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Wenhaston School Club News

In April a brand new After-School Club opened at Wenhaston School and word is getting around that if you've ever wanted to be a guitar playing legend, to make your own designer dog collar or become a masterchef, then the After-School Club is the place to be!

Jayne and Kelly – both familiar faces at School and Pre-School - welcome around a dozen children each week to the new building at the School and as well as all the special activities, the children have simply been enjoying the chance to chill out and play together whilst making the most of the sunshine.

The club opens Wednesdays term-time 3:15-6:00pm and the cost is £5.50 a session with a brother or sister able to attend for a discounted £3.00. This includes all activities and a tea-time snack.

Can I just take this opportunity to thank staff, parents and the children for supporting this venture and for getting the club off to such a fantastic start this term!

Jayne and Kelly will also be running a summer Holiday Club for children age 5 - 9 years. Places are limited so to book call Lindsey on 07740 105243 or email nfusuffolk@aol.com

Lindsey Savage



L to R Megan, Tilly, Imogen, Callum, Hayden, Michael, Alex and Charlie.

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Tues 19th August and Thurs 28th August

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or 1:00pm-5:30 pm - £10.00 per child
(reduced rate £7.50 for a brother or sister!)

Limited places are available so if you'd like to book a place or for more info call Lindsey on 07740 105243



Peter Taylor

13th April 1932 - 26th May 2008

The arrival of the Taylor family in 1984 provided a welcome boost to the then very small membership of the Methodist Chapel. It took only a short time to realise that Peter and Mary were far from just extra numbers in the congregation. Peter was already a qualified lay preacher and over the ensuing years he also served as Steward, pastoral visitor and much more besides. With Mary, his constant support, he founded the Finders' and Keepers' Clubs that many youngsters have had cause to be grateful for. His artistic ability led to the Chapel being decorated in its pleasant pastel shade, after the former drabness, and many a poster has been evidence of his handiwork.

In recent years, despite increasing frailty caused by his falling victim to Parkinson's Disease, his faithfulness to his Lord shone through in his prayerful, uncomplaining and good-humoured nature.

Mary, their 7 children, many grandchildren and other family members were supported by a large gathering of Chapel members and friends from the village, further afield and the local Parkinson's Support Group at a joyous service of thanksgiving for his life and witness. The service was led by the Reverend Barbara Garwood with lessons read by 2 grandsons, Nathan and Mark. The Reverend Peter Clarke was organist. Moving tributes were paid by:

[a] John Miles, a graphic designer with whom Peter worked for many years, who highlighted Peter's technical perfection coupled with his high principles.

[b] Margaret Gooderham, a fellow local preacher, who gave thanks for the support Peter gave her when she was in training and for the continued Christian fellowship they had subsequently enjoyed.

[c] His eldest son, Paul, who expressed deep gratitude for the Christian foundation Peter and Mary had laid for him and his brothers and sisters, illustrating his remarks with family anecdotes. "Well done good and faithful servant. Enter into the joy of your Lord". **Norman Hatcher**

Commons Group

Conservation Work Party
Tuesday 8 July Church Common 10am-noon.

Caring For The Commons

As promised the Wenhaston Commons Group has produced a Five Year Biodiversity Plan and Programme of Works 2008 – 2012. It is available to borrow from Jill Daines and Michael Gasper (01502 478016) or Heather Phillips (01502 478545) and a reference copy will be held in the Commons Group pocket at the Village Hall. You can also request to have it emailed at wcgbp@btinternet.com. All committee members are happy to answer questions; comments in writing or by email should be made to us by the end of July. Contact details are given in the plan. We can then finalise the document in August ready to start Sunday work parties again in September.

Jill Daines and Michael Gasper
Wenhaston Commons Group

For all those with worries or curiosity at what the Commons Group are up to, a four commons walk, and a picnic on Black Heath is planned for August Bank holiday to reveal all. More news next month. **FJJ**

Church Wildlife Project

The Churchyard meadow will soon be due for its mid-summer cut. We'll be meeting in St. Peter's Churchyard at 10:00am on Friday 25th July to complete the cut and to rake up the clippings, as well as giving the wildlife area a general tidy up. Please come along and help us reproduce in 2009 this year's lovely show of wildflowers. Refreshments provided.

