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Wenhaston Archive Project



*Detail from 'Wenhaston Run'
Collection of the late Alan Nolloth*

Wenhaston Archive Project are very pleased to announce that the new Village Scenes set of eight greetings cards are now available to

purchase. The cards are approximately postcard sized and are blank inside for you to write your own message or just use them as notelets. They come in sets of eight with a variety of old village scenes and are selling for just £6 including envelopes. We also have a few copies of the Wenhaston Archive Project DVD still available, featuring lots of photos of old Wenhaston and all set to some lovely music from Bridget Cousins and Syzewell Gap.

We have been very busy working on the next phase of the project; making recordings of local people who have lived in the village for a long while. These recordings will be available as podcasts from the website and will also be the basis of a new DVD next year. Full details will be announced in time for the 2009 Archive Exhibition which will be held at Wenhaston Village Hall on 28th and 29th March 2009.

We could always do with volunteers to help with various aspects of the Archive Project. If you would like to help with any aspect do get in touch with either Arthur Musk (01502 478266) or Tim Heaps (01502 478712). There is so much to do but it is really fascinating work and there is so much that we can achieve. You do not need any technical skills, just a strong interest in the history of our village and the people who live and work here.

Tim Heaps

Wenhaston Energy Support Group Energy Fair

Saturday 1st November 10:30am - 3:00pm.
Remember to come to your second Energy Fair in the Village Hall - for the launch of Wenhaston's own insulation and energy-efficiency funding project, and updates on other energy-saving technologies and funding opportunities.

You can make it a family lunch date too - with BBQ by Muck and Magic Organic Farm.

Don't miss the official opening at 10:30am by the Rt Hon. John Gummer MP.

Serena Inskip

Parish Council of Wenhaston with Mells Hamlet

Vacancy for a Councillor

1. There is a vacancy on the above Council following the death of Maurice Stammers.
2. A by-election to fill the vacancy will be held if ten electors for the parish give notice in writing claiming such an election to the Returning Officer not later than

6th November 2008

3. The Address of the Returning Officer is Council Offices, Melton Hill, Woodbridge, Suffolk IP12 1AU
4. If no such notice is given the Parish Council will fill the vacancy by co-option.

Dated: 20th October 2008.

Mrs M Pennock Clerk to Wenhaston with
Mells Hamlet Parish Council
Holly Cottage, Low Farm, Wenhaston,
Halesworth IP19 9EL

Jean Wilson



*Jean and Walter Wilson 1956
Photo supplied by T M Summerfield*

Jean Wilson, widow of Walter who died a year ago, passed away peacefully in Foxearth Nursing Home at Saxtead on 22nd September aged 71. She came to

the area in the early 1950s to work as a junior nurse at the Patrick Stead Hospital when it had 14 maternity beds and 16 or so beds on the general wards. She met Walter there when he was visiting his terminally ill mother and they were married in 1956 when Jean was just 17.

Like several other young couples they started married life in Church Terrace living at number 4 and it was here that their two boys were born. In 1964 they moved to the new bungalow, Stonecott, in St Michael's Way, that Walter had built himself.

When the boys started school Jean worked part-time as a nursing auxiliary at Blythburgh and District Hospital and later transferred to the sewing room there as a seamstress.

She worked until 1981 when the arthritis she was suffering from became worse. A series of operations to the joints in nearly all parts of her body followed and she became more immobile, but for a time she was able to continue with her hobbies of embroidery and painting in watercolours. In spite of the great difficulty she had using her hands that the disease had deformed she produced some exquisite samples of her talents. For a time she was able to enjoy feeling her way around a computer and produced Christmas cards for a couple of years, but it was not long before it became impossible for her to use this.

Last year she had the lower half of one leg amputated and had to go into full-time nursing care 18 months ago as Walter was no longer able to continue with the devoted care, love and attention she had from him over the years.

Many of her friends will remember her cheerfulness in adversity as she seldom complained. Private cremation took place in Norwich on October 2nd and her ashes will be interred in her husband's grave in Wenhaston cemetery later. **Derek Newby**

Wenhaston W.I. October Report

We welcomed several guests and visitors to our October meeting along with our speaker Caroline Meigh and her illustrated talk entitled 'Women and Art : from Eve to Madonna'. This interesting talk in part explored how the lives of women over the centuries, and their place in society, have been shaped by the perceptions of Eve and the Madonna. These perceptions have usually meant repression of women; this situation only comparatively recently changing for the better, and then only in some cultures. The WI itself strives to improve the lot of women, both in the UK and abroad, in so many ways, and for this is a laudable organisation.

