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#### **Ivy Lures The Admirals**

For a week towards the end of our glorious Indian summer Wenhaston was host to a magically colourful invasion. On ivy flowers throughout the village hundreds of Red Admiral butterflies were in a feeding frenzy on hedges and in gardens where ivy has been allowed to climb and flourish.



Red Admiral Butterfly. Photo © Gus Jones

This image was one of a large number of the butterflies that arrived in and around Coles Hill. Ivy is not only an essential late food source for butterflies but for many birds and other insect life. It also provides shelter for the many species that remain here throughout the winter.

So, help the butterflies and other species to survive by leaving the ivy that climbs over fences, hedges and trees.

The Wenhaston Commons Group is always pleased to welcome new volunteers at the monthly work parties. If you are interested please contact the group committee members. Details can be found on the village website www.wenhaston.net, by contacting the Blythweb office or leaving a note in the WCG folder in the village hall. *Gus Jones, Wenhaston Commons Group* 



#### Maurice Naunton Died 19th September 2011

I remember clearly the first time we met Maurice Naunton. It was at a Commons Group work party on Bickers Heath soon after he moved to Wenhaston. In conversation we learned that he was an architect and that he and his business partner had been involved in designing a village on the outskirts of Basildon and then overseeing all the building in the project.

A thought occurred that he was just the man we needed to help us pursue a project we had been thinking of for some time. Since getting together for the 'Five Commons Walk' leaflet we had the idea of producing a map of the village but did not know how to begin. Maurice was the person we needed to lead this project. When approached he gave it considerable thought before saying yes.

How pleased we were, although we did not realise how much detailed planning would be needed to get the project off the ground. Although Maurice was modest and insisted it was a team effort he did all the planning, filling up forms for grants, organising all sketching, surveying and photographing work parties, liaising with the Primary School for their contribution and arranging exhibitions in the church - all in meticulous detail. Finally he got the printing of the map completed for the grand launch in the Village Hall at the end of October 2000. The Millennium Map could not have been produced without him.

He was a joy to work with. Every stage went smoothly. His attention to detail was thorough. The grant money was spent wisely and kept within budget. Everyone knew exactly when photographs and sketches of their properties would take place. Only three householders opted out. As with all commons work parties each session ended with welcome refreshments provided by his supportive wife Barbara. Through Maurice's proven ability we have an accurate record of the village and its activities at the turn of the century.



Maurice as depicted on the Millennium Map. © Wenhaston Commons Group, reproduced with permission.

We celebrated the tenth anniversary of the map last year and are so pleased that Maurice was able to take a major part in the display. Another way Wenhaston gained from his skills was creating a disabled toilet area in the Village Hall and also helping the village Pre-School project. We have lost a good friend and contributor to the community of Wenhaston.

Donations are being collected at the Post Office, cheques made payable to 'Macmillan Nurses' or cash. *Heather Phillips MBE* 

#### Thank You For Donations

The Family of the late lan Wollin would like to thank everyone who donated in memory of lan to two charities. A total of £2402.51 was very generously given with £810.51 going to The Halesworth Community Nursing Care Fund and £1592.00 going to the East Anglian Air Ambulance. We are grateful that all this money will go on to help other people. Julie Woolnough

#### **Footpath Walking**

The morning walk on Tuesday 1st November will leave from Wenhaston Village Hall 10am.

The longer walk on Tuesday 15th November will be led by Bob Cooke. Meet at 10am at Middleton Bell for a walk around Middleton and Westleton, returning to the Bell for lunch.

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

#### **Blood Donor Session**

Wenhaston Village Hall 16th November To book an appointment call the helpline on 0300 123 23 23 or visit www.blood.co.uk

#### Wenhaston Youth Club News

We started back again at the village hall on Friday 23rd September with a good many of our usual members. We had lots to talk about with one, our youth club trip in the summer holiday to the Norwich ski centre were 35 members and parents came along to an hours tubing (tubing is going down the ski slope in a tyre inner tube) which was great fun.

On 7th October due to the village hall already in use, members enjoyed an evening ten pin bowling in Lowestoft. We had three lanes with some excellent bowling skills being shown and high scores.

Friday 21st October members also enjoyed our Hallowe'en themed crafts and goodies. With Christmas fast approaching we will be looking forward to making Christmas gifts and a disco/party. Term dates are Nov 4th,18th and Dec 2nd & 16th.

