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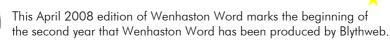


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Wenhaston Archive on DVD

You may receive this Wenhaston Word in time to go to the Archive Exhibition at Wenhaston Village Hall on 29th and 30th March, noon - 4:00pm.

There will be an Archive Slide Show DVD on sale there. This DVD features more than 200 images of the village and village life, all set to music from Bridget Cousins, Halesworth Community Choir and Syzewell Gap. It will be on sale for £10 at the Exhibition and afterwards will be available from Blythweb's office in The Street.

All profits from the DVD will go to help fund the continuing work of the Archive Project.

The Archive Project is ongoing, so if you do have any old photographs, documents, cine or video film that we can use please do get in touch with Arthur Musk, 01502 478266.

All new material will be added to the website (<u>http://archive.wenhaston.net/</u>) as soon as we upload it. At the time of writing there are already more than 750 images on the website!

Website for the Wenhaston Archive Project is <u>http://archive.wenhaston.net/index.php</u>



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Wenhaston with Mells Hamlet Parish Council

The Annual Parish Meeting is to be held in the Village Hall on 23rd April, from 7:00pm, to read last years minutes and have a cup of tea or coffee, and then the meeting to start at 7:30pm.

The Agenda includes reports by the following:-Commons Group, Energy Support Group, Village Hall Management Committee. Also to discuss the Horse Route and Neighbourhood Watch.

Please come along and have your say, it is your Village after all.

It is no good moaning about things that concern you about the Village when you have a chance at the Annual Parish Meeting to come and be heard and let the Parish Council take note of your grievances.

The Parish Council would like to be informed if anyone is interested in becoming a co-ordinator for the Neighbourhood Watch in your area. Please get in touch with the Clerk, Cllr. Wilkinson, or Mr Attfield. Correspondence may be left in the Parish Council pocket in the Village Hall.

As soon as the Parish Council have written confirmation about the use of land for allotments a meeting will be announced and Karen Kenny will come and give advice on how to set the allotments up.

Plans have been submitted to SCDC for the extension of the Cemetery.

The Parish Council have the following balances at the bank:-Current Account £426.18 High Interest Account £14,674.32

Total £15,100.50

The new bus service starts on the 7th April, so if you are over 60 get a bus pass and have a day out at Southwold or Lowestoft.

The Police have asked me to remind you to keep your cars locked even if they are parked in your own driveway.

Mary Pennock Clerk

Thank You

Following my accident on 26th February I owe a huge debt of thanks to Bernard for finding me that day, also to Carol and Kathleen. I don't remember much about that morning but hearing voices I knew was a great comfort.

On returning home from hospital I was overwhelmed by the amount of cards, flowers, and telephone messages all wishing me well.

Thank you Margaret and Jenny for the delicious meals.

To you all, my neighbours and friends, a very big thank you. Mrs Anita Graves

St. Peter's Church Services

April 6th 8:00am BCP Eucharist April 13th 9:30am Common Prayer Eucharist April 20th 9:30am Common Prayer Eucharist April 27th 6:30pm Evensong

Jumble Sale Results

Thank you to everyone who helped in any way to raise the magnificent sum of £584.24. This is the most we have ever raised, and when expenses have been deducted, we were able to add £520.44 to Church funds. Many thanks to you all. **Margaret Bloomfield**

Wenhaston Methodist Church

Sunday Services for April 6th 10:30am Julie Moore 13th 9:30am United Service at St. Peter's 20th 10:30am Rev'd Robin Searle HC 27th 10:30am Ian Cartwright 6:30pm Circuit Night Rev'd Barbara Garwood

Tuesday Meetings at 2.30 pm 1st Women's Fellowship Rev'd Joan Evans 8th Bible Study 15th No Meeting 22nd Bible Study 29th Healing Service

Saturday 5th 10:00am - 11:30 am "Pray a While" on a come and go basis for prayer and meditation All welcome at any meeting Please note: Deadline for May 2008 issue is 20th April 2008.

