



## Doing Something Funny For Money

Charlotte Gower from Wenhaston and her friend Emma Chase in Cookley decided to 'do something funny for money' for Red Nose Day during February half-term. They decided to wear bright clothes 'fancy dress' on Friday 20th February and stay in *silence all day* as they collected donations in Halesworth and Southwold, as well as gaining sponsorship from family and friends. They completed their silence, and had lots of fun and raised just over £500 between them. This will be forwarded to Red Nose Day 2009 funds.

The message for Red Nose day and from the girls is £1 could pay for a hot meal for a young homeless person at a UK day centre and £15 is all it takes to enable a girl in Zambia to attend primary school for a year.

If anyone wishes to add a donation supporting these two teenagers please phone Charlotte on 01502 478267.

*Trish Gower*

## Wenhaston Post Office

Most people will have seen the notices about the refurbishment of the village hall. I would like to assure everyone that the Post Office will be open as usual except for one day when the electricity will be disconnected. I will put notices up to advise customers of this date and time.

*June Tate, Sub Postmistress*



St Peter's Church  
Wenhaston

## Grand Jumble Sale

**Saturday 7th March**  
**Village Hall 2pm**

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

**In aid of Church funds**

## Save Our Star

Public Meeting - 7:30pm Wednesday 11th March

It is highly likely that The Star Inn will be closed at the end of March. This would not only mean the loss of a much-loved and valuable community asset but would make the village a less attractive place to live in.

This would affect house prices and some businesses, especially those relying on tourism and visitors. A small working group has begun to look at the possibility of the village buying the pub as a community asset.

To find out more and discover what you can do to help come along to the  
Public Meeting

Wenhaston Village Hall Wednesday 11th March at 7:30pm

All are Welcome

*Bernard Orme*

## News from the Village Hall

After many meetings, phone calls, emails and letters, not to mention frustrating moments - the energy saving measures are finally beginning. Indeed, by the time you read this, work decommissioning the old boiler system and preparation for 3-phase electrical supply will already have begun. The Management Committee and other interested parties are very excited that we are at the installation phase of the project.

Normal services are still available at the Hall for the next two months. There may be occasional disruption to car parking arrangements but we hope that you will still continue to support the vital services such as the Post Office and Doctor's Surgery during this time. If anyone needs specific information about the day to day activity of the project please contact Robin Dillaway (01502 478966). Robin has not only been instrumental in getting us this far but he has kindly volunteered to project manage the installation phase and will be regularly around on site.

A long 'clearance weekend' of the loft space has been arranged for user groups, from 13th to 16th March, 9:00am until 4:00pm. Please remember to ring Robin to arrange a time slot. Apart from allowing access to the floorboards it is an ideal opportunity for a good sort out. Nothing of historical value will be disposed of and best efforts will be made to identify owners or knowledgeable people for reference.

Finally, the refurbishment plans for the kitchen, bar and toilets are still at the developmental stage but be assured they will be made available for consultation by user groups before any further action.

Hope to see you at the Hall sometime.

*David Smeaton-Small (VHMC Chairman)*

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### Reminder

Due to works to Spexhall Bridge on the A144 Halesworth-Bungay road the road is due to be closed to traffic from Friday 27 February to Sunday 8 March inclusive. Diversion route in place. This will also affect the rail service at this location on the weekends of 27 February /1st March and 7th/8th March. See January issue of Wenhaston Word for full details (also at [www.wenhastonword.co.uk](http://www.wenhastonword.co.uk)).

### News from the Bus Shelter

If you fancy a bracing walk at Southwold, it's worth remembering that, since September, the 601 turns at the harbour instead of the market place. It's a good place to start a walk along the beach towards the pier – even better if the wind is behind you!

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

### Commons Work Parties

Sunday 8th March 10:00am.

Blackheath. Meet at Golden Acres. Work will include partial removal of overgrown gorse from the area running south towards Blackheath Road.

Tuesday 10th March 10:00am

Church Common. Meet at central open area.

Sunday 22nd March 10:00am

Blackheath. Meet at bottom of slope leading up to BMX track. Work will include continuing removal of overgrown scrub/gorse in the area worked on in December and January.

*Jonathan Alder*

### Wenhaston Archive Notelets

This set of eight notelets are approximately postcard sized and are blank inside for you to write your own message. They feature a variety of interesting old village scenes and are on sale for just £6 including envelopes from Wenhaston Post Office and from Blythweb. Funds raised will support the work of the Archive Group.

