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July 2010

Wenhaston Gardeners on BBC Radio 4 Gardeners Question Time

What is this strange plant/bug/fungus in my garden? Why won't my prize purchase flower and when do I prune, transplant, feed – or not?

All these questions and more will be answered when the BBC Radio 4's Gardeners Question Time comes to Wenhaston Village Hall on Tuesday 27th July.

It's all happened so fast and we're very excited. Bob Flowerdew is reported to be among the experts so be quick and get your tickets from the Post Office and Holton Garden Centre. And think up those questions! Cherry Wilkinson

BBC Radio 4 Gardeners' Question Time Recording

Wenhaston Village Hall Tuesday 27 July 6:30pm

Refreshments Available

Tickets £2.50 from Wenhaston Post Office and Holton Road Garden Centre St Peter's Church Wenhaston invite vou to a

Safari Supper

on Friday 9th July

at various venues in the village Full details on the tickets which are on sale at the Post Office. Tickets £12.50 Children under 12 £6.00

Proceeds to Church Funds

Wenhaston Girls' Choir

Cabaret

Directed by Rob Goodrich (keys) with Clive Norton (bass) and Will Rogers (drums)

Wenhaston Village Hall Saturday 10th July 7:30pm for 8pm

Tickets £10.00 (Children free) Call 01728 635145 or from Wenhaston Post Office Licensed Bar



Wenhaston Village Show

15th Annual Show

Sunday 18th July

in the Village Hall 1:00pm - 4:00pm

Visitors Welcome

Schedules and Entry Forms from

The Post Office. The Star Inn and Tony Gow 01502 478977





Thank You

I would like to thank all those Wenhaston people who were kind enough to attend Judith's memorial service on 3rd June at Blythburgh Church and helped raise £1,255.00 which will be split, at Judith's request, between the Church and the Halesworth Community Nursina Fund. Two very good causes. The collection boxes will be kept open for 6 weeks at Woolnough Funeral Service, (in Halesworth) and also at Blythweb (in Wenhaston), should anyone wish to add to the collection.

I would also like to thank everyone for their good wishes and help of support, also the letters and cards I have received: they will all be answered if I know who sent them. So many just had 'from Jack' or 'Jill' and I am sorry to say that I do not know who they are. So please accept this note in the Word of my appreciation and gratitude to you all. I am humbled by all the acts of friendship I have received since Judith died. Again thank you all so much. Alan Middleton-Stewart

Wenhaston Energy Support Group

A 'Creating the Greenest Communities' workshop was hosted by WESG at the Village Hall on 12 June. This was sponsored by the Suffolk Climate Change Partnership. The emphasis was on local food and the role of community food enterprises. The workshop brought together representatives from Saxmundham, Bury St Edmunds, Beccles and Bungay to exchange experiences and ideas from their communities. Sustainable Bungay, for instance, has just launched their Community Bees project, with local households owning shares in the hives and their harvest.

Participants had a chance to visit Wenhaston's allotments, and also see around the Village Hall with its renewable energy features. Wenhaston is seen as a pioneer in this field and has been an inspiration to several other communities. We should be proud!

Ann Edwards

News from the Bus Shelter

Some small alterations have been made to the timing of the 520 and 601 bus services and others, including those to Beccles - the 522, 523 and 524 from Southwold and Halesworth To see how these changes affect your journeys, pick up a 'Revised Bus Services' leaflet from the Post Office which gives the amended timetables. Keep your 'Halesworth and Southwold guide' no 16 (Issue 6) because some services, ea the 588 to Norwich haven't changed. I hope that these new times will overcome the difficulties experienced by some Wenhaston people changing buses at Michael Gasper Southwold.

Wenhaston Parish Transport Representative

Musical Celebration

Help us to celebrate 150 years at Leiston Quaker Meeting House on 11th July at 3pm. Gordon Crosse of Wenhaston has composed music for the occasion. A real Victorian Tea follows

Tickets (free) and information from The Clerk, 01394 450 479. Donations please, to cover Diane Hinves expenses.

Music Corner by Chris Dunn

Friday 2 July The Cut Arts Centre, 7:30pm Suffolk County Music Service Gala Concert. Youth bands and orchestra from North Suffolk. Includes classical and popular music items. Tickets: £6/£4 from The Cut Box Office (0845) 673 2123) or online www.newcut.org

Saturday 10 July Halesworth United Reformed Church, 7:30pm. 'Sorella' Vocal Quartet. A programme of sacred and secular music. Donations to Christian Aid (no tickets).

