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Wenhaston Word - Announcement

We at the Wenhaston Word have received quite a number of letters in response to two of the letters published in the March issue. What has surprised us is not just the volume of the responses, but also the level of aggression that has been directed towards ourselves personally as well as to the Word. This negativity has given us cause to consider whether we have the will to continue publishing Wenhaston Word and have decided that this is our last issue.

From the outset, when asked to include items about a subject, we have made it clear that we will print what others write - we are not journalists! We have always strived to produce a monthly publication honestly and of good standard - something of which we can be proud. Any notions of perceived meddling with the Wenhaston Word content for devious and manipulative reasons are unfounded and indeed are most upsetting.

Financially we have been very grateful for the donations that have come to us from local individuals. These, together with the revenue from advertising has just about covered the actual costs most months. When there is a shortfall we make this up ourselves. However, we are aware that over time the amount of Blythweb input required has been increasing. Production of every Wenhaston Word takes about a week of Becky's time and several days of Eileen's time. This represents a substantial cost to Blythweb and is also taking key staff away from our core business.

We wholeheartedly thank our advertisers for their support over the last five years, for all the club and organisation news and reports, for the factual contributions concerning local history, flora, and fauna, and to everyone who has taken the trouble to contribute. Our most heartfelt thanks go to the two dozen individuals in Wenhaston, Mells and Thorington who have been loyal Wenhaston Word distributors, most for many years.

Thank you all.

Eileen, Tim and Becky.

Grand Jumble Sale

Saturday 31st March
Village Hall 2pm

Cakes • Raffle • Refreshments
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Jumble • Good-as-new

In aid of St Peter's Church funds

Jubilee Fundraising

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7pm - midnight
Tickets £10

from the Star / Post Office / Blythweb
Enquiries: Dave 01502 478668 or Arthur 01502 478 266
Proceeds to Wenhaston Charities and Football Club



New!

Heathside Stores opens 2nd April - see page 3



Gold Knobs

All is revealed!!!

You may have noticed as you pass by the church gates in The Street, that every so often they magically have their knobs re-painted gold. You may (or probably may not!!) have noticed that these gates are swept now and again, the railings washed, and the snowdrops, and daffodils watched over. I can now reveal that it is I who carries out these modest tasks!!

A thought has come to me that there are many young, thrusting people in the village preparing, as I write to do all sorts of wonderful things for the Jubilee. I know that to re-wire the light above these gates would be horribly expensive, as we did think about it some years ago. But how about a solar cell, and lamp placed within the glass that is there at present? I know that quite a few of these are made now. I feel that these gates are the pretty way into the Church, and it would be nice to see them illuminated again.

I am... The Old Gold Knob Painter Of
Wenhaston Green.

Colin Hooper

Blood Donor Session

Wenhaston Village Hall 24th April

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Jubilee Fundraising

Music Evening

Friday 18 May

**at the Methodist Chapel
featuring local performers**

All Welcome

Jubilee Day 4th June Parade!

Come and take part.

Helpers also needed.

Contact Arthur 01502 478 266

Local History Matters: 37

St Margaret's Chapel

The earliest building still standing in the parish is St Margaret's Chapel. It is over 900 years old. Built around 1104 it is a Norman Chapel of flint rubble. Attempts were made to establish it as a parish church, but this was denied them as it did not possess a burial ground and therefore was always subordinate to St Peter's, Wenhampton. An edict of 1150 confirmed this, but the dispute rumbled on as in 1217 the whole problem was referred to Pope Honorius III no less. The Pope allowed the Lord of the Manor of Mells to be buried other than at Wenhampton, but the Rector had to swear fidelity to Wenhampton. In 1285 another abortive attempt was made.

In the 14th century the Manor passed up to Mettingham College, but the chapel fell into disuse and was abandoned around 1465 and in a map of 1783 was recorded as a ruin. However in 1493 a landowner in Mells became a landowner in Bramfield and to that time inhabitants of Mells paid half their tithes to Bramfield, but this landowner decided to pay the whole to Bramfield. Mettingham College objected and the case went to the courts. Sadly the man died during the case and then it went against the widow who had to pay the tithe to Bramfield but had to agree to attend the service there every Sunday!