Also, for those of you interested in identifying the plants in the Churchyard, on Monday 14th July from 18:30 to 20:00 we'll be surveying the area with the expert help from Graham Peck. All welcome. **Linda Hammond**

Wenhaston Commons Group



Yvonne Proctor and Teresa Howarth May 17th 2008

Charity Walk for Breast Cancer

Well we did it - thank you for your sponsorship. Myself and my walking partner Teresa Howarth, whom I couldn't have done it without, completed the 26.3 miles (marathon) in 5 hours 45 minutes and I raised £300. If anyone should wish to add to this total they would be most welcome. Thank you everyone for your support. **Yvonne 01502 478745**

Allotments return to Wenhaston

Wenhaston continues to add to its 'green' credentials with the launch of another environmental organisation in the village following the inaugural meeting last month of the Allotment and Leisure Gardeners Association.

Thanks to the parish council a piece of land off Narrow Way has been acquired. This will be divided into approximately 14 plots and allocated to members of WALGA.

A committee has been elected to manage the project and it is hoped that the allotment will be fully operational by January 2009 following fencing, clearance and other essential maintenance.

The committee has agreed that the allotment will be managed and cultivated on an organic basis and using organic principles at all times. The details of the officers will be published in the updated edition of the Wenhaston Good Village Guide.

Gus Jones
WALGA Secretary 01502 478085

St. Peter's Church Services for July

6th July 8:00am Holy Communion
13th July 9:30am Parish Communion
20th July 9:30am Parish Communion
27th July 6:30pm Evensong



"Twopenny Rush"

COFFEE MORNING

Saturday 12th July

Wenhaston Village Hall

10:00am - 12noon

In aid of National Children's Homes

Yoga Classes

3 Summer sessions

Thursdays June 26, July 3rd and July 10th

Wenhaston Church Room

9:15am-10:45am £6/£5 a session

Contact Bryn 01502 478257 for more details

There will be a class in September

Weds 9:15-10:45am

Please let me know if you are interested

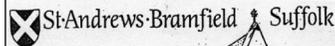
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PLANT STALL

GAMES

COMPETITIONS

TOYS

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Wenhaston Energy Support Group

We're still here! We've been so busy there's been no time to write. We've featured:

- At Framlingham Energy Day in March - gave a presentation and made some good contacts. Good feedback.

- At Village Annual Parish Meeting in April - presentation of work so far.

- At the Mothers' Union in April - talk on how we began and what we've achieved.

- At the Suffolk Show in May - Wenhaston was celebrated in the Awards marquee alongside the other Greenest County winners.

Iain Dunnett appeared as Superman / Energy Hero. Our stall attracted a lovely bunch of people - some already knew about us, some wanted to know how to do it themselves - including the Chair of Westleton Parish Council, Colin Fisher - and many offered support and ideas. We met our Responsible County Councillor, and a person from Green Squirrel Project which is helping communities make the best of all available grants for insulation, including offering 1-2 year loans from Ipswich and Suffolk Credit Union. Call Bryn on 01502 478257 for info. Also Master Composters who will give advice on recycling kitchen / garden waste.

Work in progress:

Solar Water Heating installations. N.B. this simple technology is available now from Solarworks in the village bulk-buy.

Our prices were fixed before the price rises for copper and oil. Installation for my 3-bed semi is £3,075.00 after grant of £400.

Meter - to monitor electricity use. Contact Janice and Roger Claxton to borrow one. They'll fit it. Easy to use. I discovered:

- Boil one mug of water / electric kettle / 40secs / 0.32 of 1p / emits 0.000032ton/CO2

- 2 Lo Energy Light Bulbs(18w) / 1hour / 0.05 of 1p / emits 0.0000479 ton CO2

- 1 Hi Energy Light Bulb (60w) / 1hour / 0.05 of 1p / emits 0.0000479 ton CO2

- Immersion / 1hour / day rate 29p / night rate 14.5p / emits 0.00307 ton CO2; and - 6hours / day rate £1.73p / night rate 86p. Scotpower @ 9.4p/Kw/hr (4.7 Economy7)

Q: How many mugs are there in a bath? Correct answers get a light bulb - Low Energy of course! Mrs Brinkley at the School is using one of our meters with children and parents.

