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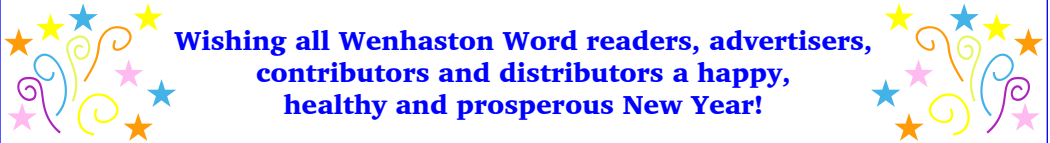
Friday 21st January at 10:30am

Venue WENHASTON VILLAGE HALL

(note change of venue and time)

For further details contact

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**Wishing all Wenhaston Word readers, advertisers,
contributors and distributors a happy,
healthy and prosperous New Year!**

Looking On - Wenhaston Primary School Exhibit At Halesworth Library

In conjunction with Suffolk Enterprise Learning Partnership, local artist Vanessa Briggs spent a day with Year 3 and 4 students from Wenhaston Primary School making life-sized sculptures, based on spectators for the up and coming Olympic games. A selection of the sculptures produced will be exhibited at the 'View Tube', an exhibition space which overlooks the Olympic park and the student/artists will be invited to see their work in situ, as well as having a tour round the Olympic site.



Life-sized spectator sculptures
Photo © Sally Erb, Assistant Head
Teacher, The Denes High School.

In an interim exhibition, Halesworth Library has kindly offered to host an exhibition of the unique sculptures, who sit amidst the book shelves. Mrs Brinkley Headteacher at Wenhaston Primary School remarked "It is a wonderful opportunity for our students to work with professional people and to have their work exhibited in the hub of the community". The humorous and interesting models can be seen at the library throughout January and February.

Wenhaston is one of over a dozen schools that are taking part in this project, funded through the ELP, and being co-ordinated by The Denes High School in Lowestoft, lead co-ordinating school for the Suffolk ELP.

*Sally Erb,
Assistant Head Teacher at The Denes High School*

Mrs Grace Hurley

Several friends joined the family at the funeral Service in St Peter's Church, Wenhaston on 3 December for Mrs Grace Hurley who died on 24 November in Norwood House, Middleton, aged 91. The Service was conducted by Father Edward Rennard and the hymns 'Morning Has Broken' and 'Lord Of All Hopefulness' were sung with Mr John Stevenson on the organ.

Mrs Hurley was born in Wash Lane Wenhaston in 1918, one of the four children of Mr and Mrs A Roberts and she lived in the village for 82 years before going into care. She was keen on sports and athletics for which she had won County honours. She married Mr Jack Fairs of Walberswick in the early 1940s, who was in the army, but she was widowed soon afterwards when he lost his life during the fighting in Italy. In her early days she delivered bread from a van for Mr Youngs who had a bakery business in Wenhaston. During the war she was engaged on work relating to airfield construction. In 1948 she married Mr Dennis Hurley from Ireland who in 1973 with myself were the first to build new dwellings in Back Road since World War II. Together Mr and Mrs Hurley supported village activities and Dennis was a prominent member of the football and bowls clubs.

Her stay in Norwood House was preceded by a spell in Southwold Hospital and when she died she was the longest staying resident enjoying excellent care there, and being surrounded by her friendly nurses at the time of her demise.

There were flowers, and burial took place in Wenhaston cemetery. Donations are invited for the provision of a bench seat at Norwood House in memory of Grace and may be sent c/o Tony Brown's Charity Account for a memorial at Norwood House, Funeral Directors, Chantry Road, Saxmundham.

Derek Newby

Everything You Wanted to Know About Funerals

Rosedale Funeral Home is launching a series of free funeral planning sessions in the New Year, which it hopes will help people to make good decisions following the loss of a loved one.

Most people are in shock when they have to arrange a funeral. Suddenly they have to make all sorts of decisions about the funeral arrangements and while we want to make sure they understand all the options available, it can simply be too much to take in.