Keith Johnceline

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 ☆ **Heathside Stores** ☆
 ☆ **Blackheath Road** ☆
 ☆ **01502 478747** ☆
 ☆ **will be opening on** ☆
 ☆ **Monday 2nd April at 10:00am** ☆
 ☆ **All welcome for** ☆
 ☆ **Cupcakes and Coffee** ☆
 ☆ ***The shop is available for everyone*** ☆
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See page 5 for more events

Wenhaston WEA
Annual General Meeting
Friday 13th April at 10:30am
 Wenhaston Village Hall
 All Welcome
 Secretary: Kathleen Orme 01502 478708
 (new Secretary needed - please see p.4)

Parkinson's UK
Coffee Morning
 Wenhaston Church Room
Wednesday 11th April
10am - 12 noon
 • Stalls • Raffle •

Everyone is warmly invited to
Coffee Morning

Saturday 14th April
 at Plovers, Chapel Lane, Wenhaston
10am - 12noon
Bring & Buy Stall and Raffle
in aid of Motor Neurone Disease



Book Signing at Halesworth Bookshop

42 Thoroughfare, Halesworth IP19 8AR

Saturday 7th April

11am ~ 1pm

(Author talk with Sita Brahmachari at 11:30am)

‘Jasmine Skies’ Book Signing

Jasmine Skies published by Macmillan (March 29th) is a story about identity, family history and the enduring power of memory and love.

From the author of The Waterstones Children’s Book Award winning novel ‘Artichoke Hearts’ 2011 comes a second novel. Fourteen year old Mira Levenson travels to India to meet her family and is swept into a sweltering chaotic world, full of new experiences. *Jasmine Skies* is a rites of passage journey that we will all remember - the first time when you step out the family cocoon into a much wider world...

Suitable for readers of any age (from 12 +) with a spirit of adventure and a yearning for heat!

Wenhaston WEA

Wenhaston WEA offers two 10-week courses a year, on Friday mornings at the village hall.

Each course is carefully chosen to be of interest and is given by a competent tutor who wishes that you truly enjoy the subject. You are always welcome to come along to the first week of a course at no charge, to judge if that course is of interest to you. The next course starts in September and is open to all.

We wholeheartedly thank Kathleen Orme for being our secretary for the last eight years. Kathleen, thank you, you've been great. Kathleen now wishes to step aside and so we are seeking a new secretary. If you would like to be involved with this successful and friendly branch of the national Workers' Educational Association please do get in touch.

Our AGM will take place at the village hall on Friday 13 April at 10:30am. All Welcome.

Eileen Heaps, 01502 478368, Chairman

See advert on page 3

Mothers' Union

As I write this, we are looking forward to the Revd. Bill Mahood's 'Thoughts for Lent' at our March Meeting. At the April Meeting on 11th, Alison Alder will speak on 'Morals and the modern teenager'. Should be interesting! Anyone is welcome to attend at 2:30pm in the Church Room. Also at this meeting we shall have the raffle for a hamper, the proceeds going to 'Make a Mother's Day'. The money is spent buying goods and services which will help a family in the third world, so is a very worthwhile thing to do, and can be in memory of one's own mother.

On 30th April, Wenhaston will host a training day for MU officers in the Church Room 9:30am to 3pm. It is open to anyone interested, and especially prospective members. It should be a fun day as well as having a serious side.

Margaret Bloomfield

St. Peter's Church - April

- 1 Palm Sunday. No service.
10:30am Halesworth
- 8 Easter Sunday
9:30am Parish Communion
- 15 9:30am Parish Communion (with Baptism)
- 22 (No Service. We join the Methodists)
- 29 9:30am Team Service
- 29 6:30pm Evensong (followed by APCM)

Methodist Church - April

- 1 10:30am Ina Gray
- 8 10:30am Rev'd R Soanes S Easter Day
- 15 10:30am Rev'd Jane Taylor U S
- 22 10:30am Gordon Fray
- 29 10:30am Gladys Sexton

Friday 6th 9:30am Good Friday Meditation
Rev'd Robert Soanes

Saturday 7th 9:30am-11am "Pray Awhile" on a come and go basis for prayer and meditation.

Tuesday Meetings at 2:30pm

- 3 WF Kelsale Rally
- 10 Bible Study
- 17 Women's Fellowship Spring Mtg
- 24 Bible Study

Jubilee Fundraising

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.