Sunday 11 July St Peters Church, Westleton, 3:00pm. Tallis Chamber Orchestra. Music by Gounod, Beethoven, Seiber, Mozart and Dvorak. Admission by programme: £10 at the door

Sunday 11 July The Cut, Halesworth, 7pm. 'On Common Ground' An evening of stories. songs and music exploring the life and times of poet John Clare.

A Final Bow For Peter

Peter Lewis directs his own adaptation of 'Othello' in Wenhaston on 25 July, and then retires from active service as actor and director to become President of The Circle 67 Players in succession to Michael Dickson.

Peter first brought these much-enjoyed 'Shorter Shakespeare' performances to Church Common

ten years ago, with his 75 minutes adaptation of 'Hamlet', and they have been a familiar fixture in the summer season ever since.

Circle 67 plans to include Wenhaston in their annual tour in future years. Peter Lewis

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stepping down this summer and unless someone else comes forward to run the Youth Club then it will not resume in the autumn.

I have been involved with the Youth Club since the year 2000, during which time many

Head BRAMFIELD

Sunday 4th July at 8pm

Quiz Night - topical moderately hard questions £1 per person entry. Max of 4 per team.

Friday 9th July at 9pm

FREE live music with Skin the Fish

Friday 16th July at 9pm

FREE live music with Matt Shepherd and Jon Buck

Tuesday 20th July at 7:30pm

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Youth Club News

There will be a meeting on Friday 9th July at 6pm at the Football pavilion. If there is anyone willing to help continue the Youth Club then it is vital that they come to this meeting. Those presently running the Youth Club will be stepping down this summer and unless someone else comes forward to run the Youth Club then it will not resume in the autumn.

I have been involved with the Youth Club since the year 2000, during which time many children have benefited from these fortnightly sessions but for a variety of reasons I feel the time has come to step down.

I really hope someone is able to take the Youth Club on as it would be a shame for it to end.

If you know of anyone who may be interested then please advise them of this meeting. Thank you.

Richard Wakelin (Co-Chair, Youth Club)

Wenhaston Village Show

This year the Village Show on July 18th has two new elements; a trophy sponsored by Blythweb for the WALGA allotment holder with the most points in the vegetable, fruit and flower classes and also a Theme Table. This is on the topic of the Blyth Valley and residents are encouraged to bring along an item representing this, this is not competitive in any way.

Please support your local village show by getting a schedule and entry form and you may be surprised at how many classes you could enter. Details are in the advert on front page.

Tony Gow

Wenhaston Methodist Church July

Sunday Service at 10:30am

- 4 Rev'd Martin Houseman S
- 11 Julie Warren
 - 6:30pm Songs of Praise, Village Hall
- 18 9:30am United at St. Peter's
- 25 Rosemary Remy

Tuesday Meeting at 2:30pm

- 6 Women's Fellowship Waveney Stardust Outing
- 13 Bible Study
- 20 Women's Fellowship Judy Baker
- 27 Bible Study

Saturday 3rd 9am-10:30am 'Pray a While' on a come and go basis for prayer and meditation.

Village Hall Surgery

There will be no Southwold Surgery at Wenhaston Village Hall on Thursdays 1st, 8th and 15th July. Contact 01502 722326

Mothers' Union

It was in 1939 that Joyce Goddard was evacuated to Wenhaston along with her mother and younger sister, and other families. Joyce was billeted with a local family and soon got used to the country way of life away from her home in Ilford. She did find the local dialect a problem at first though! One of the first people she met was a youngster named Geoff, who later became her husband.

We spent a very interesting hour or so listening to Joyce's reminiscences, and seeing photographs, and she was thanked by May Parker and presented with a pot plant.

On 14 July we will meet in Margaret Goldstone's garden for our meeting at 3pm, and an outing is planned to Rumburgh Buck for supper on 12 August.

On 19 August we will be attending the Archdeaconry Day at Hacheston. There will be ploughman's lunches, stalls, presentations by Trustees and a Eucharist in Church to end the day. More about this next month.

