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News From The Bus Shelter

It's been a long time since my last report; things seemed to be going quite well on the buses...until now! Our service is going to change from 29 March with the 601 bus running between Southwold and Lowestoft only. A new service - the 520 will serve the Halesworth - Wenhaston - Southwold route at 2-hourly intervals during the day. It looks as if we keep our services which stop at Halesworth rail station but lose the intermediate journeys.

Although in Wenhaston we will lose about one third of our buses, those changing on to the 601 at Southwold for Lowestoft (and beyond) should expect a short waiting time and better punctuality particularly in the summer as buses won't be turning at the harbour.

We're hoping that the new timetable guides will be available soon so people can work out how this change will affect them. For those with internet access keep an eye on www.suffolkonboard.com for new times.

Michael Gasper

Wenhaston Parish Transport Representative

Grand Jumble Sale

Saturday 6th March
Wenhaston Village Hall
2pm

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

In aid of Wenhaston Church



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and Hot Chocolate
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New!

Full details inside....

St. Peter's Church
Mothering Sunday
14th March

A Family Service in the Church
at 9:30am

Followed by Coffee and Simnel Cake
Spring posies for everyone

Open Space Theatre Company
Presents

Turning the Tide

(A Carbon Fantasy in one act)

by Peppy Barlow

Wenhaston Village Hall
17th March at 7:30pm

Free admission

7:00pm - Wine and Nibbles

The 30-minute play will be followed
by a discussion

Hosted by
Wenhaston Energy Support Group

Wenhaston Methodist Church March

Sunday Services at 10:30am

- 7 Iris Baker
- 14 Rev'd Val Burgess Mothering
- 21 Deacon Ian Cartwright United
- 28 Rev'd Robert Soanes S Palm

Tuesday Meeting at 2:30pm

- 2 Lent Course "Knowing God"
- 9 Lent Course
- 16 Lent Course
- 23 Lent Course
- 30 Meditation

Saturday 6th 'Pray a While' 9am-10:30am on a come and go basis for prayer and meditation.

Mothers' Union

Once again, we battled snow to get to the monthly meeting, and very glad we were that we did as our speaker, Rev. Mary Joel, also braved the weather and came to tell us about the pilgrimage she and ten others took to Iona, where St Columba first brought Christianity to Britain. It seems it was a very long journey there but really worth the effort. Mary was evidently extremely affected by the atmosphere on Iona, and felt the holiness as soon as she arrived, and all the time that she was there. She was thanked by Jenny Dickson.

Dates:

March 10 ~ Monthly Meeting Maggie Pepper,

Lent Meditation 2:30pm Church Room

March 15 ~ Quiet Afternoon Uggeshall

2:30pm. Lunch at Plough beforehand

March 18 ~ Ready Steady Cook Demo - see page three

March 25 ~ Lady Day at Cathedral. Coach leaves at 9am, returns 4:30pm See MB.

Reminder to members - at the March meeting we are having a special Bring & Buy Stall to raise funds for 'Make a Mother's Day'. The monies raised will be used to purchase such items as mosquito nets or seeds for third world families. Please be generous!

Margaret Bloomfield

Village Hall Surgery

There will be no Southwold Surgery at Wenhaston Village Hall on Thursday 11th or Thursday 18th March.
Contact 01502 722326

Wenhaston WI

A touch of the exotic east came to our hall when Viv and Chris gave their talk, 'An Indian Adventure'. Dressed in exquisite Saris, they alternated anecdotes with slides.

The main purpose of their journey was to attend Viv's daughter's wedding but before this Viv and Chris had a tour of Northern India. Starting with an alarming ride in a bicycle rickshaw around Old Delhi they then moved on to New Delhi and on to Agra. Here they visited the Red Fort and the Taj Mahal. Two safaris were next, then to Jaipur, visiting the fantastic Palace of the Wind, built of pink sandstone.