Wenhaston youth club is for children ages 8 -13. Times are 6:30pm - 8pm. We offer sporting



games and other activities. Subs are £ 1 and we also run a tuck shop for the children to purchase sweets and drinks.

Wenhaston youth club is a fun safe place for children to come along out of school hours and meet with friends and other children. Leaders and helpers are C.R.B checked. First aid courses are up to date. *Julie Woolnough* 

### Wenhaston with Mells Hamlet Parish Council

# VACANCY

Wenhaston with Mells Hamlet Parish Council wishes to appoint a Parish Clerk/Responsible Finance Officer.

The job

- is part time, 44 hours per calendar month working from home
- includes at least 12 evening meetings each year
- is paid in accordance with National Salary Scales, minimum £8.34 per hour. All Parish Councils operate a PAYE scheme, clerks are subject to tax and insurance.

The Parish Clerk will be offered training and must be computer literate. Additional information can be sought from the present Parish Clerk.

> Application should be made by sending a CV and covering letter to the Clerk, Mary Pennock, by the 10th December 2011. Interviews will be held after the 21st December 2011.

Mary Pennock, Holly Cottage, Low Farm, Wenhaston, Suffolk IP19 9EL

#### Wenhaston Flower Club

#### Macmillan Charity Evening

Thank you all for supporting us in so many ways. For coming along, helping and donating. A very happy evening for a very worthy cause. We raised a grand total of £357. Thank you again. Jean Spindler

#### **Wenhaston Gardeners Club**

A goodly crowd attended the AGM. Felicity presided in Jenny's absence and as Jenny was stepping down, Felicity was duly elected to take her place as Chairman. The Club has had a good year with excellent outings, a successful Show and varied Speakers. And overall we've made a PROFIT!! As always it's difficult to find people willing to take on the Treasurer's role and Andy has agreed to stay on until a replacement can be found. Anyone willing to come forward? Otherwise the Committee remains the same.

Bloody Ploughboy, Cornish Gillyflower, Darcy Spice. Characters from the latest period drama? Trendy new cocktails? Wrong and wrong - they're all varieties of apple. Don't find them in the Supermarket, do we! We were given an interesting talk on apple production through the years by our post-business Speaker, Andrew Tann. His family have been growing fruit since 1922 and there have been numerous changes in methods and varieties in that time. From the large trees requiring many hands when labour was not a problem to the mini versions of today. Many of the more unusual varieties still do exist and it's worth hunting them out as they win hands down for flavour over the insipid, imported and often misleadingly labelled specimens found on most Supermarket shelves. Peasegood's Nonsuch anyone?

Next meeting - Lucy Redman, whose wacky garden we visited earlier in the year. Should be fun. And the return of the bargain hunter's favourite - the Plant Stall. Not to be missed. *Cherry Wilkinson* 

#### Wenhaston WI

www.wenhastonwi.org.uk/

If you had been walking past our village hall on Wednesday the 5th October your ears would have been assailed by girlish giggles. The reason for this merriment? Gilly B, a Decorative Painter, had come to show us how to paint a silver bauble with a face of a snowman which could be used for a Christmas decoration. Whereas some members produced a delicate piece of work some snowmen had a somewhat blurry outline and had a rather startled expression. Not all of us are artistes! It was suggested that our efforts might be a reflection of our characters, showing that some of us are neat and precise while others might be of a more flamboyant disposition. Either way we enjoyed a light hearted and jolly evening.

Next month will be our annual meeting, new blood is required for the committee. We have lots of younger members so it would be super if they felt they could come forward and help run our thriving WI. After all the business has been dealt with we will be swishing so don't forget to bring any belts, bags, bangles etc. you might like to exchange. *FJJ* 

#### WI Visit To Olympic Site 4th October 2011

Our visit to the Olympic site exceeded our expectation. We found it exciting and the information given about the past, present and legacy was really interesting. One member was heard to say it was even worth going for the meal on its own at the local Caribbean restaurant where they made us feel very welcome. **Ros Curteis** 

#### **SHCT Cycle Ride**

The Wenhaston cyclists and walkers raised £410.10, a marvellous result. Once again many thanks to all who took part or supported us. The Trust will receive £205.05 plus tax relief via Gift Aid, and St Peter's will receive £205.05 as well. Brilliant!

#### Margaret Bloomfield

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Those who are deaf, hard of hearing or speech impaired can textphone 18001 101.