Footpath Walking

The morning walk on Tuesday 3rd April will leave from Wenhaston Village Hall at 10am.

The longer walk on Tuesday 17th April will be led by Heather Hammond. Meet at Huntingfield Arms to book lunch before the start of a 10am walk.

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

Concert

in aid of Wenhaston Village Hall

Suffolk Constabulary



Male Voice Choir

Wenhaston Village Hall
7:30pm Saturday 28th April

Tickets £6.00

(includes tea, coffee and biscuits)

Tickets from Post Office, Blythweb
and Star Public House

Male Voice Choir Concert

Formed in 1968 the Suffolk Constabulary Male Voice Choir has acquired a reputation for providing a wide range of musical entertainment to a variety of audiences. Over the years many concerts have been given throughout Suffolk and beyond raising money for many good causes. Invitations from abroad have led to concerts in the Netherlands, Germany and Sweden. Two years ago the Choir gave a very successful concert in Wenhamston. They are returning this month to give another in aid of Village Hall funds. They will be most warmly welcomed.

Bernard Orme



Mums and Babies / Tots

Starting Monday 23rd April
1:30pm to 3pm

at Wenhamston Pre-School

"come along and play"

Sarah 07565 657 561



Wenhaston Commons Group AGM

will be held on

Tuesday April 17 in the Village Hall
6:30 - 9:30pm. All welcome.

Our 10 Year Management Plan for
Black Heath, Bickers Heath and Mill Heath
is now available for comment.
See notice boards for details.

Wenhaston Energy Support Group ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING



Wednesday May 9th
7pm Church Room

Short business meeting followed by
Open Discussion and Refreshments

SAVE ENERGY – SAVE CASH

WENHASTON VILLAGE HALL ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING WILL BE HELD IN THE VILLAGE HALL ON TUESDAY 8 MAY 2012 AT 7:30PM ALL ARE WELCOME TO THIS OPEN MEETING

Nominations are invited for the 3 residents to serve as Village Representatives on the Management Committee. Election of the 3 Village Representatives will take place at the AGM.

Nominations for these positions are to be received in writing by the Village Hall Secretary [Richard Tucker, Erica, The Street] to arrive no later than Monday 7th May.

The Management Committee will, therefore, be looking to fill these positions from its membership at its first meeting after the AGM.

Richard Tucker,
Village Hall Secretary

Letters Received

Eagle-eyed readers will note that this issue of Wenhaston Word is 16 pages rather than the usual 12 pages, the additional cost of which is being borne by Blythweb Ltd. Extra pages are necessary to accommodate some of the letters we have received, on a first-come first-served basis. (Pages 6 to 10). These letters are not in chronological order but are placed to fit the page. Please note that as this is our last issue no further items for publication can be accepted. WW

Wenhaston Village Hall

an open letter from the Village Hall Executive Committee in response to Mr. Borrett's letter published in the March edition of the Word

Members of the Village Hall Executive Committee are most concerned that Mr Borrett's letter may have misled and misinformed readers of the Word. This open letter is written to clarify what changes have been made to the main hall and, more importantly, why they have been made.

Despite views to the contrary, the Village Hall Executive Committee does recognise the value and importance of many of the original pictures and citations hung in the main hall. As the main hall has been redecorated over the past two years, the opportunity has been taken to clean and restore the picture of Mr. de Segundo, the Rolls of Honour and the picture of Peter Wright VC together with the citation. These have now been rehung in the Maurice Stammers Community Room. Here they can be properly viewed, read and appreciated by all users of and visitors to the Village Hall. The cleaning and restoration has been professionally done at no cost to the Village. Many people, particularly young people, can now see them properly for the first time.

The Hall, of course, has to pay its way and to this end has to appeal to a wide variety of potential hirers from inside and outside the Village. It is for this reason that the Management Committee comprising group and village representatives, took the decision to change the décor. Without such changes, there was a danger that the number of bookings would continue to fall to a level such that the costs of keeping the hall open would not be met.

Members of the Executive Committee believe that the re-decorated Hall with its new prints and pictures is attractive whilst still keeping its distinctive Wenhampton links. Indeed, it has been reported at meetings of the Management Committee that hall users have been positive and complimentary about the changes.

