



Wenhaston Archive Project Exhibition

The Wenhaston Archive Project are holding an exhibition of many of the photos that they have collected. The exhibition will be held in the Village Hall between 12:00noon and 4:00pm on Saturday 29th March and Sunday 30th March. We will have several hundred photos on display spanning at least 100 years. We know very little about many of these photos - where they were taken, when they were taken and the people portrayed in them. Please come along and take a look and tell us whatever you can. We are working hard to produce a DVD slide show of many of these images and this will be launched at the Exhibition with copies on sale. There will also be some delicious home-made teas on sale too!

The Wenhaston Archive Website has moved to its new home <http://archive.wenhaston.net/> and now features a photo search facility and also a facility to let you register as an Archive User. This allows you to add comments to each photo and also to view the comments other people have left. Since the New Year the Archive Website has been visited over 4,000 times and we have had a number of interesting emails from people who have seen the website including one lady who recognised herself in a school photo from 1947!



*'Apple Pickers'
From the collection of Jean Townsend*

The Wenhaston Archive DVD will be on sale at the Exhibition. This will play on any standard DVD player attached to a TV and will contain many of our old photos grouped by category into slideshows. These will make great presents to send to your friends! Profits from the DVD will go to support the work of the Archive Group and help toward the cost of putting on the exhibition.

Tim Heaps

Reminder

Does Wenhaston Want a Cricket Ground?

This was the front page topic in last month's Wenhaston Word. Read it again on <http://www.wenhastonword.co.uk/> or just take another look at your printed copy to refresh your memory. The Open Meeting, where you can learn more, and/or give your support, will be held at the Church Room on Thursday March 6th at 7:30pm. Please come.

If you need to contact someone before then get in touch with Bob Cattell, 01502 478495, email: bob@glorygardens.com

Wenhaston Word

St Peter's Church
Wenhaston
Grand Jumble Sale

**Saturday 1st March
Village Hall 2pm**

Cakes Raffle Refreshments Books Toys
Bric-a-brac Jumble Good as new clothes

In aid of Church funds

Wenhaston with Mells Hamlet Parish Council

Suffolk Coastal District Council has informed the Council that a licence will be granted for the Parish Council to manage allotments in Narrow Way. Anyone who is still interested in having an allotment after all this time, please write to me (You can leave your letters in the pouches in the Village Hall - marked Parish Council).

I have had several complains about the "doggy bins" not being emptied. I have spoken to Suffolk Coastal Services, who informed me that the bins would be emptied. Please inform me if this is not done.

The Annual Parish Meeting has been booked for April 23rd 2008.

The Horse Route and the Commons will be on the Agenda.

Suffolk Coastal has given planning permission to Old Hall Farm, Bartholomews Lane, for conversion of redundant farm buildings to annexe and holiday let, and to 3 Marsh View, Hog Lane, to erect a single storey rear extension.

The plans have been drawn up for the proposed new Cemetery, and the Parish Council would like to thank Mr Maurice Naunton for his excellent work.

The Parish Council has £16,268.78 in the bank as at 20th February 2008.

Clerk Mary Pennock

Wenhaston United Football Club

Home fixtures for March all K.O. 2:30pm

March 01	Res	v	Ipswich Exiles
March 15	Res	v	Sizewell
March 22	Res	v	Gt Blakenham
March 29	Res	v	Benhall

The Suffolk Junior Cup Semi Final against Cockfield is being played at Debenham Leisure Centre on 8th March, K.O. 2:00p.m.

Peter Pennock

The Late Alethea Nunns

The burial took place at Wenhaston Cemetery of Alethea Nunns on February 8th 2008.

I would like to thank Woolnough's Funeral Services, The Rev. Anna Wright who took the service and all the Parishioners who came to say their goodbyes.