Mothers Union

At the Passiontide meeting, Lindsey Spendlove, who organises retreats and quiet days at Green Blade in Wenhaston, gave a meditation based on the Samaritan woman at the well. Though the story was familiar, Lindsey brought it to life for us and made us think anew about its meaning through her meditation and music. Ina Gray gave a vote of thanks.

The next prayer meeting will be on 1st April, venue to be decided. Theme 'Fools'.

On 12th April our annual fund raising event takes place in the Church Room. This year it's going to be 'Soup, sandwiches and shopping'. It takes place from 11:30am to 2:00pm in the Church Room when we will be serving soup and sandwiches and offering a Nearly New Stall, a Pantry stall and a raffle. We do hope lots of people will come along and join in the fun, the proceeds go towards MU projects such as holidays for those who would not otherwise have them, debt management, overseas aid and prison work.

The Church is serving teas on the Saturday of the Archive weekend, and Margaret Bloomfield would be grateful for any offers of cakes or help from 12noon to 4-5pm.

On 7th May the Tractor Run takes place. The Church is manning a number of stalls and would be grateful for support in filling them and helping on the day. We plan to start at about 1:00pm so that we are there when the tractors return. The stalls we plan to have are Bric-a-brac, books, cakes, tombola, plants, and hopefully a number of games. We shall also serve teas, and have booked a bouncy castle for the children.

If you can help in any way, please contact Margaret Goldstone, 01502 478378, or Margaret Bloomfield 01502 478502. Thank you. Margaret Bloomfield

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Thank you from June Lewis

I should like to express my warmest thanks to everyone for cards, letters and messages of good wishes following my recent accident. They were greatly appreciated.

What a lot of lovely, kind people live in Wenhaston! June Lewis

Wenhaston Parish Council

Annual Parish Meeting

Wenhaston Village Hall Wednesday 23rd April 7:00pm for 7:30pm

Please came along and have your say in matters that affect the Village

Teas and coffees available

Local History Matters: 11

Tradescants.



Wenhaston Village Sign. © Blythweb Ltd

Looking at the Village Sign one sees around the border some foliage. This represents the plant Tradescantia.

It is there as an indication of a connection with the famous Tradescants, John and his son also John, who toured the world bringing back plants to England.

They both were appointed at various times the King's Gardener. John had a large estate at Lambeth, where he exhibited these exotic plants.

There is, however, only a tenuous connection with our village. The Tradescants were indeed an important family in Wenhaston, living at Wenhaston Grange. A number became churchwardens.

In 1553 Richard was at The Grange while his brother Thomas was at Lampitts and it was Thomas who had a son, Thomas in 1552.

The family lived in our village for a few years and then later moved to Walberswick and he had a son - John.

So all we can really claim is that Wenhaston was the birthplace of John Tradescant's father.

Keith Johnceline

News from the Bus Shelter

It's 'all change' on the buses! From April 7th we are going to see a very different bus service in Wenhaston. The 521 will bypass Wenhaston, but the 601 service run by Anglian Coaches will run from Halesworth–Wenhaston–Southwold–Lowestoft and back – six days a week – hourly! A copy of the new timetable is enclosed. The increased frequency of buses will be a great improvement for most people. Buses will still call at the station when trains are due and the new service will run a bit later in the day. Why not leave the car at home, save yourself money and help reduce Wenhaston's carbon footprint at the same time!

Don't forget that the over 60's are eligible for bus passes. They go national from April 1st so download a form at <u>www.suffolkcoastal.gov.uk/helpingpeople</u> or ring Suffolk Coastal DC on 01394 444647.

Michael Gasper Transport Officer, Wenhaston Parish Council

WEA

You are welcome to join our Field Trip to Castle Acre. This interesting visit to a monastic settlement in Norfolk will take place on Friday 9th May. Coach will leave Village Hall at 10:00am. Cost £5 per person. For further information ring Kathleen Orme on 01502 478708

Youth Club

I am writing to express our thanks and appreciation for Arthur Musk who organised a disco in the Village Hall, half the proceeds of which went to the Youth Club. We rely entirely on voluntary contributions and the £152 raised will help us to continue hiring the hall on a fortnightly basis. Thanks also to Karen Delany, Lynn Cox and David Cox for their help with the organisation of this event.