What we hope these planning afternoons will do is enable people to find out more, so that when the time comes they're up to speed with the choices they need to make.

The New Year is also a time when people are making resolutions and often like to get their affairs up to date and these sessions may appeal to those wanting to plan their own funerals. There's nothing morbid about leaving instructions about your wishes - in fact it can save a huge amount of heartache for those left behind if they are able to give you the send off you wanted.

As well as information on the vast array of funeral options available nowadays, there will also be an opportunity to ask advice on issues surrounding wills and probate.

Those attending will also receive a take-home pack of information, along with a copy of the book 'When we Remember - Inspiration and Integrity for a Meaningful Funeral', together with its accompanying CD of funeral music.

The first funeral planning afternoons will take place in January according to demand, with further sessions being planned later in the spring.

Places are limited to four per session. Further information is available from any Rosedale Funeral Home or email us on info@rosedalefuneralhome.co.uk.

Anne Beckett-Allen, Rosedale Funeral Home

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News From Wenham Youth Club

We are pleased to announce that Wenham Youth Club will start again on Friday 14th January 2011 from 6:30pm - 8:00pm and from then on every fortnight (when possible). Youth Club is for children ages 8 - 13 who live in and around Wenham.

After a group of children decided that they missed not having a youth club in the village a small committee was put together. It was decided that the children would run the club with the help and support of adults. The children will decide what activities would be on offer each session and that they would ask everyone attending the youth club what they would like to see at the next session. These children are very enthusiastic with lots of great ideas and have decided for the first youth club of the year to have a party. We would like all parents of children who attend youth club to get involved in ideas, support and helping out.

Wenham Youth Club would like to wish everyone a Happy and Healthy 2011.

Julie Woolnough

**Wenham Allotment & Leisure
Gardeners Association
Notice Of Annual General Meeting
To be held at 10:30am
on 8 January 2011
Church Rooms, Wenham**

Want to save money?

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its carbon footprint too

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Wenham Village Hall

Refreshments



Wenham Needs You

The Blyth Valley Community First Responders Group is now up and running. The Group covers Walberswick, Blythburgh and Wenham, a combination established by the East of England Ambulance Service to make their support viable. Seven people from Blythburgh and Walberswick are now fully trained and are on call for the whole of the area. Unfortunately nobody has come forward from Wenham to join this worthwhile and life-saving cause (although Wenham is the largest of the three villages). A demonstration about what it involves to be a First Responder is planned for 1st February at Wenham Village Hall. Those interested should please contact me for details.

Ursula Mackley, 01502 478438,

Coordinator, Blyth Valley Community First Responders Group

Wenhaston Allotment & Leisure Gardeners Association

Grand Shed and Polytunnel Opening

On Sunday 28 November a number of stalwart Allotment Association members together with representatives of the Parish Council attended the formal opening of the Heritage Lottery Funded Shed and Polytunnel.

Although cold with a biting wind the mulled wine and wonderful picnic prepared by those present soon warmed the body. All agreed what a superb addition these facilities are to the allotment.

Thanks to all those members and friends who assisted the association in gaining the lottery support, and have put in so much time to this successful initiative. **Gus Jones, WALGA Secretary**



Socialising in the WALGA shed
© Gus Jones

Footpath Walking

Both walks in January will leave from Wenhaston Village Hall at 10am. The morning walk will be on Tuesday 4th. The longer walk on Tuesday 18th will probably be to Bramfield for lunch.

Wishing you all a Happy New Year.
For any other help contact Heather Phillips
01502 478545. **HPP**

Notes From A Parish Councillor

In case we have more ice and snow I would like to ask residents to remember the villagers who are less mobile and perhaps frightened of slipping. The Parish Council have provided several grit bins around the village but the grit does not spread itself! Younger people could earn respect from the community if they did this job.