Clerk Mary Pennock

Wenhaston Methodist Church

Sunday Services for March

2nd 10:30am Mothering Sunday

Margaret Gooderham

9th 10:30am Rev'd Barbara Garwood

United service

16th 10:30am Palm Sunday Iris Baker

21st 09:30am Good Friday Meditation

Rev'd Barbara Garwood

23rd 10:30am Easter Sunday

Rev'd John Sigsworth HC

30th 10:30am Local arrangement

Tuesday Meetings at 2:30 pm

4th Women's Fellowship

Rev'd Barbara Garwood

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Valentines Dance

Over one hundred people came along to enjoy the Valentines Dance held in Wenhaston Village Hall last month.

Arthur would like to thank all his team members for organising another successful event and also thanks Julie from The Star for her generous donation. From the money raised £100 will be retained to help fund future events, £120 goes to Wenhaston Youth Club and £120 goes to the Church Room.

Arthur Musk

Halesworth and District Twinning Society

Halesworth & District Twinning Society is in its 25th year of 'twinning' with our French partner, Bouchain, in northern France. As part of the celebrations to mark this event, some 40 or more guests from Bouchain will be visiting Halesworth for the weekend 11th – 12th May. They will be joined by a dozen friends from our other partner town, Eitorf, near Bonn.

Finding accommodation for this number of visitors is likely to prove challenging so we would welcome contact from anyone who would like to become involved, if only to host one or two of these visitors.

Details of the weekend's activities are still to be finalized but are likely to involve dinner and entertainment at the Golf Club on the Saturday evening where hosts can join plus a number of events on Sunday in and around the area. The French group arrives on Saturday lunchtime and leaves early on the Monday with the German visitors probably doing the same.

Our next meeting is on Monday March 10th at the White Hart in Thoroughfare, Halesworth, and anyone interested is most welcome to join us for the meeting at 7:30pm or for a drink afterwards at around 9:00pm.

If you would like to host and/or become more involved in Twinning please contact Josie 01986 873941 or Ian 01986 873533

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Saturday 29th and Sunday 30th March

12:00noon - 4:00pm

Wenhaston Village Hall

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Refreshments

Wenhaston Archive DVD on sale

Website for the Wenhaston Archive Project is
<http://archive.wenhaston.net/index.php>

Wenhaston WI February Report

Christine Haynes started her talk on A Day in the Life of a Barrister with a potted history of our legal systems. These started in 1128 with the Knights Templar who were paid to give safe passage to pilgrims. This evolved into priests distributing the law. It wasn't until the 13th, 14th centuries that the law split into Cannon law and Civil and Criminal law.

Although she was not allowed to talk about specific cases Christine was able to give us some amusing snippets. Now she always turns to look at her clients when they come into the dock. For on one occasion a lady appeared in an amazing fur coat only to discard it to reveal that she had wrapped herself in cling film and nothing else!

Not only does Christine deal with Criminal law but practises in Family law. She pointed out that Social Services, far from marching in and taking children into care, have studied the background of the family before taking such a drastic step. The greatest evil is drugs, the cause of most robberies and abuse.

What is to be done if drugs and alcohol are more important to a parent than the welfare of their child?

We were shown Christine's regalia. As she put on her wig she pointed out that all of a Barrister's hair should be covered by the wig. Wigs are made of horse hair as human fleas can't live in it and yes some of her clients have infestations. She showed us the pockets at the back of the gown where in the past grateful clients placed money. We didn't follow this tradition but gave her a loud round of applause for her informative and amusing talk.

Much business after coffee:

News of forthcoming outings.

The request for volunteers to help catalogue our Church's gravestones.

Ideas required for our French evening in April.

This will include a fun wine tasting.

News that 33 blankets have been knitted and will be delivered to Chernobyl.

Next month, a talk on the work of Age Concern.

FJJ

Recycling Plastic Bottles

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Music Corner

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The music follows the course of the river from Southwold to Halesworth.

Tickets £8, from The Cut Box Office, 0845 643 2123 or online from www.newcut.org

Sunday 16th March at 6:30pm, St Mary's Church, Halesworth. The Phoenix Chorale.

Palm Sunday music from Stainer's 'Crucifixion' and Handel's 'Messiah'.

No charge. Offering for charity.