Deadline for April 2009 issue  
is 20th March 2009

## Petanque - The League Wants You

Regardless of age or ability, the Suffolk Coastal Petanque League are looking for any interested person in the Wenhaston area to get in touch regarding the possibility of playing petanque in the 2009 season. It doesn't matter whether you have played before or not, as advice and coaching can be given.

What the League are looking for is any interested individual, couple, family group, sports and social clubs and pubs that can form into teams of just 4 players and who perhaps have the space to play two games simultaneously. One of the financial benefits of the sport is that if you have or know of a decent gravelled area, then you have a ready-made playing area. Gravelled car parks to pubs, village halls and community centres are usually the most widely used areas for new teams and are relatively easy to cordon off for a match to be played.

The Coastal League had its first season in 2008 with nine teams being split into a North and a South section (to limit travelling between matches) with matches starting in April and being played approximately every third week until September when the Leagues' play-offs were held to ascertain the overall winners. As already stated teams need to be a minimum of 4 players up to a maximum of 8. Matches are usually played on a Sunday morning, with the host venue usually providing after-match refreshments.

The cost to join is £12 per team for the entire 2009 season and Registration Night is to be held on Friday 27th March from 7:30pm onwards at Ye Olde Coach & Horses, Melton, near Woodbridge. You can request further information by contacting the League Co-Ordinator at 18 Melville Road, Ipswich, IP4 1PN or e-mail at [imogenlewis@sky.com](mailto:imogenlewis@sky.com) *Simon Fletcher*

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Sunday: 12 noon - 3:00 pm

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### Time Team at Blythburgh

Last Autumn the popular Channel 4 TV programme 'Time Team' came to Blythburgh to investigate Blythburgh Priory. See how they got on when this programme is broadcast at 5:30pm on Sunday 29 March.

### Wenhaston Commons Group AGM



Tuesday 17th March

7:00 - 9:00pm

Wenhaston Village Hall



Friday 27th March 9pm

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## Wenhaston Sports Club

### Grand Jumble Sale

The Wenhaston Sports Club is very grateful to all those who so kindly helped and donated items for the Grand Jumble Sale held in the Village Hall on 31 January. The sale raised nearly £700 for Club funds and this could not have been done if it had not been for all those who helped on the day. Particular thanks go to Trish Gower who master-minded the event and to all her helpers. The School and its pupils' parents who made such a massive contribution with their splendid cakes merit a special mention as does Jackie Chenery at the tea bar. The event would not have been possible without the many donors who took the trouble to sort out their cupboards and to all those who spread the word.

*David Harrison*

## Wenhaston Methodist Church

Services for March

Sunday Services at 10:30am

1st Gordon Fray

8th Rosemary Remy

15th Rev'd Robert Soanes S United with St.Peter's

22nd Rev'd Jo Jacobs Mothering Sunday

29th Margaret Gooderham

Tuesday Meetings at 2:30pm

3rd Women's Fellowship Gwenyth Lynes

10th Bible Study

17th Women's Fellowship Gladys Sexton

24th Bible Study

31st Healing Service

Ecumenical Lent Course

Wednesday 4th 7:00pm

following 4 Wednesdays at 7:30pm.

Saturday 7th 10:00 - 11:30am

'Pray a While' on a come and go basis for prayer and meditation.

All Welcome at Any Event

## Wenhaston Archive Notelets

Now available to buy online

<http://archive.wenhaston.net/dvd/notelets.php>

## Wenhaston WI February Report

If at ninety I am as active and full of fun as our WI I shall be well pleased!

Guests and members past and present all gathered together in Wenhaston Village Hall to celebrate the auspicious occasion of our ninetieth birthday. Of course we sang Jerusalem. A new and beautifully embroidered tablecloth graced our President's table.

Helen had studied our past records and read some out. During the war the government sent tonnes of sugar to Suffolk with instructions for WIs to make jam and rose-hip syrup for the war effort. Wenhaston made 1,000 jars of jam which was impressive but Blyford exceeded this by making 2,000 jars.

Chris then gave us an insight into the earlier accounts. The annual subscription was two shillings; in 1918 we paid a boy 1/3d to move the chairs!

Rosemary then read us a charming poem she had composed.

After photos were taken of some of our past Presidents our speaker began his talk on Jerusalem. He gave us a potted biography of William Blake, who didn't attend school but was taught by his mother. At the age of 14 his skill as an artist was apparent and he became an apprentice to an engraver, where he produced unusual paintings and poems.

Blake had a vision of Milton, who admitted that in 'Paradise Lost' he had made the Devil more interesting than God, so he suggested that Blake should redress the balance, so Blake wrote the words to the poem we know and love. Hubert Parry put the words to music. Later Edward Elgar was asked to write a more rousing tune.

