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General Election - cast your votes on 6 May

A General Election will be held on 6 May with five candidates contesting the Suffolk Coastal seat. Wenhaston Village Hall is our Polling Station and will be open 7:00am-10:00pm for you to vote.

WIN TICKETS TO LATITUDE

Raffle to win 2 VIP tickets to the Latitude Festival

(kindly donated to the village courtesy of Latitude)

Raffle Tickets cost £1 each ~ on sale from 3rd May 2010

available from Blythweb, the Post Office, any committee member of Wenhaston Football Club and Mary Pennock 01502 478448.

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Ladies' Tennis Morning

Tuesday 4 May 10am Wenhaston Playingfield

Tennis racquet lurking in the attic, or somewhere in the shed? Or maybe you'd like to start playing.

Don't wait for Wimbledon to inspire you - bring that racquet along or borrow one on the day.

Come and enjoy a cake and refreshments between games. Not a competition. Ladies of all ages and abilities are welcome.

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Mothers' Union

We welcomed Wil Harvey, our local artist, to our meeting on the 14th - several members had gone off to Bury St Edmunds with the WI, but we managed to muster 18 members and one guest who all very much enjoyed the slides depicting portrait painting through the ages starting with cave art of 17000 BC. It was a most interesting afternoon, and we especially enjoyed Wil's portraits of local 'celebrities'. Paula thanked Wil for his excellent talk and we all enjoyed tea and fellowship.

On 5th May the new Provincial President will be commissioned in Coventry Cathedral, and a few of our members are hoping to attend.

At our meeting on May 12th, Felicity Jelliff will speak on 'Gorillas In The Mist'. Sounds fascinating! All welcome.

Margaret Bloomfield

St. Peter's Church Services May

- 2 No Service. 9:30am Halesworth
- 9 9:30am Parish Communion

No Service. 10:30am Ecumenical
Communion with Methodists at Halesworth
No Service 10:30am Ecumenical
Communion Service for Pentecost at Holton
9:30am Parish Communion

Wenhaston Methodist Church May

Sunday Services at 10:30am

- 2 Gladys Sexton
- 9 Rev'd David Read S
- 16 Ina Gray
- 23 United Pentecost at Holton
- 30 Margaret Gooderham

Tuesday Meeting at 2:30pm

- 4 Women's Fellowship Rally Wendy Moxon
- 11 Bible Study
- 18 Women's Fellowship Gwenyth Lynes
- 25 Bible Study

1st 'Pray a While' 9am-10:30am on a come and go basis for prayer and meditation.

All welcome at any meeting.

Duncan Corcoran

Roddy and Ann and all the family would like to thank everyone who sent cards and messages and flowers, and gave us all so much support over these last days.



Dad had reached the grand age of 97, which he celebrated in usual style with his birthday tea in January. Many will remember him in earlier days when he used to walk the

delinquent Digger through the village.

Even as walking became impossible for him, he still reached out to friends by phone and letter. We will miss his warmth and his enjoyment of life. One of the last things he did was to send off for his new membership card of the Labour Party - of which he had been a member for over 70 years.

He was sent off in style with a piper through the village - with beautiful spring sunshine, and laid to rest in the cemetery with his wife, Lucy. Ann Edwards

Bell Ringing

The Wenhaston practice nights in May are on Thursdays 13th and 27th between 7:30pm and 9:00pm at St Peter's Church. Visitors are welcome to come and watch. For details of practice nights at other towers please contact the new Wenhaston Tower Rep on 01986 873336. Jason Busby

Thank You

Mrs Joyce Farrington wishes to thank all her family and friends for the cards, presents and good wishes she received on her 90th birthday.