It is important to remember, recognise and honour those who have served their country and the community that is Wenhampton. It is equally important to acknowledge that a small band of residents currently give of their time and skills to ensure that the village hall remains open. Without their input and ideas the hall would cease to be available for the benefit of the many Wenhampton based groups. Unfortunately, misinformed criticism does little to encourage the continued involvement of these volunteers nor the recruitment of new ones.

If anyone has comments about how the village hall is or should be managed then it would be appreciated that these are directed, in the first instance, to the Management Committee.

Finally, it would be useful if anyone who knew Mr. de Segundo could write a short citation about him and his contribution to the development of the Village Hall. This could be framed and placed next to his picture thereby ensuring that Mr de Segundo's contribution is documented for all to read and preserved for future generations.

Wenhaston Village Hall Executive Committee

Letter To The Word

Who was Mr de Segundo was a question recently asked. Bertram de Segundo had not long retired to the village when it was decided that the old hut should be demolished and a committee was formed to raise funds for a replacement community hall. Mr de Segundo was elected chairman. It was because of his knowledge of the source of grants, his encouragement to us 'fieldworkers', his tact and diplomacy when personality clashes arose that monies were finally raised to build the hall that we enjoy today.

I think it is fair to say that without Mr de Segundo the project would never have got off the ground and the village hall as we know it today would not exist.

The village owes him a great debt and it seems only right and proper that his portrait (painted by Margot Noyes who then lived in Wenhaston) should have pride of place in the hall. Yes, we old Wenhastonians know that life moves on but please don't stamp on our memories.

Felicity Jelliff, Wenhaston

Unfair Bias? (Reply to letter in WW March edition)

How petty and small-minded to condemn a whole village for ignoring a dead cat on the side of the road. (See letter published in March)

I did not see the cat. However, had I done so I would not have picked it up and taken it home. If I had the misfortune to run over a cat, or a dog for that matter, I would endeavour to find its owner and failing that remove it from the highway or take it to a vet if badly injured.

Your correspondent lives in Norwich which I agree is a beautiful and vibrant city. However, I would challenge him/her to walk down Prince of Wales Road on a Friday or a Saturday night where he/she would find young people lying in the gutter, possibly covered in their own vomit, distinctly the worse for drink, sometimes violent, and offer to help. Is it indicative of the society in which we live that we care more for animals than for human beings? Perhaps your correspondent would help but I would not automatically condemn him if he/she did not.

March is obviously the month for knocking Wenhaston if we are to believe the tone of the letters published in the Wenhaston Word. Such bias is unfair and disheartening.

Yes, I am an 'incomer' and not ashamed to admit it. I have lived here four years and take an active part in village life. The whole point of choosing Wenhaston was because of the remarkable number of activities on offer, the wonderful heaths that enhance this landscape, and its closeness to the coast all of which we had researched on the village website before moving here. We have been overwhelmed by the friendship extended to us – a very different experience from the city life we had left behind.

Many of the organisations in this village owe their survival to so-called incomers. Volunteers are in short supply and without committees to run the groups many of these activities would founder.

If residents or visitors have misgivings or queries concerning village decisions surely it would be more courteous to contact the group concerned before rushing into print? We all want to see Wenhaston pull through these difficult times and survive and flourish in years to come but constant criticism and back-stabbing make it an uphill struggle for those volunteers who are trying to do their best for the village.

Ann Jones, Wenhaston

Dead Cats and Memorials

Dear Word,

I was saddened to read the letter in your last edition claiming that the residents of Wenhaston do not care for their pets as there is ample evidence to the contrary and it is regrettable that those wishing to remain anonymous should make such sweeping statements. It is probable that like myself the vast majority of people in Wenhaston never saw the cat and it is highly unlikely that it belonged to anyone living locally.

Referring to the pictures in the village hall I too have noticed that these have been changed but it should be remembered that very few if any mortals merit photographic immortalisation. One solution that might be considered to ensure that some people should not be forgotten might be the provision of an Honours Board as favoured in some towns and villages. In these cases the names of the Council Chairmen are recorded on such a board and perhaps one in Wenhaston Village Hall could have something similar to include Parish Council Chairmen and Chairmen of the Community Council or Village Hall Committee as the case may be. Over the years there are many people in addition to Mr De-Segundo whose input to the quality of life in the village deserve permanent recognition. James Roberts (already remembered), Heather Phillips, Maurice Stammers, Norman Hatcher, Tim Heaps, Mr & Mrs Holt, to name but a few during my 39 years here have all voluntarily given up their time to serve us well and there will be others as the years roll on. Perhaps the Parish Council will consider this suggestion.

