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Green Light for Cricket Pitch

The ball is rolling for the first Wenhaston cricket ground. Following a gathering between members of Wenhaston Wanderers and Halesworth Pumas the two clubs decided to unite to get the project underway. The joint venture, under the name of Wenhaston Cricket Club, will begin the process of a cost study and fund raising immediately. Meanwhile Wenhaston Parish Council is putting in process an application for change of use of Jack Ellis's and Heather Phillip's field.

The new cricket season for Wenhaston Wanderers will begin with net practice every Tuesday evening at 6:15pm starting on 6th May. All ages welcome. More details from 01502 478495

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This will start and finish as in recent years on the field near the top of Star Hill, Wenhaston, by kind permission of Roger Desborough. The start will be signposted through the village. The route will take in many local villages, with a stop at Westleton for lunch. There will be tractor pulling on return to field.

This year's two charities are Wenhaston Church and Southwold Hospital.

The ladies from the Church will be helping out with Bric-a-brac stalls, Teas and a Bouncy Castle so please come along.

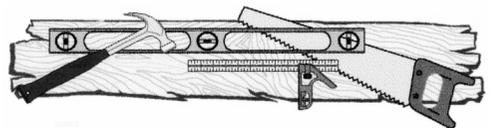
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Nelson Wright

There was standing room only at St Peter's Church at the funeral Service for Nelson on 25th March. He died peacefully at home aged 84 on 13th March after a spell in Halesworth hospital. His daughter-in-law the Reverend Anna, of whom he was justifiably proud, conducted the Service and the Reverend Mary Joel said the prayers. Grandson Alexander read from the Bible and granddaughter Susan Turner recalled memories saying his bark was worse than his bite. Nephew Robin (son of Peter, V.C.) said that Nelson was the 11th child of a family of 14 and was born at Kirstead, Norfolk.

When he was young the family moved to Badingham and at the age of 11 he passed the scholarship and was awarded a "Suffolk Free Place" at Framlingham College. When war broke out in 1939 he gave up his studies to work for his father who had hired the 180 acre Old Hall Farm at Wenhaston. There were no tractors available and they worked the farm with six horses. He later joined the Navy and served as an anti-aircraft gunner in the Orkneys and on the French coast and Far East.

In 1946 he married Wenhaston girl Carol Suggate and lived in Church Terrace before moving to the Compasses Inn. While there he started his haulage business with one secondhand lorry. After four years they moved to Blackheath and the business expanded to 12 lorries and offered all types of haulage and storage. He was known as a toughie in his business dealings, but had a soft heart supporting the Royal British Legion, his Church and fund raising efforts in the village. His success story was destined to be shattered twice, first when his 11 year-old darling daughter Jane was cruelly taken in a car accident and some 20 years later when their beloved son Paul died from cancer.

Derek Newby

RBL Wenhaston and District Branch

29 paid up Members. The meeting opened with exhortation and in our silence we remembered Members who had passed away since last meeting. Mr Bennett and Nelson Wright.

Details of County walk were given out, Sunday 1st June Kneltishall Heath Country Park 10:00am to 12 noon.

Our case worker has two ongoing cases at the moment.

Treasurer's report. It was proposed, seconded and all in favour to send £500 to County Benevolent Fund for use in Suffolk.

Standard and Members are attending Anzac Day Parade, Woodbridge, Sunday 27th April. Meet 2:00pm.

Captain Hill's Memorial Service is at Blythburgh Church Friday 2nd May 2:30pm. Veterans Day Parade Saturday 21st June Lowestoft.

It is with great sadness that our dear friend and RBL Wenhaston Chairman Nelson Wright passed away. A wonderful man for the RBL in Wenhaston. The size of the congregation in church and outside in the churchyard at his funeral, reflected the high esteem in which he was held in the village and further afield. The Wenhaston Standard was carried by John Levy, the G Group Standard by Alfie Moffett Beccles Branch and the Exhortation recited by Derek Doy Vice Chairman of Branch and G Group Chairman. All delivered with great dignity. Many other members were present also the National Vice Chairman RBL. We send our deepest sympathy to Carol and all the family.