Members voted to celebrate Wenhaston WI's 90th birthday in 2009 with a boat trip and meal.

We next meet on Wednesday November 5th, at 7:30pm in Wenhaston Village Hall, when we will hold our Annual Meeting. At this meeting our next President and Committee will be elected.

Before that Wenhaston WI will be sending teams to the village Church Quiz event in October - Good Luck ladies!

Eileen Heaps

Wenhaston Word Deadline Dates

18th November 2008 - December 2008 issue

16th December 2008 - January 2009 issue

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News from the Bus Shelter

It's amazing what you can actually do in a short space of time! The other morning I caught the 09:09 bus into Halesworth - had a check up at the dentist, collected some library books, did some shopping in the Thoroughfare before catching the 10:03 bus back from Saxons Way arriving back home before 10:30. I don't think that I could have done better by car for timing or cost.

The new times for the 601 seem to have been a success and it's good to see more people catching the bus with the confidence that it will get them to their destination on time. Copies of the latest edition of the local bus guide for the area are available free from the Post Office.

Michael Gasper
Transport Officer, Wenhaston Parish Council

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You can play your part to improve road safety by reporting speeding motorists, as well as defects such as potholes, blocked drains, missing or obscured road signs.

Contact your area Safer Neighbourhood Team on 01473 613 500, or visit www.suffolk.police.uk. Report road defects to Customer Service Direct on 0845 404050 or www.csduk.com. For more information about SID and road safety, visit www.suffolkroadsafe.net.

Bianca Keeble, Suffolk County Council Community Safety Unit

RBL Wenham and District Branch

AGM Meeting opened with Exhortation and in our silence Chairman asked us to remember the seven valued members that had passed away during the year.

Minutes were read. No matters arising.

Election of Officers:

President Mrs Marjorie Onyett

Chairman Mr Derek Doy

Vice Chairman Mr John Levy

Treasurer Mr Mick Nichols

Secretary Mrs Sue Doy

Standard Bearer Mr John Levy

Branch Meeting carried on from here.

Treasurers report, we received £338.00 from two funeral donations. Benevolent fund stands at £1,143.00. Branch general fund £ 517.00. The subs are £12.00 now due. Please let Mick Nichols have as soon as possible.

The Village Hall rep gave us an update of the meeting he attended.

Our vote for Eastern Area Rep was Mr John Crisford from Norfolk.

The County Conference is Saturday 17th January at 1:30pm Needham Market.

Members are attending the Leiston Festival of Remembrance Concert Wednesday 5th November 7:30pm tickets £3.00.

Congratulations to our Standard Bearer, John Levy, who came first again in the County Standard Bearers Competition in September.

Our Poppy Appeal Quiz is at Wenham Village Hall on Wednesday 12th November 7:00pm for 7:30pm. Teams of four £12.00 a team including tea and biscuits. Branch Members were asked to bring a raffle prize please.

The Remembrance Service Sunday 9th November at the War Memorial 10:30am. Ivan Ashfield will lay the wreath for the Branch. The Silence will be observed in the village on Tuesday 11th of November. In attendance will be the Standard Bearer and Chairman.

The G Group meeting will be on Monday 17th November 7:30pm in the Church Room, Wenham. Next Branch Meeting Monday 10th November 7:30pm Star Inn. **Sue Doy**

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Wenhaston with Mells Hamlet Parish Council

Suffolk County Council School Organisation Review. County Cllr. Leighton informed the Council that a meeting is to be held in Wenhaston School on 11th November when information will be given to how the changes will affect the Children in Wenhaston.

A letter was sent to the Boundary Committee expressing the views of Wenhaston Parish Council. It was felt that "One Suffolk" would have the best chance of saving money for Parishioners. Also Lowestoft to be kept in Suffolk.

Anyone interested in having a small Bus Shelter opposite Green Blades, please write to the Council c/o the Clerk. Letters may be left in the pockets marked Parish Council in the foyer of the Village Hall, or equally if you object letters may also be sent.

