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Tim, Eileen and Becky wish a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all Wenhaston Word readers, advertisers, contributors and distributors - we couldn't do it without you!



Christmas Round-Up

- 2nd Christmas Emporium, Bramfield School
- 2nd Youth Club Christmas Disco
- 3rd Christmas Bazaar, Village Hall
- 3rd Christmas Lights Switch-On, Halesworth
- 6th Footpath Walk
- 13th Gardeners Club Meeting:
 Christmas Party, Village Hall
- 14th Mothers Union Meeting:
 Christmas Party, Church Room
- 16th Village Carol Service, St Peter's Church
- 18th Carols by Candlelight, Methodist Chapel
- 19th Carol Singing around the Village
- 20th Women's Fellowship Meeting:
 Carols, Methodist Chapel
- 24th Midnight Mass, St. Peter's Church
- 25th Family Service, Methodist Chapel



(details for all the above events can be found either in this issue or in November's Wenhaston Word)

Wenhaston Youth Club
CHRISTMAS DISCO

Friday, 2nd December 2011 7-9pm £1 entry
 Venue: Wenhaston Village Hall
 8-13 years only - non-members welcome

Tuck shop Fun Dancing



Wenhaston Village Hall

Christmas Bazaar

Saturday 3rd December
 2pm - 4pm

Santa's Grotto, Refreshments
 Festive Stalls, Grand Raffle
 All Welcome



Christmas Greetings

Happy Christmas to all our friends in Wenhaston and a peaceful, healthy New Year.



Barbara and Eddie Metcalfe

CHRISTMAS in HALESWORTH

- Saturday 3rd December
- Carol singing in the Thoroughfare
 - Steam Engine in the Market Place
 - The Southwold and Reydon Corps of Drums
 (starting from Rectory Street at 4:45pm)
 - Switch-on by Santa
 - Dickensian dress theme
 - Music, Carol singing, stalls and Santa's Grotto in the Market Place



for up-to-date event news visit www.halesworth.net

Christmas Greetings

*Greetings to Graham reading this online
in South Korea. Happy Christmas!
from T&E&M&A&Mum&John*

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Methodist Church - December

- 4 10:30am Rev'd Jane Taylor S
- 11 10:30am Ina Gray
- 18 4:00pm Carols by Candlelight
- 25 9:30am Rev Robert Soanes Family Service

Tuesday Meetings at 2:30pm

- 6 Women's Fellowship Mary Read
- 13 Bible Study
- 20 Women's Fellowship Carols and Tea
- 27 No Meeting

No Pray a While this month

St. Peter's Church - December

- 4 No service (9:30am Halesworth)
- 11 9:30am Parish Eucharist
- 18 9:30am Parish Eucharist
- 24 Christmas Eve 11:30pm Midnight Mass
- 25 No service (9:30am at Stone Chapel)

Special Ways To Remember People At Christmas

While many people look forward to Christmas, it can be a time of year that bereaved families dread. Here are some suggestions for ways that you may like to remember a special person at Christmas.

- Set aside a corner of your living room, hall or garden to be a special place for the memories of the person who has died. Maybe you could put a little Christmas tree on a shelf, next to a picture of the person who has died and a candle that can be lit. A chair nearby gives people a chance to take "time out" to think about this person. Younger members of the family can take presents to be opened in this corner.

- Take a Christmas wreath or special card to their grave, or to the resting place of the ashes. Alternatively hang a remembrance card on a memorial tree at Rosedale Funeral Home or in Diss Parish Church.

- Ask other people for their memories of the person who died and begin to compile their 'life story'. If family members are together for Christmas it would be a good opportunity to record these memories. You could include Christmas memories, for example:- 'what was the worst or best Christmas present they ever

gave you?' 'What was their favourite part of the day?'

- On the day itself, remind yourself: It's not going to be easy, BUT
 - ~ Tears are not a sign of weakness, but an indication of how special the relationship was
 - ~ I must go easy on myself, and others, and not put too many expectations on the day
 - ~ I will focus on happy memories, not on regrets of the past.

