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Parish Council and District Council Elections

plus Voting Referendum for Election of MPs - Thursday 5th May 2011

~ Vote on the referendum on the voting system used to elect MPs to the House of Commons.

~ There are **two candidates** standing for the election of one District Councillor for the Walberswick and Wenhaston Ward of Suffolk Coastal District Council. The candidates are Michael Gower (Conservative Party Candidate) and Anne Thomas (Labour Party Candidate). Our present District Councillor, Peter Austin, is not seeking re-election.

~ There are eleven seats on Wenhaston with Mells Hamlet Parish Council and as there are **sixteen candidates** there is an election. See pages 6 and 7 to know more about the candidates.

Polling Station: Wenhaston Village Hall, polling hours 7am to 10pm.

Garage Sale

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on Saturday 21st May

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St Peter's Church, Wenhaston

Plant Sale and Lunches

Saturday 7th May



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Coffee/Lunches 11:30am - 2pm

Church Room

Stalls and Raffle

Proceeds to church funds



Thorington Church

Art Exhibition and Sale of Paintings

10th June 6:00pm - 9:00pm

Private View, by ticket only

£7.50 incl Chilli Supper, Live Music

11th June 11:00am - 5:00pm

Art in Church (admission free)

*12noon Sita Brahmachari reads from
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Donald (Donny) Farrington

Lesley, Kevin and all the family would like to thank everyone who sent cards and kind wishes when Dad died. Your support and the memories you passed on were invaluable. Thanks also to those who came to the service of thanksgiving and made donations in his memory which currently stand at over £200. Thank you all.

Mr Donald Joseph (Donny) Farrington

A Thanksgiving Service for the life of Donald Farrington was held at The Church of St Peter in Wenhasston on 12th April when members of his family were joined by many from the area. After enjoying over a year in care at Beech House, Halesworth, he died in the James Paget Hospital on 6 March aged 81. Fr Edward Rennard conducted the Service and read Psalm 121. The hymns 'Praise My Soul the King of Heaven', 'All Things Bright and Beautiful' and 'Great is Thy Faithfulness' were sung. Rabindranath Tagore's poem "Farewell my Friend" was read by grandson Stuart. In his address Fr Rennard said that Donny, as he was known to many, was born in Wenhasston in 1929. He won a scholarship to the Sir John Leman secondary school in Beccles and did National Service with the RASC for two years in Germany from 1948/50 where he was driving large recovery vehicles, and when he returned he joined his father working for Mr Freeman's coal business. He stayed with this business for many years and continued when it took him to the Leiston and Melton districts after it was sold to Charringtons. He was respected for the courteousness that made him many friends in the village and beyond and he was always ready to give a helping hand. He was an easy going, gentle and lovely man.

In a family tribute his daughter Lesley recounted some childhood memories and said that he was treasurer of the Wenhasston Branch of the Royal British Legion for 27 years and regularly helped with their annual car rallies. For many years he delivered copies of the monthly Wenhasston Word and he was a wonderful father and husband caring for his wife Louise who died in 2004. A keen gardener he would always find time to help others with their's. He loved people, children and animals in equal measure and being able to help someone made his day.

Family mourners were Mr & Mrs K Farrington (son), Mrs L Hutchinson (daughter), Miss D Hutchinson, Mr S Hutchinson (grandchildren), Mrs M Fairweather, Miss B Farrington & Mrs M Phillips (sisters), Mr & Mrs D Hambling (niece). Mr L Hutchinson (son-in-law) was unable to attend. Donny leaves 2 children, 4 grandchildren and 7 great-grandchildren. Cremation took place at Gorleston on 22 March when members of the Royal British Legion were present with Standard Bearer John Levy.

Donations in memory of Donny payable to Beech House Amenity Fund may be sent to Woolnough's Funeral Service, The Cemetery Chapels, Holton Road Halesworth IP19 8HD.

Derek Newby

Christian Aid Week 15th - 21st May 2011



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Christian Aid tackles global issues regardless of race, religion or beliefs. Volunteers in Wenhasston will deliver envelopes to your home and collect a few days later. Please give generously! - we will let you know our village total. For more information contact Christine 01502 478511.

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Wenhaston Youth Club is still going strong with lots of children coming along.

We will only have one Youth Club meeting in May which will be on 6th May due to the Village Hall being already booked and another school holiday.