Village Hall development - collaboration: Have applied to EEDA/Cut Your Carbon for funding to upgrade the proposed photo-voltaic capacity. By the time you read this we'll know if we're on the short list.

We will soon distribute an Information Sheet about all Recycling opportunities. **Serena Inskip**

Well Done Wenhaston!

As a result of another very successful house-to-house collection in Wenhaston, £759.12 was raised for the work of Christian Aid with some of the world's poorest and most underprivileged people. This is the best ever from the village (2007's total was £603), and is an excellent contribution to the Halesworth and District Group total of £6072. On behalf of the Group I would like to say a sincere Thank You to everyone who organised, collected and donated so generously.

Chris Dunn (Local Christian Aid Treasurer)

Singing The River

In March, Halesworth community choir performed their piece, Singing The River, written by Wenhaston resident Bridget Cousins, to a packed house at The Cut. There is another chance to hear this unique work on 12th July at 7:30pm at Blythburgh Church. There will be a collection for the Blyth Estuary Group which is building a fighting fund to defend the river banks. Tickets £6, £5 concessions - in advance from Halesworth Library or from Bridget - or there will be some available at the door. Hope to see you there. **Bridget Cousins**

Dunwich - A Ghost Story

"Ancient Dunwich, shrouded in mystery. Tragic Dunwich, consigned to History"

Dunwich, Suffolk, a frontline in the eternal struggle between land and sea, and the inspiration for Oskar Foxtrot's latest full scale musical production, 'Dunwich, A Ghost Story'. From Medieval Dunwich in its heyday, through the activities of the sinister wreckers in the 1500s, to a modern day underwater excavation, taking in a World War 2 bomber crew, schoolgirls at a séance in the 1980s, lepers and mermaids, Dunwich, A Ghost Story follows a diverse set of characters as they face up to the mysteries of this doomed town. But what links these disparate characters and stories? What role does the enigmatic Eva play? And what warnings are offered by the sinister events that unfold?

This is Oskar Foxtrot's fourth visit to the area, though after last year's show was cancelled due to poor weather, the company is playing it safe in The Cut this year. The writers have a close connection to Wenhaston: Phil Corbett lives in the village.

The award-winning theatre company writes musicals from scratch. Many of these have gone on to play in other venues in Britain and abroad, the most recent being an adaptation of last year's 1066 performed in London's West End. The company come to The Cut for one night only in their six-night tour of the county. Tickets are available now with a special discount for readers of the Wenhaston Word (see advert/voucher on this page). Monday July 21st, The New Cut, Halesworth. Tickets £8.50 and £6 Tel 0845 6732123 www.oskarfoxtrot.org.uk .

Sarah Corbett

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Monday July 21st at 7-30pm

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Wenhaston Methodist Church

Sunday Services for July

6th 10:30am Julie Moore

13th 10:30am Iris Baker

6:30pm Songs of Praise Village Hall NCH

20th 9:30am United at St. Peter's Rev'd B Garwood

27th 10:30am Gordon Fray

Tuesday Meetings at 2:30 pm

1st Women's Fellowship Rev'd David Read

8th. Bible Study

15th Women's Fellowship Summer Tea

22nd Church Council Meeting

29th Healing Service

Ben Candler

Ben Candler died in the James Paget Hospital on 29 May aged 82. He had been a familiar figure in the area since 1963 when he moved to Sotherton Hall with his wife Mary. He was born in Hertfordshire and won a scholarship to Alleynes Grammar School, Stevenage where he achieved a School Certificate and matriculation. He volunteered to join the Royal Navy at an early age and worked on a local farm before he was called for service in 1943. He saw service on a H M Versatile, a destroyer escorting a Russian convoy where he was soon recognised as officer material. He did training at King Alfred in Brighton, Lancing College and Rodean School (all Naval Establishments) where he was promoted to mid-shipman. He later became a sub-lieutenant in Light Coastal Forces, escorting coastal convoys and sweeping for shallow moored mines.