Youth Club dates for April are: Friday 11th April and Friday 25th April. 6:30pm - 8:15pm at Village Hall.

> Richard Wakelin On behalf of the Youth Club

Wenhaston Gardeners Club

There's quite a lot to say this month so I shall try to do so without being too long-winded. First of all we welcomed back, for our March meeting, Matthew Tanton-Brown who gave us a lively talk on Ground Cover plants. Most of us have a place in the garden where we want less weeding, less watering and good coverage. There's pretty much a plant or plants for every situation from dainty cyclamen - if you own up to a leylandii hedge, they'll grow under it! through aromatic prostrate rosemary with all its pick-me-up qualities, to the hard working and 'man-proof' berberis. As always Matthew brought a huge selection of plants which were descended upon avidly at the end of the session

Coming Events

An evening visit to The Barn at Westleton on Tuesday May 13th at 6:00pm. Own transport. The day out to Glen Chantry and East Bergholt Place on Friday June 6th will cost £19pp. There are very few seats left at the time of writing, so check with June if you want to go. An afternoon visit to White House Farm, Ringsfield on Tuesday July 8th at 2:00pm. Cost £5.25pp. Own transport.

June has the lists and would like payment when you book, please.

The Show Schedules are now available from the Post Office or Jenny.

Now, our next meeting on April 8th is something rather special. Our speaker is Sarah Cook, formerly Head Gardener at Sissinghurst, but now back in her native Suffolk. As a child she visited the Hadleigh home of painter and plantsman, Cedric Morris, who lived there from 1940 til his death in 1982. In the garden that he created at Benton End he grew irises, many of which he bred himself. Sarah has given herself the task of trying to trace these 'lost' irises and to recreate the collection. Her talk, 'Cedric Morris and his Irises', will be, I'm sure, fascinating and something a bit different. 7:30pm start. Non- members very welcome. £2 entry. £1 for members.

Happy gardening.

Cherry Wilkinson.



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Energy Support Group – Insulation Day in March

The word's getting around! And the offers are still open. A good crowd dropped into the Hall last month and got what they needed, we hope - latest information on insulation grants and low-cost deals.

Teresa Howarth and Dee Hibble of Suffolk Energy Action Link (SEAL) advised on benefits and grants available, and showed examples of internal insulation for non-cavity walls. Over half who came immediately booked a survey by Aran Insulation who are working with power companies on this scheme. They have a choice of two materials - Rockwool (made of Irish rock) and Warmcell (recycled paper). The latter has low embodied energy (energy involved in production) and is good for lofts and timberframe walls, but not for solid walls where moisture could damage it. We have details of other materials available - all the way from sheepswool and hemp to fibreglass - but no special deals available at present.

If you're one of the 150 or so households (tenant or home-owning) who filled in Carbon Footprint questionnaires last summer and haven't yet applied for your money-and-energysaving, reduced carbon emission opportunity, you can now call lan Bowers of Aran on

Music Corner

Music at The Cut, Halesworth: Tickets from the Box Office 0845 673 2123 Book online on <u>www.newcut.org</u> Sunday 6th April 3:00pm, Young-Choon (pianist). Music by Scarlatti, Chopin, Beethoven etc, Tickets £12/£10.

Sunday 13th April 11:00am, The Delightful Companions. Music by Handel, Bach etc, Tickets £8 incl coffee and cake.

Thursday 17th April 2:30pm Solstice Quartet. Music by Haydn and Schubert, Tickets £8.

Chediston Parish Church. Sunday 13th April 3pm, Chediston Quartet "The Story of the String Quartet". A musical journey from Haydn to Shostokovitch. Tickets £7.50 (incl tea and cakes) from 01986 873328 / 875724. 01284 812520 for a no-obligation survey for either complete fit or a top-up of loft and/or cavity wall insulation. This would normally pay for itself in reduced energy bills in under five years. Conditions apply on grants. In bands A-C it's free for over 65's. Contact Teresa Howarth 01394 444206 for details.