At the sad loss of our Chairman, Vice Chairman Derek Doy was proposed and seconded to take over as Chairman until the AGM. John Levy was also proposed and seconded to take Vice Chairman until AGM. Both gentlemen accepted.

We all enjoyed our annual dinner at the Star Inn and hope to have another Dinner in the Summer. Meeting closed with drinks and chat.

Sue Doy

Nelson Thomas Wright

My family and I would like to express our most profound thanks to all family and friends for their many cards and letters of kind words and reminiscences of Nelson. Many thanks also to friends who offered lifts, to Dr Squires, all kind staff at Patrick Stead Hospital and Norfolk & Norwich University Hospital, and various home carers and equipment providers. Your kindness helped us through the long dark hours.

Finally, deep thanks to Reverend Anna Wright for a lovely Thanksgiving Service, to all who attended and to those who gave so generously to The Prostate Cancer Charity and Halesworth Community Nursing Care Fund. £1500 already raised by early April, donations accepted until 30th April. Also sincere thanks to Dee and Tina at Woolnough Funeral Service for their sensitive arrangements.

Please accept this as our only but most heartfelt acknowledgement. **Carol Wright**

Please note: Deadline for June 2008 issue is 20th May 2008.

Wenhaston with Mells Hamlet Parish Council

The Chairman Cllr.Orme has signed the lease for the allotments.

I have been in touch with Karen Kenny who will notify me soon the date she will be coming to the village to give advice and help to sort out the size etc of the allotments.

Hastoe Housing has phoned to say that they have obtained the funding for the proposed development and hope to start work about August.

The planning application from Halesworth Golf Club to construct 23 holiday homes was supported by the Council as were a lean-to veranda at Rowan House, Hall Road, and construction of a second floor extension at Green Acres, St Michaels Way.

The Village litter pick will be on the weekend 17th and 18th May. If you require any gloves,bags please get in touch with me.

Mary Pennock, Clerk

Wenhaston Village Hall

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Wenhaston Gardeners Club

For our final meeting before the summer break we welcomed Sarah Cook to speak on Cedric Morris and his irises. We were the first audience, Sarah told us, to hear this talk but I am sure it will be the first of many as she gave us an impassioned and extremely enjoyable account. I was amazed at how many named cultivars she has managed to track down in Britain, Europe and the U.S.

When Sir Cedric died and Benton End passed into other hands, a unique piece of colourful British life became history. It is wonderful that Sarah is enabling it to live again through the irises which began their life there.

Thank you to everyone who brought plants to sell on the stall. It was lovely to have so many. Now we move into the 'summer' period - hello, weather, are you listening?

There are trips to look forward to and, I trust, an enjoyable and productive season.

See you in a garden somewhere and at the Show in September. **Cherry Wilkinson**

Notice

Southwold Surgery are unable to come to the Village Hall on Thursday 29th May.
For advice telephone 01502 722326

News from the Bus Shelter

It's good to see more people using the new hourly 601 bus service for journeys to Halesworth, Southwold - and beyond.

I understand that there are a few teething problems at the moment because of delays at Southwold and Lowestoft. The bus company, Anglian Coaches, is doing all it can to keep the service running to time.

Our local timetable guide has been updated and copies are now available at the Post Office - keep one handy because some of the roadside timetables at bus stops still need to be changed.

For those people wishing to travel beyond Lowestoft eg to James Paget Hospital or Great Yarmouth you can change onto the X1 at Lowestoft.

Michael Gasper
Transport Officer
Wenhaston Parish Council

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

Wenhaston Archive

The Exhibition held over the last weekend of March was a great success. Thank you all for your support. With your help we now have a lot more information and photos to add to the collection.