For anyone facing their first Christmas without a loved one, Rosedale has available a small booklet entitled "A not so Jolly Christmas" offering practical advice on reducing pressure, re-evaluating tradition and reliving memories. The booklet is available free of charge from Rosedale Funeral Home.

Over the Christmas and New Year period, funeral directors at Rosedale will be working day and night to ensure that the bereaved receive the same high level of service, providing families with a peaceful atmosphere for making funeral arrangements at the funeral home, or by visiting the bereaved in their own homes. For more information contact any branch of Rosedale Funeral Home or visit www.rosedalefuneralhome.co.uk.

Charlene Wenn

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12th December for January 2012 issue

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Christmas Communion Service

Christmas Eve at 11:30pm

St Peter's Church, Wenhamston

Please come and join us

Christmas Day

25th December at 9:30am

informal worship with the Methodists
at Stone Chapel

All Welcome



Wenhamston Post Office

All at Wenhamston P.O. would like to wish
everyone a Merry Christmas
and a Happy New Year.

*Our opening times are 9am - 1pm Mon-Fri
We are closed 24th, 25th, 26th & 27th Dec
and 2nd Jan 2012*

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paper and tags. Also padded bags, parcel
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minute gift we have P.O. Gift Cards.

Footpath Walking

There will be only one walk in December.
It will be led by Ian Denney. Meet at 10am
at Reydon Church car park on Tuesday 6th
December. The pre-booked lunch at
Southwold Pier will be from 12noon.

May I wish all walkers, leaders, landowners
and of course publishers a very Happy
Christmas.

For any other help contact Heather Phillips
01502 478545.

HPP

Village Carol Service

Friday 16th December at 7pm

St Peter's Church, Wenhamston
with Mulled Wine and Mince Pies
in aid of Crisis at Christmas



Carol Singing Around The Village

Monday 19th December at 6:45pm

starting from Wenhamston Village Hall
All Welcome - carol sheets provided
raising funds for Halesworth Community Nurses

'Pollywiggles in The Run'

What are Pollywiggles I hear you cry?

Come to Wenhamston Bazaar and you will
have the opportunity to purchase a
prelaunch copy of the book about
Wenhamston by Felicity Jelliff and
delightfully illustrated by Wil Harvey
and all will be revealed.

The formal launch of the book will be
at the Church Room 5:00pm - 7:00pm
on December 10th. All are welcome.

100 Club Winners

The Wenhamston 100 Club £50 Christmas
bonus prize will be drawn at the Christmas
Bazaar at the village hall on Saturday 3
December.

The winners of November's draw were:

- Alison Alder (number 101) £29
- Julia Wynd (number 114) £18
- June Lewis (number 16) £12

The 100 Club is nudging 120 but new
members can still sign up. Anyone who has
paid before the first of the month will be
entered for that month's draw. Entry forms
are available to download from the village
hall web page www.wenhamston.net/villagehall
or contact one of the promoters Glynis Tucker,
Ann Jones or Sue Norris.

Ann Jones

Christmas Closures

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Closed from Monday 19th December to 2nd January 2012 but open by appointment during this time for urgent computer, website or IT problems. Call 01502 478712 or email mail@blythweb.net.

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

KW Clarke, Bramfield

21/22 December 8am - 5pm
23 December 6am - 5pm
24 December ~ 6am - 1pm
25/26/27 December ~ Closed
28/29/30 December ~ 8am - 5pm
31 December ~ 8am - 1pm

Happy Christmas to all our customers.

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*Best Wishes to all my customers for
Christmas and the New Year.*

Southwold Surgery

There will be no Southwold Surgery at Wenhaston Village Hall on

Tuesdays 13th, 20th or 27th December

Please note that over the holiday period Southwold Surgery will be closed on Monday 26th and Tuesday 27th December and on Monday 2nd January.

Wenhaston Surgeries will be on Tuesday 6th December and Tuesday 3rd January.