Meter your own energy consumption Janice Claxton is lending out Suffolk Coastal's "ElectriSave" kit (very simple!) for making an instant assessment of how much electricity you use – and therefore how you can SAVE – with lighting, appliances or heating. To borrow, call Janice on 01502 478158. You may be amazed!

Solar Water Heating installations – If you didn't get to the presentation on 27th March, you can still get onto this bulk-buy initiative. For details call Janet Dillaway soon on 01502 478966 or e-mail janet.dillaway@btinternet.com.

Constitution – The Wenhaston Energy Support Group is now constituted with Chair: Janet Dillaway, Secretary: Janice Claxton, Treasurer: Elda Hobson. **Serena Inskip**

Blackheath Revisited

Regarding my unsigned letter in the February edition of Wenhaston Word and the subsequent meeting with Jill Daines and Michael Gasper, the outcome being more co-operation between us Heath dwellers and the Common workers. I don't think we shall ever see eye to eye, but it is appreciated.

With further regard to the letter published in the March issue of Wenhaston Word I am well aware that muntjacs and pheasants are not native, but introduced, however they are here.

People who give up their free time to manage the environment would probably be more appreciated putting their energies into saving a rainforest or a whale.

If nature intends that more trees grow, then so be it. **Heather Hammond**

Charity Walk for Breast Cancer

Yvonne Proctor lives in Wenhaston and is married to Mark, she has two teenage daughters and you will recognise her enjoying horse-riding around the village. She is challenging herself for the Moonwalk in London on May 17th by uniting with another 140,000 men and women to complete a moonlit marathon which starts and finishes in Hyde Park.

The Moonwalk is sponsored by Playtex whereby both men and women wear decorated bras to raise awareness for breast cancer. She aims to complete the 26 mile power walk in under six hours and hopes that every step she takes will make a difference. By taking on this challenge Yvonne plans to raise funds for cancer research and would appreciate your support by sponsoring her.

Facts: 1 in 8 women in the UK will experience some form of breast cancer in their lifetime and 35 women every day are diagnosed with breast cancer. Please contact Yvonne on 01502 478578 and offer your support and sponsorship. **Yvonne Proctor**

Tractor Road Run

4th May 2008 - 10th Anniversary A new route is planned and we will start and finish at Wenhaston by kind permission of Roger Desborough. The start will be signposted through the village. This year's two charities are Wenhaston Church and Southwold Hospital. The route will take in Dunwich, Minsmere, Eastbridge, Theberton and Middleton, with a stop at Westleton for lunch, then on to Darsham, Bramfield, Thorington and Wenhaston. There will be tractor pulling on return to field.

The ladies from the Church will be helping out with Bric-a-brac stalls, teas and a bouncy castle.

If you have any queries contact Arthur or Sheila on 01502 478266 or mobile 07733 252 583. Many thanks.

Arthur, Tim and Team.

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RBL Wenhaston and District Branch

The Annual Dinner was held at the Star Inn on Monday night. Very many thanks to Julie and Staff. Twelve members enjoyed a beautiful meal and good company.

On Thursday it was with great sadness we were informed of the passing of our dear friend and great RBL Chairman of our Branch, Nelson Wright. We send our deepest sympathy to wife Carol and family. You are in our thoughts and prayers.

Next meeting first Monday in month of April -April 7th 7:30pm Star Inn. **Sue Doy**



Jewellery Appeal

Thank you to everyone who has contributed unwanted and broken jewellery and watches to this Appeal (see March Wenhaston Word). By Easter five separate packages had been sent to Diabetes UK. A letter of thanks has been received and is on display in the door at Blythweb's office in The Street.

The Appeal will remain open for some months yet so please continue to bring items in to Blythweb's office. Thank you. *Eileen Heaps*

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

4th May Tractor Road Run. Wenhaston. 9th May Village Hall AGM 7:00pm. 31st May An evening with Charlie Haylock. Wenhaston Village Hall 7:30pm.