Marie Curie Swimathon Results

Thank you to all those kind people who sponsored me on the Swimathon on 17th April. So far I have raised just over £200 and still counting. Many thanks to everyone for their generosity and I did do the 60 lengths no cheating. *Cyrilla Havard*

News From The Church

The Church was full, the service which was led by the Rev'd Anna Wright was inspiring and the beautifully decorated Church all led to a very happy Easter at St Peter's. The Lily Festival in the Church on both Easter Sunday and Monday was very popular and we were kept extremely busy serving Teas, it was good to have so many visitors from both the village and from Ipswich to Lowestoft to Norwich! It's always good to meet new friends and we do appreciate their support. Our thanks go to everyone who kindly made the cakes and helped serve the Teas.

May is the month for our Annual Plant Sale and Ploughman's Lunches, always a very popular event so do think about buying some plants for your garden and having lunch with us. (For full details see advert on this page). We look forward to seeing you at this event! Margaret Goldstone (Churchwarden)

Missing Microphone

At some time during March the new Village Hall microphone went missing. If you happen to know of its whereabouts please contact Becky 01502 478842.

Warm invitation to all villagers:

Wenhaston Village Hall Management Committee

Annual General Meeting Friday 14th May

7:00pm Start (Refreshments available)

Positions available for Village Representatives. Please come and join us.

> Details from June Tate, Secretary (01502 478622)

St Peter's Church, Wenhaston

Annual Plant Sale

at Heron's Nest, Church Lane Ploughman's Lunches and Coffee in the Church Room

Saturday 15th May commencing at 11 o'clock



There will also be a Raffle and a Bric-a-Brac Stall

Proceeds to Church Funds

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Wenhaston Project

I am doing a project at school, based on Wenhaston and I was wondering whether anyone has any comments or statements which could help my project.

I am looking at all areas; growing up in the village, history of the village, nature, interesting stories, murders, ghosts, commons, clubs etc. Thank you.

Maddie Erb, Wenhaston Primary School email: sally.millward@btinternet.com

Wenhaston with Mells Hamlet Parish Council

The Parish Council would like to thank Mr Gus Jones for agreeing to become the coordinator for the First Responder group in Wenhaston.

Cllr. Dickson has stated that he will be resigning as a Parish Councillor at the Annual Parish Meeting due to ill health. His fellow Councillors and clerk would like to thank him most sincerely for the contribution he has made to our village not only as a Parish Councillor but also as a much respected GP. Our good wishes also extend to Mrs Dickson. The Parish Council will be advertising a casual vacancy at the end of May.

Planning permission has been granted for an extension of existing barn at Old Chapel Farm, Holton Road, Mells.

Candidates standing at the General Election are: Stephen Frederick Bush - UKIP Therese Anne Coffey - Conservative Daisy Cooper - Liberal Democrats Rachel Fulcher - Green Party Adam James Leeder - Labour Further details can be found on the notice board at the Village Hall and Well Green.

We hope that as many people as possible participate in the draw for the two VIP tickets for the Latitude Festival to raise funds for village organisations. *Mary Pennock, Clerk*

www.wenhaston.net/parishcouncil/index.php

Community First Responders

Community First Responders are people who 'volunteer' to respond to emergency calls on behalf of the Ambulance Service in the community where they live or work. They get comprehensive training covering basic life support, the use of a defibrillator and oxygen. By providing first aid in the crucial minutes before an ambulance arrives, they increase the chance of survival considerably especially after someone has a cardiac arrest.

Each volunteer contributes as much or as little time as they can. The more responders there are, the better the cover available.

Blythburgh and Walberswick are in the process of setting up a group and now have about 10 people interested in joining the scheme. But the villages on their own would not be accepted by the NHS because the potential number of callouts would not justify the cost of support. Adding Wenhaston to the group would make it more attractive to the Ambulance Trust. So, is there anyone in Wenhaston or Mells interested in becoming a first responder?

If you would like to help, or simply need more information, phone Gus Jones on 01502 478085 or email gus5644@googlemail.com .