I am going to put up a large calendar in the Village Hall. Please would groups put their activities on it so that there is not a clash of dates? Every year this seems to happen but if someone from each group was assigned to write in the dates this would help. **June Tate**

St. Peter's Church Services January

- 2 No Service (9:30am at Halesworth)
- 9 10:30am To the Methodists for their Covenant Service
- 16 9:30am Parish Eucharist
- 23 6:30pm Evensong
- 30 (10:30am Team Service Chediston)

www.wenhaston.net

The Wenhaston Website

Busy Year for the Sports Club

The highlight of our summer/autumn season was the Fun Sports Day on 4th September which included the opening of the new Sports Club Pavilion - generously supported by Adnams with a £500 donation and with generous

discounts from Ridgeons. All agreed that the Sports Day was a success with many club members, guests, and young people enjoying the tennis, BMX, BBQ, games, and other activities. We hope to build on the success with next year's event.



Sports Club Pavilion © Wil Harvey

The tennis and multisport courts have been re-surfaced and are in top condition, and club members are using them on a regular basis each week. However, we would certainly like more people to consider dusting off racquets and having a go. For more information, please contact David Harrison, Roddy Edwards, Wil Harvey, Carla Bryan, Nick Coveney or our Secretary, John Bainer on 01986 875845.

Please remember our annual Grand Jumble Sale, this year on Saturday 22 January from 2pm at the Village Hall. Further details on the enclosed flyer. **David Harrison**

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Wenhaston - A Nerds' Paradise?

Nerd? - Me, not you! As a fully paid up bird watching, steam (and model) railway enthusiast our move to the village in Autumn 2009 has yielded immeasurable delights for me, if not for my long suffering wife. After a two-year search of East Suffolk villages and several disappointments later, our chocolate box, period house idyll in which to enjoy retirement culminated in a complete volte-face and the purchase of a totally contemporary home that we had seen for sale for some time on various websites but which we had dismissed as 'not us'.

September 14th 2009 with new house keys in hand, I raced to the first floor sitting room to take in the spectacular views of the Blyth Valley before the very able and enormously hard working Philip Peck and his team arrived with our worldly goods. Me being Nerdy me, I spent a minute or two looking for my first 'tick' for a new list of birds seen from the garden or house. What would it be? Not the Blue Tit, Chaffinch, Collared Dove or ubiquitous Robin as you would fully expect - no, but a pure white Little Egret drifting high over the garden then slowly gliding down to the meadows beyond the line of trees which, I eventually discovered, forms a border with the former Southwold Railway track-bed. What a cracking start to what has become a fabulous first year's bird watching around the village.



Swans on the River Blyth (easy to spot!) © Blythweb

Not much more than 20 years ago, the sight of a Little Egret around these parts would have had 'Twitchers' flocking from all points of the compass to snatch a glimpse of such a rarity but this elegant wading bird has very quickly established itself as a resident UK breeding species at mainly coastal sites from the Wash, south and round to the Severn Estuary. Alas, such success has evaded a good number of our indigenous and migratory species. During my first year in Wenhaston I am very surprised not to have found a number of our fine-feathered friends that not so long ago would have been considered common in the local area if not exactly in the village. I have yet to record Spotted Flycatcher or Corn Bunting. Our native Grey Partridge has all but disappeared as a result of changes to farming practice and local birders tell me that the attractive Nuthatch and Treecreeper just do not frequent our local woodlands, although I have recently discovered the latter on Church Common, immediately adjacent to my garden.

This first year list started with a corker and finished in even more spectacular fashion when I discovered (and photographed) a magnificent Great Grey Shrike making its 'butcher bird' predatory way along dead bushes and trees that form a boundary around one particular water meadow between Laurel and Low Farms. My excitement in finding such a rarity on my patch has only been equalled by the news in the November 2010 issue of Wenhaston Word of the proposal for the Southwold Railway Heritage Centre here in the village. I could hardly contain myself! 'Her-indoors' is convinced that I must have had the inside track (no pun intended) on this fab project long before we handed over the dosh for a home which, at the time, neither of us had considered - my protestations to the contrary have fallen on deaf ears! However, having seen the excellent presentation at the village hall, she is vehemently pro the idea for the very substantial benefits it could bring to the village as a whole.

