# Wenhaston





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#### 2012 Queen's Diamond Jubilee

There are plans for the children of the parish, 16 years old and under, to receive a free commemorative Jubilee item. To register your child/children see the simple form on page 11.

Details of the fund-raising Photo Competition on 25th March are on page 7. Do have a go, but get your entries in by the end of February please. Make a date in your diary for 25 March to come along and see all the entries on display at the hall.

All are welcome to the next Jubilee meeting, whether as an interested individual or as a representative of a village group. This is at the village hall on Wednesday 8 February. As previously publicised in Wenhaston Word there are already plans for a village party day on 4th June. All these ideas are Wenhaston's celebration of 60 years of the Queen's reign.

Wenhaston WEA Spring Term 2012 "Shakespeare on Film" Tutor Alan Folkes

This course will look at Shakespeare's plays on film and the work of important directors from the 'Silent' era to the present day.

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

# 'WeHelp' Good Neighbours Scheme

A group of village volunteers are setting up Wenhaston's own Good Neighbour Scheme. Based on other successful schemes around the country, WeHelp offers people a hand to do things they are struggling with - whether it's doing an occasional bit of shopping, moving furniture, changing a light bulb or collecting prescriptions. Even just needing a chat with someone over a cup of coffee... It's starting up in January and all that will be needed is a call to Wenhaston's WeHelp line on 07544 550 487.

Wil Harvey, Publicity Officer



Fish and Chip Friday Night Takeaway as from the 6th January we will be offering fish and chips in paper to take away every Friday evening from 6pm - 9pm at £6 per person

> Please Note: from 9th January we will be closed on Mondays throughout January and February

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# Fit Villages - Activity On Your Doorstep

Would you like to see a Tai Chi class in Wenhaston? Nordic Walking perhaps? These are just a couple of the activities the Fit Villages project has delivered since April 2011 and we are looking for more villages to get involved!

Suffolk Sport is excited to also offer Dodgeball as a new sport as part of the Fit Villages programme and we are looking for villages to host 'taster' sessions for people of 16 years of age and over. For further information on the game of Dodgeball please visit www.ukdba.org

All you need is a suitable venue with space to exercise in and some enthusiastic people! For further information, please visit www.suffolksport.com/fitvillages or get in touch on 01394 444289 for an informal chat or email henry.tapp@suffolksport.com .

We are especially keen to work with villages in the Suffolk Coastal district. Please note that the deadline for projects to start before our funding deadline (1st Apr 2012) will be 27th January. *Henry Tapp, Active Wellbeing Co-ordinator, Suffolk Sport* 

# **Scott's Forgotten Surgeon**

Polar explorer, Dr Reginald Koettlitz, who clashed with Captain Scott on the first expedition to Antarctica, is the subject of a new biography by Gus Jones.

The book, entitled 'Scott's Forgotten Surgeon', reveals that tensions between the two men led to Scott ignoring expert advice on food, prevention of scurvy, transportation and other vital polar skills crucial to survival in such extreme regions.

Mistakes made on the first expedition between 1901 and 1904 were repeated on the tragic 1912 expedition, when Scott and his four companions, suffering from scurvy, succumbed to freezing temperatures.

So why did Gus choose to write about this particular doctor, who, until now, has been largely written out of polar history?

Thirty-five years ago Gus met Ann Koettlitz, the great niece of Dr Koettlitz. They married in 1980 and now live in Wenhaston. Over the years the extraordinary exploits of Dr Koettlitz began to emerge.

The serious research began when Gus approached retirement and turned into an

# **SCOTT'S FORGOTTEN SURGEON'**

A new biography by

Aubrey (Gus) Jones

Available at Halesworth Bookshop,

all major book retailers and online.

eight-year writing challenge with trips to South Africa, where Koettlitz died, Scotland, where he trained, the Wellcome Trust Museum in London, to Dover, the Scott Polar Research Institute in Cambridge and copious correspondence worldwide.

The book was launched, together with a presentation of artefacts by Ann, at the Dundee Heritage Museum, the home of RRS Discovery, and at The Halesworth Bookshop last month.