News From The Bus Shelter

Most people will have noticed that there have been significant changes to our bus services recently. The 601 no longer runs through Wenhaston; it has been replaced by the 520 between Halesworth and Southwold with reduced frequency. To get to Lowestoft or beyond passengers will have to transfer onto the 601 at Southwold. The 520 does call at Halesworth station.

To see how these and other changes affect you, recycle your old timetable guide and get a new one from the Post Office - it says 'Valid from April 2010' on the front and 'Issue 6' on the back. Of course traveline.info has the latest information. Michael Gasper Wenhaston Parish Transport Representative

Thorington Church Art Exhibition and Sale of Paintings 12 and 13 June 2010

Bridget Cousins, choir leader, and members of the Halesworth Community Choir, open this event at 12:30pm on Saturday 12 June.

Come and enjoy hits like 'The Ballad of Betsy Butcher', 'Daisy's Train' and other songs celebrating life in this corner of East Anglia.

Admission to the church and exhibition is free on both days with all art work for sale.

There will be a treasure hunt and outdoor games for children from 1pm - 3:30pm on Saturday. Also a Silent Auction of Promises, Raffle, Craft and Produce Stalls and delicious home made refreshments both days, with a barbeque brunch from 11am on Sunday. Also at 11am a walk led by Alan Miller.

Please come and support St Peter's Church at Thorington - a beautiful example of a traditional round tower structure with a Norman arch.

For more details call Trish on 01502 478267 or email trish@wenhaston.net or go to: www.blythweb.net/calendar/ See advert on this page.

Wenhaston Wheelers

The Wenhaston Wheelers' first bike ride of the year will be on Sunday 9th May, starting from the Village Hall at 10:30 am. Everybody is welcome to join us on this ride - you don't have to be a Club member! The route will be agreed at the start to accommodate all riders, beginners or the more experienced veloistes. David Harrison

Blyth Valley Duplicate Bridge Club

This friendly Duplicate Bridge Club meets fortnightly on alternate Tuesday afternoons, and new members, with a little experience, would be welcome. Visitors with a partner are also welcomed. For further information please contact the Secretary Mrs Vivienne Hunt on 01502 723142. Derek Newby



12 June 12 noon - 5:30pm Bridget Cousins and members of Halesworth Community Choir sing at 12:30 Treasure Hunt

> **13 June 10:00am - 4:00pm** Barbeque Brunch at 11am Wildlife Walk at 11am

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Swimming for Health and Fitness

Did you know that, within five miles of Wenhaston, there is a splendid 25m swimming pool, which is open to the public? You and your family can swim at Saint Felix School Pool. However, recently the hours have been restricted to Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays 8am - 9am and Saturdays 2pm - 3pm. Also the ticket price has been greatly increased.

Regular swimmers are trying to negotiate for increased pool time and a more realistic ticket price.

We need your support. Shops in Southwold have been collecting signatures and there is an ongoing correspondence in the Southwold Gazette.

If you would like to swim at St. Felix Pool you can get a book of tickets (£40 for 10) from the school phone 01502 722175. Please also support our campaign and receive further information by emailing: signup@reydonandsouthwold-swim.org.uk Christine Buttle

Take part in the Suffolk Garden Hedgehog Survey 2010

In 2000 Suffolk Wildlife Trust carried out the highly successful Suffolk Garden Hedgehog Survey. Hedgehogs were found to be widespread and frequent in gardens throughout Suffolk, both within towns and villages. An impressive 89% of households confirmed that they had seen hedgehogs in their gardens within the previous five years and 69% felt that hedgehog numbers were either stable or even increasing.

Ten years on we believe that hedgehogs are much less common. The reasons for the decline are unclear and are probably complex. So, we are repeating the survey to find out whether this is true and to try to quantify any changes.

The survey will try to find out whether people are still regularly seeing hedgehogs in their garden. It's equally important to hear from people who are *not* seeing hedgehogs in their gardens, because this information too will be vital to the study.

To take part in this survey please log on to www.suffolkwildlifetrust.org and fill in the on-line survey form, or contact SWT on 01473 890089 for a copy of the form.