Joan thanked Mark for an excellent informative and amusing talk.

The evening closed with a glass of bubbly and delicious canapés.

*FJJ*

## Mothers' Union

Have you heard of the Tanworth Starfish Fund? There was a very good article about it in December's Team Times. Anyway, Wenhaston MU members know all about it as Moira Cooke, who is very involved with the Charity, came along to tell us about it. The Charity was set up by a Housegroup in Tanworth to help victims of the Aids crisis in Zambia. Moira and her husband, Bob, travel to Zambia every year to oversee their projects, which include re-building Kaputula Community School, providing essential school materials in Kitwe, and supporting orphans at a rural orphan centre. Jenny Dickson thanked Moira for her talk and for all that she and Bob are doing in Zambia.

The Deanery Quiet Afternoon is on Wednesday 4th March, 2:30pm at Holton Church and will be lead by Rev. Liz Cannon. Some of us will have lunch at the Star first - 12noon for 12:30pm. Anyone wishing to join us, please let June Lewis know. Cars leave the Village Hall at 2:00pm.

On March 25th, the Lady Service takes place at the Cathedral. I have booked a coach which will leave Wenhaston Village Hall at 8:30am, and leave Bury at 3:00pm to return. The fare will be between £7 and £10, depending on numbers, and if any non-members would like to have a day out in Bury, they would be most welcome. 01502 478502

Our March meeting is on Weds 11th at 2:30pm in the Church Room, when John Buck will tell us about his life as a gamekeeper. We will be having a raffle for 'make a mother's day' when we raise money for gifts for third world families. Could members please bring a small item for the hamper to be raffled.

*Margaret Bloomfield*

## Wenhaston United Football Club

Fixtures for March all KO 2:30pm. *PTP*

7th	1st	v	Cockfield
14th	1st	v	Achilles
21st	Both Teams	Away	
28th	Res	v	Woodbridge Ath

Wenhaston Energy Support Group

## Annual General Meeting

Thursday 26th March 7:00pm

Church Room

Followed by chat/food - bring and share  
AND

Music by Bridget Cousins at 7:30pm

All Welcome

## 'Make Your Mark' Wenhaston

An all age, fun event planned for Friday, March 27. Come and spend 10 or 15 minutes 'Making your Mark'.

The idea for this event arises out of what could be a turning point: the election of President Obama. But irrespective of how one, fallible human being fares over the coming months and years, how about us? Can we 'Make our Mark' to add our voices to his, to speak out about the importance of integrity and the courage required to choose, at the local and even national levels, honesty rather than corruption, humility and generosity over greed? That's what we will be having fun doing on the 27th. So please come and find out and enjoy taking part.

Pop in anytime between 6:30pm to 8:30pm on the 27th and help make a large display inspired by words, by music, and by images which this momentous world event has generated.

All ages are welcome and activities will be provided which take only a little of your time. If you like what you find, you can also stay around to chat and to look at what else is going on. We hope to have music. We hope it will be lively *and quietly reflective*.

St. Peter's Wenhaston are providing the space and refreshments, so just turn up between 6:30pm and 8:30pm at the church and get creative! For further info email [ruth@threeways.mail1.co.uk](mailto:ruth@threeways.mail1.co.uk) . *Ruth McCabe*

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## **Irish Festival Fraud**

Officers from Staffordshire Police are investigating a fraud enquiry which could have affected people across the country.

Between Friday 18 July and Monday 21 July 2008 an Irish festival was due to be held at Pontins in Pakefield, Suffolk.

Tickets for the event were booked through Staffordshire travel company Pilgrims Abroad but the weekend was cancelled at the last minute.

It could be that residents in Suffolk, Norfolk and Leeds may have been affected by the event's cancellation.

DC 4958 Lisa Dale of Staffordshire Police said, 'We are currently investigating whether the company taking the bookings for this event have acted fraudulently.

I appeal for anyone who booked this weekend and has never received a full refund to contact me.

Similarly, I would ask any of the acts that were booked to play at the weekend who have never been paid to also get in touch'.

Anyone with concerns or information surrounding this event is asked to contact DC Dale on 0300 123 4455.

**Police Direct Team**

## **Charity Collections**

Trading Standards have contacted Suffolk Constabulary regarding Charity collections where a leaflet is left asking for clothing and bric-a-brac to be left out for collection. They have offered the following advice:

Usually such companies operate by collecting clothing and selling the items on for profit and then donating a fixed sum (usually very low !) to the named charity. Our advice to Suffolk consumers is not to leave clothes out for these organisations.