Finally, The Wedding. This festivity took four days, incorporating many different traditions, the intricately painted patterns, in henna, on hands and feet being one of them. It seemed such a happy, joyful and colourful occasion. May the Hindu blessing of Happiness, Harmony, and Growth, stay with the young couple.

Jill gave the vote of thanks. She wore a salwar kameez (trousers, a tunic and a silk scarf), and this, Jill told us, is what the younger generation of women tend to wear rather than a Sari. It will be a shame if this replaces the elegant Sari.

Next meeting: Fanny Kemble, the anti-slavery campaigner and actress. *FJJ*

Wenhaston United Football Club

Home Fixtures for March

All matches KO 2:30pm *PTP*

6th 1st v Stonham

13th Res v BT

20th 1st v St Johns

27th Res v Felixstowe



**Wenhaston Mothers Union
Ready Steady Cook Night**



A demonstration by
A "Pampered Chef " Representative
Thursday 18th March
Wenhaston Primary School

Tickets £3.00

To include a glass of wine



**Wenhaston with Mells Hamlet
Parish Council**

The Annual Parish Meeting is to be held on Wednesday 21 April 2010. Details to be given in next months Wenhaston Word. PCSO Newson stated that since his last report a further 4 crimes had been reported as follows:

1. A harassment. Detected.
- 2 & 3. Criminal damage to vehicles. Undetected.
4. Assault occasioning ABH. Detected.

He would like to ask residents to report anything suspicious to him or the Parish Council, especially relating to criminal damage to vehicles. He also will be visiting Wenhaston to see for himself the problems with the parking over residents' driveways when children are being taken to, and collected from, school.

District Councillor Austin informed the Parish Council that The Boundary Committee for England submitted their representations to the Secretary of State for proposed unitary local government in Suffolk, and this report has been returned to Suffolk County Council for further consultation.

Due to the bad weather last month a section of the hedge in the Village hall car park came down onto the pavement. This has had to be removed. As the remainder of the hedge is being held together with ivy, it was felt that this should be removed to prevent a similar incident.
Mary Pennock, Clerk

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are having a cake stall in Southwold on
Saturday 20th March
in aid of Wenhaston Pre-School

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be really grateful.

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Blood Donor Session

The next session at Wenhaston Village Hall is on Wednesday 31st March.
To book an appointment call the helpline on 0300 123 23 23 or visit www.blood.co.uk.

St. Peter's Church Services March

7th No Service (9:30am at Halesworth)
14th 9:30am Family Service Mothering Sunday
21st 9:30am Parish Communion
28th No Service (10:15am at Halesworth)

Wenhaston Allotments Wins An Award From The Big Lottery

As readers may be aware, it is just over a year since WALGA, The Wenhaston Allotments and Leisure Gardeners' Association, was formed. During that time a great deal of hard work was put in by the members to clear the area of land at the end of Narrow Way kindly provided by the Parish Council, install rabbit-proof fencing, mark out the plots and start planting. The year was a great success as all manner of vegetables and soft fruits have been harvested, despite the facilities being very basic.

At the end of 2009 we felt that to make the site safer, more secure and more productive a number of improvements were required. Unfortunately the cost of these was beyond the means of our self-funded Association. With considerable help from Roland Hammond we applied for a grant from 'Awards For All' - a fund managed by the Big Lottery.

We have just heard the marvellous news that we have been successful and are to receive sufficient funding to carry out the work.

We are planning to use a part of this award to investigate how the Allotments can be further developed to benefit the wider community, so watch this space for more news.

A big thanks to Roland, and of course to Awards For All for their generous support.

Linda Hammond



Village Hall Pockets

To all affiliated groups - please don't forget to check your allocated pocket at Wenhaston Village Hall for your new 2010 affiliation form, payment receipts and any other information.
Becky 01502 478842

www.wenhaston.net

The Wenhaston Website

Becky's Recipe for Tasty Rissoles

This is a fabulous recipe for using leftovers - tried and tested!