Chris Dunn

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Wenhaston Mothers' Union

We were transported to Prague for Christmas by Dilys Grimwade, and to British Columbia by Pat Kemsley, when they told us of their travels and showed us photographs and artefacts from the places they stayed and sights they saw.

It seems that Prague is a very cultural city with several palaces, a cathedral and Jewish quarter etc. Dilys had much enjoyed the Opera and a concert. She did not seem too enamoured by the food but said it had been a very interesting and enjoyable holiday.

Pat and her friend travelled to Canada in 2006 and toured Vancouver Island where there are many smaller islands and inlets. Some of the highlights were watching grisly bears and orca whales in their own habitat, and seeing Indian artefacts.

Both ladies were thanked by Jenny Dickson.

March 2nd is Mothering Sunday, and we look forward to seeing lots of mothers and children (of all ages) at our 10:00am service in St Peter's. There will be posies for the Mums and cake and coffee afterwards.

On March 4th there is a Deanery Quiet Afternoon at Uggeshall Church at 2:30pm. The service will be conducted by Rev Julie Eaton. There will be the chance to lunch beforehand at Wangford. Anyone interested contact June Lewis or myself.

The Womens World Day of Prayer is on March 7th at 2:00pm in Halesworth Catholic Church.

On March 12th we have a Meditation for Passiontide to be conducted by Rev. Lindsey Spendlove of Green Blade. We are all looking forward to this and invite everyone to come along and join us.

Our first Jumble Sale of the year is on March 1st in the Village Hall at 2:00pm.

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Wenhaston Energy Support Group

- Great News! The village of Wenhaston with Mells has won an award from Suffolk Strategic Partnership 'Creating the Greenest County' project – as "The Greenest Community in 2008 - for outstanding work to improve their energy efficiency".

In recognition of our work we were invited to apply, and the award gave us £200 which will go into the group's new bank account.

Janet Dillaway and Michael Dickson went to collect the award on 12th February:



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Janet Dillaway (centre), chair of the Wenhaston Energy Group receiving the award from Clare, Countess Euston, DL, Chair of the Suffolk Strategic partnership, and Peter McCarthy Ward, BT Director of East of England.

Congratulations and many thanks to everyone in the village who has joined in so positively and actively all through the year. Our future activities should now get maximum support and collaboration from funding bodies and other agencies.

We welcome some of Bryn's Eco-team who have now joined up with us – helping to spread the load as we become more widely-known and effective.

- The next event is very soon

'Insulation Drop-in' on Saturday March 8th at the Village Hall, from 10:00am to 12 noon.

Free entry, and a valuable opportunity for all households to find out about free installations and low cost deals.

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Hoping to see you all there, with children and grannies too – at least to celebrate our award!

Serena Inskip

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Wenhaston Gardeners Club

At our February meeting Peter Ransome shared his enthusiasm for orchids in the wild. There are as many as 56 species growing in this country and he had some beautiful photographs of some of them.

We were very pleased to hear that Gerald Kiddy has agreed to be the Club's new Vice President. Gerald has given much valued service to the Club over the years with his knowledge, his leadership as long serving Chairman, and not least as a prolific Show exhibitor. Thank you, Gerald.

An outing is proposed for June 6th to Glen Chantry garden and East Bergholt Place in Essex and south Suffolk. A guided tour is on offer at East Bergholt. More details and a list to sign if you are interested will be available at the next meeting.

I'm pleased to say we have managed to keep our plant sales table going throughout the winter, sometimes with only a few pots on offer. If you have any spare bits of this and that, don't hesitate to bring them along. They might just be the thing that others have been looking for!

We meet again on March 11th when Matthew Tanton-Brown will tell us all about Ground Cover Plants. Hope to see you there.

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Cherry Wilkinson

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RBL Wenhaston and District Branch

Meeting opened with Exhortation and silent tribute. We send our good wishes to our Chairman Nelson Wright who is in Halesworth Hospital.

A letter was read from County Chairman urging branches to get their R&P's in, as several are outstanding. They should have been in by 31st December 2007. We are not entitled to send a delegate to County or National Conference if we don't.