There will be prescription deliveries to Blythweb on 6th and 13th December but no further deliveries until 3rd January 2012.

Alasdair Wilson, 01502 722326

Boxing Day Walk

Traditionally there has been a walk on Boxing Day followed by mince pies and mulled wine. We need a volunteer for this year - ie for Monday December 26 - usual meet time is 10am Wenhaston Village Hall - walk for 1-2 hours finishing with mince pies and mulled wine at the Church Room.

Anyone interested in volunteering should contact Jill & Michael tel: 01502 478016.

Wenhaston Commons Group

News From The Church

Lots of activity as always at St. Peter's! On 22nd October we organised the refreshments at the Give and Take Day and we are grateful to the Energy Group for giving us this opportunity to raise funds for the Church.

On Saturday 5th November we travelled to Halesworth for our first visit to the Churches Market when together with nine other churches in the Team we had a stall selling a miscellany of goods. Trade was rather slow but I am sure that it will improve when the Market receives more publicity.

The following Saturday the 12th found us serving hot lunches in the Village Hall at our Autumn Fair. A popular and enjoyable event raising £567.19 for Church Funds. Many thanks to the ladies who yet again cooked and produced some delicious food, especially the desserts!

And so to Christmas. We shall be having our usual stall at the Village Bazaar on Saturday 3rd December and we look forward to seeing many customers.

The Village Carol Service will be on Friday 16th December in the Church at 7 o'clock. Please do come and join us and enjoy your favourite Carols and the Mulled Wine and Mince Pies which will be served after the Service.

Carol Singing around the Village will be on Monday 19th December starting at the Village Hall at 6:45pm. Everyone is very welcome to come and sing - Carol Sheets provided and I am certain that there will be refreshments at the end of the evening!

Our Christmas Communion Service will on Christmas Eve starting at 11:30pm in the Church and we invite everyone to join us at this service. On Christmas Morning there will be Informal Worship together with the Methodists at the Chapel commencing at 9:30am.

*Margaret Goldstone,
Churchwarden*

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Wenhaston WEA Spring Term 2012

"Shakespeare on Film"

Tutor Alan Folkes

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A 10 week course beginning on

Friday 13th January at 10:30am

Venue WENHASTON VILLAGE HALL

Course Fee £45.00

For further details contact

Kathleen Orme 01502 478708

2012 Diamond Jubilee

Another useful meeting has been held and more ideas discussed for celebrating 60 years of the Queen's reign.

A village party day for all the family is planned for Bank Holiday Monday, June 4th. This event will be on the playingfield, with stalls, music, activities for children, bar etc. There is also a possibility of a Parade. If you have ideas how to help the fun along or if you wish to be involved in any way please come along to the next meeting. It's all up for discussion!

Costs will be kept to a minimum, but there will be costs so please support the fund-raising Photo Competition on 25th March 2012. Details of how to enter will be in next month's Wenhaston Word.

There are also plans for children of the parish to receive a commemorative item - see January 2012 Wenhaston Word to register your child.

Jubilee meetings are open to individuals and representatives of village groups and all input is welcome.

St. Peter's Church will be holding a service and also plan to serve teas on Sunday 3rd June.

The next Jubilee meeting will be at the village hall on Wednesday 8th February. Would representatives of village groups who missed the last meeting note this date.

Please put all these dates in your new diary!

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from UCL
Well Done!
Mum and Dad xx

Wenhamston Gardeners Club

With coat tails flying, Lucy Redman swept into the Hall last month. So what if the slide projector wasn't working - she brought with her a bottomless basket of delights and her boundless enthusiasm.

A Suffolk girl, she started gardening at her mother's knee and went on to make it her career encouraged along the way by a forward thinking school and several inspirational mentors. Now she runs courses from her own charming garden near Bury St Edmunds. But don't call her a garden designer - 'people say they don't know their plants, and I would hate that!' A plantswoman is what she most certainly is. As the specimens appeared out of the aforementioned basket she expounded on their virtues as we passed them around quite able to imagine the gorgeous plants they came from. Magic.