Ingredients:

Stale breadcrumbs
Mixed seeds (sunflower, pumpkin, sesame etc)
Roughly chopped nuts (walnuts, hazelnuts, cashews, pecan, macadamia, chestnuts etc)
Roughly chopped mixed dried fruits (apricots, pears, prunes, cranberries etc)
Finely chopped onion
Grate or crumble cheddar or good blue cheese
1 or 2 eggs to bind
Sea salt and black pepper
Handful of chopped fresh herbs

Basically mix all ingredients (no need to weigh, just go by feel) in a large bowl by hand. Take small handfuls and form into short fat sausage shapes. Place on baking sheet and bake for about 20 minutes in fairly hot oven until browned.

Serve with a tangy homemade tomato sauce, crispy salad and homemade jacket wedges. After baking, any leftover rissoles can be frozen once cooled.

The Energy Group are putting recipes together for a 'Love Food Hate Waste' Village Recipe Book. Why not let us have yours? You can put it in our pocket in the Village Hall, or tell one of us about it.
Janice Claxton

Music Corner

Saint Felix Choral Society Concert
Saturday 13th March 7:30pm.
St Edmund's Church, Southwold.
Tickets £9/£7.50 from 01502 722175

News from the Village Hall

Hopefully, everyone who has used the Hall over this particularly cold winter has noticed the 'warmer feeling' generated by the improved insulation and better heating control. The biomass boiler is working well and contracts have been signed to finally sell back our electricity. A lot of electrical work to meet regulatory standards has been undertaken in the last few months and TC has been doing us proud with his paintwork!

We welcome Spencer Owen as our 'maintenance man' this month. Spencer brings with him a whole range of practical skills that I am sure will be put to good use.

There have been several successful fundraising events held at the Hall: the table top sale, Circle 67's 'Hey for Christmas' and the Christmas Bazaar. Thank you to everyone who helped and those who supported these events.

We have decided not to continue Phase II of

the refurbishment project at this time. Not only would additional fundraising be needed to cover the estimated project costs, but also credit sources found to pay contractors in advance of claiming of grants.

The commitments of family, work and home are just not sustainable with those of the Chairman's role, so I have now stepped down. Thank you to all Committee members and villagers for your help, advice and support.

Our Treasurer, Mary Pennock, also wishes to step down this year after many years on the Committee. It is therefore essential that people put themselves forward to help ensure the future of the Hall. This can be done by standing as a Village Representative at the AGM in May, being a Club Representative or by being co-opted by the Committee. For more details please ring our Secretary, June Tate (01502 478622). See you at the Hall sometime.

David Smeaton-Small

There are currently places available in NHS dental practices in the Suffolk Coastal area - to find out where, just call PALS, the patient advice and liaison service on 0800 389 6819. There are exemptions to costs – for example, treatment is free if you're under 18. For further information, please visit www.nhsbsa.nhs.uk

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Band 3 course of treatment = £198.00

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Now Available At Blythweb ~ A range of Teas, C

We at Blythweb are very excited about our new venture!

From March we will be stocking a range of the great teas, coffees and hot chocolate from D J Miles & Co. of Somerset. Eileen's family have had connections with this independent family firm for about 40 years and we thought it was time to introduce them to this side of the country! We think this range offers excellent quality from a good independent supplier at very reasonable prices.

Blended and roasted in the heart of the West Country. Products are tasted on the premises using traditional methods ensuring the highest quality Miles taste. The teas are blended in Minehead and the coffees are roasted on a daily basis in Porlock, at the foot of the Exmoor National Park.

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40 Earl Grey	Refreshing, with oil of Bergamot	£1.59
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80 Original Blend	'Original' Miles blend	£1.89
80 Smugglers	A strong and characterful blend	£2.39
80 Fairtrade Organic	Soil Association Approved	£2.49
160 Original	'Original' Miles blend	£3.65
240 West Country	Coloury with character	£4.49
240 Original Two Cup	Our 'Original' Miles blend	£4.85

