



Arthur Musk leads an earlier tractor run © Blythweb Ltd

Vintage Tractor Road Run 2007

The ninth of these charity fundraising events will start and finish from Church Farm land, Wenhaston, on 6th May by kind permission of Roger Desborough. These beautifully restored machines are well worth seeing. This year's Run will start at 10:30am from the field at the top of Star Hill. 160 tractors are expected!

News from the bus shelter

We've done it again – the 601 bus is back! By popular request the Anglian Bus 601 Lowestoft service returns on Thursdays starting June 7. The bus picks up in The Street at 9:26 and arrives at Lowestoft at 10:10. The return journey leaves Lowestoft at 14:00 arriving back at Wenhaston 40 minutes later.

The return of this vital link is thanks to a very positive public response, to those who spent time and trouble collecting that response and to Anglian for taking up the challenge. At present the bus will run only on Thursdays, but if demand is maintained, the service will hopefully be expanded.

And don't forget – if you think you are eligible for a 'Suffolk Saver' pass do ask for a form at the Post Office and apply now - all you need is a passport photo. Journeys which start and finish in Suffolk are then free.

Michael Gasper

Transport Officer, Wenhaston Parish Council

Wenhaston Website Report

In the first three weeks of April this year the Wenhaston Website www.wenhaston.net recorded a total of 12,000 visits which compares well with the 14,981 that were recorded for the whole of March. It was interesting to note too that the online version of the Good Village Guide has been downloaded 110 times between 1st - 24th April. Also the online April Wenhaston Word has been downloaded 150 times!

The most popular features of the Wenhaston Website are the detailed version of the Millennium Map and the village photos. It will be interesting to see how many people visit the new feature all about the Wenhaston Doom that we created in April 2007.

Blythweb created the Wenhaston Website as part of their Group of Local Websites which includes websites for Halesworth, Walberswick, Southwold, Bramfield and Blythburgh. Taken all together these websites receive around 3,000 visits every day.

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WEA - Wenhaston Branch

Our Course this Spring was " The Play's the Thing" - theatre and play-acting in the work of William Shakespeare.

The number of people attending varied from 16 to 20 and the format adopted by our Tutor, Barbara Langley, was that of informal Seminar or Discussion Group.

As usual, Barbara had planned the Course very carefully with a focus theme for each week or group of weeks. After a short introduction to the history of theatre and its significance in Elizabethan Society we discussed; *Self-conscious Theatricality, Plays within Plays, Role Play (characters who pretend to be someone or something else), Tricks and Deceptions and Feigning Madness.*

Each theme was illustrated by extracts from the plays; those of us who liked to read a part had a chance to do so. Video clips helped Barbara reinforce the points made. Reading and Video-watching were both much enjoyed by the group. I know they were because, without prompting, many participants told me so.

It was all very entertaining. Did we learn anything? I did. I can't speak for the others but I would be amazed if they could remain untouched by the witty, humane, subtle power of Shakespeare's mastery of the Actor/Playwright's trade. All that, and the language, too!

Two final, personal comments. Barbara's approach would, I think, be even more successful with a smaller group - say 10 to 12 people. I suppose economics would get in the way, though. Second, where were the men? There were only two of us. We both enjoyed it and I'm sure other men would if they gave it a go. This was, undoubtedly, a very popular course.

Bernard Orme

Lily Festival

Lily Festival & Teas over Easter were much enjoyed and raised £290 for Church funds, many thanks to all who supported and those who helped over the week-end.

June Lewis

Village Art and Crafts

There will be an art and craft show in the Village Hall on Sunday June 17th, coinciding with Open Gardens. Anyone who would like to exhibit, please contact Wil Harvey.
Tel: 01502 478248.