On D-Day his ship swept ahead of the invasion fleet and then swept inner harbours on the French coast. He was later given command of his own ship and at the end of hostilities in Europe it was fitted with ice-sheathing for service in the Baltic necessary for escorting repatriations ships. He declined a Royal Navy career in peacetime and decided to take up agriculture seriously and was one of the first entrants to the Derbyshire Agricultural College at Broomfield. He left to take up a post as assistant on a farm where he learned all the basic skills of farming and later became a bailiff on a 500 acre farm near Royston. It was here in 1951 that he met and married Mary who had been farm secretary on a neighbouring farm.

In 1953 he took a post on a 1200 acre estate belonging to the a son of the famous Lady Nancy Astor and here he experienced being on a large estate with head gardeners, grooms, butlers, chauffeurs and gamekeepers etc., and here their two sons were born. They moved to Hilborough in Norfolk to manage a 3,460 acre estate but found the farming disappointing as it was a devoted shooting estate. So to the Blyford estate (where Rebecca was born in 1965) consisting of 2,000 acres situated on each side of the Blyth valley owned by the late Mr J E B Hill who had become Conservative M P for the South Norfolk constituency.

The brochure of a Farm Open Day held in 1984 outlined how the estate had developed from a number of small farms and gave some statistics of the numerous activities including the rearing of cattle when milk production was the main stock business with 550 head of cattle grazing on 400 acres. At this time Ben was the Farms Manager and Agent with a staff of 16. He contributed to community life being Churchwarden at Sotherton for 20 years and Chairman of the Henham Steam Rally for 7 years He was a member of the Wenhaston branch of the Royal British Legion and collected in the village for the annual Poppy Appeal. The big love of his life was owning a yacht and racing at Royal Norfolk & Suffolk Yacht Club at Lowestoft where he was Rear-Commodore for over six years.

Derek Newby

Footpath Walking

The morning walk on Tuesday 1st July will leave from Wenhaston Village Hall at 10am.

The all day walk will be led by Olive Sims and Peter Waters. Meet at Blythburgh White Hart car park at 10:00am for a circular walk towards Walberswick. Lunch at Blythburgh White Hart.

For any other help contact Heather Phillips
01502 478545.

HPP

'A Rum Owd Dew' at Wenhaston

A real treat was to be found on the evening of Saturday 31st May at Wenhaston Village Hall with Charlie Haylock (author of "Slightly on th' huh") bringing us a hilarious selection of unique tales, monologues and mardles; celebrating Suffolk ways and the unique brand of humour found only in Suffolk. "I've never laughed so much in all my life" seems to be the most frequent comment heard since.

Many thanks to everyone who was involved with this evening and special thanks to Arthur Musk whose idea this was.

Becky Canham

Wenhaston with Mells Hamlet Parish Council

At the meeting on the 21st May Cllr. Bernard Orme was re-elected as Chairman and Cllr. Trevor Tate re-elected as Vice Chairman for the coming year.

The Plans at long last have been passed by SCDC for the new Cemetery as well as for Uplands, Low Road, Rowan House, Blackheath Road and Greenacres, St. Michaels Way.

An Allotment Association has been formed, but there seems to be more people wanting allotments than the present piece of land can provide for. If you have a large garden or piece of land that you can no longer manage and are willing to come to some arrangement with the Association please contact me.

The Parish Council are anxious to re start a Neighbourhood Watch scheme but need a coordinator, anyone interested in taking on this position please contact me.

A set of the Wenhaston Word started by Mrs Holt has been given to the Record Office at

Ipswich, and another set is to be given to the Archive Group.

County Councillor Rae Leighton explained the six options that are now on the table for the Boundary Committee to look at. When a decision is made the Parish Council can then discuss the preferred option and make their comments known.

Cllr. Gasper attended the Suffolk Estuary and Coast Conference held at Southwold Pier. It was felt that the Blyth Estuary Strategy group plan was the way forward. It is hoped that our footpaths in Wenhaston along the river might be re instated.

Cllr. Bridget Cousins is doing a concert ('Singing The River') in Blythburgh Church with a collection going to the Blyth Estuary funds. (Thank you Bridget).

SCDC have requested that bin bags are to be put out on morning of collection only, to deter vermin.

