

Wenhaston



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To Whom It May Concern

Having been born and raised in Wenhaston it always made me feel proud when I went to the village hall to see pictures on the wall of Wenhaston residents who had gone the "extra mile" for the village and, those who had done valiant deeds.

However, having come back to the village at Christmas to see relatives I was somewhat disappointed to see that the picture of Mr De-Segundo had disappeared from view which I thought rather odd as he was the man who put in a lot of hard work and, inspiration re the building of the village hall. Having an interest in history with regard to the wars (as my father fought in WWII) I was also very disappointed to see that the 2 frames of the war dead from the village had also disappeared from view together with the picture of Peter Wright VC as had the train on a plaque given by Roger.

I noticed that they appeared to have been replaced by pictures of Reg & Harold Youngs outside the bakery, Mrs Liz Holt, Peter & Heather Phillips, Maurice Stammers and, a picture of the village green.

My question is what was wrong with the old pictures that were in the hall? Everyone knew Mr De-Segundo and the contribution he made to the village and I think we should honour those who gave their lives for us. It always made me feel proud knowing that Peter Wright VC had his roots in the village as, not every village has that claim to fame.

Is this apparent removal of the old permanent or are they going to be returned to their rightful place so that all in the village can see who helped make the village what it is today.

*Yours sincerely, Mr Christopher J Borrett
(ex Coles Hill, now of Wellington, Salop.)*

"Bring Buy And Brunch"

Saturday 10th March

11am

Wenhaston Church Room

* Bring And Buy * Pantry * Raffle *

Proceeds To MU Projects Overseas

Wenhaston with Mells Hamlet Parish Council

www.wenhaston.net/parishcouncil

As of 17th February the new clerk is Mr Richard Day, telephone number 07500 210476, email richard@daymilldown.fsnet.co.uk.

A new salt bin is to be put on the corner of Star Hill/Blackheath road. Highways do grit the main Street, but some of the back roads are treacherous when the weather turns to snow and ice. The Parish Council feels the cost is justified when it comes to Parishioner's safety.

A date is to be set soon for the Consecration of the extension to the Cemetery. The date of the Annual Parish Meeting is being arranged. Hopefully it will be on the 25th April. We just need to confirm that the Village Hall is free that night.

Mary Pennock

Photo Competition Display

Wenhaston Village Hall
Sunday 25th March

Come and view all the entries
Entrance 50p
Raffle • Refreshments

*Proceeds towards
the Diamond Jubilee Party Day*

Wenhaston Word Deadline Date

20th March for April issue.


Where Do Battery Collections Go?

After batteries have been deposited into one of our tubs or BatteryCans we make a collection and bulk the batteries up at one of our regional depots. We then send them out to a specialist facility who sort the batteries into chemistry type. Once sorted the batteries are then sent to an appropriate recycling plant in mainland Europe. BatteryBack are in the process of building our own plant which will be the only facility of its type within the UK.



Batteries that are recycled through BatteryBack are used to create a number of useful products, for example; Steel used in the manufacture of vehicles, Nickel to make coins, Iron that can be used in the construction industry, Manganese that goes into paint and Zinc that is an essential part of most people's roofing.

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St. Peter's Church - March

- 4 No service (9:30am Halesworth)
- 11 9:30am Parish Communion
- 18 9:30am Family Communion for Mothering Sunday
- 25 6:30pm Evensong

Footpath Walking

The morning walk on Tuesday 6th March will leave from Wenhaston Village Hall at 10am.

The longer walk on Tuesday 20th March will be led by Kate Draycott, Susan Gillingham and Pat Neal. Meet at the Golf Club car park, Thorpeness at 10am for a circular walk. Returning to the Golf Club for lunch.

For any other help contact Heather Phillips
01502 478545.

HPP

Wenhaston Acorns Pre-school

This term the children are exploring the topic 'All About Me'. We will be comparing each others' hair and eye colour, we will also be discussing our likes and dislikes and comparing the things that make us individual.

On Fridays we will be joined by Jane, a singer who will be livening up our circle time with interactive songs and rhymes. We will be holding some fund raising events soon, so please keep a look out for the details.