The book is a tribute to the remarkable courage, scientific knowledge and extraordinary survival skills of Scott's forgotten surgeon, Dr Reginald Koettlitz. *Ann Jones* 

# Grebes

In December while leaning on the bridge looking at the river, I saw three small diving birds, who, I was informed by a passing expert were Little Grebes, or Dabchicks. She seemed to be very pleased to see them so I assume they are a bit unusual. *Colin Hooper, 'Part Time Twitcher'* 



#### at Wenhaston Village Hall Tuesdays 12.30 – 1.15pm Starting January 10<sup>th</sup> for 4 weeks £3 per session or £10 for 4. Beginners Welcome

Zumba Gold takes the Zumba formula and modifies the moves and pacing to suit the needs of the active older participant, as well as those just starting their journey to a fit and healthy lifestyle. If the sessions prove particularly popular, there may be capacity to continue the class on a permanent basis.

For further information and to book your place, please contact Henry on 01394 444289 / 07919 166593 or email henry.tapp@suffolksport.com

#### Wenhaston Commons Group January Work Parties

Tuesday 10th - Blackheath. Meet 10:00am at Black Deek pond.

Sunday 22nd - Blackheath. Meet 10:00am at Black Deek pond. Work to include some scrub clearance in this area. Jonathan Alder

# **Footpath Walking**

The morning walk on Tuesday 3rd January will leave from Wenhaston Village Hall at 10am. The longer walk on Tuesday 17th January will be led by Pat Kemsley and June Brereton. Meet at 10am at Dews Farm, Bramfield, for a circular walk with lunch at Bramfield Queen's Head. Wishing you all a Happy 2012. For any other help contact Heather Phillips 01502 478545. *HPP* 



# Wenhaston Word Deadline Date

20th January for February issue 13th February for March issue Please note earlier deadline date for March issue

Wenhaston Village Hall Quiz Night ~ in aid of Hall funds Friday 20th January 7:30pm

£12 for Teams of 4

Entry forms from Wenhaston Post Office



# Watt Bike Evenings at Wenhaston Village Hall

Wednesdays 18th and 25th January 2012 19.00 - 21.00 Free All welcome No cycling experience necessary

The Watt Bike is an interactive exercise bike that records a rider's performance, including speed, distance, cadence and power output. The bikes will be connected to a big screen to host a fun evening of virtual racing. All you need to bring are refreshments and your enthusiasm.

For further information, please contact Joseph Young on 01394 444590 / 07920 861819 or email joseph.young@suffolksport.com

# St. Peter's Church - January

- No service (9:30am Halesworth)
   10:30am we join the Methodists
- 15 9:30am Parish Eucharist
- 22 6:30pm Evensong
- 29 10:30am Team Service

Please check notice board

# Bringing Joy To Disadvantaged Children

Christmas will be a little brighter for over 400 disadvantaged children around the world - thanks to the generosity of Halesworth residents.

Since spring, staff at Rosedale Funeral Home, together with local people, have been filling shoeboxes with gifts and goodies for underprivileged youngsters as far afield as Africa, Central Asia and Eastern Europe.

"We find great joy in the wrapping and filling of the boxes, said Dee Besley at Rosedale Funeral Home in Halesworth, a collection point for the appeal.

"The support has been fantastic with contributions from so many individuals, the churches and Southwold Primary School to name a few. I'd like to say a huge thank you to everyone for their

help - especially the ladies who've been knitting the hats, scarves and mittens and bringing items for us to add to our boxes. We start early in the year, as we know how busy everyone gets in the run up to Christmas although it does feel a bit odd wrapping up gifts when the sun is shining. The result speaks for itself, we have more than doubled last year's total!"

"When you see how much pleasure just one small box can bring to a child who wouldn't otherwise have anything to open at Christmas it is very humbling."



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Operation Christmas Child is the UK's largest children's Christmas appeal, run by the charity Samaritan's Purse. Last year over 1.18 million shoeboxes were distributed.

The shoeboxes are collected from Rosedale early in November by the charity. Anyone interested in finding out more ready for next year can contact Dee at Rosedale Funeral Home on 01986 875588.