June and July Youth Club will be held outside at the football pavilion. Please note: weather permitting.

June Youth Club dates: 3rd and 17th.

July Youth Club dates: 1st, 15th and 29th.

Julie Woolnough

Footpath Walking

The morning walk on Tuesday 3rd May will leave from Wenhaston Village Hall at 10am.

The walk on Tuesday 17th May will be led by Wendy and Jane Nolloth. Meet at 'The King's Head' at Woodton for a prompt 10am start for a circular walk via Hedenham. Return to pub for pre-ordered lunch. Woodton is just off the B1332 Bungay to Norwich road.

For any other help contact Heather Phillips
01502 478545.

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What's On at Wenhaston Village Hall

Table Tops and Car Boot Sale

Sunday 1st May 8am - 12pm

Refreshments Available

Bingo Night!

Saturday 21st May 7:30pm

£5 includes first 5 games (extra games £1 each)

Refreshments Included * Raffle



SAVE ENERGY - SAVE CASH!
Wenhaston Energy Support Group
Annual General Meeting

Thursday May 26th
7pm in the Village Hall

Short business meeting and
presentation by
UEA's Low Carbon Innovation Centre
on how Wenhaston can reduce
its carbon footprint
and save money

Please come along - we need your views!

St. Peter's Church Services - May

- 1 No service (Halesworth 9:30am)
- 8 9:30am Parish Eucharist
- 15 9:30am Ecumenical Eucharist
- 22 6:30pm Evensong
- 29 No service (Spexhall 10:30am)

Warm Invitation to all Villagers:
Wenhaston Village Hall Management Committee

Annual General Meeting
Friday 13th May
7:00pm

(Refreshments available)

Please come and join us.

Details from June Tate, Secretary (01502 478622)

Sports Club

The Wenhaston Sports Club held its Annual General Meeting on March 17th. It was attended by a supportive core of members, and we are now getting into our stride for 2011. David Harrison, last year's Club chairman, decided not to stand again. At the meeting it was unanimously acknowledged that his dedicated efforts in the last years have been invaluable, and we all expressed our thanks. David, Wil Harvey, and Nick Coveney will all be standing down from the committee, and their contributions will be missed. However, Roddy Edwards (treasurer), John Bainer (secretary), Sue Brinkley and Carla Bryan are all continuing on the committee, and they will be joined by Julie Woolnough.

It was agreed at the meeting that a top priority for the coming year is to try to encourage more participation in the Club by both adults and young people. Our tennis courts are in better shape than ever, and we have a brand new pavilion by the courts which can be rented for events. There is regular tennis coaching offered for all ages, and there continues to be the regular weekly tennis sessions which are very relaxed and enjoyable. Footballers regularly use the facilities, as does the Primary School. We do hope more of you join the Sports Club, take advantage of all the opportunities, and help us to expand the range of activities we offer. Please contact John Bainer (01986 875845 thebainers@btinternet.com) or Roddy Edwards (01502 478466 roddyedwards@furrowsworks.com) if you are interested in joining.

Sue Bainer

Wenhaston Gardeners

'If you want to ask me questions call me Roy. Mr Green is my Father'. So our speaker on making wine introduced himself.

And what has wine to do with gardening, I hear you ask? Well, some of us gardeners like a little tippie and Roy explained how the fruits of our labours could be turned into alcoholic nectar.

'You can make wine out of anything you grow', he told us. 'Except possibly Huckleberry but should you do so only give it to someone you don't like as it is part of the deadly nightshade family'.

Ten minutes into his talk Roy seemed to think we needed a little refreshment so we sampled his 2010 gooseberry wine. Another fifteen minutes went by and we tried his redcurrant. This was to be the pattern of the evening. A good time was had by all but as to whether we will be able to remember how to make wine is another matter.

Please note that our outing on the 10th May has been changed owing to the fact that Heveningham Hall is having trouble with its land drains. Please arrive at 2:30pm at Helmingham Hall on the 10th. *FJJ*

News From The Church

Mothering Sunday was celebrated with a suitably adapted Eucharist and with some enjoyable Hymns. A happy Service and it was good to have a few children with us. I think that everyone appreciated the posies kindly made by the MU Members. After the service we all enjoyed delicious cake and coffee thanks to Barbara.