The pre-school is well attended but there are still spaces available. Please contact Lisa Neale on 07984421156. *Phillippa Welby*

Methodist Church - March

- 4 10:30am Rev'd John Sigsworth
- 11 10:30am Robert Soanes
- 18 10:30am Jeanette Soanes - Mothering
- 25 10:30am Sue Liddell

Tuesday Meetings at 2:30pm

6, 13, 20 and 27 Lent Group
Saturday 3rd 9:30am-11am. "Pray Awhile" on a come and go basis for prayer and meditation.

Wenhaston Commons Group

Wenhaston Commons Group is reviewing its 10 year biodiversity strategy programme for enhancement of the commons. The review programme would be implemented through funding under the auspices of the government's Higher Level Stewardship scheme (HLS), subject to public consultation.

Copies of the document will shortly be available for inspection by interested parties from commons group committee members and in the commons group folder at the village hall.

This initiative will also be discussed at the Commons Group AGM to be held in the village hall on Tuesday 17 April 2012 commencing at 7pm. This will be an ideal opportunity to discuss the proposed strategy with commons group committee members.

Gus Jones, on behalf of WCG committee

Queen's Diamond Jubilee

While some communities are still dithering over how to celebrate this historic occasion a small group of residents are getting on with arrangements for Wenhashton's Party Day on 4th June. This will be on the Playingfield, or at the Village Hall if wet. If you would like to help with this please note the next meeting will be at the Village Hall on 8th March at 7:30pm. This is an independent group of village people plus representatives of village groups, so do please come along and join in if you would like to. See also page 4 for planned celebrations at St. Peter's Church.



To raise funds for the Jubilee event come along and support the Photo Competition at the Village Hall on Sunday 25th March. View the variety of excellent photos and see if you agree with the judges' decisions! If you can donate a Raffle Prize that would be much appreciated. Please bring along to Blythweb's office in The Street, or contact Arthur on 01502 478266.

Also needed are cakes, scones, etc to be sold with the teas on 25th March. If you can supply a cake that would be great, as yummy refreshments certainly help make an event an enjoyable occasion.

There is also to be an added fun game - find a photo of yourself as a young person/teenager and this will be pinned to a display board, along with many others, to see who can guess your identity from your youthful looks. There will be a small charge for each guess. Come along and see who you can identify! Don't forget, all funds raised will help with Jubilee arrangements.

Lastly - calling all ladies! Would you like to be part of a 'Military Wives' - type choir to sing at the Jubilee event? Contact Arthur on 01502 478266.

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In aid of Church funds

News From The Church

Little happened at St. Peter's during February, the difficult weather certainly did not encourage people to venture out! However we were very pleased to welcome The Rev'd Jan Bunday who has come to join the Blyth Valley Team to our Eucharist on Sunday 12th. We wish her well. Jan will be taking our Family Service on Mothering Sunday March 18th and everyone will be very welcome, especially Mothers, Grandmothers and definitely Great Grandmothers! As always there will be Posies for all these people and after the Service we invite you to stay for Coffee and Chat. We look forward to seeing you on Mothering Sunday!

On the 31st March we have our first Jumble Sale of the year in the Village Hall. Please do support this event.

We have given much thought to what our part should be in the Celebrations in the Village for the Queens Diamond Jubilee. There will be a Service of Celebration in the church on Sunday 3rd June at 3pm and this will be followed by The Big Village Tea Party. Weather permitting we plan to organise Afternoon Tea in the Churchyard and in Church Lane (if wet Tea will be in the Church). Everyone will be very welcome whether you can come to the Service or not. Please do book this date in your diaries and come and join in the fun and celebrations. Lots more details nearer the date.

Margaret Goldstone, Churchwarden

Tracing Lost Relatives



I have discovered that my Great Grandfather and his family lived in Blyford Road, Wenhaston in 1891. He was Henry Morris born in Limehouse in London in 1856.

His wife, Margaret Pollack Johnson born about 1848, was from Scotland. They had children Harold, Agnes, Edward and Frank, my Grandfather. He had built up a good wholesale gown and mantle business in Hackney. His wife was boarding in Hackney at the time of the 1891 Census and I assume had returned to tend the family business.

I have only one photograph of them and no other information. I am unable to trace them after 1891. I wonder if any readers have phone books, directories, church records or other documents which show how long they lived in Wenhaston. I would be most grateful for any extra information about them.