Blackheath Common

As residents living right on the edge of Blackheath Common I am just writing to say how grateful we are to the commons work parties who do such a lot of work maintaining the commons locally. I would like to thank everyone who is involved in this as the common lands around our house not only look great, they seem to go from strength to strength in terms of the wildlife we see both in our garden and when we are out walking. My only concern is that as a dog owner, some of my fellow dog walkers do not collect their dog waste which seems to be a perennial problem

Once again thanks to all involved in the commons work parties. *Nick Coveney*

I do feel I have to make some sort of protest on the state of Blackheath. Not only does it look like some sort of battlefield, we now have unsightly, and probably costly, wire exclosures paid for, apparently, from my Council Tax.

The common surrounding my home used to be a lovely place to walk, lots of sweet smelling gorse, the bright yellow broom, an abundance of birds and wild flowers, hidden pathways through the bracken, and now I do not recognise the bleak and barren landscape it has become with neatly cut grass and trees which will take years to recover. **H Hammond**



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Wenhaston Energy Support Group

We will be holding our second Give and Take Day on Saturday 22nd May (see advert on this page). Bring along any useful but unwanted articles, big or small, as long as they are in good condition.

Then see what you would find useful and take it away. Couldn't be simpler!

Please don't leave items before 10am unless you have made a special arrangement with us. No electrical goods or junk, please. Last year's event saved 23 tonnes of carbon. Can we beat that this time?

If you need any more information, or would like to help in any way, just contact one of the group or email info@wenhastongreen.org . Don't forget to look at our website www.wenhastongreen.org for other information. Janice Claxton

Our Second Give and Take Day

Help your pocket and the environment

Saturday May 22nd 10:00am - 2:00pm at Wenhaston Village Hall

Bring along and recycle unwanted articles and pick up whatever you can use - all for FREE!

With refreshments and light lunches

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Invitation

On Thursday evenings between 6 and 7pm we have a sociable get-together, with a few hymns thrown in for good measure!

It's called "Choir Practise" and if you'd like to join us you would be very welcome at the Church (which is specially warmed up for us). Why not give it a try? **Dorothy Franklin**

Wenhaston Sports Club

At our Annual Meeting the Club brought in some new faces to our committee and said goodbye to two valuable members, Trish Gower and John Clark. We thank them for all they've done over the years and we hope they will continue to support us as much as they can. Nick Coveney, Ollie Haward and Carla Bryan have joined the committee and bring the ever so important perspective of youth to the group.

Our multisport court will be re-painted in mid-May and will be out of action for a few days. However, the main tennis court is in great shape and will continue to be available. Once both courts have been re-surfaced we really will have an exceptional, extremely accessible, flood-lit recreational resource right in the heart of Wenhaston.

If you are not a member of the club and feel any slight inclination to get a bit more exercise, to meet a few more people, and/or to learn some tennis skills or sharpen the ones you have, please consider joining us. Just contact John Bainer, Club Secretary on 01986 875845 (email: thebainers@tiscali.co.uk).

The Club is in the process of planning a much improved Fun Day to be held during the summer. We hope to include not only our usual Barbecue Lunch and all-ages, all-abilities tennis tournament, but also a range of other sports and activities, with coaches available to help. Watch out for more details.

David Harrison



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Wenhaston WI April

We weren't exactly rolling in the aisle but it was a close run thing as we listened to Radio Suffolk's presenter, Mark Murphy. Mark's anecdotes on life on the air waves kept us chuckling for most of the evening. On a more serious vein he told us that he is running a campaign against litter. 'Don't be a Tosser, Take your rubbish home'. Hopefully people will take note, the road verges are national disgrace. He said that in one lay-by he picked up 14 plastic bottles filled with wee that lorry drivers had lobbed out of their cabs. Disgusting.