Margaret Bloomfield

SHCT Sponsored Cycle Ride

This takes place on 11th September, 9am to 5pm. Hopefully a group of Wenhaston folk will walk around Norwich, visiting as many churches as we can, and raising funds for the Trust and our local church. Anyone interested in joining us could contact me on 01502 478502. Margaret Bloomfield

Thank You

I wish to thank everyone who helped to make my birthday such a happy occasion and for the cards, presents, flowers received, also the generous donations of £310 to the Halesworth Community Nurses Fund. *Mary Stammers*

St. Peter's Church Services July

- 4 No Service (9:30am at Halesworth)
- 11 9:30am Parish Fucharist
- 18 9:30am Joint Service with the Methodists at St Peter's
- 25 6:30pm Evensong

News from the Church

We are going on Safari again! It is now three years since St Peter's had a Safari Supper and so on Friday 9th July we are having one again.

Scanning the World Cup fixtures list I see that fortunately it does not clash with any match! Starters will be from 6:30pm to 7pm at 'Solbad', Blyford Lane, home of Barbara and Eddie Metcalf. We trek on to the Church Room, Church Lane, for the main course, where I believe a feast of good food will await. Wine will be available at both these venues. It is not far then to 'Spindleberry', Narrow Way, home of Margaret Goldstone, where both Desserts and Coffee will be served. There will also be a raffle at 'Spindleberry'.

Tickets priced £12.50 for adults or £6 for children under 12 are available from Wenhaston Post Office. This event is usually very popular so it is advisable to get tickets early.

June Lewis

The Wild Man of Orford

Orford, 1173: A strange creature is plucked from the sea by terrified fishermen, and questions abound. Is he a man? Is he some undiscovered sea creature, a form of merman, or a dead sailor possessed by mischievous spirits? Unable to communicate the stranger is taken to the new castle and tortured for answers

Orford, 2010: A strange man is plucked from the sea. Apparently unable to communicate or remember anything, his appearance causes a global furore. Who or what is he exactly? And what are his links to the original legend? Is history somehow repeating itself? And with a media keen to exploit his status, a government department anxious to explain him away, and a hostile crowd wanting answers, who can the twenty first century wildman turn to in a world where nothing is quite as it seems?

This is Oskar Foxtrot Productions' tenth musical and the touring show will open at the New Cut in Halesworth on 19th July. Tickets available now from The Cut at £9 and £7, although as usual, Oskar Foxtrot are pleased to offer a 10% reduction on all tickets bought by people of Wenhaston using this Wenhaston Word - see advert on back page. Sarah Corbett

Footpath Walking

The morning walk on Tuesday 6th July will leave from Wenhaston Village Hall at 10am.

The longer walk on Tuesday 20th July will be led by Sandra Canham and Dorothy Franklin. Meet at 10am at the Eel's Foot Inn, Eastbridge for a walk in Minsmere/Dunwich area. Lunch at the Eel's Foot Inn.

For any other help contact Heather Phillips 01502 478545 HPP

Bell Ringing

The Wenhaston practice nights in July are on Thursdays 8th and 22nd between 7:30pm and 9:00pm at St Peter's Church.
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Wenhaston WI

After welcoming our speaker, Heather Prince and a new member Gill Woolston, Helen presided over a lively meeting.

The next gathering of the diner's club is to be at the Tally Ho Tea Rooms at Mettingham. Elda is arranging the July lunch at the Sole Bay Fish Company. Quite a contrast!

The book club are reading Barbara Kingsolver's 'The Bean Trees', very different from 'The Handmaid's Tale' by Margaret Atwood which we read last month, this produced mixed feelings, hence an interesting discussion.

Well done to Janka for achieving her parachute leap and raising £416 for cancer research.

It has been suggested that our WI support the 'Tree House Appeal', for a new children's hospice. Innovative ideas are needed for raising money. A suggestion of an Italian evening sounds fun.

After Cathy was thanked for her onerous work in setting up our website, the hard work of the evening began. Heather showed us how to paint flower pots in the traditional Folk Art way, from an art form originating in the 16th century. Everybody had paint, pot and brush so for an hour there was silence, interspersed with odd cries and shrieks while everyone created motifs, mainly daisies, on their pots. Heather said they were excellent!