Derek Newby, Back Road, Wenhaston

NB. WW wishes to clarify that the ex-Wenhaston resident writing from Norwich (referred to in the first paragraph above) supplied their full name and address to WW.

Letter For The Word

Dear Sir/Madam

I read with interest Christopher Borrett's letter. I too lived in Wenhaston for over 50 years. I had the pleasure of knowing and working with Peter Wright V.C when he left the army. Perhaps those responsible for removing his picture from the main hall should take the trouble to find out how he won the V.C. He was a very brave man.

I could relate to an incident of his bravery at Heath Farm after his demob concerning a very dangerous bull.

From Christopher's letter I understand the frames of the war dead have been removed. I would point out that without men of that calibre the world would be a different place.

Are they that easily forgotten?

As for the removal of Mr De-Segundo's picture those responsible do not realise the enormous task there was in raising the money to allow the village hall to be built. I would describe him as the grandfather of the village hall and his picture should have pride of place there.

Also I would like to see a picture of Mary Stammers beside Maurice, not many people know of her work behind the scenes.

I was on the management committee with Maurice so I know the halls history. I was also in the original team of fund raisers.

Yours faithfully

W.J Gibson (Billy), Holton

Letter For The Word

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am sure that many individuals, who live in Wenhaston and beyond, share my sorrow at the distress felt by two visitors who recently came to the village. Change is often challenging and death is difficult for the living.

The pictures, photographs and memorials in the village hall bear witness to our village's rich history, and it is a living history. I think the alterations are positive. I was pleased to see the change because it gave me opportunity to view the new works and also look out for the new hanging places of the older, established ones (surely there is a danger of failing to truly see things when they have been in the same place for such a long time?) These new additions offer the chance for the development and reflection of enquiry about individual and collective memories. However, this is not at the expense of older memories and remembrances. How could it be? Everyone has a place in history.

I wonder who once owned that lovely cat? I hope its death came quickly and without prolonged pain. It is a shame that it came to an end in that way and it is truly unfortunate that someone apparently made a flippant comment about its demise. However, as with all events and experiences in life perhaps we should not be too keen to generalise. There are many animal lovers in the village and this is evident not just from the wide assortment of adored pets but also by the active work to protect wildlife undertaken by the community.

I accept that as a relative newcomer to Wenhaston, I may not have a true grasp of the strength of feelings expressed by Mr Borrett and LJC for which I can only apologise. We moved in about 14 years ago and over these years we have made friends and acquaintances within the village and I never take that for granted. We have been supported through some changing times by many people and I would like to think that we have also been there for others too. Our family growth from two to six (it will be seven years ago this summer) has benefitted from the people of this village in ways that cannot be expressed in this letter alone. To share laughter, frustrations and concerns with fellow human beings is to be at the heart of a true community.

In some ways I am pleased that these letters of concern and complaint have caused such controversy here in the village. It means that people care and have an opinion. Apathy is the death of a community; we do not appear to be in the danger zone.

It is a pity that our two recent visitors are distressed, however, it is absolutely their prerogative to maintain these views and I hope, that in airing them, it has provided some opportunity for closure. On a wider perspective, having just reviewed the world news, how grateful we all should be for the freedom of speech and, in our community and beyond, the Wenhaston Word.

Shane Smeaton-Small
Hollydene, The Street
Wenhaston

In Praise Of Wenhaston

How often do we take the time out in our busy lives to reflect on the good things in life? Sadly probably not very often and even less do we put those thoughts in writing.

So belatedly, and with a sense of guilt for not doing it sooner, I make the following observations. Michael and I have lived in Wenhaston 14 years with close association and involvement for 10 years before that. We have always found it to be a very open, accepting, lively and welcoming village.

A place where new ideas can be tried, thoughts shared and new initiatives started. Groups come and go, planning permission for various developments causes great concern as has major clearance work on the commons. The pros and cons are debated in an open and lively manner and follow the due course of democracy.