Wenhaston W.I. April Report

Our April meeting was a hands-on evening in the company of Joan Gibbs who is a well respected craft tutor. With her guidance we each made a greetings card using our own selection of accessories from the myriad of wonderful items available. Joan is a very cheerful and helpful lady who helped us to achieve our own ideas and designs, making even the most kack-handed of us feel very proud of our finished product. A social evening full of noisy chatter - lovely!

Later in the evening we wished member May Parker a Happy 90th Birthday. With enjoyable outings and events proposed in the forthcoming months we are looking forward to a busy year. Members though are invited to look even further forward and to suggest speakers for our 2008 Programme. These suggestions will be welcome at our May meeting in Wenhaston Village Hall at 7:30pm on 2nd May when we shall discuss WI Resolutions.

Eileen Heaps.

Footpath Walking

The morning walk on Tuesday 1st May will start from Wenhaston Village Hall at 10am.

Please note the all day walk will be on 22nd May, which is the fourth Tuesday.

The leaders will be Olive Sims and friends. The total circular walk of 5½ miles will start at 10am from the car park near Eyke school. The route will go via Bromeswell to Ufford where we will lunch at The White Lion.

For any other help contact Heather Phillips
01502 478545.

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Appreciation for Maurice Stammers

Mr Maurice Stammers will be retiring from his long involvement with Wenhaston Village Hall at the Village Hall AGM on 9th May. Since the Hall was opened in 1975 Maurice has diligently maintained the Hall for the benefit of us all. Those who would like to show their appreciation please contact Mary Pennock 01502 478448 as soon as possible please.

Wenhaston Mothers' Union

Sue Gow, who lives in Wenhaston, came along to tell us about her homeopathy practice, and gave us a history of the complimentary medicine, and some examples of her successes in treating people using the 'whole body' approach. It caused much interest among members, many questions were asked, and maybe we have some 'converts'! Sue was warmly thanked and presented with a small gift.

As May Parker was celebrating her 90th birthday just five days after the meeting, she was presented with an arrangement of flowers, and congratulated.

The May meeting, which takes place on 9th at 2:30pm in the Church Room, will include a talk on Antarctica by Anne Holland. All welcome.

Margaret Bloomfield

Coffee Morning

The Children's Society Box Opening Coffee Morning was held on 22nd February, and was again a great result. On behalf of the Society, I would like to thank everyone who came, all those who helped during the morning, and also to the 41 box holders. The money in the boxes amounted to £618.70, and the coffee morning raised £89.25, making a grand total of £707.95. Many thanks

Mollie Bunn

Jumble Sale

Many thanks to all who helped in any way to make the Jumble Sale such a success (as usual!). We were lucky that lots of people came to buy, and there was plenty to purchase. The net total amounted to £410, for church funds. A great result, Thank you!

Margaret Bloomfield

St Peter's Church, Wenhaston

PLANT SALE

Saturday 5 May
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and

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May 6	8:00am	Holy Communion
May 13	9:30am	Parish Communion
May 20	9:30am	Parish Communion
May 27	10:30am	Ecumenical Service at Holton Village Hall

Wenhaston Methodist Church

MAY

SUNDAY SERVICES at 10:30 a.m.

6th	Iris Baker
13th	Rev Val Burgess
20th	Rev Jane Taylor Holy Communion
27th	United service at Holton Paddock

TUESDAY MEETINGS at 2.30 p.m.

1st	Women's Fellowship Rally - Kath Jolley
8th	Bible study All welcome
15th	Easter Offerings at Leiston
22nd	Bible study All welcome

Recycling Plastic Bottles

The Recycling Centre at Beccles requests only clean plastic bottles, no tops and no food containers please.

I can collect from your home. Thank you

Andrew Taylor 01502 478692 for collection

District Council Elections

On Thursday 3rd May 2007 Wenhaston Village Hall will be our Polling Station, open to voters from 7am to 10pm. There are two candidates standing for the election of one District Councillor for the Walberswick and Wenhaston Ward of Suffolk Coastal District Council. The candidates are Kevin Keable (Conservative Party Candidate) and David Tytler (Labour Party Candidate).