A company that recently leafleted the Hadleigh area is of particular concern as its charity status was actually withdrawn in October 2008. We would advise all residents to read any leaflets carefully before deciding to donate goods.

**Police Direct Team**

## **Wenhaston Energy Support Group Wenhaston Green**

### **'Warmer Wenhaston'**

The first round of this very successful project is now completed, with over 30 households having received DIY insulations materials either free or at a significantly reduced cost. To see what happened on delivery day go to our website [www.wenhastongreen.org](http://www.wenhastongreen.org) and marvel at the photos!

### **Open Meeting**

February 19th. This was a chance for us to hear what the village thought about our achievements last year and to give us their suggestions about what we should be concentrating on in the year ahead. Watch this space for news on recycling and village microgeneration - with ideas on wood burning, biomass boilers, wind and solar power all to be investigated, reducing our dependency on oil.

### **AGM**

Thursday March 26th Church Room at 7:00pm Everyone welcome. To include music by Bridget Cousins and a chance to chat about our projects, past, present and future.

### **Zero Waste Week**

We are delighted to work with Bright Green on this exciting event.

If you would like to be involved in this, or want more information on any of our projects, just call Janice Claxton on 01502 478158 or email her at [info@wenhastongreen.org](mailto:info@wenhastongreen.org) or talk to anyone in the group. **Janice Claxton**

### **Footpath Walking**

The morning walk on Tuesday 3rd March will leave 10:00am from Wenhaston Village Hall.

The all day walk on Tuesday 17th March will be led by Wendy, Brian and Jane Nolloth. Meet at 10:00am at the 'Duke William' pub car park Metfield, for a walk around Metfield. Then return to the pub for lunch.

For any other help contact Heather Phillips  
01502 478545.

**HPP**

# Wenhaston Word Search

by Braincell

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Just for fun try our first Word Search!

The following 'Wenhaston' words are hidden in the grid but can be tracked in a straight line in any direction.

Allotments  
Black Deek Pond  
Blackheath  
Coles Hill  
Hall Road  
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Kitty Mill  
Mells  
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Saint Peters  
The Star  
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The Wenhaston Website

## Old Is The New New!!

Help your pocket and the environment

**Saturday April 25th**

**9:00am - 1:00pm**

**at Wenhaston Village Hall**

To start Zero Waste Week  
Wenhaston Energy Support Group  
is hosting a 'Give and Take Day'  
run by Bright Green,  
Low Carbon Futures Project

This is a chance to bring along and recycle things that you don't want or need anymore and to pick up something that you do - all for FREE!

There will also be information there if you would like to join in with Zero Waste Week.

For more information please call Sue on 01502 584061

## Royal British Legion

Wenhaston and District Branch Meeting opened with Exhortation and Silent Tribute. Chairman welcomed everyone to meeting. Retiring County Chairman Peter Gipson's letter was read. He thanked all the branches in Suffolk for the support he has received and for all the fundraising we do. Our Service and Ex Service need the Legion as much as ever. We sent congratulations to new County Chairman Dennis Bloomfield.

Derek Doy and John Levy attended Brian Woolnough's funeral as Marshall and Standard Bearer. Five members attended late member Dumpy Hammond's memorial service at Wenhaston Church.

Three members attended County Conference at Needham Market.

New County President is Bill Rimmer. County Chairman Dennis Bloomfield, County Vice Chairman David Kemp, County Treasurer Jim Read and County Secretary Peter Golding. There were 35 delegates and 23 Standard

Bearers. The speaker was National Director General Chris Simkin. Case Workers had 918 referrals this year and £388,000 was spent on Welfare. The Suffolk County Poppy Appeal raised £504,928.33.

There were several certificates awarded. Our Wenhaston Standard Bearer was awarded the County Standard Bearer Cup and certificate for another year. If there is anyone who would like to be our Deputy Standard Bearer we would be very grateful so our Standard can be carried at various events during the year. Please get in touch with the Secretary.

The Chairman presented Julie, the Landlady of the Star, with a plant and card for all her kindness and for providing our Annual Dinner. We shall miss her and thank her and her staff. We wish her happiness when she leaves.

Next meeting Monday March 9th. New members always welcome. Details from Mrs Sue Doy, Secretary, 01502 722987.

*Sue Doy*

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## Local History Matters: 17

### **Sport**

*Athletics.* Mark Procter, a shot putter, represented his country in the European Cup 1998, Commonwealth Games 2002 and 2006, and the Olympic Games 2000. He lived in Narrow Way, Wenhaston.