An invitation for Standard and Members to attend The Anzac Day Commemorative Service at Woodbridge St Mary's Church on Sunday 27th April at 3:00pm.

The dinner is booked for Monday March 10th 7:00pm for 7:30pm at the Star Inn. Members present were given menus. Those who were not were sent through post.

A brief report was given on Group Meeting held at Bungay in January. Standard Bearer, Vice Chairman and Secretary attended the County Conference. The County Conference Delegate Secretary Sue Doy gave a report on Conference.

There were 22 Standard Bearers and a good turnout of delegates and visitors, it was a very interesting and smooth running conference, with very good speakers from the War Graves Commission with a slide show. Many of us had been to all these places with The RBL Tours. Very interesting.

We congratulate Halesworth Branch for winning the Med Branch Efficiency Cup and our branch Standard Bearer John Levy for winning The County Standard Bearer's Cup for another year.

Branches in Suffolk sent £8,830.20 to County Benevolent Fund.

The Poppy Appeal was up all over the country. Charter Motions and Motions 1 to 4 were all passed.

Next year's County Conference is Saturday January 17th 2009 at Needham Market Community Centre.

Standard Bearer John Levy paraded at Ganges.

Cards have been sent to sick members.

New members welcome.

Next meeting is March 10th at Star Inn Branch
Dinner 7:00pm for 7:30pm. **Sue Doy**

News from the Bus Shelter

A few weeks ago Jill and I went to Great Yarmouth by car to visit a particular shop in town. We were nearly there when the 'sat-nav' decided to send us back home again! We persevered, using one of those old map things and then tried to find somewhere to park – we ended up some distance from our destination.

More recently we needed to return to the same shop to collect an item. We decided to take the 601 bus on a Thursday. What a difference! We didn't need to navigate or park – just sit back and enjoy the journey with convivial company. The bus stopped in the centre of town just yards from our destination and left us ample time for a bracing walk and some lunch in a café – all on Valentines day!

**Michael Gasper, Transport Officer,
Wenhaston Parish Council**

St. Peter's Church Services

- March 02 10:00am Mothering Sunday
Family Service
March 09 11:00am We join the Methodists
March 16 10:15am Palm Sunday
Service at Halesworth
March 23 09:30am Easter Day
Parish Communion
March 30 09:30am Parish Communion
(Team Service)

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Local History Matters: 10

School

In 1562 William Pepyn and Reginald Lessey died and both left land, the income from which they wished to provide for an opening of a school. It was founded on the first floor of the Guildhall, next to the church.

The first name of a schoolmaster was Rowland Ablesonne in 1594. I have noted that in 1591 a Thomas Feltham died in Halesworth and he left his son, John, lands in Wenhaston and 10 sheep to the school!

In the early 1800s the school moved to a Georgian building that is now the Church Room. In 1870 the Elementary Education Act was passed which instituted a state system of compulsory education. This meant a larger building and the present school building was opened in 1882.

John Chambers was the first Headmaster at £100 a year. Mr Adams was the cleaner at £7 a year!

On the Register were as many as 157 by the end of the month. This caused a complaint that there were not enough books for the children.

In 1904 there were 176 on the Register but only accommodation for 153.

Mr Sales was appointed Headmaster on 12th April 1886 and he died in office 15th September 1918. I shall write about him another time.

There was also a school at Blackheath. In the Tithe Map of 1839 what is now Rose Cottage is shown as the Schoolhouse, and next door lived Thomas Turhill, schoolmaster. In 1804 James Maggs, the Southwold Diarist, attended school at Blackheath.

Keith Johnceline

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A Blackheath Point of View

In response to the complaint about the work being done on Blackheath I think it a real pity that the anonymous writer's first port of call is to criticise a group of people who are giving their time and energy for free while the rest of us just take in the view.

I live very near the area in question and yes it was mildly inconvenient that the tractor churned up that bit of path - I struggle across it with a pushchair - but it has quickly started to recover and the outcome, in my opinion, will be well worth it. Rabbits and gamebirds hardly require conserving and Muntjacs aren't even native to this country, and while I'm no expert I do know that adders and grass snakes will find heathland far more conducive to survival than gorse bushes.