Peter Morris 0208 407 0387 pmorris01@blueyonder.co.uk

The 'Black Shuck' Route

Are you familiar with the tale of Black Shuck? Do you fancy going 'walkies'? In January local Wenhaston resident, Andrew Jeffrey, spotted a walk around our area in the Financial Times. The 'Black Shuck' Route [a circular walk of some 8¼ miles starts at Holy Trinity, Blythburgh, passing through Wenhaston, Mells and Blyford returning to Blythburgh], is the first in a monthly series of great British walks published by the Financial Times and is available online at www.ft.com (enter Black Shuck in the search box) with directions and map to download. An article accompanying the walk gives some brief history on the tale of Black Shuck and makes for an interesting read. **WW**

Police Direct : Bikesafe Workshops

Motorcyclists can improve their skills and become better and safer riders by attending motorcycle courses held at Police Headquarters, Martlesham Heath, Ipswich, on the following dates March 9th & 10th; April 20th & 21st; May 4th & 5th; June 15th & 16th; July 13th & 14th. The workshops cost £55 per person. Phone 01473 613730 or email bikesafe@suffolk.pnn.police.uk.

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A New Emergency Responder Service for Suffolk

Suffolk Careline is a new service that will enable vulnerable Suffolk residents to call for immediate assistance at the touch of a button.

Clients can have the choice of who responds to their call, either a relative or friend, or a qualified member of the Suffolk Careline staff. The service is available 24 hours a day seven days a week and aims to respond in person within 45 minutes. If the nature of the call is more serious the emergency services can also be dispatched.

The Suffolk Careline service is designed to compliment other public sector services already in operation such as the Primary Care Trusts and the East of England Ambulance Trust.

First Clients: Wayne Bennett has recently had a Suffolk Careline monitoring system installed in his elderly mother's home and said: "I want to thank Suffolk Careline for their ultra quick response in setting up a personal alarm system for my elderly mother. This service has given my mother and us as a family a great deal of comfort and peace of mind."

The service will help to increase and maintain a person's level of independence for longer. The service is suitable for anyone but will be of particular importance to:

- Older people
- People living alone
- Other vulnerable adults, as part of a care package
- Family carers that want some additional support

People interested in knowing more about the service can contact Suffolk Careline by email to: enquiries@suffolkcareline.com or telephone: 0845 6007724 www.suffolkcareline.com.

Suffolk Careline leaflets are available at Wenhaston Post Office.

Mark Corcoran, Mobile Responder

Wenhaston WI

www.wenhastonwi.org.uk

'What is a cottage garden?'

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These were the opening questions posed to us by our speaker, Ric Staines. Most of us thought that hollyhocks and roses around the door represented a quintessentially English cottage garden. As to a cottage? Well, a two up, two down, possibly with a thatched roof.

'All well and good,' said Ric. He then went on to tell us that originally a cottage garden was used to sustain the family throughout the year. Fruit trees would be planted with a pig and chickens rooting around underneath. (Chickens are sometimes called tractors as they peck, dig and fertilise!) The trees would be pruned and the branches used as firewood, the potash they made would then be returned to the soil. A quick set hedge would sometimes be planted, this contained; sloe, crab apple, hazel and damson thus producing a productive boundary. Herbs such as rosemary, borage and chard would probably have been the only decorative plants but I'm sure a few roses and hollyhocks must have been squeezed in.

Lots of fascinating things in the pipe line, including; play readings, visits to interesting places and discussions e.g. What did we think of the film, 'The Iron Lady'?

At our next meeting on March 7th Carl Ernsting and Virginia Chater will be telling us about their life in a pub. Should be enlightening! *FJJ*

Volunteers Needed For Expanding Hospice Care In Lowestoft

St Elizabeth Hospice is expanding its services for patients in Lowestoft and area and is appealing for helpers who can spare at least half a day on Tuesdays to support their day care service. Hosts for patients, helpers for arts and crafts, quiz or bingo as well as volunteer drivers are all being sought.