Planning permission has been granted by SCDC for construction of 23 holiday homes at Halesworth Golf Club.

A vacancy for a Parish Councillor has been advertised after the sad death of Maurice who will be sadly missed.

Mary Pennock, Clerk

<http://archive.wenhaston.net>

The Wenhaston Archive Project Website



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St. Peter's Church Services for November

2nd 8:00am Holy Communion
9th Remembrance Sunday 10:50am at the
War Memorial followed by Service in Church
16th 9:30am Parish Communion
23rd 6:30pm Evensong
30th Team Service. Venue and time to be
announced.

St Peter's Church News

The "Brains of Wenhashton" were certainly present at the Quiz Night organised by the Church on Thursday 16th October in the Village Hall! The atmosphere was tense as the twenty teams battled with the ten rounds of questions set by our popular Quiz Master Philip Anderson. The subjects covered ranged from Political to Biblical to Musicals etc. etc. giving everyone a chance to participate. At the end of a taxing two hours the winners were St. Peter's PCC closely followed by the WI Jammy Dodgers with the Gardeners Club in third place. Altogether an enjoyable evening and our thanks go to all the teams for supporting this event. We look forward to seeing you all again in 2009!

Our Harvest Celebrations were very successful and both the Service at St. Peter's and the Harvest Supper in the Village Hall were very well supported. The children from the School came for their Service bringing an amazing selection of produce which was auctioned, the money going to EACH (East Anglian Children's Hospice).

In November we have our Autumn Fair on Saturday 15th in the Village Hall between 11:30am and 2:30pm. We shall be serving a choice of hot meals followed by our popular desserts. Do come and have Lunch with us!

Flying the Flag

Saturday 20th September to Celebrate the Diamond Wedding of Bob and Biddy Muller on Wednesday 17th September.

Margaret Goldstone, Churchwarden

DIARY DATES

6th December 2:00pm Christmas Bazaar
Wenhashton Village Hall

For events in the local area go to
www.blythweb.net/calendar/

SHCT Sponsored Cycle Ride

Many thanks to Anita and Hilda who visited the churches in Halesworth and then walked home to Wenhashton calling at Holton and Blyford on the way, and raising £139 for SHCT and Wenhashton Church. Thanks also go to the stewards who manned the Church from 10:00am to 6:00pm, and of course to the kind sponsors. ***Margaret Bloomfield***

Christian Aid

Thank you, on behalf of the Halesworth Christian Aid Group, to all who contributed to the Wenhashton Harvest Supper donation of £162. Once again, a splendid contribution from the Village!

Chris Dunn
(Local C.A. Treasurer)

Music Corner by Chris Dunn

Sunday 16th November at 3.00pm. New Cut Arts Centre. The Hoffmeister Ensemble, Music for String Trio and Flute by Haydn, Mozart and Beethoven. Tickets: £7 from Box Office, Tel. 0845 673 2123 / www.newcut.org

Wenhashton Methodist Church

Services for November

Sunday Services at 10:30am
2nd Sue Liddell
9th 10:50am United Remembrance at
St. Peter's Rev'd John Sigsworth
16th Rev'd Robert Soanes
23rd Ian Cartwright
30th Rosemary Remy Advent

Tuesday Meetings at 2:30pm
4th Women's Fellowship Rev'd Joan Evans
11th Bible Study
18th Women's Fellowship Mary Read
25th Bible Study

Saturday 1st 10:00am - 11:30am
"Pray a While" on a come and go basis for
prayer and meditation.

All welcome at any event

“Star of Wenhaston”

Over 200 people joined the family for the funeral Service at St. Peter's on October 3 for Maurice George Stammers who died peacefully at the age of 81 in the Patrick Stead Hospital on September 24 after a long battle with illness.

At Maurice's request the Service was lead by The Rev'd Anna Wright. Grand-daughter Melanie read a poem she had written entitled "Our Grandad". The Reading of 1 Corinthians chapter 13 was by Ina Gray. The hymns The Day Thou Gavest, The Old Rugged Cross and Lord of all Hopefulness were sung. The cortege approached the Church to the strains of "Autumn Leaves" by Paolo Nutini chosen by Craig and the drawing of a lawnmower was by Rachael and appropriately displayed on the front of the order of Service sheets.