You only have to visit Dunwich heath to see how exceptionally beautiful heathland is and how diverse the wildlife it maintains. How can anyone be so short sighted as to look at the new areas of heather that the commons committee have worked hard to reinstate in other parts of Blackheath and call this work decimation?

If any one of us thinks we can do a better job, or has superior ideas, perhaps we should put our money where our mouths are and get involved. When it comes to being an authority on the landscape of the past, perhaps we would all do well to remember that very little landscape in this country is untouched by human beings, we have been cultivating and altering this landscape to meet our own requirements for hundreds of years. If that weren't true the country would still be covered in forest. So perhaps we should all be a bit more tolerant of short term inconvenience, unless we really are prepared to go back to nature and let things revert to the forest.

Elissa Palser

Footpath Walking

The morning walk on Tuesday 4th March will leave from Wenhaston Village Hall at 10:00am.

On Tuesday 18th March Jill Daines and Mike Gasper will lead the all day walk. Meet at Wenhaston Village Hall at 10:00am to catch the bus to Southwold, or meet at Southwold Harbour at 10:40am for a walk to the pier for lunch.

For any other help contact Heather Phillips
01502 478545. **HPP**

Conservation Work in March

Sunday 9th March. 10:00am - 1:00pm.
Meet at seat on Bickers Heath.

Tuesday 11th March. 10:00am - 12noon.
Church Common.

Commons Group

Missing - Wax Jacket

Did you pick up a Barbour wax jacket on Sunday February 10th at the bottom of Hall Farm drive by the gate?

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Please bring items to Blythweb's office in The Street, Wenhaston, (usually open 9:00am-5:00pm Monday-Friday) or leave them in the letterbox on the wall if the office is closed.

Many village residents will know my son was diagnosed diabetic at six years old in the 1980s. Daily multiple injections and the practicalities of living with diabetes inevitably affected life for the whole family. Researchers still strive for a cure while the numbers of the newly-diagnosed increase, affecting all ages from babies to pensioners. For many years Diabetes UK were a lifeline to my family and I am pleased to publicise this appeal and support them - will you help too?

Many Thanks.
Eileen Heaps.

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(More on page 9)

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Waving to the helicopter from inside a letter S of the SOS on Walberswick beach

Wenhaston Wavers at Walberswick

(a personal viewpoint)

On Sunday February 17th more than one thousand people came to the Walberswick SOS photo-shoot on Walberswick beach. The sun shone, the sea sparkled and children and dogs were all well-behaved. We stood to form the letters SOS and this was photographed from a low-flying helicopter. You may well have seen the coverage about the event in local newspapers.

It was good to know so many people from Wenhaston were there to register their protest that decisions have been made not to maintain local sea and river defences. Many Wenhaston residents also signed their name to the petition.

My understanding of the situation is that the sea and river defences locally will no longer receive enough government funding to be effective and thus flooding will occur, unchecked.

From the 'Wenhaston ridge', a giddy twenty metres above sea level, we may think that this will not affect us here so why should we be concerned? The reality is that this will change where we live - and we are already affected. The River Blyth has burst its banks, detrimentally affecting grazing marshes and eradicating a footpath to Blythburgh. Will I never walk that path again?

I understand that the anticipated future flooding will affect the A12, and when the A12 is closed at Blythburgh the diversion of traffic is usually via Wenhaston, a busy, noisy, stream of traffic.

As a law-abiding tax payer I am very concerned at this government policy to effectively abandon and change where I live, especially knowing that just across the north sea our European neighbour Holland has successfully practiced reclaiming land from the sea for centuries.

Sacrifice Walberswick today? Who tomorrow? Where will this end?

To know more, and to see some impressive photographs, go to

www.walberswickseadefence.org.uk and see also www.walberswicksos.co.uk

Eileen Heaps

Walberswick SOS Registration on the day: Blue, no.7 (standing in the second letter S)

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