Our present District Councillor, Rae Leighton is not seeking re-election.

Parish Council Elections

There are eleven seats on Wenhaston with Mellis Hamlet Parish Council and as there are thirteen candidates there will be an election. Parish Councillors serve for a four year term. Wenhaston Village Hall is the Polling Station and it will be open for voting from 7am to 10pm on Thursday May 3rd.

Wenhaston Word invited all the candidates to provide a short statement and supply a recent photo if they wished. Here they are in alphabetical order:



Bridget Cousins

Lived in Wenhaston since 1991.

Employed by Suffolk County Council.

Musician, choir leader,

mother of 2 adult sons, wife to local businessman Fran.

Important to me: 'Going Green', sustainable development, a lively and diverse village life, keeping young people in Suffolk.

Ann Edwards

I have lived in Wenhaston for 12 years – with husband Roddy and children Laura and James. We sell Caribbean cooking sauces from our village office to the European market.

I have been a Wenhaston school governor, Youth Club organiser, chair of the Sports Club committee. Co-opted PC councillor since 2005.



Stuart Hayward-Rutter

I am married with two children, both at local schools. After serving in the RAF and Police, I now work at a local school. I am on the Gardening Club Committee, and help with

Youth Club. I am approachable, a good listener and have the ability to get things done.

Michael Dickson

I have lived in the village for twenty one years and served on the Parish Council for the last five.

The Council has supported the formation of an Energy Group to which I belong. The task of the Group is how shall we, in Wenhaston, respond to the energy crisis.



Michael Gasper

Although a visitor to Wenhaston for many years it wasn't until 1998 that I came to live here full time, working at home for BT until early retirement in 2000. As secretary of the Commons Group I'm very interested in Wenhaston's special environment.



Graham Holt

I would be very happy if my seat on the Council was occupied by a new member.



Bernard Orme

I have served as Parish Councillor for the last eight years. I believe that a forward-looking, efficient Parish Council is a positive force for the well-being of villagers, young and old. I should like to continue serving the Village Community, to the best of my ability, as an elected Councillor.

David Remy



I came up from East Sussex in 1992 to take the tenancy of the Compasses Pub in Wenhaston. Married to Rosemary Heater since 1996. I was one of the founders of the Gardeners Club. One of my concerns is the Village Hall. I am always pleased to listen to people.

June Tate

I have never regretted moving to Wenhaston. My husband and I have always lived in villages but Wenhaston has more going on than most. I am involved with several organisations as well as running the Post Office. I hope you will vote me back onto The Council on May 3rd.

Trevor Tate

I have really enjoyed being part of the community in Wenhaston and I hope by being on the Parish Council I can have some say in the decisions affecting the life of the Parish. I am delighted to help with questions and queries any parishioner may have regarding the village.



David Wilkinson

I grew up in East Yorkshire, moved to Suffolk in 1974, married Cherry, and have lived in East Anglia ever since. A branch manager for the Halifax until 1996, I

took voluntary redundancy, moved to Wenhaston, and set up a computer consultancy. My interests include folk music and classic cars.

Heather Phillips

Since becoming a Parish Councillor, I have been concerned with improving village facilities including the Village Hall, Bowling Green and Playing Field. Our commons, woodlands and footpaths are very special. Many enjoy these open spaces. Please vote for an efficient Parish Council to ensure our heritage is protected.



Maurice Stammers

A long-term resident of Wenhaston with particular involvement in the Village Hall since it was built, who has served on the Parish Council for many years. Always working for the good of the village and its residents. Keen to carry on this work for the next four years.