We would like to thank: all our helpers on the two days who did a great job, the ladies for their hard work doing refreshments, well done; Village Hall for letting us set up on Friday, Blythweb for all your help which we could not have done without, Chris Lavender for setting the display out, Simon and Alex Manning and Tim Heaps for a great DVD, Norman Buckley for all your work on the photos and information. Well done team. DVDs are selling well and this has allowed us to buy a digital Audio Recorder, we hope to record peoples' thoughts and memories. The next Exhibition dates are 28th and 29th March 2009.

Please ring Arthur when you have some photos or cine film for us to use or drop them in at Blythweb. Thank you all so much.

Arthur Musk

NB. DVDs are still available, £10. Call at Blythweb Office, The Street, Wenhaston.

Archive Letter

Congratulations and thank you to all those people involved with the Wenhaston Archive Project Exhibition.

What a superb collection they amassed in such a short time (and lots more to come I understand) and so well presented.

The atmosphere in the hall was quite infectious, combining excitement, nostalgia and enthusiasm and made one realise just how fortunate we are to live in such a caring and sharing community.

Viv Kemp

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28 June. Barn Dance. Wenhaston Village Hall.

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Wenhaston WI April 2008 Report

At our April meeting we welcomed two members from Ufford WI, both of whom are also active in our local umbrella organisation the Suffolk East Federation.

Gillian Slaughter is the federation's representative for The Association Country Women of the World (ACCWW). This was founded in 1933 and supports local women and their families through education, training and community development programmes. It gives women a voice at International level through its links with United Nations agencies. Gillian wanted to apprise us of one particular project in Kenya, supported by our Federation, to help mentally handicapped children living in the Mukuro Zone. The Abwao Small Home Project will fund the building of a home for these children, attached to a primary school for their use during term-time which will also offer training in their care needs for their extended families. Members were encouraged to attend a fund-raising lunch later this month.

Our second visitor Marion Barnes (Federation Treasurer and quilt-maker of note) was making a second appearance at our meetings in her role of celebrity chef. She had planned the evening's menus a little while ago and was mildly annoyed to watch Delia 'pinch' one of her recipes on last week's programme. However, Marion's version of Aubergine Parmigiana was passed to her by an aunt-in-law who had settled in Suffolk after the war

and we much appreciated its authenticity at the ritual tasting opportunity.

Our recently acquired 'lapel microphones' came into their own as Marion moved between the hall and the kitchen cooker in a wonderfully enjoyable evening which had slight overtones of a Whitehall farce.

We are joining with other local WI's at Rumburgh Village Hall to spend an evening with Elizabeth Garrett Anderson but will be back at the Village Hall on May 14th to hear a gentleman, Neil Howell who has spent his *Life in Swimming*. As always we extend a warm invitation to our members' guests or any ladies who would like to join us for either of these events.

Three interesting visits have been planned;

1. On 23rd July- a visit to see the Suffolk Punch heavy horses at Hollesley Bay. Gathering at the Village Hall car park at 11:00am. Lunching at Willford Bridge Melton.
2. On 7th August (please note that the date has been changed from 19th August). 'A City of Centuries'. A guided tour of Norwich. This excursion could include a boat trip or a visit to the Plantation Gardens.
3. On 18th September a visit to Otley Hall. £13.50 a head which includes tea and cakes. Always a plus point!

A £10 deposit to Margaret Goldstone 01502 478378 or at the Post Office secures you a place on one of these trips. **Cathy Harrison**

It's not us this time!

You may have noticed branches on some trees have been lopped on our Commons. This has been done by EDF Energy to keep branches clear of overhead power lines.

Following sewer/drain repair work on Thorington marshes the track by the poultry houses down to 'The Dell' has been reinstated with ruts being filled as far as 'The Old Mill House'.

Jill Daines & Michael Gasper
Wenhaston Commons Group

Footpath Walking

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

The all day walk on Tuesday 20th May will be led by Ian Denny and Pat Elvin. Meet at 10am at The Maybush, Waldringfield, where we will return for lunch.