Mary Pennock
Clerk

Mothers' Union June Report

Mrs Jane Gamble was in the chair for the June meeting when it was announced that, following our successful 'Soup, sandwiches & shopping' event, donations had been made to 'Away from it all holidays', MU Overseas work, MU Prison work, and 'Tools with a mission'. It was also agreed to give a donation for the sponsored event which Craig Stammers was undertaking for Cystic Fibrosis after his daughter had been diagnosed with the condition.

A letter had been received from MU Headquarters thanking the branch for the money collected in lieu of Mothering Sunday presents. £156,000 had been collected so far nationally which will make a difference to many people in the third world. The money collected by Wenhaston Branch has been earmarked for emergency packs to be sent to Myanmar (Burma).

There will be a Garden Party on July 12th at Woodbridge School to welcome the bishops and their wives from overseas who will be on their way to attend the Lambeth Conference.

Two members from each branch were invited and Jenny Dickson and Jean Spindler elected to go on our behalf.

Our speaker for the afternoon was Anne Wright, Media Awareness Contact for the Diocese. Anne gave us much food for thought, discussing how advertising, television, newspapers and the internet can be an influence for both good and bad, especially to children, and how that we must be careful what we let our children watch and do. As an example of how things have changed, Anne brought along a copy of the Times from 1928. She encouraged us to complain when programmes offend us, but to also praise when they are good, as our opinions do make a difference. Anne was thanked by Pat Kemsley.

The meeting in July will be the annual garden party at Rowan House at 3:00pm on 9th. Members are asked to bring along a small plate of food to share. **Margaret Bloomfield**

News from the Village Hall

Almost everyone would agree that the Village Hall has served our community well since it was built in the 1970's. Many of us use it, whether to: visit the Post Office; exchange a book on the trolley or shelves; go along to a meeting of an affiliated club; attend a show, dance or party; find a bargain at a jumble sale; enjoy festivities at the Christmas Bazaar; enter items for the Village Show; visit the Doctor's Surgery session; or get involved in the many other activities that go on there throughout the year.

All of this 'use' obviously takes its toll on the building and the facilities provided. This means that parts of the Hall such as the kitchen, bar area and gent's toilets are in urgent need of refurbishment. In addition, it is becoming increasingly more expensive to heat the Hall because of the age/type of boiler fitted, rising fuel costs, absence of cavity wall insulation, draughty entrance/fire doors and single-glazed upper windows. On top of this, the Hall is not generating the income necessary to offset expenditure - in simple terms, the Hall is beginning to lose money. One reason for this is that the Hall is not attracting as many private bookings such as family parties, concerts, shows, dances and weddings, which have supplemented the Hall's income.

The Management Committee has responded to the above with a clear but ambitious plan. With the generous help of Mr. Roland Hammond (Professional Project Manager) who lives in Wenhaston, efforts are being made to secure some significant grant funding for a major

refurbishment project. The details of this project are on permanent display in the Village Hall. So far, £30,000 has already been pledged towards the total project costs of over £150,000. Further grant applications are in progress but many of these depend on the local community demonstrating that it values the Hall sufficiently to raise its own funds and contribute to the project. The Committee is hoping a target of £5,000 towards this can be achieved. Can you help? Are you interested in organising or being involved in a fundraising event? If so, please see the contact details below.

The Committee has also responded to criticism over Hall Hire charges by conducting a thorough review and restructuring. The proposals agreed by the Finance Sub-Committee are currently being reviewed by all affiliated clubs with a view to final costs being agreed at the main Committee meeting in July. The new charges will hopefully be implemented at the beginning of September and publicised widely beforehand.

All of the measures discussed should hopefully make the Hall an even more attractive venue both to the local community and private hirers, and establish Wenhaston Village Hall as the more favourable Hall to hire locally. Hope to see you at the Hall soon.

David Smeaton-Small
(VHMC Chairman; 01502 478743)

For Bookings contact: Becky: 01502 478842
or email villagehall@wenhaston.net
www.wenhaston.net/villagehall

Sports Club Bargain

Now is the time to join the Wenhaston Sports Club - if you're not already a member! As from 1st July, the rate for an adult is reduced to £20 for the rest of the season. For this, you get access to the tennis court at the Village Playing Field at any time when not previously booked and you can join in the Club sessions on Thursday evenings and Sunday mornings. Tennis coaching sessions, in groups or as individuals can also be arranged through the Club.

