



Play your part to keep fireworks fun

As the dark nights draw in, we can look forward to seasonal events such as Bonfire Night. Traditionally this is the time to enjoy fireworks but increasingly they are used all year round to celebrate many occasions.

While most people enjoy fireworks responsibly, in the wrong hands they can cause real misery through anti-social behaviour. Many adults and children suffer fireworks injuries either through accidents or intentional attacks.

Letting off noisy fireworks late at night with no regard for neighbours can cause distress by frightening people and pets, while a dangerous minority deliberately use fireworks to intimidate residents and damage property.

The laws against firework misuse have been strengthened to protect communities and provide more powers to tackle the problem locally. Misuse offences relate to throwing, possession and controlling when fireworks are used, and other laws regulate the supply and sales of fireworks.

Did you know?

- It is an offence to set off fireworks in public places such as parks, streets and school grounds. They should not be sold to young people.
- You cannot set off fireworks between 11:00pm and 7:00am, except on 5 November, Diwali, New Year's Eve and Chinese New Year, when the curfew is extended to 1:00am.
- Offences carry fines of up to £5000, or six months imprisonment. A range of anti-social behaviour orders may be used to prevent fireworks misuse by persistent offenders.



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For safety advice and further information about the laws against fireworks misuse and sales, contact Suffolk County Council Trading Standards on 01473 264859, or visit the County Council website at www.suffolk.gov.uk

Mary Burgess

Note: Mary Burgess at Suffolk County Council Community Safety Unit asked Wenhaston Word to publish the above topical article.

Iris Walker

It is with much sadness that we announce the death of Iris Walker who passed away on 3rd October 2007 in the James Paget Hospital after suffering a stroke at home.

Iris aged 74 of Narrow Way, Wenhaston was well known in the village, and was an active member of the WI, the Luncheon Club, and the Blyth Players.

Although she had suffered from Alzheimer's disease in recent years, her sudden death came as a great shock to friends and family.

Her funeral took place on the 17th October at Ipswich Crematorium and her family wish to thank all those that attended, especially Sylvia Barratt, Margaret Goldstone, Mary Candler, and Roz & Clive Curteis, who represented the village. Thanks also go to all that sent condolence cards and letters of sympathy.

Anyone wishing to mark Iris's passing in some way are invited to make a small donation in her memory to: Carers Action for Dementia, a local organisation based in Holton that have been of invaluable help to Iris and her family in recent times.

Donations can be made c/o Woolnoughs Funeral Directors, The Chapels, Holton Road, Halesworth IP19 8LR.

St. Peter's Church Services

November 4 8:00am Holy Communion
November 11 10:50am at the War Memorial followed by service in Church
November 18 9:30am Parish Communion
November 28 6:30pm Evensong

Wenhaston United Football Club

Home fixtures for November

03/11/07	Res	v Meadlands	KO 2:00pm
10/11/07	Res	v Benhall	KO 2:00pm
17/11/07	1st	v Old Newton	KO 1:30pm
24/11/07	1st	v Stradbroke	KO 2.00pm

Peter Pennock

Wenhaston W.I. October Report

Our meeting began on a sad note, as we were told of the death of Iris Walker. Iris had been a member of WI for some time and will be sadly missed.

June then reminded us that the next meeting will be the Annual Meeting. Three members of the committee are standing down, so it is hoped there will be some volunteers to take their places! Other excitements to exercise our minds are; the rota for teas at the bazaar; ideas for the stall; shoe boxes to fill for Romania, and finally the Christmas Lunch, which will be held at 'The Five Bells', Wrentham.

Win Lewis has reached the venerable age of ninety, so to mark the occasion we will present her with a bouquet of flowers.

After tea we reached the highlight of the evening, which we had all been looking forward to with eager anticipation. (More members attended this meeting than had come for some time). The reason for this excitement was Barbara Shaw's demonstration on home made chocolates, and what luscious sweets they were too! Among which were Chocolate Surprises, Truffles and Coffee Creams. While whipping up these delights Barbara regaled us with light hearted jokes. To round off this delightful talk we were allowed to sample some of the chocolates - wonderful. Barbara also kindly donated two boxes of sweets to our draw - lucky winners!

FJJ

Footpath Walking

The morning walk on Tuesday 6th November will leave from Wenhaston Village Hall at 10:00am.

The all day walk on Tuesday 20th November will be led by Wendy, Brian and Jane Nolloth. Meet at 10:00am at Easton White Horse for a walk to Hacheston and Parham, returning to Easton for lunch.

For any other help contact Heather Phillips
01502 478545.

HPP

Wenhaston with Mells Hamlet Parish Council: October Meeting

The Police have been made aware that some parents are still parking right outside the School when bringing and collecting their children. Please use the car park on the Playingfield. Also it has been reported that the youngsters waiting at the bus stop going to the Middle School are running out into the road when they see cars approaching. A Community Police Officer will be coming one morning to have a word with them.