Miles Leaf Tea

250g Original Blend	'Original' Miles blend	£1.55
250g West Country Blend	Coloury with character	£1.49
1.5kg Original Blend	'Original' Miles blend	£8.50
125g Assam	A strong and malty blend	£1.39
125g Assam Kenya	Strong and full of flavour	£1.39
125g Ceylon	A light, flavour-filled blend	£1.43
125g Earl Grey	Refreshing, with oil of bergamot	£1.73
125g Darjeeling	Champagne of the tea world	£2.73
125g Jasmine	An aromatic Chinese tea	£2.19
125g Keemun	A delicate, smooth China tea	£1.89
125g Lapsang Souchong	A strong and smoky flavour	£1.89
125g Winter Warmer	A blend of orange & cinnamon	£2.40
125g Pinhead Gunpowder	Rolled green Chinese tea	£2.95
125g Japanese Rice Tea	Green tea with rice and popcorn	£3.85

Coffees and Hot Chocolate from D J Miles & Co.

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Breakfast Blend	Smooth, mellow, strength 2	£2.49
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Costa Rica	Mellow, flavoury, strength 3	£2.49
Mr Miles Blend	Well balanced, strength 3	£2.49
Cathedral Blend	Rounded, character, strength 4	£2.59
After Dinner Blend	Full, not too strong, strength 4	£2.59
Decaffeinated	Smooth and nutty, strength 3	£2.89
Fairtrade Blend	Characterful, rounded, strength 3	£2.89
Kenya	Fruity and flavourful, strength 4	£2.99

227g Miles Fresh Roasted Coffee Beans

Breakfast Blend	Smooth, mellow, strength 2	£2.49
Colombian	Rich and nutty, strength 3	£2.49
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After Dinner Blend	Full, not too strong, strength 4	£2.59
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Kenya	Fruity and flavourful, strength 4	£2.99
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A strength guide for coffee blends

1: Mild 2: Mild/Medium 3:Medium 4:Medium/Strong 5:Strong

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100g Freeze-dried	Smooth, premium quality	£2.75
100g Decaffeinated	A decaffeinated option	£2.95

Miles Hot Chocolate

400g Tub	£2.49
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Miles Chocolate Coated Coffee Beans

125g Dark Chocolate Coffee Beans	£2.65
125g White Chocolate Coffee Beans	£2.65

Call into Blythweb's office, The Street, Wenhaston. 01502 478712



Wenhaston Energy Support Group

Warmer Wenhaston Phase 2 Yet more villagers have received free or discounted energy efficient materials now.

Second Carbon Audit Many thanks to everyone who kindly filled it in. The data is now being sorted and we hope to announce the results at our AGM on 29th April.

The Energy Saving Trust has made a video in the village showcasing our energy efficiency measures. Hopefully it will be on their website soon.

The Village Hall hosted a visit from Suffolk Acre recently, when Village Hall representatives from all round the county came to see what we have achieved, with a presentation by Robin

Dillaway. The Village Hall are now selling electricity to the grid worth about £960 per annum.

"Turning the Tide" by Open Space Theatre Company. Wednesday 17th March, 7:00pm, Village Hall, with free admission. Wenhaston has been chosen to preview this play, which holds up a mirror to communities about what's happening on climate change. With wine and nibbles, beginning at 7pm, it looks like being an entertaining evening. The play starts at 7:30pm, lasts about 30 minutes and will be followed by a discussion when you can tell Open Space your views. See also the box advert on the front page.

Janice Claxton

News From The Church

Delicious Pancakes (Thanks to Felicity and Barbara) were enjoyed by all those who braved the weather on Shrove Tuesday and joined us at a Pancake Lunch. Thank you to everyone who supported us especially the 'walkers'! It was an enjoyable event raising £300.00 for the Church Room funds. Hopefully next year we shall be able to organise a race so please book the date now, we shall look forward to seeing you!

Mothering Sunday this year falls on Sunday 14th March and we shall be holding a Family Service in the Church at 9:30am to which everyone is invited. Please do think about joining us.

Margaret Goldstone (Churchwarden)

Royal British Legion

Meeting opened with exhortation and silent tribute.