A family run business, Rosedale Funeral Home also has branches in Diss, Attleborough, Wymondham, Beccles and Bungay.

www.rosedalefuneralhome.co.uk www.operationchristmaschild.org.uk

# **Christmas Winners**

The winner of the £50 Christmas bonus prize in the Wenhaston Village Hall 100 Club draw was Bill Bloomfield with number 26. The numbers were drawn at the Christmas Bazaar last month. Other winners were:

- 1st prize John Percival (number 88) £29
- 2nd prize Cathy Harrison (number 5) £18
- 3nd prize June Tate (number 51) £12

The 100 Club has now reached 119 but it's not too late to 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.wenhaston.net/villagehall or contact one of the promoters Glynis Tucker, Ann Jones or Sue Norris. The next draw is at 1pm on Saturday 14 January at The Star. *Ann Jones* 

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# **Local History Matters: 35**

#### Farming

In the Doomsday Book of 1086 Wenhaston had woodland for 110 swine and arable land for 10 ploughs. There were 30 pigs and 16 sheep in Mells. Sibton Abbey later owned Wenhaston Grange and used it as a sheep farm. Hemp and flax were grown, as in the Tithe Map of 1839 there appears two fields named Hemplands, six called Clay Pits and three Maltster Fields with one Kiln Ground, which would seem to indicate the owners' occupations.

There were two windmills and one watermill in the parish dealing with corn products. In the Tithe Map of 1839 there were 260 arable fields and 130 pastures. Wheat and barley were grown and sugar beet first made its appearance at Laurel Farm in 1936.

In the 1841 Census Wenhaston showed 13 farmers and 114 farm workers but with the advent of machinery by 1861 farm workers numbered 53. Wenhaston Young Farmers Club was formed in 1938. *Keith Johnceline* 

#### **Methodist Church - January**

- 1 10:30am Rosemary Remy
- 8 10:30am Covenant US S Rev'd R Soanes
- 15 10:30am Andy Watts
- 22 10:30am Rev'd Liz Cannon
- 29 10:30am Sue Lovett Tuesday Meetings at 2:30pm
  - 3 Women's Fellowship Open Meeting
- 10 Bible Study
- 17 Women's Fellowship Alan French SA
- 24 Bible Study
- 31 Healing Meeting

Saturday 7th 9:30am-11:00am. "Pray Awhile" on a come and go basis for prayer and meditation. All Welcome At Any Event

# **St Peter's Church**

Each year we give 5% of our unrestricted income to charity and for 2010-2011, we have donated

£137 to the local First Responders

£350 to Water Aid

£350 to The Samaritans

£200 to the Wenhaston Good Neighbours Scheme, and

£15 to Blyth Valley Team Ministry Emergency Fund.

We hope these contributions will help in some small way.

All the members of St. Peters send New Year Greetings to all readers of Wenhaston Word and we pray that it will be a Peaceful and Happy New Year for us all.

#### Margaret Bloomfield (Hon Treasurer, Wenhaston PCC)

# **Mothers' Union**

We are looking forward to our Christmas Party on 14th December when we will sing carols and be entertained as well as enjoying a shared tea. We will also provide mince pies for the Carol Service on Friday 16th December, which is at 7pm in Church.

On January 11th we meet in Church for our Corporate Communion and AGM at 2:30pm.

We wish one and all a Happy and Peaceful New Year! *Margaret Bloomfield* 

# TV - the end of the story

Many thanks to the kind Wenhaston residents who responded so generously to the item in last month's Word and who volunteered to take the dumped TV to a proper disposal point. A public Thank You to you.

# Eileen Heaps

# Local B&Bs

An information leaflet has been produced listing 22 B&Bs in Halesworth and area, including Wenhaston. If you would like a copy just call in to Blythweb's office in The Street. Alternatively view Blythweb's own advertisers in the local and wider area on www.blythweb.co.uk/wheretostay/bedandbreakfast.php , or for self-catering see www.blythweb.co.uk/wheretostay/selfcatering.php .

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# **Wenhaston Photo Competition**

We would like everyone to take part. You can enter as an individual as well as in a group. Minimum 1 photo, maximum 3 photos, up to A4 size:

- $\sim$  Local Scenes
- $\sim$  Wildlife
- $\sim$  Portrait
- ~ Village Life

Entries to be in by the end of February.

Entry fee 50p per photo.