There is a group of volunteers currently organising celebrations in the village for the Queens Diamond Jubilee. We have a lively, successful Primary School.

There are great things - some new and many old; the Wenhaston Word, Virginia and Carl at The Star, The Sports Club, the Energy Support Group with so many new ideas, the Commons Group expanding the work they do and with wider consultation, the Allotment Group, the Good Neighbour Scheme and First Responders. The Churches are always coming up with events to raise much needed funds but which also provide many great occasions as do the Women's Institute, Gardener's Club and Sports Club.

We have a Parish Council and Village Hall Management Committee with gradually changing members who share common values, bring new ideas and hold onto what's good even if it's old. We are also blessed with many talented creative people: artists, writers, musicians, flower-arrangers and organisers.

Wenhaston is a thriving, evolving, proactive and caring village. Long may it flourish.

*Jill Daines and Michael Gasper,
Wenhaston*

Wenhaston Gardeners Club

The knight in shining armour rode to the rescue at the 11th hour. Our advertised speaker having injured himself in a fall, Andrew Bailey from Blooms of Bressingham stepped in and for that we are extremely grateful. Andrew is a long serving member of staff at Blooms and has seen it grow from the nursery with mail order business that it once was to the swish emporium that it is today. His passion for plants started at a young age in his grandmother's garden and was evident in his enthusiastic descriptions of all the lovely examples he brought along to show us - from the fairly humble and familiar to the newer exotic and tender introductions. He has seen garden fashions change and customers' expectations become more exacting, hence the vast numbers of plants now grown under glass.

Judging by the crowd surging round the table at the end of the talk, I think some of that passion had rubbed off! Many were the wondrous specimens carried proudly home. But I have to say that our Club plant stall did pretty well too. So Wenhaston gardeners still have a keen eye for a bargain. Beg, steal and borrow could be the gardener's motto.....

If, like me, you have been peering into your pond and wishing more creatures would come and live in it, then our next meeting is for you. Hilary Reid will be speaking on The Wildlife Pond and that is on April 10th at 7:30pm.

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Wenhaston Grange

Sibton Abbey, the only Cistercian Abbey in Suffolk, was founded in 1150 and there were a number of outlying farms supplying it with dairy and other produce. One of them was Wenhaston Grange as the Abbey's Account Rolls includes a Bill of 1335 for 13 shillings and four pence for 'milk from 20 ewes at Wenhaston Grange'. It would appear the Grange was a sheep farm. Rent was being paid by tenants of £5.6s.8d in 1362, and by 1367 it had grown to £8.13s.4d.

By 1484 it would appear that the freehold had been sold as the Grange is missing from the Abbey's Rent Book. From an Estate Roll dated 1553 it seems that the owner was Richard Tradescant. The Tradescant family at that time was the second most wealthy family in Wenhaston and many were church wardens, see my previous notes on the family.

[see page 4 of the April 2008 Wenhaston Word www.wenhastonword.co.uk/pdf/April2008.pdf].

According to Eric Sandon's 'Suffolk Houses', the front of the house is of the Queen Anne period, built in 1702, but the core of the building is late 15th to early 16th century and the chimney has been dated 1550. In 1800 the property was purchased by John Dresser, later by Robert Sparrow and then Charles Day.

Keith Johnceline

Warning To Livestock Keepers

On the morning of the 23rd February, mayhem was occurring in the horse field down Church Lane. We discovered 2 dead hens and one very poorly one. At first we thought it may have been a fox but the signs were not characteristic and we were later informed by a witness, that a large yellow/golden dog was seen jumping around in the chicken run. My grandsons are devastated. These are pets and my 3 year old grandson was with me when the hens were found. The saddest part of this, is that the owners of the dog have not had the manners to attempt to apologise for their dog's behaviour. These hens were fenced in and not running loose. Maybe whoever you are should keep your dog on a lead until you are sure it is not going to destroy any other livestock!

Sue Welby

Wenhaston WI www.wenhastonwi.org.uk

'My talk is not about my life running a pub but rather how a pub is running my life.' Is how Virginia Chater introduced herself. She went on to tell us that neither she nor Carl Ernsting (her partner), had had any previous experience in running a pub and it has proved to be a steep learning curve.