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The Children's Society

Many thanks to all who attended the Box Opening Coffee Morning in February, and to all who helped and/or donated items for sale. The splendid result of £808.33 was achieved – boxes held £586.27, and the Coffee Morning raised £222.06. Mollie Bunn was very sorry not to be able to attend, but she sends her thanks to everyone and her assurances that she will be there next year!

The Children's Society strives for a world where all children and young people are respected and valued, free from poverty, prejudice and harm. They seek to identify practical and innovative solutions to a range of serious issues that face young people today. The projects vary but include work with :-

• Young runaways, or homeless young people, helping reduce the risks they face and improving their quality of life.

• Deprived and isolated communities, helping youngsters to have a better environment in which to grow up in, and including them in the decision making and responsibilities.

• Schools – finding the cause of disruptive behaviour and helping overcome the problems

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while supporting teachers and parents and hopefully finding alternatives to exclusion.

• Children and Young people in the Public Care System, ensuring their rights are promoted and their voices heard.

If anyone reading this would like to have a box to collect coins (and notes!) for the Society, they are welcome to contact me (01502 478502) while Mollie is out of action.

Of the money collected

 \sim £5 would fund an Urban Survival Kit (shampoo, soap, flannel, toothbrush, underwear, socks, chocolate bar, coin for phone and gloves) for a young person on the streets.

 $\sim \pounds 25$ pays for a project worker to talk to a class of 30 children and to open the doors to the counselling available.

 \sim £70 will train 7 volunteers as mentors for young teenagers on remand, helping not only to keep them out of jail, but to face up to the consequences of their actions.

The Mothers' Union has supported the Children's Society for many years and we commend it to readers as a most worthy cause. Margaret Bloomfield

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(See item on page 12)

Wenhaston W.I. March 2008 Report

Plans are well under way for our annual Spring Fund Raising event which is to be held in the village hall on Saturday 19th April. The evening will have a French theme complete with wine tasting, a French buffet supper, desserts made by our members, musical entertainment, a hat competition and more!

Admission will be by ticket, costing £8.50, available from Wenhaston Post Office or the Country Kitchen delicatessen in Halesworth.

Each year we use this event to support the work of a local charity and so we were delighted to welcome Julie Kersey to our March meeting to learn more of the work undertaken on behalf of elderly residents in the County, by Age Concern:Suffolk. Although affiliated to the national Age Concern charity, the local organisation has its own Board of Trustees which makes all the major policy decisions in delivering a service aimed at the needs of elderly people often living in rural communities. We were interested to learn of the range of services on offer and keen to support initiatives that will benefit local people.

So do come along and join us for an enjoyable evening celebrating French culture and cuisine! *FJJ*

Commons Conservation

No conservation work parties in April. On Tuesday 22nd April Graham Peck will lead a plant survey in Wenhaston Churchyard 6:30pm - 8:00pm. **Commons Group**

Footpath Walking

The morning walk on Tuesday April 1st will leave from Wenhaston Village Hall at 10:00am.

The all day walk on Tuesday 15th April will be led by Heather Hammond and Ian Denny. Meet at Kings Head, Yoxford, at 10:00am where we will return for lunch after the walk round Yoxford.

For any other help contact Heather Phillips HPP 01502 478545

Wenhaston Commons What have we been up to?

A few people have expressed concerns to Wenhaston Parish Council over the regeneration works on Black Heath.

We would like to reassure you that the majority of work is now done and our vision is a mosaic of heather, new gorse, bramble, bracken, areas of grass and trees.

We are producing our 5 year plan which will be available to look at to all residents of Wenhaston, the Parish Council, Suffolk Coastal District Council (who has overall responsibility for the commons), Suffolk Wildlife Trust and Natural England before finalising it ready for the work parties recommencing in September.

