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**Tim, Eileen and Becky wish all readers of Wenhaston Word,
a happy, healthy and prosperous New Year!**



Wenhaston Community Play Scheme

Wenhaston Community Play Scheme is seeking to recruit a Play Leader and Assistant to enable the After-School Club to get up and running in the new Pre-School building at Wenhaston Primary School in early 2008.

The After-School Club is for children age 5-9 years, running from 3:15pm - 6:00pm Monday to Friday during term-time. It aims to provide a safe, fun and welcoming environment for children to relax after school, enabling parents to finish their working day. In time, we hope to open a Holiday Club to provide childcare during the school holidays.

A committee meeting will be held at the School at 8:00pm on Monday 7th January and there are several vacancies for committee members at present. We would very much like to include members of the wider community on the Play Scheme committee, you don't have to be a parent with young children! If anyone has time and skills to share, we would appreciate your involvement. Please call 01986 872947 if you are interested and Lindsey would be happy to give more details.

Lindsey Savage

Wenhaston WEA

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Joyce Sidey Brogdon's new book

Many people may remember meeting Joyce Sidey Brogdon during her visit to Wenhaston in 2003. Joyce had written 'Majuba House', her book which includes her years spent in Wenhaston, named after the house where she lived.

An open meet-the-author event took place in the Church Room with Joyce also visiting the village school and 'Majuba House' itself, since renamed 'Crossways'.

Joyce still remembers Wenhaston, and especially the great reception she received that day.

She has been in touch with us at Wenhaston Word about her new, award-winning, book 'The Gold Chaser'. (2007 USA Book News National 'Best Books' Award Winner in the Biography Category).

More information can be found on www.gracebooks.biz which interestingly also features 'Majuba House', available in both book form and as 2 audio CDs.

See *The Gold Chaser* advert on page 3.

Eileen Heaps

Author Joyce Sidey Brogdon, was born in London, grew up as a foster child in Suffolk, then returned as a teenager to her Mother's home in Wembley, a London suburb.

A few years after she emigrated to America, her family sold the house in Wembley to Edmund and Bridie Kavanagh.



Joyce Sidey Brogdon

Her brother introduced her to this delightful couple in 1966. A wonderful friendship began at that first meeting that developed over the years and continues to the present.

The book is hardback, 126 pages.
Borrego Publishing, ISBN 10-0-9778545-2-3.

See advert on page 3.
www.gracebooks.biz

The Gold Chaser by Joyce Sidey Brogdon is the story of a remarkably talented Irishman whose works are so distinctive they need no signature. Master craftsman, repoussé chaser Edmund Kavanagh's art carries his inimitable style in every piece, a style he has been painstakingly and lovingly developing over the last fifty years.

Repoussé is bas-relief ornamentation in precious metal. It is a hand-crafted skill that flourished from medieval times to the middle of the twentieth century and is now considered a dying art. Edmund is among the handful of Master repoussé chasers in the world who produce this fine art work. Over the past half-century he has fashioned hundreds of the world's most priceless pieces.

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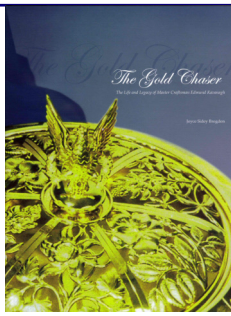
Of all the pieces that have passed through his hands, his flagship piece is the 18-carat gold rose bowl for the 50th wedding anniversary for President and Mrs. Dwight D. Eisenhower. In 1965 Aspreys of London called Edmund to be part of the team to work on the project. His part was to do the repoussé chasing.

This biographic account combines a cameo of the artist with magnificent illustrations and descriptions of his famous art works. It tells the story of Edmund's childhood in Dublin, his early years in England, and of his later years working for David Webb and Tiffany's in New York.

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So What's a Gold Chaser?



Author Joyce Sidey Brogdon (Majuba House 2003) answers this question and many more about the unique art of Repoussé "chasing". She also tells the delightful and true story of the Irish craftsman whose renderings are known throughout the world.

Order your copy of *The Gold Chaser*
Special introductory price \$29.95
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Wenhaston W.I.

Our next meeting is an Open Meeting at Wenhaston Village Hall, on Wednesday 9th January at 7:30pm. The speaker is Bob Cross and his talk is on Egyptology. A subject about which there is a great deal of interest if the Tutankhamen exhibition is anything to go on! All welcome.

We then meet throughout the year on the first Wednesday evening of each month. Subscriptions are due in January; they have risen to £27, an increase which is causing considerable controversy. FJJ

Footpath Walking

Both walks in January will start from Wenhaston Village Hall at 10:00am.

Tuesday 1st will be a local walk.