To find out more please call 07713 287435 or email volunteer@stelizabethhospice.org.uk

Sarah Cawley

Astounded of Wenhaston

Has the Wenhaston Word got it right - see page 10 of February's issue where it would appear that our Parish Council have raised the precept from £12,650 to £14,000. If right (and I am sure the Word is correct) this means an increase of 10.67%.

At times of restricted pay and pensions, and with the Government asking councils to avoid increases, our Council seems to want to set a record precept rise. It seems we need to buy some inks and paper and pay for the training of the new Clerk. Well the training of a new Clerk is surely an extraordinary item and should have come out of reserves, after all reserves are for the unexpected and hard times etc.

Could the Parish Council please confirm that they have set a precept that results in a rise in excess of 10%, confirm how much is in the reserves and let us know why they are not using them. If they confirm an increase in excess of 10% that is to come out of the public purse, then do they want me to inform the Guinness Book of Records? As this must surely be a record for 2012.

Yours Astounded of Wenhaston

Aka. G Hodges, Blackheath, Wenhaston

100 Club Winners

The winners of the February Wenhaston Village Hall 100 Club draw were:

- 1st prize Aubrey Jones (number 8) £31
- 2nd prize Derek Roberts (number 52) £18
- 3rd prize Valerie Ellis (number 112)

Ann Jones



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Wenhaston Energy Support Group

Undaunted by sub-zero temperatures and icy roads, a small, but enthusiastic, group met at the village hall for WESG's first open meeting of the New Year.

The key issues that emerged from a lively discussion were a community wood, village transport and a summer market selling village produce and crafts. This followed a brief welcome by Ann Edwards, chair, and summary of WESG's recent projects and activities by Ann Jones.

There was unanimous support for moving forward on a community woodland project. Alan Miller, of Suffolk Wildlife Trust, offered invaluable advice on optimum acreage, owning or leasing, coppicing, fencing and possible funding sources.

John Rolfe gave an insight into the work of the Green Light Trust which has helped set up many community wood projects throughout East Anglia and a visit to its flagship project near

Bury St. Edmunds is planned in the next few weeks. Debbie Wargate, Environmental Sustainability Officer for SCDC, and Dan Wheals, Community Environmental Action Adviser for Groundwork will be running a workshop on community woodland issues in Wenhaston later this year.

It was agreed that residents need to be encouraged to change behaviour patterns to make more use of regular buses, Suffolk Link and Pathfinder. Posting information in the bus shelter, together with useful contact numbers and websites was suggested. Results of a recent transport survey by Michael Gasper are expected shortly and should reveal transport priorities for the village.

A summer market on a Saturday in early August when anyone can sell produce or crafts was proposed. This idea will be forwarded to the Village Hall Management Committee for discussion.

Ann Jones

Letter Received

Dear Sir or Madam

I felt I had to write to you to tell you of an incident I recently experienced in Wenhaston.

While home visiting my family, we were driving out of the village [towards Blyford] near the village sign and passed a cat laying on the side of the road. Thinking that the poor thing had just been hit we stopped as soon as it was safe to do so, turned the car round and went back to check on it. I got out of the car to see if it was still alive, but sadly it was dead. It must have looked splendid when it was alive because it had thick creamy fur, a full bushy tail and was a good sized animal. What was particularly upsetting was that it was apparent it had been there a little while as it was completely cold, and very wet as it was raining. Not having lived in Wenhaston now for almost 20 years, I had no way of knowing if the cat belonged to anyone nearby so I began knocking at peoples' doors. I am quite aware that most people were probably out at work as I got no reply from the half a dozen doors I knocked at. Finally I saw a gentleman on a mobile phone walking along and I called out to him, thinking all this time that the cat had been hit earlier in the day and that no-one had yet seen it. I told him about the cat and his reply was "Oh, that old thing. It's been there for ages." I was probably rather rude in my reply as I could not honestly believe no-one had moved a dead cat, which may well have been a most loved family pet, from the side of the road (actually it doesn't matter if it was even an old farm cat. It was still something that should have been treated with just a little bit of respect). My mum drove back to her house, collected a plastic bag with which to pick the poor creature up in and came back to the cat. On moving it she was approached by a couple who said something along the lines of "Oh it's your cat is it, it's been there the best part of a fortnight". My mum said no it wasn't hers but she didn't like to see it there and was taking it home to bury it.