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

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The Wenhaston Website

Mothers Union

Jenny Dickson took the meeting and led the prayers. The meeting was pleased to welcome Secretary Mrs June Lewis back after her accident. Anita Graves was recovering from breaking both of her wrists, and Mollie Bunn was nearing the end of her treatment – both were wished well.

In lieu of Mothers' Day gifts, or in memory of mothers, the members bought raffle tickets for a hamper, which was won by Margaret Goldstone. The sum of £65 was raised and had been used to buy an Emergency Pack for £35 and three trees for growing in Africa.

Forthcoming events include

1. A Beetle Drive on Wednesday 18th June, 2:30pm - 4:30pm to raise funds for the Archdeaconry. £2.50 per person to include tea. There would be a raffle. It is hoped that some non-members might like to come along for the afternoon.
2. An outing to Somerleyton Hall on Wednesday 25th June. Cars leave the Village Hall at 1:30pm. Costs for over 60's: House only £5.60, House and garden £7.25, Garden only £4.00. Anyone wishing to come along please let Mrs Jane Gamble know on 01502 478682
3. An Action and Outreach day on Friday May 23rd from 10:00am - 1:00pm at Martlesham.

'Relating to a Modern World' with emphasis on children.

The speakers for the afternoon were Serena and Mary from the Wenhaston Energy Support Group. The aim of this group is to reduce Wenhaston's carbon footprint by innovative schemes for energy efficiency. The group has already been awarded money for its work and is being held up to other villages as an example of energy saving. A questionnaire had been distributed round the village and 50% replies had been achieved. The group is independent of the Parish Council but supported by it. A monthly ECO group has been meeting and has discussed ways of improving energy saving i.e. weighing rubbish and trying to reduce it, research on water usage, (collecting rainwater, not using power showers etc), transport and using locally produced food. It was all most interesting and thought provoking.

The ladies were thanked by Joan Louch.

At the next meeting on May 14th we shall welcome Pauline Bowbrick, who works for the Mothers' Union in Hollesley Bay Prison – we shall look forward to this and would welcome anyone who might like to come along.

Margaret Bloomfield

Soup, Sandwiches, and Shopping

We were overwhelmed by the number of people who kindly came along and supported us on Saturday 12th April. Sorry that we ran out of food but it was great fun and we achieved the splendid result of £369.20 for MU Charities and funds. Thank you all.

Margaret Bloomfield

St. Peter's Church Services

- 4 May Eucharist - Book of Common Prayer
- 11 May Pentecost Ecumenical Service at St. Mary's Halesworth 10:30am.
No Service at St. Peter's.
- 18 May 9:30am Eucharist-Common Worship
- 25 May 6:30pm Evensong-
Book of Common Prayer

Wenhaston Methodist Church

Sunday Services for May

- 4 10:30am Rev'd Barbara Garwood HC
- 11 10:30am United Pentecost at St. Mary's Halesworth
- 18 10:30am Rev'd Jane Taylor
- 25 10:30am Rosemary Remy

Tuesday Meetings at 2:30 pm

- 6 Women's Fellowship Rally Rev'd B Garwood
- 13 Bible Study
- 20 Women's Fellowship Rev'd Ken Tracey
- 27 Bible Study

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Music Corner by Chris Dunn

Sat 3rd May 7:30pm, St Andrews Church, Bramfield. "Words and Music to Celebrate the Pleasures of Paradise". Tickets and information from Halesworth Bookshop.

Sun 4th May 2:30pm, Millennium Green, Halesworth. The Concertante Ensemble. 'A Delightful Afternoon of Light Classical Music'. £5 at the gate.

Thurs 15th May 2:30pm, The Cut Arts Centre. Brodowski String Quartet. £7.50 Box Office 0845 6732123 or online at www.newcut.org

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