestions made by some village residents, we would like to make it clear that no member of the Village Hall Management Committee (Chairperson, Vice Chairperson, Secretary, Treasurer or Booking Clerk) receives payment for their services. These are all voluntary positions.

Bernard Orme, Chair, WVHMC

Wenhaston Village Shop (Heathside Stores)

Contrary to idle gossip, Heathside Stores will be open to everyone. *Jim & Karen Wright*

Wenhaston WI

Don't be alarmed if you witness WI members walking around the village muttering Sa-ta-na-ma and pressing their fingers and thumbs together. They are only relieving their stress levels. During her very interesting and informative talk on complementary medicine, Janka Marinakova told us that the greatest danger to health was stress and this was one of the ways to alleviate it.

We also worry about things that don't happen, things we can't do anything about, in fact only 8% of our problems are worth worrying about.

She ended her talk by telling us that we should love ourselves, 'Stand in front of the mirror,' she said. 'Say your name, then say "I love you". And this will help with your self esteem.'

At the beginning of the evening we were given a questionnaire so that the committee could get some idea what sort of WI we want in Wenhaston.

The Selective Scoffers are off to Westleton House, the theatre buffs to Bury to See 'Much Ado About Nothing' and the Book Club are reading 'The Guernsey Literary and Potato Pie Society'.

Next month Mike Upson talks to us about 'Arctic Summer' and we were hoping for a hot summer.

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Thank You

For your support at the Film Show. We raised just over £100 each for the Archive Group and Village Hall. Many thanks. *Arthur Musk*

Return of the ever-popular
Charlie Haylock

Saturday 16th April 7:30pm
Wenhaston Village Hall

Tickets £10 (includes light meal)
available from *Wenhaston Post Office,*
Blythweb and the Star Inn

Bar Available, Raffle

Wenhaston with Mells Hamlet Parish Council

Letters and emails were read from Parishioners who expressed concerns and observations regarding the planning meeting on 9th February, the proposed wind turbine at Church Farm. It was felt that valuable lessons have been learnt for future meetings.

The vote was 4 against the proposed planning application, 3 for and 3 abstained.

Major upgrades of the electricity power systems are to be taking place in Wenhaston soon. This will involve the closure of Back Road outside Jasmine Cottage and Roslyn House from 14th to 17th March, also major tree surgery will be taking place to get to the power lines. If you have any concerns phone Dave Watson, Field Manager, on 01449 720330.

The allotment shed has been broken into. The Parish Council are asking for Parishioners to report anything suspicious to the Police.

Elections are to be held on 5th May. Any Parishioner interested in becoming a Councillor, please get in touch with me, and the relevant literature will be provided.

Mary Pennock, Clerk

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Mothers' Union

There was a lot of hilarity as well as serious discussion when we met for our February meeting. We discussed the latest Mothers' Union campaign, 'Buy Bye Childhood'. The Mothers' Union is very concerned that retailers, the media and parents are causing children to grow up too fast – wearing provocative clothes and speaking to unsuitable people on web sites, for instance, and that they are not able to enjoy a carefree childhood. This was discussed at length and we hope that by gentle persuasion, we can make a difference.

We also discussed the subject of 'ageism' and whether children should attend funerals. We always enjoy our members meetings where there is chance for everyone to have their say.

There was a good response to the appeal for underwear for the homeless.

On March 12th, we will have our 'Soup, Sandwiches and Shopping' in the Church Room. Do come along and partake of our delicious soup, and buy a gift, all in aid of MU charities. We open at 11:00am.

Next month the meeting on 9th in the Church Room will be a talk by Virginia Chater from the Star on her life as a pub landlady. As always, anyone is welcome to attend.

Margaret Bloomfield



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Southwold Surgery Wenhamston Clinic: Change From Thursday To Tuesday

We would like to advise our Wenhamston patients that from week beginning 14th March 2011, Dr Castle will be holding his Wenhamston branch surgeries on Tuesdays instead of Thursdays. There will unavoidably still be certain weeks throughout the year, when due to holidays he may not be able to hold a Wenhamston branch surgery, but we will give you prior warning of this.

To book an appointment with Dr Castle in Wenhamston, contact the surgery on 01502 722326. Please do not just turn up 'on the off-chance' as he won't have your medical notes with him and won't be able to plan his workload effectively.

Patients, who usually have their medications taken to Blythweb on a Thursday, please be aware that this delivery day will change to a Tuesday too. Our dispensary will still need 3 clear working days to ensure your prescription can be taken to Wenhamston on the Tuesdays (Saturday and Sunday do not count as working days), so please place your order for this delivery with us no later than the previous Thursday.

Just to clarify the dates of the next Wenhamston clinics:

Thursday 3rd March - Dr Castle's branch clinic 2:30pm

Thursday 10th March - No Clinic

Tuesday 15th March - start of the first Tuesday branch clinic 2:30pm

Tuesday 22nd March - Tuesday branch clinic 2:30pm *Manon Clarke, Southwold Surgery*

What A Load Of Rubbish!

How much of your council tax is spent on rubbish collection and street cleaning? The surprising answer is just £1 a week per household. This was one of many revealing statistics given to members of Wenhamston Energy Support Group during a fascinating tour of Viridor Limited's Masons Materials Recycling Facility at Great Blakenham.

The complexities of modern recycling methods were first explained by education officer Carole Locke, followed by a tour of the massive recycling operation.