Son Trevor gave a resume of his life saying that he was born at Sibton one of eleven children, 6 boys and 5 girls. He left school when he was 14 and started work as dairyman and milkman at Thorington and Darsham. When old enough to drive he worked for Keens of Saxmundham, lorry driving and concreting runways. He did National Service with the Royal Engineers and by chance met up with his brother Jack in Jerusalem when they were both serving in Palestine.

After the war he and Jack were driving lorries for T & J Kidner when the firm was seeking volunteers to do milk collections between Stranraer, Scotland and Larne, Northern Ireland. They were both lodging in Larne and it was here that he met Mary and they were married in 1953. They moved to their bungalow in Wenhaston during their first year and lived there ever since.

He and Jack worked for Unispeed (SPD) from 1970 until 1985 and then Maurice at Hammonds until retirement. Daughter Jeni recounted some amusing aspects of his life including domestic disasters and how he avoided having to do the things he didn't want to. Instead he found easier ways for Mary to do them. He loved his chocolate and ice-cream.

In her address the Rev'd. Anna emphasized his qualities of physical hardness and strength of character needed to fulfil an astonishing amount of devotion to two vital parts of Wenhaston - the parish council and the village hall. He had held the demanding reins of the village hall management for 34 years and it was only a year ago that he gave up.

One of his most outstanding traits was his forthrightness. He welcomed the so-called incomers and she said that only yesterday one of these who had lived here for merely 20 years had said Maurice was one of the first people to befriend him and the most wonderful and helpful person he had ever met in Suffolk. He was truly a "star of Wenhaston".

Maurice was carried from his home and out of the Church by his sons and grandsons and left the Church to the music of O Sole Mio (Just one Cornetto).

He was buried in Wenhaston cemetery and all were invited to join the family afterwards for light refreshments in the Village Hall.

Derek Newby

Thanks

Mary Stammers and family would like to sincerely thank all who have been involved with the care of Maurice. The Carers and District Nurses who came to his home, everyone at Patrick Stead Hospital and at Cutlers Hill Surgery, with special thanks to Dr Paul Squires. Thanks also to all who sent letters and cards. Please accept this as the only but sincere acknowledgement.

Mothers' Union Report for November 2008

Pat Kemsley was in the Chair for our October meeting, and led us in prayer after we lustily sang 'For the Beauty of the Earth'. We heard that the Archdeaconry event at Sibton in September had been very inspirational, and that as a result, the branch wished to support the Mothers' Union Literacy Project, whereby the money spent is used to train African women in literacy skills which they in turn pass on to other women, and even some men have now shown an interest in it. It was decided to hold a raffle for a basket of groceries at our December meeting, and the proceeds would be sent to help fund literacy training. Members are invited to bring along items for the basket at the November meeting, please.

Our speaker for the afternoon was Mr Martin Humphries, from TWAM (Tools with a Mission). The charity collects all sorts of tools - electrical, plumbing, car, sewing machines for instance, and sorts them at their warehouses, one of which is situated in Ipswich. They make up tool kits which are packed in Ipswich and transported to Uganda, Zambia, Kenya and

Rwanda where they are greatly appreciated and much used. They also work with other agencies, and therefore the tools end up all over the world. There are 200 collectors for TWAM countrywide, and last year 20 containers with 211 tons of goods were transported through Felixstowe (this would probably have ended up as land fill otherwise!). British Airways are very helpful in carrying some of the tools and offering free air freight.

The aims of the charity are threefold - to recycle as much as possible to benefit of the TWAM workers here to benefit of the recipients

It was agreed that this is another very worthwhile cause, and if anyone wishes to donate items, I have details of whom to contact.

Our next meeting is on November 12th at 2:30pm in the Church Room, and it will be a members afternoon - no speaker - we make our own fun!
Margaret Bloomfield

Local History Matters: 15

Public Houses

There were beer houses in most villages. Here one could have been at Sycamore Cottage. Under the carpet there is a trap door to a large cellar! In 1861 there was an Inn called David and Harp. No longer there, but is now Beech House at the top of Blyford Lane.

The Compasses had a mention in 1619. In 1745 it was called 'The Anchor' and owned by John Wakeman, who leased it to James Canham, a carpenter, and he changed the name to 'Carpenters Arms'. In 1839 it was still known by that name, but by 1844 it was 'The Compasses', perhaps due to the pub sign.