Once more we hope for good weather for our garden meeting, to be held at Spindleberry. *FJJ*

www.wenhastonwi.org.uk/

WI Website

Blythweb Ltd are proud to provide the tools and webspace to allow Wenhaston WI to create and run their own website. Well done Cathy!

Did you know Wenhaston and Thorington were mentioned in the Domesday Book?

I thought readers of the Word might be interested to know that the village was mentioned in the Domesday Book, which was commissioned in December 1085 by William the Conqueror, who invaded England in 1066.

The first draft was completed in August 1086 and contained records for 13,418 settlements in the English counties south of the rivers Ribble and Tees (the border with Scotland at the time).

In the book, Wenhaston and Thorington are mentioned together. We had '6 free men with $2\frac{1}{2}$ Carucates of Land, 3 villans, 16 bordars and 5 ploughs, 4 acres of meadow, woodland for 16 pigs, 1 Mill and a Church with 10 acres of free land and half an acre of meadow'. I make that 25 men plus their families, not to mention any serfs who, apparently, were too unimportant to count.

How times have changed - no Pub, Post Office, cars or tractors - but quite a few oxen apparently.

Glossary:

A *free man* was an individual not tied to land under medieval serfdom, unlike a villan or serf. A *carucate* was the amount of land tillable by a team of eight oxen in a ploughing season. This was equal to 8 *oxgangs* or 4 *virgates*.

An **oxgang** was the amount of land tillable by one ox in a ploughing season. This could vary from village to village, but was typically around 15 acres.

A *virgate* was the amount of land tillable by two oxen in a ploughing season.

A **villan** (**villain/villein**) was a feudal tenant of the lowest class.

A **bordar** was a person ranking below **villans** and above **serfs** in the social hierarchy of a manor, holding just enough land to feed a family (about 5 acres).

An **acre** was the amount of land tillable by one man behind one ox in one day. Traditional acres were long and narrow due to the difficulty in turning the plough. **Roland Hammond**

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Latitude Raffle

The Draw for the two tickets for Latitude was drawn by the Chairman of Wenhaston Parish Council Cllr. Bernard Orme on Wednesday 16th June 2010. The winning ticket was number 0108, the Miller Family, Moonrakers, Back Road, Wenhaston.



Cllr. Bernard Orme (left) handing over the two VIP tickets. Photo © Peter Phillips.

I would like to thank all the people who purchased tickets. At a later date I will inform you as to where the money is going.

Special thanks to Trevor and June at the Post Office, Eileen and Becky at Blythweb, The Swan (Sponsors of Wenhaston Football Club), Doug Canham and Wenhaston United Football Club who promoted the draw on behalf of the village, and of course Latitude who kindly donated the tickets to the village.

Accounts

547 tickets at £1	£	25	547.00		
Adshop printing of ticl	kets £	2	85.00	-	
Wenhaston Word adv	ert £	2	12.00	-	
Photocopies	£	2	6.25	-	
Total	£	2	143.75	prof	fit.
	Mary Po	eı	nnock,	Cle	rk

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Wenhaston Commons Group

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Wenhaston United Football Club

After being in the top four most of the Season we finished fourth in Division One, one more point would have secured second place and promotion to the Senior Division. The Reserves finished eighth in their Division.

Our end of Season dinner was held at Sizewell Sports Club and awards were given to Gary Todd and Matt Summerfield for the First Team and to 'Bertie' Leech for the Reserves

We would like to thank our sponsor B M Benchmark and Joinery and the White Swan, Halesworth and our 'ladies' for feeding and watering us during the winter, and our two Managers Trevor Chenery and Trevor Thompkins. Following our AGM everyone will be continuing for the forthcoming Season.

Due to the much reduced recycling credit for waste paper we have decided to cease our collections at Brook Farm. I would like to thank Marjorie Onyett for the use of her barn over the years and also best wishes to Marjorie for a speedy recovery from her recent fall.

PTP

Local Services (More on page 7)

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Wenhaston with Mells Hamlet Parish Council

The Chairman Cllr. Orme on behalf of the Parish Council expressed their sincere condolences to County Councillor Ray Leighton on the death of Mrs Leighton.

A new doggy bin will soon be erected on the sign leading to Vicarage Grove.

Four Parishioners have come forward to fill the Casual Vacancy, and will be invited soon to come and be interviewed by the Parish Council.

More information is needed before the Parish Council commit the village to the First Responder Scheme.