This is part of a nationwide initiative which will see all forces adopting the number by the end of 2011. It is also hoped that the introduction of 101 will help divert more non-urgent calls away from the 999 system, freeing up call handlers to deal with genuine emergencies. In an emergency, always ring 999 for immediate police assistance. *Police Direct Team* 

to be aware that thieves are about. Chain saws

were taken from a locked vehicle. Please report

On 9th November, at 7:30pm in the Village Hall a public meeting has been arranged to

Neighbourhood scheme. And finally after five

years of being clerk I have decided to retire in

Mary Pennock, Clerk

anything suspicious to the Police.

discuss the findings of the Good

Wenhaston with Mells Hamlet Parish Council - www.wenhaston.net/parishcouncil Ar Gus Jones of the Blyth Valley/Wenhaston The Parish Council are asking all Parishioners

Mr Gus Jones of the Blyth Valley/Wenhaston CFR demonstrated the equipment that the Parish assisted in purchasing. There have been 8 calls out so far. Volunteers are still needed. If you are interested please get in touch with Gus Jones.

Cllr. R Dillaway and Cllr. A Spindler are now the Parish Council's representatives to the Village Hall Committee.

David Wilkinson has been Co-opted on to the Parish Council.

Wenhaston Energy Support Group ~ See Your House In A Different Light

the New Year.

One third of the energy produced in our homes can be lost through walls and windows and that could mean hundreds of pounds literally thrown away.

A thermal imaging camera, which Wenhaston Energy Support Group will trial this month, will seek out those cold spots in a house. The photographs and data produced will then enable the householder to plug the gaps and save cash.

A team of Wenhaston operatives have been trained by East Bergholt Society, who loaned the camera, and they are planning to visit residents' homes between 12 and 25 November. If you would like to take part in the project email info@wenhastongreen.org or telephone Janice Claxton on 01502 478158. Appointments will be made strictly on a 'first come first served' basis.

WESG hopes to include public buildings, such as the Village Hall, Primary School, the Star and the Methodist Chapel, in the project.

In order to cover costs the group is asking for a small donation of £2. There will also be a small charge for colour printing if you do not have access to a computer. WESG would welcome feedback from residents who make any energy-saving improvements as a result of the camera data provided.

Following WESG's recent forum on photovoltaic renewable energy, more information on PV together with links to other useful websites can be found at www.wenhastongreen.org.

Ann Jones

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The Maasai Came To Wenhaston What a wonderful evening we all had at the Village Hall.

The Maasai Warriors put on an amazing, colourful, lively evening of song, dance and mime with a very informative narrative and question and answer session. I'm sure we all felt privileged to be part of their lives, albeit for a very short period. Michael and I had the added bonus of eating with them at the Star on Friday evening (kindly provided by Virginia and Carl), staying with us overnight and spending Saturday morning showing them some of the sights of Wenhaston. We hope to visit them in their homes next year.

Thanks to all our ticket sellers: the Post Office, Blythweb, the Star and the Bookshop in Halesworth and Village Hall Management Committee members who set up the hall, provided refreshments, held a raffle and staffed the door. The fantastic amounts of £900 for the Maasai (plus jewellery sales) and £812 for the Village Hall were raised. So well done and thank you everyone for your help and support. *Jill & Michael* 

#### **Maasai Warriors - 14th October**

The Village Hall Management thanks everyone involved with arranging and setting up this event. We are particularly grateful to Michael and Jill and everyone who helped on the night. Also to all those who supported the event in the evening. A heart-warming occasion indeed. *Bernard Orme* 



#### **More 100 Club Winners**

The winners of last month's Wenhaston Village Hall 100 Club draw were:

- Judy Miller (number 60) £28
- June Tate (number 51) £18
- Gerald Kiddy (number 73) £12

The 100 Club has now reached 117 but it's not too late to sign up. Anyone who has paid before the first of the month will be entered for that month's draw. Entry forms are available to download from the village hall web page www.wenhaston.net/villagehall or contact one of the promoters Glynis Tucker, Ann Jones or Sue Norris. The next draw is at 1pm on Saturday 12 November at The Star.

The special Christmas Draw for an extra £50 bonus prize will be held at the village hall Christmas Bazaar on 3 December. *Ann Jones* 

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#### **Mothers' Union**

Sadly our speaker, Bridget Cousins, was unable to come to the October meeting but she has promised to entertain us next year. In her absence, Margaret devised three questions for discussion relating to the Bye Buy Childhood campaign, MU membership and Soap Operas! Much noisy discussion ensued and after the plenary session, we were all ready for a cup of tea. Next month we will have a surprise speaker on November 9th as it was to have been DIY which we did this month. The committee will find us a speaker so all shall be well.