Our next Fund Raising event will be our annual Plant Sale and Lunches on Saturday May 7th. Full details of this event are on the front page. This is always a popular event so do come early to get the bargains and then stay and have Lunch - Ploughman's followed by delicious Puds! Money raised from the event will go to Church Funds.

A short report this month as May seems to be a fairly quiet month, at least at the moment!

Just a reminder - Please do not forget to fly the flag to celebrate special birthdays and events - just £5.00 for Church Funds. Contact Margaret Goldstone 01502 478378.

Margaret Goldstone, Churchwarden

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Wenhaston WI

Bees! What wonderful and incredible insects they are. David Adams enthralled us with his lecture on the lives of bees. Honey bees don't hibernate like Bumble bees but cluster together inside their hive. The colder the weather the tighter the cluster and like penguins they rotate from the outside to the middle. There are designated heater bees who beat their wings for half an hour to raise the temperature in the hive. When we buy a jar of honey we should remember that a bee has flown the equivalent of three times around the world to fill it. On finding a good source of pollen the bee returns to the hive and does a little 'dance' to indicate to the other workers where the source is. The honey made from ivy leaves is unpleasant and that made from ragwort is toxic. So 'pull up ragwort where ever you see it' David exhorted us.

Our darts team is doing really well, they have won the first round of the league and will go on to the finals in Framlingham.

Having recorded all the graves in the old Church-yard and cemetery, the group are about to embark on the new grave-yard. No doubt some of us will renew our acquaintance with departed friends and family.

FJJ

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Parish Council Election - May 5th 2011

There are eleven seats on Wenhaston with Mells Hamlet Parish Council and as there are sixteen candidates there is an election. Parish Councillors serve for a four year term.

Wenhaston Word invited all the candidates to provide a short (50 word) statement if they wished.

Alison Alder

As a parent, teacher, member of the village church and former helper with the youth club, I have got to know many people in Wenhaston. If elected, I would try to ensure that decisions made by our parish council reflect the views and needs of our current and future village community.

Denise Corbett

I moved to Wenhaston seventeen years ago and know that it is a wonderful place to live. As a parish councillor I would strive to maintain Wenhaston's charm and character, whilst providing the services to ensure that all groups can thrive and contribute to the continued wellbeing of the village.

Roger Desborough

After 65 years of living and working in the Village, I thought it might be time to put up for being a candidate for the Parish Council.

I think the Parish Council is getting rather unbalanced by new-comers who have moved into the village and genuine village people.

Robin Dillaway

My family moved to Wenhaston in 1994. I've been active within village organisations - Commons Group, WESG, Village Hall and Parish Plan Group. If elected I would listen to the concerns and act in the best interests of parishioners and the whole village, particularly young people, the elderly and disabled.

Ann Edwards

Married with two children. Work at Woottens. Served as school governor, worked with special needs children, helped run youth club, chair of sports club during creation of multi-sports facilities, founder member of WESG, Parish Councillor for 5 years. Hope: to see Wenhaston evolve into a more united, creative and sustainable community.

Michael Gasper

I've lived in Wenhaston for 13 years and really enjoy the special heathland environment and great sense of community spirit in the village. The new Village Action Plan prioritised areas where real improvements could be made to people's lives. I'm looking forward to being part of the team which takes that plan forward.

Roger Ives

I have lived in Wenhaston for 55 years and been a local self employed builder for 40 years. I think this has helped me greatly with my council duties so far. I am married and have two girls.

Bernard Orme

My name is Bernard Orme. I've been in the Village for over twenty years. The Council needs energetic, open-minded councillors who are actively involved in the community, and who will try to manage change for the benefit of villagers. Vote for me and that's exactly what you will get.

Heather Phillips MBE

During my time as a councillor I have helped to improve village amenities. From fundraising and building village hall and improving facilities on the playingfield. Helped to protect our five commons and many footpaths. The commons walk leaflet and the Millennium map also feature.

David Remy

Since coming to Wenhaston in 1992 to become licensee of the Compasses my aim has always been to help the young and old so let me continue. Vote for me on 5th May.

Alan Spindler

Retired engineer, married, one son, born in Star Cottages, lived in the village all my life, played for Wenhaston Football Club, chairman of Wenhaston Bowls Club when the new green and pavilion were built. I'm a keen supporter of village events and strongly believe in the village way of life.