A letter has been received from Dr. Charles Beardall of the Environment Agency in response to the letter the Parishioners sent regarding the Blyth River. A copy of the letter is on the notice boards at Well Green and the Village Hall.

Would all horse riders get in touch with the Clerk or Cllr. M. Gasper so that a meeting can be arranged between them and the Parish Council to discuss the Horse Route.

Planning applications:

Proposed Managers Cottage, Broiler Site, Bartholomews Lane. Accepted.

Planning decisions:

Permission has been refused by SCDC for Halesworth Golf Club to erect 16 holiday lodges.

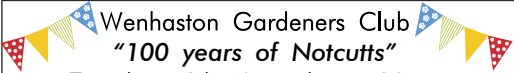
Planning has been granted for change of use from retail to residential at Post Office Cottage, The Street.

The doggy bins in some parts of the Village are not emptied on a regular basis. I am trying to rectify this.

The War Memorial should be cleaned (thanks to Cllr. Stammers) before Armistice Day.

Hastoe Housing hope to have the Planning Application for affordable houses in Narrow Way before the District Council in the next 3 to 4 weeks. I will put a notice in the Village Hall and Well Green when a date has been arrange for Parishioners to view the development.

Mary Pennock. Clerk



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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Saturday 1st December 2:00pm Wenhaston Village Hall Christmas Bazaar.

Friday 7th December 7:30pm Wenhaston Church Room. Film "An Inconvenient Truth" plus discussion.

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

**St Peter's Church
Quiz Night Results**

Congratulations to "Wenhaston WI team 2" who won the Village quiz and to "The Wenhaston Wheelers " who were second.

The quiz made £333.60 for Church funds, and our grateful thanks to all those who helped or took part.

June Lewis

Energy Support Group

Important News! Date to Remember this month! Friday 9th November at the Village Hall - 7 for 7:30pm

Carbon Footprint Questionnaire Analysis presented by CRed & Public Forum led by Professor Tim O'Riordan, Dept of Environmental Science, University of East Anglia. For everyone, whether or not you filled in a questionnaire. Please come and be part of this important next stage in the village's response to climate change. We will have time to ask questions, and discuss amongst ourselves – and by the end of the evening we should have identified two or three specific areas to work on.

Michael Dickson and I went last month to the County Council's "Creating the Greenest County" Conference in Ipswich where four hundred people came to discuss the part each are playing. Wenhaston is now part of the Suffolk Strategic Partnership's project which supports communities in being more energy-efficient and reducing reliance on fossil fuels. Our display with CRed was alongside Sproughton village which held its own Energy Day last weekend - inspired by what they'd heard about our carbon reduction work!

We went to seminars including "Creating the Greenest Communities" (of course) and came back with a pocketful of ideas and names of people who are there to guide us – especially Wil Gibson, Chief Executive of Suffolk ACRE, the charity which promotes economic, environmental and social well-being of communities across the county. To hear that chairman John Gummer MP and keynote speaker Michael Meacher MP both were agreeing on climate change action was encouraging. Mr Gummer warned us that we'd soon be getting a letter asking what specific action we'll take at home, in work, and towards encouraging our Parish (or other) Councils to act – "because Parish Councils are vital", he said. And there'd be a follow-up letter asking what we've put into positive action! So - we'll be writing to him.

The other important date is Friday 7th December "An Inconvenient Truth"- The climate change film, further validated by Al Gore's recent nomination for Nobel Peace Prize - will be shown in Wenhaston at the Church Room at 7:30pm, with (further!) opportunity for discussion afterwards. As you know space is limited so come early to put down your cushion.

Serena Inskip

Wenhaston Sports Club 2007

The Sports Club has had another successful year, with the courts being well used for tennis, five-a-side football, skateboarding and general kickabouts. Tennis tournaments against both Halesworth and Saxmundham clubs have taken place, and many hours of happy social matches have taken place on the courts by the forty-three members of the Club. Coaching for skateboarding was offered in conjunction with Suffolk Coastal District Council during the summer holidays.

Wenhaston Wheelers have enjoyed half a dozen cycle rides, including one starting and finishing at Snape Maltings. Each ride was lucky with the weather, unerringly finding good weather during a disappointing summer.

The Club organised the local Open Gardens event during the summer, which attracted many visitors from the village and beyond.

Anyone wishing to join the Club is invited to contact Club Secretary David Harrison on 01502 478757. A year's subscription is only £30 for individual membership or £50 for a couple.

Finally, but importantly, the Club is looking for someone to help with regular maintenance at the courts, doing minor repairs and small improvements. The Club is to pay for these services and anyone who may be interested should contact the Chairman, Wil Harvey, on 01502 478248.

David Harrison

Local Business and Services



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Wenhaston Mothers' Union

What a treat it was to listen to Mr Robin Fournel, of Amber Shop fame, at our October Meeting. It was so interesting to hear of Mr Fournel's career moves and the route he took to be where he finds himself today.