The next day was the Deanery Festival at Reydon Church taken by Rev'd Rich Henderson. Andrew Dotchin, our Chaplain, preached on 'building relationships'. We took our banners and enjoyed the service and the tea and fellowship afterwards. It is good to go out and about and meet with other branches and experience the wider MU. *Margaret Bloomfield* 

#### **News From Southwold Surgery**

You will have seen that construction has started by putting in the roads and services to the Healthy Living Centre on what was Eversley Playing Field. We are fairly confident that at long last construction of the building will begin mid 2012. In the meantime we continue to soldier on in inadequate accommodation doing our best to improve our medical services.

You will also be aware of the outstandingly successful project we have to link primary and social care and by effective case management look after our patients closer to home. Unfortunately, we are still not funded to enable this project to be fully effective without relying on charitable donations. Nurse Practitioner Cathy Ryan as the 'Case Manager' has just completed her climb of Kilimanjaro and many congratulations to her. She raised over £5,000 for what is now called 'The Solebay Care Fund'. This has now been given charitable status and all donations will be gratefully received and will be spent on care, in all its forms, needed by our patients which cannot be provided from either NHS or Social Service funds

#### **New Opening Hours**

A further improvement is the Surgery is to offer late opening appointments in the evening between 6:30 - 7:00pm, Monday to Friday. This is for routine appointments, by prior arrangement, to fit in those who cannot attend during normal surgery hours, which are now 8:00am - 6:30pm Monday to Friday. We hope this new service will be welcome and prove to be a success. We are sorry that new government policy has meant we can no longer open on Saturday mornings.

#### Flu

With the season of coughs, colds, nasty bugs and flu now with us we would like to remind all over 65s that they are entitled to a free Flu injection. If you have not had one yet and are over 65 or in the 'At Risk' categories, and if you are, you will know, please phone the Surgery to make an appointment. Also, if you are over 65 and have not had a 'Pneumonia' vaccination you are entitled to have one. This is a once in a lifetime injection and is highly recommended as all the nasties can develop into Pneumonia if one is unlucky.

#### **Repeat Prescriptions**

If you are on repeat prescriptions you can now order them on the internet. To join up, either go to our website www.southwoldsurgery.co.uk and follows the instructions, or phone the surgery leaving your name and email address and you will be signed up. Also, your repeat prescriptions can be picked up from the Blythweb Office provided that you ask for that to be done and you either do not pay for your prescriptions, or you have made a prepayment.

Finally, let me remind you that we have an excellent 'Patient Participation Group' and if you have any suggestions which would improve our services, please let one of the group know; their names are on the board in the Surgery. *Alasdair Wilson, Practice Manager* 

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#### Local History – Village Green

Just to add a note to Keith Johnceline's interesting conjecture as to the original whereabouts of the village green (Local History Matters 34, October 2011 Wenhaston Word): the brick house, which is in front of Ingleside and Clay cottages, does give the appearance, from the outside, of 18th century construction; however when it was listed, in 1998, evidence of an earlier building was identified from some of the internal timbers – a building dating back to about 1620 (although it was acknowledged that the outside had been "largely rebuilt about 1780"). This would still mean that it was a later addition than the 16th century Ingleside, Clay and Oakwood cottages - but not much later. Janet Wagon

#### St. Peter's Church Services, November

- 6 No service (9:30am Halesworth)
- 13 Remembrance Sunday 10:50am at War Memorial followed by Service in church
- 20 9:30am Parish Eucharist
- 27 No service (6:30pm Halesworth)

#### Youth Consultation And Pizza Evening

Thanks to everyone who came along to give their views at the youth evening! Also thanks to Robin, Ann and Karen giving up their time to help.

We discussed many issues including what activities young people would like to be able to access, transport needs, working with other villages and how to share information about events and services for young people.

The views and ideas we heard will now be presented to the Parish Council and the Village Plan committee. There will be another youth meeting in a few weeks time. *Alison Alder* 



#### **Theft From A Motor Vehicle**

Two Stihl chainsaws were stolen from the back of a truck parked on Bramfield Road in Wenhaston sometime between 7:45pm Thursday 13th and 10am Friday 14th October. The chains securing the items had been forced off allowing their removal.