The removal of the undergrowth and trees was discussed at the meeting. As a result of this a Parish Wildlife Map Footprint will be introduced to safeguard the Wildlife Areas in the village.

The Charity Commission has allowed three members of the Parish Council to be representatives to the Village Hall Committee, providing the other organisations don't object. This hopefully will resolve the problem of Chairman, as Cllr. Orme, who was elected, has indicated that he is willing to fill the position.

Our village Community Police Officer PCSO Jamie Newson has asked me to inform parishioners that the police have had thefts from properties in Wenhaston reported. So please keep your property secure, locking outbuildings and sheds and making sure that anything of value is not in the public eye.

I am on holiday from 22nd June to 6th July.

Mary Pennock, Clerk

www.wenhaston.net/parishcouncil/index.php

St Peter's Church, Thorington

Trish, Viv and the PCC would like to thank everyone for their help, support, donations, gifts and for making our recent weekend event such a success. £3,600 was raised from the sale of art proceeds, refreshments, auction of promises and raffle so again a huge thank you to everyone involved.

Trish Gower

Wenhaston Village Hall News

Over recent months you may have noticed that there has been ongoing interior redecoration work at the Village Hall. Soon it will be the turn of the main hall. This necessary work is planned to be undertaken with minimal interference to hirers and will leave the building nicely freshened-up.

Did you know that general information, floor plan, booking form, brochure and email contact for the hall can all be found on the website www.wenhaston.net/villagehall/.

Eileen Heaps

Bird Watchers

Further news for Wenhaston twitchers....
I heard today 11 June at about 2pm a
Nightingale singing quite clearly on Church
Common, behind my cottage. First time this
year.

Colin Hooper

My daughter Michaela saw a Little Egret on the marshes between Reydon and Southwold at the same time as Colin Hooper saw one by the bridge. She said it was a splendid sight.

Margaret Bloomfield

Royal British Legion

Meeting opened with exhortation and silent tribute. A letter was read from the acting County Chairman. Also a letter from the Beccles branch asking us to support their letter being sent to the G Group Chairman about all the resignations in County Committee. Our G Group has sent an application for County Chairman.

Members, Standard and Parade Marshall are attending the County Rally at Woodbridge on Sunday 11 July. Sue Doy 01502 722987

Wenhaston Primary School Report

We had a very busy half term with lots of exciting activities and events taking place.

Our year 4 children had their overnight stay at Eaton Vale activity centre. They had a fantastic time and were able to try all sorts of different activities such as canoeing, crate stacking, archery and rock climbing.

We had a visit in school from the Planetarium. Every child had the chance to go inside and experience our amazing solar system in a unique way and learn lots of exciting new facts about it.

Our Key Stage 2 children had a trip to the Farm Fair at Trinity Park. Another fabulous day out where we were able to taste various local foods including yummy sausages and local rapeseed oil on bread

Our school orchestra have been working hard and have performed in a concert at Halesworth Middle School - well done to them all.

Key Stage 2 had a trip to Brampton Primary

School for a Circus Skills morning with Circus Ferrell. They then had the chance to show off what they had learned by performing in the big top in front of an audience.

Well done to the teams that took part in the tennis tournament at Framlingham College - especially to our 'A' team who did a fantastic job and came in 2nd place!



Mr Tom Childs - Sports Coach with Back Row L-R Hannah, Rose, Hattie and Rosie Front Row L-R Harry, George, James and Henry. Photo © Wenhaston Primary School

Local History Matters: 26

Occupations

Nowadays there are only a few signs of business in the village. To name a few one notes Wootens Nursery, Blythweb, The Star and PJN Motor Engineering.

However if one should go back to the Census Returns of 1871, one finds that the village is overflowing with activity.

Naturally the largest section is Agricultural Labourers totalling 149 but there are also 19 Farmers, 14 Shoemakers, 10 Dress Makers, 18 Servants, 7 Needlewomen and 6 Blacksmiths.

36 other occupations are listed including: 2 Bakers, 5 Grocers, 2 Butchers, 2 Inn Keepers, 5 Millers, 3 Millwrights, 1 Tailor and a Straw Bonnet Maker!

The total population in 1871 was 914, consisting of 470 males and 444 females with 226 houses inhabited and 19 empty.

Keith Johnceline

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