Lillian Spindler

Having lived in Wenhaston nearly all my life and served 10 years previously on the Parish Council, I believe most village problems can be solved by a commonsense approach. I have owned and run three small businesses, which I hope has given me the necessary experience to serve on the Council if elected.

June Tate

I have lived in Wenhaston for nearly twelve years, ten of these as post mistress running the community Post Office. I have eventually decided to stand for the Parish Council again but was extremely upset over the bad feeling in the village regarding the proposed wind turbine.

Richard Tucker

A North Suffolk resident for 45 years, I've often visited Wenhaston and lived here since 2009. I'm a retired senior local government officer and experienced Parish Councillor - Vice Chairman of Worlingham PC. I will listen to and engage all ages and interests in shaping the future of our village.

David Wilkinson

I have had the honour to serve on the Parish Council for the past four years, and hope that I will be re-elected to work for the community during the next four.

James Wright (Jim)

I have lived in Wenhaston all my life. If I am re-elected as a Parish Councillor I will to the best of my ability continue to do what I feel is right for the Village and its residents.

www.wenhaston.net/parishcouncil/index.php



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View of the Railway Crossing. This image is available as a card - one of the Wenhaston Archive Notelets (sold in packs of 8).

See website above.



From a postcard showing Wenhaston Station. This image is available as a card - one of the Wenhaston Archive Notelets.



Wenhaston Station in the 1930s after the railway closed in 1929.



A later photo of the Railway Crossing. This photograph was taken in the 1930s as the track became overgrown.

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Once enough people have 'signed up' a start date and confirmation of venue will be decided.

Bryn Raven

Mothers' Union

We were pleased to welcome our former vicar, Andrew Dotchin, the Mothers' Union Diocesan Chaplain, on 13th April for a Lenten Meditation.

Our Lady Day Service at Southwold was a huge success. Around 200 members came from all over the Diocese and practically filled St Edmunds. All the banners being processed must have been quite a sight - I didn't see as I was carrying one! It was good to be part of such a moving service, with Andrew preaching and members reading, serving and assisting with the Eucharist. Our Deanery was invited to the Lent Lunches in St Edmund's Hall, and very tasty they were too.

On 6th April the Deanery held a Quiet Afternoon in St Peter's Wenhaston, preceded by lunch in the Star. As usual, Virginia and Carl did us proud, and we all enjoyed the fellowship. Rev. Bill Mahood conducted the Quiet Afternoon, using as his theme the journey towards Easter. His meditations were very moving, and we sang some beautiful hymns, and came away more prepared for the Glory of Easter.

At our May meeting on the 11th the Rev. Helen Patten will tell us of her experiences of being blind from birth, 2:30pm Church Room. All welcome. *Margaret Bloomfield*

Parkinsons Coffee Morning

Many thanks to all who helped in any way to make the morning so successful - it was a very happy occasion and raised £218.71 for the local branch funds. *Margaret Bloomfield*

Save Energy - Save Cash?

The formidable and ever-present challenge of trying to reduce Wenhaston's carbon footprint has resulted in a detailed report on the possible options, commissioned by Wenhaston Energy Support Group from the University of East Anglia.

The study has been carried out by the Low Carbon Innovation Centre, led by Dr Zoe Wallage, and will be presented to the village at WESG's AGM on May 26 at 7pm in the village hall.

The options include:

- Reducing emissions through behavioural change – for example switching off appliances and unnecessary lighting
- Buying energy-efficient appliances, using low-energy lighting, installing double or triple glazing
- Installing renewable energy technologies eg. solar panels, ground/air source heat pumps, biomass boilers some of which benefit from the government's Feed-In Tariff and Renewable Heat Incentive.

WESG wants to sound out the views of the village before embarking on its next community project so come to the AGM and learn more about the choices available to every resident. For more information go to www.wenhastongreen.org . *Janice Claxton*

Wenhaston Methodist Church - May

Sunday services at 10:30am

- 1 Gordon Frary
8 Rev'd Joan Evans
15 9:30 am United at St. Peter's
22 Rev'd Robert Soanes
29 Ina Gray

Tuesday meetings at 2:30pm

- 3 Women's Fellowship Rally
10 Easter Offering at Leiston
17 Women's Fellowship Rev'd David Read
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Music Corner by Chris Dunn

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