We witnessed the many different processes that take place to sort our 'recyclate' into individual material types. These include large revolving drums called trommels, ballistic separators, numerous conveyor belts, magnets, optical sorters (high-tech cameras) and the vital 'pickers', mostly from Lithuania, who 'fine-tune' the materials on the moving belts.

All materials in and out of the facility are strictly regulated as are all of the processes. Most of the segregated paper goes to China for re-processing, plastics to Europe and China and

metals stay in the UK - all for re-cycling. The plant recycles more than 90% of all the materials that arrive on site.

Some useful tips:

- scrunched-up plastic like plastic bags, tray coverings, bubble wrap and crisp packets cannot be recycled via your bin collection but may be returned to supermarket collection points or taken to the household waste recycling centres
- egg boxes are made of recycled cardboard and should not be put in the bin but may be composted
- always remove lids from plastic bottles and empty any residue before placing in the bin
- take plastic bags back to supermarkets for re-use when shopping
- collect tin foil and roll into a ball bigger than a tea cup to ensure it will be recycled at MRF

Anyone who wants to learn more about recycling in Suffolk can contact Carole Locke on 01473 836903, mobile 07778160389 or email clocke@viridor.co.uk to arrange a visit.

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Bell Ringing

The next Wenhaston practice night will be on Thursday 24th March from 7:30pm until 9:00pm at St Peter's Church. Visitors are welcome to come and watch and new ringers are always welcome to join us. For details of practice nights at other towers please contact the Tower Rep. **Jason Busby, 01986 873336**

News From The Church

We at St. Peter's are very pleased to be part of the Ecumenical Group that has been formed in Wenhaston to take 'Open the Book' into the village Primary School. This group, under the leadership of the Rev'd Don Nicholls act out Bible Stories to the children who are also encouraged to take part. We are grateful to the school for welcoming us for this new venture.

We have just had another very successful Jumble Sale, and our thanks go to Margaret Bloomfield for all her hard work in organising these sales and also to the many people who man the stalls etc. It certainly was a good start to our fundraising for this year.

Our next event is on Pancake Day Tuesday March 8th when we shall be serving Soup and Pancakes in the Church Room between 12 o'clock and 1:30pm. The proceeds from this event will be used for the general maintenance of the Church Room. We are disappointed that we are unable to hold a Pancake Race but unfortunately we did not submit our application for permission in time (it takes a long time for the 'Powers that Be' to process these things!) however we very much hope that next year we shall be successful. Please do come and join us for Lunch and bring your friends.

By the time that you read this report we shall have served Lunches at the Give and Take Day on February 26th. We are very grateful to the organising committee for again giving us this opportunity.

**Margaret Goldstone,
Churchwarden**

Wenhaston Methodist Church March

Sunday services at 10:30am

- 6 Rosemary Remy
- 13 Janet Howe
- 20 Deacon Ian Cartwright United
- 27 Rev'd Robert Soanes S

Tuesday meetings at 2:30pm

- 1 Women's Fellowship Rev'd Leslie Richards
- 9 Wednesday Ashing Service
11:00am Rev'd Robert S
- 15 Lent Group
- 22 Lent Group
- 29 Lent Group

Saturday 5th 9:00am - 10:30 am

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

All welcome at any event

Seat With A View

During a recent walk over Blackheath, it was lovely to be able to see the view across the marshes from Brian's seat once again now that the large tree has been cut back. **SLC**

Wenhaston Sports Club

The Club would welcome all people interested in sports to its Annual General Meeting at the Church Room on Thursday 17 March. The meeting, the main business of which will be the future of the Club, will start at 7:30pm with refreshments being available afterwards. New members would be especially welcome.

Members of the Club should also note that the courts will be having their annual power-wash from Monday 14 March to Wednesday 16 March inclusive. The courts will not be available for use during this period.

Jumble Sale Results

The Jumble Sale held in the Village Hall on Saturday 22 January raised £433. The Sports Club would like to thank all those who supported the event. We are also grateful to Trish Gower and her many helpers for organising and staffing the sale. Many thanks to all concerned.

David Harrison

Dates For Your Diary

16th April - An Evening with Charlie Haylock

23rd April - Bingo Night!

24th/25th April - Easter Lily Festival

7th May - Plant Sale and Lunches

21st May - Bingo Night!

25th/26th Jun - Flower and Craft Festival

3rd Sept - Jumble Sale

For events in the local area go to

www.blythweb.net/calendar/

St. Peter's Church Services March

6 (9:30am Team Service Halesworth)

13 9:30am Parish Eucharist

20 (10:30am We join the Methodists)

27 6:30pm Evensong

St Peter's Church Jumble Sale

Many thanks to all who helped to make our recent Jumble Sale a success – we raised £566.20 for Church Funds.

Margaret Bloomfield

News from the Bus Shelter

Last month it looked as if our bus service, the 520 was going to be withdrawn leaving us without public transport, apart from the Beccles bus on Tuesdays and Fridays. Since then a lot has happened. The 520 has had a reprieve and will continue to operate a subsidised service with some timetable changes to accommodate the new train times at Halesworth. In addition, there is going to be a new commercial service which will run from Halesworth to Lowestoft via Wenhaston, but not Southwold. These services are to be run by Anglian Bus - more details will emerge before the changes take place on April 4th.

New timetables dated February 2011 have arrived in the Post Office. The only change I can see is to the 99 Southwold - Lowestoft route, but you should recycle the old guide and pick up a copy of the current issue. The Pathfinder will be operating with larger vehicles - again leaflets are available in the Post Office.

Michael Gasper

Wenhaston Parish Transport Representative

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