Two things to think about ahead of the January meeting. The order forms for the Thompson and Morgan seeds need to be handed in. And have a look through your photos, you might have a winning garden-themed gem to enter in the competition being held to launch the Queen's Jubilee celebrations.

Meanwhile, this month we have the Christmas Party on Tuesday December 13th. Tickets are £7.50 and are available from the Post Office, Tony Gow and Andy Norris. Hope to see you there.

Cherry Wilkinson

Wenhamston Parish Transport Survey

The Village Action Plan Team would like your help! We're trying to build up a picture of where people in Wenhamston want to travel to and for what purpose - eg shopping, work, leisure etc. and when and how often they would like to make these journeys by public transport.

Enclosed in this month's Word is a survey form. Please help us by filling it in for all members of your household as accurately as you can, putting any additional information in the 'comments' box. Do include your name and contact details if you'd be happy for someone to get in touch with you.

When you've finished please return the form to Wenhamston PO, Blythweb or The Star by Friday December 16. Many thanks...

*Michael Gasper,
Wenhamston Village Action Plan Team*

Wenhamston with Mells Hamlet Parish Council

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Wind Turbine Appeal. The Parish Council will be informed soon, who the Inspector will be. He is unlikely to visit the site before February.

The Parish Council supports the following planning applications. Post Office Cottage, and part side garden at West Wimples.

County Cllr. Leighton reported that the County Council is at present looking for ways to find saving of 50 million pounds over the next 2 years. The Parish Council would like to remind Parishioners, that a surgery is held before the Parish Council meeting, when you can express concerns, or grievances.

The Parish Council would like to wish all Parishioners warmest Christmas greetings, and hopefully a prosperous New Year.

Mary Pennock, Clerk

Jack Stammers

Daisy and family would like to thank all who attended Jack's funeral service at Seven Hills Crematorium on Monday 15th August, and for the generous donations received for Cystic Fibrosis and Cancer Research; a total of £794 was donated.

Carol Stammers

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She has now almost got over wishing to keep her lovely customers for herself (the dogs, not the owners).

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Paula Rowlett

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Wenhampton WI

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AGM Wednesday 2nd November. We began with our annual rendition of 'Jerusalem'. Jane Gamble, President, welcomed 38 of our 54 members, 2 visitors and Gwyneth Harris, Adviser from Suffolk East Federation of Women's Institutes.

After a few notices, Margaret Goldstone, Treasurer, explained the financial report. The accounts were adopted and Margaret thanked for her meticulous work.

Helen Bowyer, Secretary, outlined many activities, including book clubs, darts and Scrabble, which have taken place during 2011. Highlights included the summer garden party in Ros and Clive Curteis' lovely garden and theatre trips organised by Cathy Harrison. The Diners' Club has enjoyed meals at a variety of venues. Notable is the Gravestone Project, where members have recorded details from the gravestones in St. Peter's churchyard, the war memorial and are completing recording those in the cemetery. This work, much praised, can be viewed on our web site, www.wenhamptonwi.org.uk or in one of three folders held at St. Peter's Church. Charitable work included making 27 knitted blankets and filling 12 shoe boxes with small items for Rumanian children. Members who organised these and many other activities were thanked.

The 2012 committee of nine members was agreed. Gwyneth led the thanks to Jane and gave a brief address. Jane, who is standing down, thanked the committee and members for their support. Gwyneth organised the ballot for our new President – Christine Buttle was duly elected - and congratulated us on another successful year.

Viv Kemp gave the vote of thanks to the officers, committee and various sub-committees that make our WI so active.

To end a busy evening, members enjoyed the usual raffle, refreshments and social time.

Glynis Tucker

TV Awaits Collection

Would the person who sneakily and guiltily dumped a large black Akai TV in the skip recently placed in The Street please note that TVs are waste electrical items and are not accepted in household skips. Certainly this one wasn't and it now awaits your collection from the front garden gateway of Comrose. Please come and remove your TV - you know who you are!