I welcome the opportunity to chronicle in future editions some of the other birding highlights of my first year in Wenhaston.

N.W. Twitcher

Local Food and Drink

Deli Counter at Clarke's, Bramfield

K W Clarke, family butcher, have now introduced a deli counter at their shop in Low Road, Bramfield. Here you can see a range of UK and Continental cheeses, along with delicious patés, olives and cooked meats. Come and take a look for yourself.

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Mothers' Union

The first meeting of the New Year takes place on January 12th at 2:30pm in Church when Father Edward will preside at our Corporate Communion and chair the AGM.

The Mothers' Union members wish everyone a happy, healthy New Year.

Margaret Bloomfield

Bell Ringing

The next Wenhaston practice night will be on Thursday 27th January from 7:30pm until 9:00pm at St Peter's Church. Visitors are welcome to come and watch and new ringers are always welcome to join us. For details of practice nights at other towers please contact the Tower Rep. *Jason Busby, 01986 873336*

Bingo Night

The next Bingo Night at Wenhaston Village Hall will be on Saturday 22nd January with eyes down at 7:30pm
* Refreshments included * Raffle * All Welcome

Wenhaston Methodist Church January

All Services at 10:30am

- 2 Iris Baker
- 9 Rev'd Robert Soanes United Covenant S
- 16 Sue Lovett
- 23 C, Westren
- 30 Rev'd Don Moxon

Tuesday meetings at 2:30pm

- 4 Women's Fellowship Open Afternoon
- 11 Bible Study
- 18 Women's Fellowship Mary Read
- 25 Bible Study

No 'Pray a While' this month

All welcome at any event

Wenhaston Village Plan

Consultation and Talent events 13th and 19th November

Over 80 people attended the consultation and talent show on 13th and 40 returned to vote on the 19th. It was great to see a big turnout from some of our youngest villagers.

Huge thanks to local businesses who sponsored the events by donating prize money: Blythweb, Heathside Lodges, The Southwold Railway Trust, Roger Best Garden Design, Pagoda Systems and Woottens.

The Talent show was well supported. The brave acts included singers, jugglers, music and comedy. Prizewinners were: Under 14: 8 year old Courtney Gauthier who impressed the judges with her confidence and poise and 13 year old Laura Wakelin, sensitively playing two contrasting pieces on the saxophone. We should also mention the amazing lads diabolo team whose skill and co-ordination were excellent, and Stephanie and Tamara Gauthier who sang very sweetly with their younger sister.

Adults: 1st prize was won by John Blades who had everyone laughing, and 2nd by Andy

Norris with ballads both witty and poignant. Further entertainment was given by Colin Hooper whose fine voice was commended, Peter Balsom (a picture of dignified old age with wig and blow-up Zimmer frame) and Laura Balsom who blew us away with 'Cabaret', dressed as Sally Bowles herself.

Our Judges gave wise and supportive feedback to everyone and we'd like to thank them again: David Elliot, Denis King and Val Anderson.

The evening was compered brilliantly by Paul Spendlove, who stepped in literally at the last moment to help and did a fantastic job.

Suffolk Acre staff are writing up the consultation results which will be published in the Word. Key issues discussed were: facilities for young people, the need for sheltered housing, sustainability projects and traffic and transport. Watch this space for more information.

Bridget Cousins

Thank You

A big thank you to Roger Desborough from the residents of Bramfield Road and environs for treating Bramfield Road and the treacherous Back Road crossing during the recent icy spell.

Ann Edwards

Dates For Your 2011 Diary

21st Feb - Blood Donors, Village Hall
26th Feb - Give and Take Day, Village Hall
16th Apr - An Evening with Charlie Haylock
23rd Jul - 'The Garden House' Open Garden
See also page 10 for Church events.