During the building of the House of Industry at Bulcamp, the Governors held their committee meetings at The Compasses. Good thinking!

In 2001 it was no longer a pub but a restaurant and bed and breakfast and in July 2003 it was called Green Blade and became a Christian Retreat.

The Star was built probably late 18th century and is now the only pub in the village. In 1644 Thomas Ambler, the priest of Wenhaston and William Raymond, priest of Blyford were accused among other charges, of frequenting the alehouse of Edmund Browne of Halesworth. This was the White Hart. Both priests were ejected from their churches.

The Queens Head at Blyford was shown on a map dated 1610. Known as 'Smugglers' Inn, it had its usual ghost story to keep enquiring minds at bay. In July 1988 the thatched roof was destroyed by fire, but quickly repaired.

Keith Johncline

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Commons Work Parties

Sunday 9th November 10:00am

Meet on top of pit opposite Wright's yard Blackheath. We will be removing bramble/bracken scrub from areas previously cleared, together with some further gorse clearance where heather exists underneath.

Tuesday 11th November 10:00am

Meet by poles on top of Mill Heath common.

Sunday 23rd November 10:00am

Meet at seat by Blackheath pond. Work will include removal of overgrown scrub surrounding the pond edge, raking cleared areas, and other scrub removal.

Jonathan Alder

Nature Notes

Horse Chestnut leaf mining Moth - Cameraria ohridella. From information obtained from the Royal Horticultural Society.

This Moth sometimes referred to as the 'Greek Moth' was first recorded in Wimbledon in 2002 and is now spreading throughout the Country. The tiny moth lays its eggs on the foliage where the caterpillars create broad elongate whitish-brown mines between the leaf veins. The leaves eventually turning brown and falling. The leaf miner over winters as pupae inside the mined leaves.

No chemical treatments are available for this leaf miner. Burning fallen horse chestnut leaves will destroy over wintering pupae, but this is only of value on isolated trees where most of the leaves can be gathered up. Garden compost heaps rarely get hot enough and this insect will not be killed by a cold winter. Not all horse chestnuts are susceptible to this pest. The common horse chestnut, *Aesculus hippocastanum* is very susceptible while *Aesculus turbinata* and some *Aesculus carnea* are moderately susceptible. Some *Aesculus* species appear to be resistant and of these *Aesculus indica* is closest in appearance to the common horse chestnut if a replacement tree is required.

Jenny Jeffrey
01502 478815

Wenhaston Gardeners AGM Report

The 2008 AGM on October 7th was attended by a disappointingly small number of people which was a shame as the business part of the evening was dealt with very expeditiously.

The Committee thanked June Tate, who was standing down after many years of sterling service, and presented her with a bouquet. Clive Curteis was welcomed as a new Committee member. Otherwise the Committee remains the same.

It was decided that the annual subscription for a couple would be raised to £6 but the single membership would stay at £3.

We were then entertained by our President, Ric Staines, on the subject of 'Holistic Gardening'. And what is that, I hear you cry! Well, it's a range of alternative growing systems designed to bring you and your garden into harmony.

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And don't forget the chickens - a 'chicken tractor' will manure and clean up your plot and give you eggs for breakfast as well!

And don't be afraid to talk to your plants - the closer the better.

All that energy, phew! I think a long hot soak in a lavender bath is called for. You don't have to be crazy to be a gardener but it sure helps...

Next month. We continue in the same vein with Karen Kenny speaking to us on 'The Magic Mysteries of Herbs'. That's on November 11th.

We also intend to have a Seed Swap - so bring along spare seeds that you have collected and see what you can get in exchange.

Cherry Wilkinson



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The morning walk on Tuesday 4th November leaves Wenhaston Village Hall at 10:00am.

The all day walk on Tuesday 18th November will be led by Heather Hammond and Ian Denney. Meet at 10:00am in the Ballygate car park behind Woolworths in Beccles, for a walk in the Barsham direction. Lunch will be at the Kings Head in Beccles.

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

Jumble Sale Result

Many thanks to all who helped in any way with the Jumble Sale. We raised over £500 for Church Funds, which was marvellous.

Margaret Bloomfield

Wenhaston Flower Club

Our Charity evening for St. Elizabeth Hospice on October 7th raised £392 which was a splendid result and we do thank everybody who came and supported the event. It was a very happy evening.

Jean and Hazel

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