Our Silver Studded Blue magazine will continue to be published twice a year delivered free to all residents with the 'Wenhaston Word' giving information on commons management and local flora and fauna. Our work will be incorporated in the Parish Plan.

On Black Heath we have had heaps removed (re-instating one track at the same time), noted the location of some paths which residents would like reopened, supported the re-instatement of one track and agreed a way forward for the area on the south side of the heath.

At the Annual Parish Meeting on Wednesday April 23rd, Wenhaston Commons Group will give a report and answer any questions and the Parish Council will address the issue of tracks, the Horse Route on Black Heath and commons bye-laws.

We are planning an event later in the year to celebrate our commons.

Do feel free to contact us about any aspects relating to the commons any time – contact details are in the 'Silver Studded Blue' newsletter.

May we all continue to enjoy the commons of Wenhaston.

Jill Daines and Michael Gasper Wenhaston Commons Group

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Good response to village cricket field plan

A large number of people from the village attended the meeting (March 6) to discuss the offer by Jack Ellis and Heather Phillips to donate a field for a village cricket ground. They heard more details of the proposed location of the ground and the potential costs if the project goes ahead.

Two clubs – Wenhaston Wanderers and Halesworth Pumas (whose membership includes a large number of Wenhaston players) – declared a strong interest in playing at the new ground and working together on the project. Roger Desborough, who currently farms the field, voiced concern about the maintenance of the existing sports facilities and the ability of the cricket clubs to take on further work. As a result it was agreed that the two teams should get together with the Sports Club and put up an action plan to the Parish Council before calling another meeting.

If the plan gets the go ahead, it is hoped that fund raising will begin in the summer and work on the field and square will start next spring with the prospect of the first game of cricket being played in the summer of 2010.

Cricket net practice:

Wenhaston Wanderers will start cricket net practice on Tuesday May 6 at 6:15pm (and every following Tuesday). Everyone is welcome, especially young players.

There will be a work party on Saturday April 26 at 10:30am to prepare the nets for the season. If you can spare an hour or so to help, please come along

or contact Bob Cattell, 01502 478495, for further information.

Bob Cattell

Preventative Planting to Deter Unwelcome Visitors

Have you ever thought that while improving your garden you could be making your property a little safer with plants that are unfriendly to intruders and burglars?

There are various hedging plants and shrubs that have defensive systems and will form dense and thorny barriers which will help to protect your property if grown along boundaries, near windows or against walls and fences. Hedges are particularly useful in protecting the boundary of your garden.

Burglars particularly dislike prickly plants and an accidental brush with a thorn may leave DNA and fragments at the scene of the crime.

Native species that are most suitable and help biodiversity include: Beech, Blackthorn, Box Escallonia, Field maple Hawthorn, Hazel, Holly, Hornbeam Privet, Pyracantha, Yew. Mixed hedges containing some of these species can be designed to suit the location and create a strong boundary, creating shelter and security.

Thorny shrubs that can be used to form dense borders include:

- ✓ Barberry / Berberis species of various heights
- ✓ Firethorn / Pyracantha species with coloured berries
- ✓ Shrub rose / Rosa rugosa species with pink or white flowers and hips/fruit.
- ✓ Gorse / Genista hispanica
- ✓ Ornamental bramble / Rubus species

Shrubs which form dense thickets and growth include:

- ✓ Cotoneaster conspicuous 'Decorus' and other taller species
- ✓ Elaeagnus x ebbingei and E angustifolia
- ✓ Flowering currant /Ribes species
- ✓ Symphorcarpus chenaultii 'Hancock'
- ✓ Lonicera pileata
- ✓ Prunus laurocerasus

For advice on planting and fencing contact your District Planning Authority and / or Landscape Officer. For advice on hedging the Parish Council or Tree Warden may be able to help you.

For more crime prevention advice, contact your area Safer Neighbourhood Team via <u>www.safersuffolk.org.uk</u>, call Suffolk Constabulary on 01473 613500, or ask Neighbourhood Watch via <u>www.suffolk.police.uk</u>. (See also item on page 9) **Community Safety Manager Suffolk County Council**

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