The usual annual membership is £30, so take advantage of this extra special offer and enjoy your tennis for the rest of the year. For further details, please contact David Harrison at Glenholme on Blackheath Road or on 01502 478757 or dharrison27@hotmail.com

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Admission 25p

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For more information contact
Alan Middleton-Stewart: 01502 478840

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Wenhaston W.I. June Report

Our June meeting started with a difference-calling it a friendship meeting we sat around tables in groups of six. Each table had a number as did members and visitors, then just before refreshments members moved to a table with a corresponding number. Thus new and old members could mingle and get to know each other.

Margaret and Philip Anderson generously brought nibbles, cakes and drinks so that we could help celebrate their golden wedding anniversary. The WI then presented them with a Fremontodendron plant, which has golden flowers, together with our congratulations and best wishes.

Pip Wright was this month's speaker. The title 'Frolic, Fervour and Fornication' had already whetted our appetite and we were not disappointed! The earliest records were written on blank pages so much contemporary information was given. Unlike today when pre-printed forms are used. In 1795 the water in the font was so cold it froze over. In 1832 a marriage was entered where the husband could only make his mark, but the vicar had written in the margin that the wife had been able to write her name, but the ring had been put on her toe as she had no arms, she had written her name with her foot. One year in Beccles there were 57 deaths instead of the usual 6 or 7 and no one knew why. With our present day system such interesting gems will never be recorded.

A very informative and amusing talk. It has been suggested that we might set up a Wenhaston W.I. Communication website, about which there is an ongoing discussion.

Congratulations to Jane Gamble, she was a runner up in a national competition for quilters.

We expressed our sympathy to Mary Chandler who lost her husband recently. This will be a difficult time for her but we pray that she will be given the inner strength to cope with the coming months.

Please phone Margaret Goldstone 01502 478378 or go to the post office if you are

interested in any of the following trips; to see the Suffolk Punch heavy horses on July 23rd, a guided tour of Norwich or a visit to the plantation gardens or a boat trip on the 7th August.

Ros Curtis

Queen's Head, Bramfield

Well known dining pub the Queen's Head in Bramfield, has joined forces with the international charity Wateraid.

Customers are being asked to make a small donation when they order a glass of clean fresh tap water to help Wateraid in its mission to overcome poverty by enabling the world's poorest people to gain access to safe water, sanitation and hygiene education.

"We take fresh water for granted" says Amanda Corcoran landlady of the Queen's Head for over ten years "but the fact is over one billion people across the world do not have access to safe water and nearly 5000 children die from a water related disease every day. Making a donation for a glass of tap water is an easy way to help".

Pop along to the Queen's Head and order a glass of water as it does not take much to make a big difference. £15 can provide one person with safe water, sanitation and hygiene education, £21 could pay a trained mason to help construct a well in Malawi.



News from the Bus Shelter

With the price of fuel rising and worries about shortages, more people should be using the bus! For those of us who pay for bus travel you can now buy a pack of 10 single tickets for a favourite destination. They don't have an expiry date and work out cheaper than a return fare – just buy them on the bus.

Anglian Coaches are aware and very concerned about the delays occurring to the 601 service between Lowestoft and Halesworth and are involved in discussions with Suffolk County Council to resolve the situation. We'll let you know as soon as possible about any changes which might affect you.

Michael Gasper

Transport Officer, Wenhaston Parish Council

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The Plant Sales Area was very tempting and the bus luggage area was soon filled with plants! Our afternoon visit was to Place for Plants and garden. Unfortunately it rained - but it didn't spoil our visit. Umbrellas to the fore we were escorted round the garden and arboretum by the owner, who told us that the garden must have a "wow factor!" There were certainly many of these! Tea and homemade cakes rounded off an enjoyable day.

Our next outing is to White House Farm at Ringsfield at 2:00pm on July 8th by members' cars. There are 3 spaces available costing £5.25. Please contact June at the Post Office if you can offer a lift and for directions to White House Farm.

Jenny Jeffrey

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