Wenhaston with Mells Hamlet Parish Council

The Chairman Cllr Orme welcomed the Councillors to the last meeting of this present Council before the local elections. He thanked Cllr. V Kemp and Cllr D Roberts who are not standing for re-election, for all their support and said they would be greatly missed. Broadband is being arranged for the computer in the Committee Room at the Village Hall. Star Hill Footpath - There could be land available to replace the Common Land needed for the footpath. This needs to be in place before the project goes ahead. The Council are still waiting to hear from the Environment Agency regarding the footpaths closed along the riverbank between Wenhaston and Blythburgh, when and if they are going to be reopened. Cllr. M Gasper reported that the service 601 is being reinstated on Thursdays between Lowestoft and Halesworth.

Mary Pennock

Mayday...cricket season opens

The first practice session at the cricket nets at the playing field will be on Tuesday May 1 at 6.30pm and every Tuesday evening throughout the summer. Anyone who knows the right end of a cricket bat is welcome. There will be some informal training for younger children between 6:30 and 7:15 but all under 12s must be accompanied by an adult through out. Wenhaston Wanderers CC has a fixture list of seven games – both evening and all-day and they are looking for young cricketers to join up and help defeat the likes of Southwold and Rumburgh. The full fixture list will appear in the next edition of the Word.

Contact: Simon Manning

Mobile: 07900 147649

email: manning@halesworth.net.

Wenhaston Wheelers

The Wheelers chose the hottest day of the year so far for their latest bike ride. Despite many regulars being on holiday, five riders on four bikes - one a tandem - took the longer ride to Laxfield whilst the short ride to Dunwich attracted six people. Much ice cream consumed on the beach!

There is a slight change to the advertised programme for May. On Sunday 20 May we will be cycling from and back to Snape Maltings with both ten mile and 25 mile rides being organised. Limited free transport of bikes to and from Snape is being organised; enquiries to Cathy or David on 01502 478757.

David Harrison

Music Corner

Sunday 6th May 3:00pm at The Cut Arts Centre, Halesworth, **The Galitzin String Quartet**. Music by Haydn, Bartok and Dvorak. Tickets : £8 from The Cut Box Office. Tel: 0845 6732123

Saturday 19th May 7:30pm at St. Edmunds Church, Southwold, **Keswick Hall Choir**. Music by Gorecki, Taverner, Howells, Lotti etc. Tickets : £9 from Southwold Tourist Information Centre. Tel: 01502 724729

Chris Dunn

Local History Matters: 1

If one travels south on to the A12 from Blythburgh, just before you reach the turning to Bramfield and Halesworth, you pass on the right the entrance to Thorington Quarry. Some years ago some Dinosaur bones were found. Therefore some 65 million years ago these animals were roaming around Wenhaston! During the last major Ice Age (400,000 years ago) the thickness of the ice over East Anglia was between half a mile and a mile thick. No wonder East Anglia is flat. However, the first signs of human habitation comes in the Bronze Age, about 2000 BC. Due to Dr St Joseph and his team from Cambridge University in the 1950s we have hundreds of aerial photos of East Anglia. From these many new archaeological sites were discovered. One of these was of a Bronze Age Barrow on the top of Star Hill. Although the ground is now flat due to hundreds of years ploughing, during the mid summer one can still see the crop marks from the air.

Keith Johnceline

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

16th -17th June Open Gardens plus Arts and Craft Show. Wenhaston Sports Club.

23rd - 24th June Annual Art Exhibition at St. Peter's Church, Thorington. Contact Viv Burns 01502 478065.

24th June Halesworth Thoroughfair. Food, Drink and Craft Fair. From 10:00am.

21st July Fundraising Event, Table Top Sale, Lunches and Teas at the Garden House, Blackheath, 10am - 4pm in aid of Wenhaston 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!

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The present representatives:

Maurice Stammers, Mary Pennock, David Remy automatically resign under the rules of the constitution, but are eligible for re-election.

Mr Stammers does not wish to stand.

Any one wishing to stand should notify the Secretary seven days before the meeting. Should there be more than three people standing the vote will be taken by a show of hands on the night of the election.

Village Hall Secretary:

David Remy 01502 478385

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