*Bowls.* Club formed in 1932 and started playing on Rectory land in 1934. In 1996 moved to new location by the village Playing Field.

*Football.* First mention of a very old type of football in 1644 when Thomas Ambler, the priest, was accused of allowing the young men of the village to play the game on church land on Sunday afternoons.

The football club 'Wenhaston Rovers' was first formed in 1898. Now Wenhaston United they have achieved success in winning Division 2 in Ipswich and Suffolk League in 1990/91 and winning the Suffolk Junior Cup in 1995. Since 1995 the Club has had mixed fortunes being relegated and promoted in equal measure. In January 2009 they were second in Division One, and in the previous season reached the semi final of the Suffolk Junior Cup.

*Sports Club.* Opened in September 2003 and comprises a hard all weather tennis court and another with markings for tennis, netball and basketball.

*Other sports.* Carpet Bowls, Badminton and Table Tennis in Village Hall. There was a Rifle Club 1912 - 1916.

*Keith Johnceline*





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## Wenhaston with Mellis Hamlet Parish Council

The Parish Council's response to SCDC Local Development Framework has been put up on the notice boards. Also on One Suffolk Web Site - see Parish Council and go to Wenhaston Parish Council.

SCDC and SCC Archaeological department have agreed that the Archaeological survey required for the change of use from agricultural to cricket field need not take place.

The draw for the allotments has taken place and the water pipe has been installed.

Star Hill Footpath. The District Council has agreed to accept the liability for the footpath if the Parish Council pays for the maintenance of the footpath. This would be about £7,000.00 over 20 years, £350.00 per annum. The Council voted in favour to pay this in order to get the footpath after many years of waiting.

The Parish Council has been requested by the family of the Late Maurice Stammers that they plant a tree in his memory in Blyford Lane. This was unanimously agreed by the Councillors.

Concerns were raised that SCC Waste Core Strategy Issues and Options Consultation paper includes Thorington Pit as a possible site for a landfill for non-hazardous waste. As soon as more information becomes available then a public meeting will be arranged if the Council thinks it is appropriate.

The Parish Council has received from EDDA on behalf of the Village Hall the sum of £48,484.00 for the Energy programme. £26,565.95 has been paid to Dulas and £19,222.35 to Econergy Ltd for the boiler and PV installations.

The Computer Club has been put on hold until the spring when the work on the Village Hall has been completed. *Mary Pennock, Clerk*

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## Wenhaston Gardeners

Spring - and a Gardener's thoughts turn to, well, actually getting stuck in. And we have no excuse now after our visit from Bob Coutts who gave us a clear, no-nonsense lesson in the intricacies of growing from seeds, cuttings and some valuable tips on pruning. In these money conscious times we shall be making every expensive seed count, we shall save on pots by using the right size - carefully scrubbed, of course, but we will splash out on a good seed compost. Those straggly, overwintering geraniums, fuchsias, et al, will be trimmed and turned into a phalanx of new plants. But we will not be trigger-happy with our secateurs in the garden until we have decided what needs pruning and when. A little thought and research saves a lot of wasted effort.

Looking further ahead, we are already taking names for our two Summer Outings which are: 18th June Corpusty Mill and Priory Maze, in Norfolk Cost £20

9th July Cambridge Botanic Gardens, includes tour and opportunity to go into the City if desired. Cost £20. Two excellent days out so do sign up.

'Cherry on the carpet'!! Apologies to all crafts people, I wrongly entitled one of the Show classes 'A handmade Rug' when it should be 'A hand made BAG'. I hope that hasn't ruined anybody's plans!

Next meeting: Tuesday, March 10th.

Terry Illesley on 'The Victorian Garden'.

I hope we'll have a few offerings on the Plant Table by then - all donations welcome.

*Cherry Wilkinson*

## St. Peter's Church Services for March

1st No service (9:30am Team Service at Halesworth)

8th 9:30am Parish Communion

15th No Service (10:30am We join the Methodists at Stone Chapel)

22nd 10:00am Special Service for Mothering Sunday

29th 10:30am Team Service at St. Peter's

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We shall be celebrating Mothering Sunday at St. Peter's on 22nd March - with a Family Service in the Church at 10 o'clock (This will not be a Communion Service). Everyone is very welcome - Children - Mums & Dads - Families - Friends and Neighbours! There will be Posies for everyone and after the Service there will be Coffee and Cake. Do think about joining us.

On Saturday March 7th we have a Jumble Sale in the Village Hall. Bric a Brac, Cake Stall and lots of interesting Jumble!

There are lots of interesting events planned for 2009, so just watch this space!

*Margaret Goldstone 01502 478378*

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