Eileen Heaps

Award For Andrew

On 16th November Andrew Taylor proudly received an award at Wenhampton Village Hall for his 50th donation of blood. Well Done Andrew! Andrew is now resident in Beccles but well known to many in Wenhampton from when he lived near the Methodist Chapel.

Andrew described the news that he would be receiving an award as "brilliant", and thanked his family for supporting him throughout his time as a blood donor. Andrew has a simple message for anyone thinking about becoming a blood donor themselves, "Just go for it, donating blood is an experience out of this world."

Anyone aged between 17 - 65, weighing more than 50 kg (7 stone 12lbs) and in general good health could become a blood donor. To book an appointment call the Donor Line on 0300 123 23 23 or visit www.blood.co.uk. The next session at Wenhampton Village Hall will be on Thursday 15th December 2011.

NHS Blood and Transplant

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Wenhampton Energy Support Group

New Year rings the changes

Wenhampton Energy Support Group has decided to welcome in the New Year with an open meeting. This will take place on Tuesday 17 January at 7pm in the Committee Room at the village hall and Ann Edwards will be taking on the chair from Janet Dillaway.

The group is already broadening its horizons through contact with Wenhampton Commons Group and the Gardeners' Club and would like to forge links with anyone interested in green issues and energy efficiency.

Two vintage portable typewriters, murder mystery games, lots of cat food, a xylophone, ship in a bottle, surf boards, new bed and a boomerang were just a few of the many and varied items that were available at the group's recent Give and Take Day.

This very successful re-cycling exercise, organised by WESG secretary Janice Claxton,

still managed to baffle some of the many visitors to the village hall. The concept of just 'taking' items without payment and even without bringing anything often had to be explained. But the idea behind the Give and Take days is to recycle as many items as possible and prevent everything going to landfill sites.

Another similar event is planned for next March.

The two-week thermal camera trial took place in November with 15 households involved. A trained team of operatives, armed with a camera loaned by East Bergholt Society, photographed homes and fed back the data produced to enable residents to make their homes more energy efficient.

For more information on photo-voltaic renewable energy together with links to other useful websites go to www.wenhamptongreen.org.

Ann Jones

Mothers' Union

At this time of year, the Mothers' Union decides upon which MU charities to donate to and this year we will give away approx. £200 to Mothers' Union Overseas, which helps to fund the helpers who are employed to teach literacy and household management among other things, to the Relief Fund for emergencies such as famine, earthquakes etc, and to AFIA - which sends people on holiday who would otherwise be unable to afford one. We hope and trust that our small gift will make a little difference.

Our speaker, Alison Evans, who lives locally and is a music teacher, spoke of her experience of working for a month at a time at the Amasango Career School in Grahamstown in the East Cape of South Africa. Alison said that her friend Mamma Jane started the school because there were so many street children in the area, which has 200,000 citizens living in a township on the poorer side of the town. She started off in a container lorry with a handful of children, and now has 140 who are taught in three disused railway sheds. She always feeds them first, then comes the tuition, and she also manages to clothe them. Most of the funding comes from the UK and we all agreed that they are much to be admired for their dedication and compassion.

We will have a Mystery Parcel Stall at the Village Bazaar, so please let us have small parcels of up to £1 in value, labelled with price and who they would be suitable for. Thank you.

Our Christmas Party is on Wednesday December 14th at 3pm in the Church Room, Please would members bring a small plate of food to share, and you are welcome to bring a friend.

Wenhampton Mothers' Union wishes one and all a blessed and peaceful Christmas.

Margaret Bloomfield

Dog Mess

Further to the correspondence in the Word the last two months. Wenhaston Post Office has supplies of dog poo bags provided by the council and they are FREE. There is no excuse for leaving mess where anyone including children can tread in it. It is unsightly and unhealthy and spoils our village.

*June Tate,
Postmistress and Parish Councillor*

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