Carl took us through the working of the cellar. Unfortunately for him the dray men arrive very early on Wednesday morning, however this does give him the opportunity to clean the pipes before opening time. A very important job. Beer is a living organism and if left in the pipes for too long it would go off thus tainting the beer. This is an expensive procedure as any beer left in the pipes has to be thrown away.

Virginia and Carl feel that running a pub is all

about giving a warm welcome, with a relaxed atmosphere and traditional values. In fact a proper village pub and they hope that they are achieving this.

Dilys told us that 36 knitted blankets had been set to Chernobyl, this is a record number. She thanked all the knitters and sewer uppers.

Our diners club are about to enjoy dinner at 'The Castle Inn' in Bungay and in April they will visit the Farm Shop in Marlesford. They certainly get about.

Marro's book clubs met up at the Wentworth in Aldeburgh for lunch. It was an interesting time as we discussed with fellow members what books we had enjoyed and those we hadn't. Next meeting: 'Mountain Gorillas and Island Dragons' by Felicity Jelliff. *FJJ*

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News from the Bus Shelter

It looks almost certain that an hourly daytime bus service between Halesworth and Southwold will be returning to Wenhamston from April 2.

Anglian Bus have been working hard to provide us with a service that will meet most peoples needs. It'll still be the 520 but will run hourly with more excursions to the station to drop off and pick up rail passengers to and from Ipswich.

Although last minute changes are still possible it appears that the 602 will continue to run from Halesworth to Lowestoft bypassing Southwold. Anglian's timetables are available at the Post Office; Suffolk County Council guides will take a little longer.

To retain this level of service we need to encourage as many people back onto the buses as possible. Perhaps the new timing will appeal to car drivers - fuel and parking costs have risen dramatically, so give the bus a try. If you're eligible for a bus pass - do apply - Suffolk County Council now processes applications.

Michael Gasper, Wenhamston Parish Transport Representative

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From 2 April 2012

M-F

Halesworth Saxons Way	07:12	08:15	10:15	11:15	12:15	13:15	14:15	15:15	16:15	17:15	18:15
<i>Train from Ipswich arrives</i>			<i>10:09</i>		<i>12:09</i>		<i>14:09</i>		<i>16:09</i>		<i>18:09</i>
Halesworth Rail Station		08:18	10:18		12:18		14:18		16:18		18:18
Wenhamston, The Street	07:26	08:29	10:29	11:29	12:29	13:29	14:29	15:29	16:29	17:29	R
Southwold, King's Head	07:42	08:45	10:45	11:45	12:45	13:45	14:45	15:45	16:45	17:45	R
Southwold, King's Head	09:00	10:00	11:00	12:00	13:00	14:00	15:00	16:00	17:10	17:50	
Wenhamston, The Street	09:16	10:16	11:16	12:16	13:16	14:16	15:16	16:16	17:26	18:06	
Halesworth Rail Station	09:27		11:27		13:27		15:27		17:37		
<i>Train to Ipswich departs</i>	<i>09:40</i>		<i>11:40</i>		<i>13:40</i>		<i>15:40</i>		<i>17:40</i>		
Halesworth Saxons Way	09:30	10:30	11:30	12:30	13:30	14:30	15:30	16:30	17:40	18:20	

News From The Church

Our Service to celebrate Easter will be a Eucharist in the church at 9:30am on Easter Sunday and we look forward to welcoming many friends and their families. Everyone is very welcome.

As in previous years we shall be holding a Lily Festival in the church during the Easter weekend from Easter Saturday onwards. If you would like to be part of this Festival by buying a lily or lilies in memory of loved ones we should be very pleased. The cost of the lilies is a minimum of £2.00 each. You will find the list for you to give details on the table just inside the church door. Please put the money in an envelope and place it in the wall box by the door. A book detailing the names etc of all those who have contributed will be displayed in the church during the Festival (any queries please phone either June Lewis 01502 478106 or Margaret Goldstone 01502 478378).

We shall be serving teas in the church on Easter Sunday from 2:30pm until 5pm. Please do come and join us and bring your family and friends. Last year the weather was so good that we were able to serve teas outside in the churchyard, lets hope that we can do the same this year!

Happy Easter to you all.

Margaret Goldstone, Churchwarden

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Richard Tucker from all the suggestions submitted by village groups and residents.

Last month's winners, drawn at The Star, were:

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