We welcomed two new members and several visitors to this lively meeting. Lots going on this month; Marro's pudding lunch, a pizza lunch at The Barn, an open meeting in Halesworth and a group meeting at our Hall.

With the help of Blythweb we shall be setting up our own website. Who says that the WI doesn't move with the times.

Next month we shall find out about the 'Benefits of Exercise'. A talk given by Marion Walker. *FJJ*

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Steaming Again

"The train moved off for its journey through the meadows and flower starred marshes; ...to the holiday passenger, the rocking carriage brought many unexpected sights of nature, which pressed closely on the railway. Brambles and honeysuckle brushed the windows, to give way near Wenhaston to vegetation indicative of moister conditions - willows, alders and reed-filled ditches". From "The Southwold Railway" by Alan Taylor and Eric Tonks.

Three small locomotives were provided for the opening of the Southwold Railway in 1879. The wheel arrangement of these was 2-4-0 with two carrying wheels at the front, then four driving wheels. No2 'Halesworth' and No3 'Blyth' soldiered on for the fifty years of the line's operation.

In a workshop in Southwold, stands the main-frame of a new 'No3 Blyth', constructed by a local firm in Aldeburgh, to be joined shortly by further parts. A timber pattern for one wheel has already been made by a local joiner, preparatory to casting at a Norfolk ironworks. Detailed drawings of the all-important boiler are almost complete.

How has this come about? The 2-4-0 Club is the answer. The list of parts required for the locomotive is priced in multiples of £240 (£120,000 in total). For £240, or multiples thereof, sponsors join the club and adopt a part and have a plaque suitably engraved, mounted in the cab of the locomotive. For details, see www.southwoldrailway.co.uk/240club/ Tim Heaps

Wenhaston Gardeners

On a chilly evening last May a group of members visited Henstead Exotic Garden. Despite the decidedly non-tropical weather we were suitably impressed. So we were keen to hear Andrew Brogan talk about his project and passion at the April meeting. In just ten years he has, with great vision and 50 tons of rock from Chesterfield, created a landscape filled with exotic but on the whole hardy plants. This last winter has separated the men from the boys in that department with a few losses. It is not a garden of pretty flowers - Andrew prefers 'bia leaves and fat canes', lush areenery where the occasional blooms shine out like iewels. We all gareed that a return in late summer would be worthwhile to see things at their best.

Well, now we head out into the countryside for our programme of summer visits starting on May 11th to Bedfield Hall. For further details please ring 01502 478815. And don't forget that the Show is in July this year. So, green fingers at the ready and good gardening, everyone. *Cherry Wilkinson*

www.wenhaston.net The Wenhaston Website



Footpath Walking

The morning walk on Tuesday 4th May will leave from Wenhaston Village Hall at 10am.

The all day walk on Tuesday 18th May will be led by Ian Denny round the historic town of Hoxne. Meet at 10am at the Swan Inn car park near the village green. Returning to the Swan for lunch.

For any other help contact Heather Phillips 01502 478545 HPP

Music Corner by Chris Dunn Sat 22nd May 7:30pm St Edmund's Church Southwold. Sacconi Quartet with Nathan Williamson (piano). Tickets £10 (incl. refreshments) from 01502 726171.

Local Services (More on page 9)

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Monumental Inscriptions

I am researching my husband's family history and having reached a bit of a brick wall am hoping for some help. My husband's grandparents, great grandparents and at least one great aunt (by marriage) are buried in St Peter's Churchyard, Wenhaston. I have got back to his 4xgreat grandfather who I believe was Robert Woolnough, he was born in Framlingham in December 1778, the base son of Sarah Woolnough, widow. I can find no trace of Sarah's marriage in Framlingham or any children born to her there before Robert, I am therefore guessing that she may have gone to Framlingham for work or to go into the poorhouse, I can find no other records for Sarah in Framlingham. Any help, advice or information would be greatly appreciated, I can be contacted on b.j.woolnough@btinternet.com . Barbara Woolnough

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