If you saw these items being taken or have any information about this theft please contact Leiston police on 01986 835300 quoting reference LE/11/1232. *Police Direct Team* 

#### **Clear Up After Your Dog!**

I was completely disgusted on coming home one lunchtime recently to find four piles of dog poo on the grass in front of my home including one lot right in front of my garden gate. I do not appreciate cleaning up after other peoples' dogs, therefore I have taken action. So if you do not wish your dog to inhale the copious amounts of chilli powder that is sprinkled daily, I suggest you toilet your dog elsewhere ie. your own garden. I don't blame the dog just the lazy and ignorant owner! **RLC** 

#### **Christian Aid**

On behalf of the Halesworth Christian Aid Group, I'd like to say a big "Thank You" for the collection of £267.71 taken up at the Wenhaston Harvest Supper. This was a very generous effort, and will go towards helping some of the world's most needy people.

Chris Dunn (Local Group Treasurer)

#### Local B&Bs

A new information leaflet has just been produced listing 22 B&Bs in Halesworth and area, including Wenhaston. If you would like a copy just call in to Blythweb's office in The Street. Alternatively view Blythweb's own advertisers in the local and wider area on www.blythweb.co.uk/wheretostay/bedandbreakfast.php, or for self-catering see www.blythweb.co.uk/wheretostay/selfcatering.php.

#### Wenhaston Commons Group - November Work Parties

Tuesday 8th - Bickers Heath. Meet 10:00am by the seat.

Sunday 13th - Black Heath. Meet 10:00am at Golden Acres. Work to include some gorse removal to create a fire break in area south of Golden Acres.

Sunday 27th - Bickers Heath. Meet 10:00am by the seat. Work to include further scrub/gorse removal in area most recently worked in. *Jonathan Alder* 

#### Work On The Commons Is Not Just A Picnic!



The annual picnic, August 2011. Photo © Ann Follows

Being part of the Wenhaston Commons Group (WCG) work parties has taught me a lot about the commons; the village; wild-life here and what's important for the future of the village and the lovely countryside around it. We moved here from Westleton last year. I was keen to carry on the sort of voluntary work I had experience of from my time in Westleton. The two villages have much in common – including a special social history, abundant wildlife and

lovely open common ground.

I was keen to join the regular work parties here and I was surprised to find the work is the same and for the same reasons as it was in Westleton: to sustain the natural environment for the community including its people and wildlife. Working together is fun. I've often stood back as several of us are scything, raking and forking piles of bracken in the open air and sunshine and thought it almost a biblical scene!



A work party member cuts bracken that clogs up Black Heath pond. Photo © Ann Follows

Whilst we work we also talk and learn about wildlife in the village. The WCG has set up a number of bird nesting boxes, there is a butterfly count and places where slow worms sleep. There are rare species of butterfly and newts that can be found on the commons and there are species we'd like to encourage back. Learning about these has helped me understand why the work parties are important, and that makes it all the more enjoyable and worthwhile.

The work parties are not very long and we always have a break in the middle where Heather and Peter Phillips bring us gorgeous homemade refreshments. There are regular events like the picnic in the photo. The work parties need more people of all ages. It's easy to join: just turn up! The dates and times are found here in the Word. Someone always shows you what to do, and why. Health and Safety is important and you just do what you can and want to do safely. *Ann Follows* 

#### Methodist Church - November - All Welcome At Any Event

- All Sunday services at 10:30am
- 6 Gordon Frary
- 13 Remembrance at St.Peter's
  - 10:50am at Cenotaph Revd Robert Soanes
- 20 Iris Baker
- 27 Rev'd Jane Taylor Advent S

Tuesday Meetings at 2:30pm

- 1 Women's Fellowship Dorothy Courtis
- 8 Bible Study
- 15 Women's Fellowship Linda Culwick - Leprosy Mission
- 22 Bible Study
- 29 Healing Meeting

Saturday 5th 9:30am - 11am "Pray Awhile" on a come and go basis for prayer and meditation.

#### Wenhaston United Football Club

Home Fixtures for November All matches KO 2:00pm

5th No home match

12th Res v BT

19th Res v Cockfield

26th To be arranged

#### **Dog Fouling On Playingfield**

Twice recently I have had to clear dog excrement off the Playingfield before a match. With the increasing use of the Playingfield by the School, could I remind dog-owners that NO DOGS are allowed on the PLAYINGFIELD. *Peter Pennock* 

Good Funeral Guide

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