Tuesday 15th will be via Thorington to Bramfield for lunch.

Wishing you all a Happy New Year.

For any other help contact Heather Phillips
01502 478545. HPP

Wenhaston Village Hall Grand Jumble Sale Saturday 26 January 2pm - 4pm



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Wenhaston Station with The Run in foreground
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Local History Matters: 8

Communications.

The River Blyth has always been a means of communication. Boats could not proceed further than Blyford until 1761 when the Blyth Navigation was opened which widened the river and allowed boats to reach Halesworth.

The Southwold Railway was opened on 24th September 1879 and the journey from Halesworth to Southwold took 37 minutes over the 16 miles. Wenhaston station was built next to the only level crossing on the line. There were usually four trains a day each way. Owing to the advance of motor traffic the line closed on 11th April 1929.

Unmade roads and tracks were around for many years until the Turnpike Roads were built. One such road is now the A144 leading from Darsham to Halesworth via Bramfield. A portion of this road passed through a piece of Wenhaston parish and the powers that be promptly erected a Tollgate and charged fees for passing through! The site of this Tollgate is opposite the milestone showing London 99 miles placed a hundred yards east of the Bramfield level crossing.

Keith Johnceline

NB: The Southwold Railway Trust has a very informative website which may be of interest www.southwoldrailway.co.uk

Wenhaston Mothers' Union

The Christmas Party was very enjoyable – members and guests sang carols and listened to seasonal readings, before sharing a delicious tea. Many thanks to the committee and especially June for all the hard work in running our branch.

On January 9th there will be a corporate communion in church at 2:30pm followed by the AGM.

A Happy New Year to all

Margaret Bloomfield

Mothers' Union 2008 Programme

January 9th: Corporate communion and AGM

February 13th: Miscellany of Member's Travels

March 12th: Lindsey Spendlove from

Green Blade gives a Lent talk

April 9th: An Energy Group member will talk to us

May 14th: Pauline Bowbrick tells us about giving Birthday cakes to boys in Hollesley Remand Centre

June 11th: Jane Wright on 'The Media'

July 9th: Garden Meeting at Rowan House

September 10th: We say the Wave of Prayer, followed by 'flower power'

October 8th: Talk by TWAM

(Tools with a Mission)

November 12th: DIY Afternoon

December 10th: Christmas afternoon with friends.

All meetings commence at 2:30pm in the Church Room unless otherwise stated. Anybody is very welcome to the meetings you don't have to be a Church member, we also usually have an outing and attend other deanery events.

January 8th (2009) AGM.

June Lewis

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Wenhaston WEA

The ten week course which finished on 30th November entitled 'An East Anglian Miscellany' was enthusiastically delivered and equally enthusiastically received. Stuart Bowell, our tutor, is an experienced teacher with an infectious love of his subject: East Anglia Past and Present. He roamed across its landscapes, sailed its broads, hobnobbed with its naturalists and artists and lovingly described its buildings, both secular and sacred. He illustrated his talks with some wonderful slides and old photographs.

The Course was informative, amusing and entertaining. If Mr. Bowell keeps delivering this level of expertise and enthusiasm he will surely become an East Anglian institution himself!

Next term's topic is 'The Country Estate Revealed', focused on Thornham in Suffolk. A natural follow-up I would say. It starts on Friday 11th January. Contact Kathleen Orme on 01502 478708.

Bernard Orme

(See WEA advert on front page).

Doggy Bags

How nice of a certain person to leave the bag of doggy poo outside a driveway in Hall Road on December 4th. This is not the first time that these little 'wrapped parcels' have found their way into my dustbin!

So how would you feel if I were to leave the contents of my cat's litter tray outside your gate? Not amused I guess.

We have so many responsible dog owners in our village so please do as they do and use the bins that are provided.

Surely it would be so embarrassing to be named and shamed!

Sandra Canham



Did you know?

There is now a can and tin bank at Wenhaston Village Hall alongside the bottle banks. All proceeds from both these recycling facilities benefit Village Hall funds.



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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

9th February. Methodist Pre Valentine Extravaganza 2 - 4pm Wenhaston Village Hall.

16th February. Valentine Party. 7:30pm Wenhaston Village Hall.

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

Royal British Legion

Meeting held at Star Inn.

D. Doy Vice Chairman recited exhortation and in the silence we remembered our late member and friend Captain John Hill, who passed away since last meeting. We send our condolences to his family. He will be sadly missed.

The poppy appeal was up £440 on last year. A total of £1,543. A grand result. Poppy Appeal organiser Mick Nichols would like to thank all the house to house collectors and everyone who helped him. He was duly thanked for all his hard work. Instead of Christmas parcels this year ex-service will get a voucher.

John Levy had been invited to Shotley for the Ganges Parade with the County Standard.