They will be judged by three judges. All photos will be on show in the Village Hall on Sunday 25th March. Proceeds towards the Queen's Diamond Jubilee Party Day.

Please hand your entry/entries in to Wenhaston Post Office or Blythweb's office or to Drift Bungalow, Well Green, Blackheath.

Contact Arthur on 01502 478266

# Wish List For Wenhaston Village Hall

How would you like to change or improve your village hall? Wenhaston Village Hall Management Committee needs ideas in order to map out the future of this vital village amenity.

For example:

- Can the available space be improved?
- Does the hall need new equipment
- Is the bar area versatile enough?
- Does the kitchen need new white goods?

All your ideas will be added to the committee's wish list and incorporated into any future development of the hall.

Grants are available from a number of sources but there is no guarantee that funds will be forthcoming. However, the committee needs to know what the people of Wenhaston would like before applying for funding.

Please place your wish list in the Village Hall Management Committee pocket in the hall corridor or send an email to: wenhastonhall@hotmail.co.uk.

Richard Tucker, Village Hall Secretary

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# **Wenhaston Gardeners Club**

Christmas deadlines mean that I am writing this before the Party on December 13th. I'm sure we will have had a wonderful time as usual. Many thanks to Felicity for organising the food and to the various helpers who will have worked their Christmas stockings off to make it all go well.

So, in with the new, and January's meeting on the 10th promises a bit of exotica as Martin Wilson will be telling us all about orchids and the hunting thereof.

Just a reminder to bring along photos for the Jubilee competition, T&M seed orders and plants for the stall - assuming we're not frozen solid!

Finally, I'm sure the rest of the Committee will join with me in wishing all our members and friends a Happy New Gardening Year.

Cherry Wilkinson

#### Wenhaston WI

#### www.wenhastonwi.org.uk

Members and their guests walked into a beautifully decorated Village Hall, for their Christmas celebrations. Tables were festooned in red and green napery with helium balloons flying aloft, anchored by logs surrounded by foliage and berries.

After our president, Christine, had welcomed members and guests she proposed a toast to Wenhaston WI after which she thanked our outgoing president, Jane, for all her hard work and presented her with an evergreen honeysuckle.

The usual business was swiftly dealt with and the festivities began with a sumptuous buffet and right royal entertainment. Then we raised our voices in song, enjoying the tradition of Christmas carols. *FJJ* 

#### **The Halesworth Hoppa** ~ **Community Transport**

Although we do not cover Wenhaston on our daily route, we have recently provided transport with a driver on a Private Hire basis to a few of your social groups in your village.

You are no doubt aware, that public transport in the evenings is very sparse to get anywhere, let alone to get home.

We have found that this does prevent the younger members of families enjoying some of their favourite leisure activities as you no doubt already know, DAD'S taxi and all that!! We are fortunate to have drivers from your village who drive our bus during the week serving Holton and Halesworth known as the 511 The Hoppa, white in colour.

We are always on the lookout for more drivers who can offer a morning, an afternoon, or both on any day of their choice, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday. If you like, you could just do some of the Private Hire runs, they do vary.

We have three buses, two that we own, and one that is loaned by Suffolk County Council whom we operate for to run the Wednesday service from Laxfield to Halesworth.

We have a new sponsor now, namely The Halesworth Golf Club who have come on board, and have agreed to fund our new bus. Four of our committee recently visited the bus builders in Rochdale, and discussed our new specification, and given a tour of the production stages, the new bus should be the envy of other operators, this will allow us to sell on our ageing blue bus that is outdated for current use.

Our office is at the Rail Station in Halesworth, which we share with the Museum, telephone 01986 875900, or call and see our administrator who will give all the details and an application form to complete. You will be among some very friendly drivers, and our inhouse assessor Julian take you out to explain our procedures to help get your MIDAS certificate.

Ladies and Gentlemen both welcome, take a look at our website www.hactbus.co.uk/.

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# **Wenhaston Energy Support Group**

Some fascinating results emerged following the thermal camera project, launched recently by the Wenhaston Energy Support Group.

The East Bergholt Society kindly loaned the group their thermal camera for two weeks. WESG's team of three, Roger Claxton, Robin Dillaway and Geoff Robinson worked very hard and managed to survey and prepare reports on 21 buildings including the Village Hall, the Methodist Chapel and The Star.