I can not begin to express the total absolute disgust this has made me feel for Wenhaston. Every so often I am asked "Why don't you move back, it's so lovely and quiet here. How can you care to live in a city". Quite easily after this. In 20 years of living in Norwich I have never experienced people walking past a dead animal and just leaving it. I have a cat and I can honestly say, the last place on earth I would now care to live in is Wenhaston if this is how the residents and inhabitants treat an animal. I know that cats are not the gardeners' friend, but to just leave one dead on the side of the road and to regularly walk past makes me sick.

This incident happened Christmas week and it has taken me a little while to be able to compose what I wrote. I hope that everyone who walked past that creature feels thoroughly ashamed of themselves. And if they don't, then I am ashamed for you.

I have always felt rather proud of coming from Wenhaston, it is a lovely village and I know that the Doom makes it very well known indeed. But after this, when I am asked where I come from I shall say "Wenhaston I'm afraid" and when I am asked to explain I shall. I pity anyone who lives in the village with a pet, I sincerely hope it doesn't injure itself and require assistance or pity, apparently there is none to give in Wenhaston.

Yours disgustedly,

LJC, Norwich

(name and address supplied)

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Pollywiggles in The Run



*Recollections and Reflections
of
Wenhaston
by Felicity Jellicoff
illustrated by Wil Harvey*

Pollywiggles In The Run

It certainly is a gentle stroll with Felicity on her journey from childhood to today through the lanes of Wenhaston. The beautifully evocative cover is a sign of what's to come: memories of catching pollywiggles, out playing all day on the common and the many characters, churches, shops, schools, pubs and farms in Wenhaston.

There is affection, and at times wistfulness, in Felicity's recollections conveyed in a gentle, at times humorous, descriptive manner and beautifully illustrated from beginning to end by local artist Wil Harvey.

It is a delightful tale of a Suffolk village still very special and much loved by all who live here. It is a must for all who live in Wenhaston.
Jill Daines

Wenhaston Gardeners Club

I am writing this in the middle of February surrounded by snow covered gardens and fields. We did say we needed a bit of real winter, didn't we, to kill off the bugs etc. Well now we're probably regretting those words. However I am now going to transport you through the summer (we hope!) to September. Sunday September 9th to be precise which is the date of this year's Annual Show. A long way ahead, I know, but planning has already begun and I can give you a preview of the Craft and Photography classes to give food for thought while we wait to get out on the gardens again.

Crafts:

A painting, framed or unframed, any medium

A knitted toy

Creative use of a computer

A collage - max size 24" x 24"

A pressed flower or flowers picture

Any other craft item not mentioned above

Photographs:

'Going for Gold'

Celebrating the Jubilee

Sunset

Animal Portrait

The meeting for March is on Tuesday 13th when our speaker will be Terry Illsley with tips on how best to use your Greenhouse.

Cherry Wilkinson

Thank You

Thank you to whoever cleared my front step on Sunday 5th February. A very kind act.

Dorothy Franklin

Mothers' Union

The February Meeting was cancelled due to icy conditions underfoot, so we will look forward to welcoming Bridget Cousins at a later date.

March 18th is Mothering Sunday, and MU members will, as usual, be making posies to give out at the service.

On Saturday 10th March, we will be hosting a "Bring & Buy Brunch" in the Church Room from 11am. There will be a Bring & Buy Stall, a Pantry Stall and a Raffle, and the proceeds will be donated to Mothers' Union Projects.

At the March Meeting on the 14th, the Reverend Bill Mahood will give us his 'Thoughts for Lent'. At this meeting, we will be collecting gifts of groceries to fill a basket to be raffled at the April Meeting. The proceeds from this will be used to purchase an ethical gift under the MU 'Make a Mother's Day' scheme.

The Annual Diocesan Lady Day Service this year will be held at St Peter and Paul Church, Clare at 3pm on 25th March. A mini-bus will be taking members from this Deanery, so anyone interested should contact their branch leader.
Margaret Bloomfield

Decorators And Trust

No matter what form your home maintenance or decoration takes, the choosing of a contractor is bound to be a chore. Inevitably the choice will be based upon a mixture of timing/recommendation plus the lowest price that you feel you can trust.

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