A reply came from Pall Mall, to the Secretary's letter sent about Branch Finance. Members were also asked to send letters to Rt Hon John Gummer MP about Forces Covenant.

Delegate Standard Bearer and members are attending County Conference Saturday January 19th 2008.

We discussed our Branch dinner to be held at Star Inn in March. Names to Nelson Wright if you would like to attend. Menus will be out after Christmas.

No Branch meeting in January.

Next meeting Monday February 11th 2008.

Sue Doy

Wenhaston Post Office

June, Trevor (new boy!), Sarah and Margaret would like to thank everyone who has supported the Post Office during the past year. We are hopeful that Wenhaston Post Office is safe from closure and will continue at least for the near future.

Happy New Year to Everyone.

With my Village Hall hat on I should like to draw your attention to the new can bin next to the bottle bins in the car park. If you are at a function at the Hall please recycle your cans and silver foil as well as your domestic ones.

June Tate

Wenhaston Gardeners Club

The Magic of Christmas

A good time was had by all at our Christmas party. President Ric Staines joined 48 members and friends for a sumptuous buffet spread. With the Hall and tables looking splendidly festive everyone was soon in the party mood.

The evening started with a presentation by Chairman Jenny Jeffrey to past Chairman Bernard Orme and Kathleen in appreciation of all their hard work for the Club. Then, while we ate, each table was entertained by our guest Magician who kept us guessing with his tricks and who could do quite amazing things with balloons!

With full stomachs and cheered by a glass or two of wine we rounded off the evening with some carols before setting out into the frosty night for home.

Just a reminder that we start our monthly meetings on January 8th with a talk on Showing Flowers and Vegetables. Time to get those seed catalogues and start planning for the New Year's gardening.

All enquiries to 01502 478815

Cherry Wilkinson

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Conservation Work Parties

Tuesday 8th January, meet at 10:00am at seat on Bickers Heath.

Sunday 13th January, meet at 'Golden Acres', Blackheath (home of Heather Phillips) 10:00am.

Sunday 27th January, meet at 10:00am on middle of Blackheath, bottom of slope up to BMX track.

Commons Group

Wenhaston Methodist Church

Services for January 2008:

6th 10:30am Rev'd Jane Taylor
13th 10:30am Rev'd Don Moxon
20th 09:30am Rev'd Barbara Garwood
United Covenant Service H C
27th 10:30am Betty Hatcher

Tuesday Meetings at 2:30pm:

1st No meeting
8th Bible Study
15th Women's Fellowship.
Rev'd Barbara Garwood
22nd Bible Study
29th Healing Meeting

Saturday 5th. 'Pray a While'.
On a come and go basis for prayer and meditation between 10:00am-11:30am.

All welcome to any meeting.

St. Peter's Church Services

January 6th 8:00am Holy Communion
January 13th 9:30am Parish Communion
January 20th 9:30am We join the Methodists
for their Covenant Service
January 27th 6:30pm Evensong

Village Hall Pockets

To all affiliated groups - unless delivered by hand, please check your allocated pocket in Wenhaston Village Hall for your new 2008 affiliation form.

Wishing all who use Wenhaston Village Hall a Happy New Year!
Becky Canham

St Peter's Church, Wenhaston

Film Show

Friday 25th January 2008

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News from the Bus Shelter

This time of year seems to be popular for making resolutions, so if you don't already use our local buses then now's the time to start. As Wenhaston is beginning to show its green credentials you can reduce your carbon footprint by taking an occasional bus journey – and save money on petrol and parking.

If you're over 60 then get a Suffolk Saver – all your journeys starting or ending in Suffolk are free! And from next year you'll be entitled to free bus travel right across England from April 2008.

Perhaps you're asking how to get started with using the buses. The best way is to pick up timetables at the Post Office. Suffolk County Council's guide no.16 – 'Halesworth, Southwold and Surrounding Area' tells you about most of the services passing through our village, and a few other useful ones, will be available later in January.

The 521 is probably our most useful service for those wishing to go to Southwold or Halesworth for shopping. It is timed to coincide with daytime trains at Halesworth station, or you might consider taking the Anglian Bus 588 service to Norwich. By staying on the 521 at Halesworth you can take a very pleasant trip to Aldeburgh via Saxmundham.

On Sundays the 521 bus becomes the 99B which starts in Halesworth, passing through Wenhaston and Southwold on its way to Lowestoft. Whilst on the subject of Lowestoft, the 601 bus on Thursdays will get you there for a shopping trip for a few hours. This bus now calls into James Paget hospital and finishes at Great Yarmouth.

There are other buses – the 178 and 523 also run between Southwold and Halesworth and on to Bungay and a 536 can get you to Beccles and back.