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

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Wenhaston Post Office

June, Trevor, Sarah and Helen would like to thank everyone who supported the Post Office during the last year. We all hope Margaret will be fit enough to come back occasionally in the New Year.

June Tate

Wenhaston Commons Group January

Sun Jan 9th - Blackheath. Meet 10:00am by the seat on the south side of the common. We will be clearing the bracken from the area cleared in 2010 behind Brants Cottage, and raking up.

Tues Jan 11th - Blackheath. Meet 10:00am by the pond.

Sun Jan 23rd - Bickers Heath. Meet 10:00am at the seat. Work to include further scrub clearance in this area.

Jonathan Alder

Wenhaston Village Hall Management Committee

A big thank you to everyone who helped at the Christmas Bazaar. There was a very good turn out by organisations in the village and the paying public. An extra special thank you to people who helped with the teas and gave raffle prizes.

June Tate

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Christmas Bazaar

The winner of the hidden Christmas Cake was Ruth Alder. Her guess was the nearest to Sibton Green by half a centimetre on the OS map of Suffolk.

Anne Jones

Wenhaston Village Hall

Management Committee Meeting

Just to remind all village reps that the next meeting will be on Friday 14th January in the Maurice Stammers Community Room at 7pm.

News From The Church

We were pleased to have a stall at the 2010 Bazaar and were grateful for all the items which were donated for sale from cakes and christmas puddings to woollie hats and cuddly teddies, all helping to raise £128.55 for the Church Funds. Thank you to everyone who supported us.

We have already planned a programme of interesting events for this year so please put the following dates in your diaries and watch for the adverts in Wenhaston Word giving full details of each event as they happen.

Saturday 12th February - Jumble Sale - Village Hall

Tuesday 8th March - Pancake Day - Race and Lunch

Saturday and Sunday 24th - 25th April - Easter Lily Festival and Teas in the Church

Saturday 7th May - Plant Sale and Lunches

Saturday and Sunday 25th - 26th June - Flower and Craft Festival - Church

Saturday 3rd September - Jumble Sale - Village Hall

Thursday 13th October - Quiz Night

Saturday 12th November - Autumn Fair - Village Hall

Flying The Flag *Friday 3rd December.* To celebrate the Golden Wedding of Jane and Brian Nolloth.

A Happy and Peaceful New Year to all Wenhaston Word readers.

*Margaret Goldstone,
Churchwarden*

Survey Awareness Message

Police and Neighbourhood Watch would like to make people aware of the following report on BBC's "Watchdog" programme featured on 4 November 2010 about the following survey.

N-Power, Unilever and Talk Talk are among the many companies sponsoring a survey that is to be sent out by TNT. They request you fill in a questionnaire detailing your personal information and to leave it on your doorstep in an unsealed paper bag for collection the following day.

The questionnaire is five pages long and contains one hundred and eighty six questions about your personal circumstances.

The Information Commissioner's Office has stated that, "These surveys usually require people to provide a large amount of personal information - ranging from whether they have any outstanding medical conditions, to details of their household income. Anyone approached to fill in one of these surveys should think twice before leaving information like this on their doorstep. They should be aware that anyone could potentially pick it up, opening the way to identity theft. People completing these forms should also understand who will have access to their information and what it will be used for".

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Wenhaston Energy Support Group

Thanks to everyone who supported us at the Village Bazaar. Congratulations to Laura Balsom and Marro Johnstone who won The Green Store vouchers in our raffle.

Do come along to our special event on January 20th if you can (see advert on page 3). The Low Carbon Innovation Centre will present their findings to the village, drawing on our carbon audits, and make recommendations about how we can develop a community energy approach and become more self sufficient. We need your views!

In the meantime Ann Edwards and Janet Dillaway are going to meet with community representatives who are already doing this and will be reporting back soon. *Janice Claxton*



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