Our Standard Bearer John Levy took the Wenhaston Standard to the Albert Hall and he took the County Standard to the funeral of Lance Corporal Aden Drane and to the graveside for the internment. A Wenhaston boy, Matthew Hodges, who is a serving soldier in the First Battalion of The Anglian Regiment, had the honour of being a pall bearer at this funeral.

John had also taken the County Standard to Bury St Edmunds to welcome home the troops. 27 Standards were there. The branch has an invitation to Anzac Day at Stowmarket on 25 April. County Standard Bearer Competition is at Needham Market Saturday September 11th.

We welcomed four new members to the meeting. Two of our new members are caseworkers so we now have three caseworkers in our branch. Please advise County at Bury St Edmunds if you need any help. They will then get in touch with us. Everything is confidential.

Treasurer reported £1,014 from the Poppy Appeal. A very good result for a small village. It is hoped that poppy call services will be in 28 counties by 2011. Our benevolent fund is healthy also. Newsletter read and County quizzes were sold for County funds. County conference passed a motion to reinstate a youth Standard Bearer.

We wish our G group Secretary and group rep Michael Belcher who is in hospital a speedy recovery. Next branch meeting is on 18 March at the Star Inn 7:30pm. *Sue Doy 01502 722987*

Local Services (More on page 11)

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Bell Ringing

The Wenhaston practice nights in March are on Thursdays 11th and 25th between 7:30pm and 9:00pm at St Peter's Church.

Visitors are welcome to come and watch.

For details of practice nights at other towers please contact the new Wenhaston Tower Rep on 01986 873336. *Jason Busby*

Wenhaston Gardeners

Clever weeds that adapt to the height of your mower, 130 types of Dandelion and some unwanted intruders that you can only kill with kindness. It was a question of getting to know your enemy as Robert Maidstone gave us a fascinating look into the world of weeds and how to get on top of them. A very good turn out for what, due to the snow, was our first get together of 2010.

Hopefully by the time of our next meeting on the 9th March there will be more than a hint of Spring. Then Colette Barrere will give a talk on the famous gardens at Bressingham titled 'The Way We Were'.

We will also hold a seed swap at that meeting so please bring any packets of seed you have collected, over-ordered, or that are just not wanted. Hope to see you there. *Tony Gow*

Found

Dark wool glove. Found in The Street. Collect from Blythweb's office.

Dates For Your Diary

21st April - Annual Parish Meeting

24th April - Police Choir

29th April - Energy Group AGM

22nd May - Give and Take Day

For events in the local area go to www.blythweb.net/calendar/

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Footpath Walking

The morning walk on Tuesday 2nd March will leave from Wenhaston Village Hall at 10am.

The longer walk on Tuesday 16th March will be led by Kate Draycott, Susan Gillingham and Pat Neal. Meet at 10am at Rumburgh Buck for a walk round the village, returning to the pub for a bookable lunch.

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

Local History Matters: 24

Blythburgh Priory

In the 7th century, Osyth, the wife of the King of Essex, founded a convent. Danish invaders captured her and tried to make her renounce her faith. This she refused to do, so they cut off her head. The story goes that she carried her head back to the convent where she died. The Priory of St Osyth held land around Blythburgh and around 1125 an Augustian Priory was founded at Blythburgh by the monks from St Osyth.

Although fairly well-off at the start, the value of this Priory steadily decreased as time went by, and by the time it was suppressed on 12th February 1537 it was owing money. The Prior John Righton, was granted a pension of £6, but the other three canons John Baker, George Thurston, and Robert Sprot received nothing. The total value was given as £8.2s.8d including 40 shillings for five horses and an old cart.

During its lifetime the Priory became Patron of St Peter's Wenhaston, and this fact is shown by the carving of St. Osyth on the right hand side of the chancel arch. On the left hand side of the arch facing the altar is St Peter.

When the Doom painting was discovered in 1892 it was suggested that a monk from Blythburgh Priory had painted it. This was disproved by later research. *Keith Johnceline*

Local Services *(More on page 9)*

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