As a result of their findings it was quite easy to come up with some simple inexpensive suggestions.

• Close all curtains and blinds as soon as it gets dark, even in rooms you do not use

• Make sure they are closed as far down as possible on to the sill , especially ruched blinds

• Use draught excluders at the bottom of doors, or buy compressible door seals if you think there is a draught

• Insulate the loft hatch

The Village Hall's energy saving measures are working well, although it definitely makes a difference if curtains and blinds are closed. Any groups using the hall in the evening should shut the curtains to keep the heat in.

One householder said after the survey: "I'm upgrading my sewing machine to festoon the house with warmer curtains - much cheaper than replacing windows!"

This project may be repeated next year, if there is enough demand, so sign up with WESG if you would like to be involved.

The photo-voltaic initiative resulted in five households installing an array of panels on their rooves and more are expected to follow.

The next meeting on Tuesday 17 January at 7pm in the Village Hall committee room is open to everyone. For more information on the group and other useful links go to www.wenhastongreen.org . *Ann Jones* 

# **Call 101 ~ A New Way To Contact Your Police**

Suffolk Constabulary has introduced a new telephone number, 101, for people who want to talk to the police about non-urgent issues. It is designed to offer an easy way to report non-emergency crimes, disorder or anti-social behaviour, or to speak to your local police officers.

For example ring 101 if:

- a vehicle has been stolen
- property has been damaged
- there is suspect drug use or dealing
- you wish to give the police information about crime in the area
- you wish to speak to a local police officer.

Available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week with calls from landlines and mobile networks costing 15p per call, no matter what time of day or the duration of the call. Those who are deaf, hard of hearing or speech impaired can textphone 18001 101.

This is part of a nationwide initiative. It is also hoped that the introduction of 101 will help divert more non-urgent calls away from the 999 system, freeing up call handlers to deal with genuine emergencies. In an emergency, always ring 999 for immediate police assistance. **Police Direct Team** 

# **Canapé Evening**

Amazing! An apt response when told that Margaret Goldstone's canapé and wine evening raised over £500 in aid of E.A.C.H. But then it was a very convivial occasion. There were interesting and varied canapés to tempt the palate, with wine flowing to help get the old grey cells into gear for the two quizzes that had been set. One was supposed to be easy and the other was quite simply diabolical. A draw concluded the evening, the star prize being a beautiful quilt embroidered by Jane Gamble.

# **Diamond Jubilee Commemorative Item**

There are plans for every child 16 years old and under in the Parish of Wenhaston with Mells Hamlet to receive a commemorative item to mark the Queen's Diamond Jubilee in 2012. To help compile the names please complete the form below for the child / children in your household. Include any babies expected before June 2012.

Take the form to Wenhaston Post Office at Wenhaston Village Hall or to Blythweb Ltd, The Street, Wenhaston. Please return the form as soon as possible.

Child's Name	Date of Birth	School child attends (if applicable)

Name of Parent		
Address		
	Postcode	
Telephone		
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# **Driving Another Person's Vehicle**

Suffolk Police warn motorists who are driving a vehicle not belonging to them using their own fully comprehensive insurance, that they may no longer be covered to do so.

Despite the assumption by many that a fully comprehensive insurance policy would cover drivers to use another person's vehicle with their permission, there has recently been a change in many insurance policies and this cover often no longer comes as standard. This information will appear either on the front of your certificate or in the small print, so it is the driver's responsibility to make sure they are covered.

One issue that officers specifically want motorists to check is in relation to driving another person's vehicle with the owner's permission when the vehicle does not have an insurance policy in place. With recent changes the majority of insurers now stipulate that the vehicle being driven must at least have third party cover.

If a person is stopped in a vehicle that is not their own and are unsure if their policy covers them to drive another vehicle, officers will have to complete a check. If it is discovered that the driver is not correctly covered it could result in a fixed penalty notice fine of £200 and 6 penalty points, or a day at Magistrates Court. The vehicle will also be seized.

There is a lack of awareness of this policy change so this is a polite reminder to all motorists to have a double-check. However, we are also aware that there will be people out there who are deliberately offending and therefore appropriate action will be used wherever necessary.

Police Direct Team

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