He suggested that you do not look for Amber, but Amber looks for you – he is certainly hooked.

We were told how to recognise Amber, and that any genuine Amber would be 40 million years old! There are fakes and re-constituted Amber about, but the genuine thing is beautiful – Mr Fournel passed round samples of polished and un-polished Amber, some pieces with insects trapped inside all those years ago, as well as some wonderfully crafted necklaces and some fake pieces.

He was warmly thanked by Laura Balsom.

The Healing Service on 11th was attended by approximately 60 people, when Bishop Clive and our Chaplain, Peter Mortimer, laid hands upon, and anointed with oil, those who requested it. It was a very moving service, very emotional, and we felt privileged to be there. Afterwards soup and bread were served followed by teas, coffee and fellowship.

The November Meeting is on the 14th, when our committee will present a D.I.Y. afternoon. (not painting and carpentry, but probably a discussion or a quiz or such like).

Margaret Bloomfield

Wenhaston Flower Club

Thank you to all who supported the Charity Evening for Cancer UK in so many ways; giving, donating, your time and for coming. The result was £316. We are so very grateful.

Jean Spindler

Local History Matters: 6

Interesting Inhabitants.

The first constable named in the records for Wenhaston was Abraham Nolloth in 1680.

I was amused to note that he was fined two shillings in 1708 for cutting down a tree that belonged to church lands!

Harry Becker lived in the village for some years. He was a well known painter who painted local people at work. He was around in the 1920s.

Virtue Vice. A contradiction of names I reckon! She was a woman from Wenhaston, baptised on 11th January 1735/6, daughter of Laurence and Elizabeth. She spent many years in The House of Industry at Bulcamp.

On 26th September 1768 she petitioned for clothing for two of her four children.

On 18th September 1769 she was allowed two pairs of stockings, a pair of shoes, and a waistcoat for her son Thomas. Again on 12th February 1770 allowed five shillings having been ill for six months.

On 14th May 1781 allowed 18 pence.

She was given a paupers funeral on 28th September 1787. *Keith Johnceline*

See 'Can You Help' item from a descendant of Virtue Vice on this page.

SHCT Sponsored Cycle Ride

Thank you to all the people who took part in any way. The results are as follows. The total raised was £460, divided thus.

St Peter's	£224.00
Methodist Church	£6.00
SHCT	£230.00

It was a splendid result. Thank you very much.

Margaret Bloomfield

Conservation Work Parties

November work parties are as follows:

Tuesday 13th. Vicarage Grove 10am-12noon.

Meet at entrance to wood.

Sunday 25th. Bickers Heath 10am-1pm.

Meet at the seat.

Can You Help?

My father's family came from the village of Wenhaston back in 1800.

Charles Vice was born to William and Hannah Vice née Frances, in 1800. He was a bricklayer, and went to London and married Emma Frances in August 1822 at St Marylebone, in the name of Charles Howard.

His grandmother was Virtue Vice. Born in 1735, she had 4 illegitimate children between 1758-1765. The name has changed over the years, sometimes Voice or Vyse and sometimes her children and grandchildren used the surname Howard.

I have not found a Howard family in Wenhaston before 1800.

The local Workhouse opens at Bulcamp in the 1760s but no list of inmates has survived before 1841. So I am trying to locate the Big House of that time in the village where Virtue may have worked as a servant girl, as most of the illegitimate children were born to servant girls at that time, and to have 4 seems very usual.

Are there any big houses left and can anyone help me with information about the village in 1750-70 please? Many thanks.

Eileen Blythe, Kismet, Stomers Lane, Hawkinge, Kent CT18 7AP
email: 4eileenx@jactron.co.uk

News from the Bus Shelter

Starting in November, the 601 Anglian Bus service will be extended to James Paget hospital, terminating at Great Yarmouth. Departure times at Halesworth and Lowestoft will be unaffected. Timetables showing this improvement will be available this month from the Post Office.

If you want to have your say over the need for reinstatement of the 521 evening bus service, survey forms are available at our Post Office and Halesworth Library. Completed questionnaires can be returned to the Parish Council pocket in the foyer of the Hall.

Michael Gasper
Transport Officer, Wenhaston Parish Council



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love to hear from you. What we are proposing
for next year is for people to enter 4-person
teams with matches probably being played
once a fortnight from April to August. As
interest is growing on this side of the county
we may even need to split things into North
and South areas to limit peoples travelling.

For further details, please write to Simon
Fletcher, 18 Melville Road, Ipswich, IP4 1PN

Wenhaston Methodist Church

Sunday Services for November at 10:30am:

4th Gladys Sexton
11th United Remembrance Service at St. Peter's
(10:50am at Cenotaph)
18th Rev'd Val Burgess Holy Communion
25th Ina Gray

Tuesday Meetings at 2:30pm
6th Women's Fellowship. Pam Reed
13th Bible Study
20th Women's Fellowship Rev'd David Read
27th Bible Study

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