For journeys in the local area the 'Pathfinder' can help where there isn't a bus service available. You can book it like a taxi, but you pay bus rates, or nothing if you have a bus pass.

For journeys further afield the train provides a good service – by advance booking you can pay as little as £6 for a single journey to London.

For those without cars Halesworth Volunteer Centre runs a community car service which costs far less than a taxi ride.

Traveline: 0871 200 2233 or

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Pathfinder: 01986 874479

Halesworth Volunteer Centre: 01986 874290

Michael Gasper
Transport Officer, Wenhaston Parish Council

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Wenhaston's Dual Carriageway

My letter published in last month's Wenhaston Word about the new entrance created alongside my property has created a lot of interest. Unfortunately some people blamed Roger Desborough for the damage to the thicket. This is not so, Mr Desborough had absolutely nothing to do with the new access way and I apologise to him for any misunderstanding my letter may have caused.

G R T Hodges

Recycling Plastic Bottles

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Wenhaston Archive Project

As we start the new year the Wenhaston archive project group is looking back as well as looking forward!

There has been a wonderfully enthusiastic response to the requests for old Wenhaston photographs and memorabilia. A small but dedicated group have been busy scanning all these documents and photos into a database. This enables the original item to be safely returned, while the database means images can be stored and looked at in detail. Eventually a website will be created enabling greater access to these precious records of Wenhaston life, which otherwise may not have been seen by many people, or may have been lost altogether.



Kitty Mill, Wenhaston (off Back Road)

From the collection of the late Brian Canham

In a few months time it is planned to hold an Archive Exhibition Weekend at Wenhaston Village Hall. We hope that as many people as possible will come along, and bring their friends, to see the collection to date and perhaps help us identify people and places. We think this weekend will be a lot of fun. Meanwhile please continue to bring in more photos etc even if they are in bad condition. We are sure there are still many items of interest yet to be recorded.

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Wenhaston Websites Report

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During July 2007, the Wenhaston Website itself (www.wenhaston.net/) recorded a total of 22,628 visits which is an all time record for a full month. The busiest section by far was the Millennium Map (www.wenhaston.net/mmap/) although the extensive photo report of the 2007 Tractor run was also well used, as was the photos page and the new feature about the Wenhaston Doom.

The electronic version of the Good Village Guide has averaged 350 visits a month between July - December 2007.

The Wenhaston Word's own website (www.wenhastonword.co.uk) includes electronic versions of all the editions that Blythweb has published and these are also well read, with the numbers of monthly online accesses/downloads rivalling the number of copies printed each month (440).

If you would like to advertise your business on the Blythweb Group of Local Websites come and have a chat with us.

Tim Heaps

NB: Visits = one person visiting the website who may then go on to request other pages. Blythweb prefers to publish 'visit' figures as an expression of usage rather than 'hits' which is a misleading term often resulting in inflated figures.

Cleaner, Safer Neighbourhoods

Many people are actively doing their bit for the global environment by recycling, saving energy and buying local produce. But what are we doing about anti-social behaviour that can affect our immediate surroundings, such as litter, graffiti, fly-tipping, dog fouling and abandoned cars?

These are some of the most common complaints from local residents yet many are reluctant to challenge irresponsible dog owners or report people for dropping litter. Young people often get the blame but some adults can be just as bad; not realising that all littering is a criminal offence carrying fines of up to £2,500.

Keeping our communities clean, safe and litter-free is a challenge for council services, which costs tax payers more than half a billion pounds a year nationally. Cleansing teams work hard to remove graffiti and rubbish promptly to reduce the risk of repeat offending, but they rely on the public to keep them informed.

Did you know that Suffolk Coastal District Council spends £600,000 on clearing litter from our streets, parks, beaches and roadsides each year - money which could be put to much better use.

Parish and town councils have also responded to the problem by providing extra litter and dog mess bins, fixed penalty notices, volunteer litter picks and removing of graffiti, however they too need the support of the community to succeed.

Play your part for a cleaner, safer environment by reporting any anti-social behaviour as soon as you see it.

The new Safer Neighbourhood Teams, made up of police, councils, organisations and volunteers, are working together to listen to people's concerns and tackle local issues promptly. You can contact your parish/ward team and report problems by visiting www.safersuffolk.org.uk or by telephoning Suffolk Constabulary on 01473 613500.

You can contact Suffolk Coastal District Council environmental services department on 01394 444000 or by email to sclsld@suffolkcoastal.gov.uk.

Problems such as fly-tipping and abandoned cars can also be reported online at www.onesuffolk.co.uk. **Mary Burgess**

Note: Mary Burgess at Suffolk County Council Community Safety Unit asked Wenhaston Word to publish the above article.

Great Expectations from Circle 67

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