

## Two Firsts for Wenhaston (and Suffolk)

### The Devil's Fingers (*Clathrus archeri*)

This strange fungus appeared on wood chippings (from New Zealand) in a garden in Blackheath in September 2007. It was first described from Tasmania in 1860 where it is not uncommon. Rare in England, it is usually associated with wood chippings, now used as a mulch. Related to our common Stinkhorn it develops from an egg under the surface of the mulch.



*Devil's Fingers* © Richard Havard  
(Note 50p coin for size comparison).

Four to eight pink spongy arms develop from a central stem with the olive coloured spore mass spread over the upper surface of the arms.

The unpleasant smell attracts flies which quickly disperse the spores.



*Devil's Fingers* © Richard Havard  
(Note 50p coin for size comparison).

The first British record was in Penzance in November 1945 and the earliest record for Europe was in 1914 in central France. According to a French author the eggs are edible if freed from the gelatinous layer and fried!

**Sheila Francis**

### Silver Studded Blue Butterfly

(*Plebejus argus*)

Butterfly Conservation tell us that this species usually disappears by the end of August. However our local recorder spotted three females and one male on Blackheath on 6th September. This is the latest record for Suffolk at present and an encouraging



*Silver Studded Blue* © Richard Havard

result for the local BAP group in what has been a difficult year for butterfly recording in general.

**Richard Havard**

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## Walter Wilson

A large number of friends joined the family in Wenhaston Village Hall on 7th September for a Celebration of the life of Walter James Wilson who died peacefully in the Patrick Stead Hospital on 26 August. He was 77 and apart from two years National Service in the RAOC had lived in Wenhaston and worked in the area all his life.

Memorials to his skills as a bricklayer include Hooker House in Halesworth that he reconstructed when this was necessary to make way for the Halesworth relief road and the magnificent stone chimney on his bungalow in St Michael's Way.

He married Jean Irvine who was a trainee nurse at Patrick Stead Hospital in 1955 and they had two sons. After retirement it had become necessary for him to devote his time to Jean who had become totally incapacitated with arthritis. The limited spare time he had was spent on wood turning and evidence of his talents was on display in the form of objets d'art in the hall.

The celebration was conducted by Humanist Celebrant Michael Imison of Halesworth who said that Walter was a man who had set himself the highest standards and who unquestioningly performed what he saw as his duty to others particularly his wife Jean, he found no need to follow the dictates of any religion. Burial took place in Wenhaston cemetery and the coffin was escorted by the Wenhaston Branch of the Royal British Legion led by the standard bearer John Levy. Chairman Nelson Wright recited the Legion exhortation at the graveside.

There were family flowers only and donations in memory of Walter for the Patrick Stead Hospital are invited and may be sent to Woolnough's Funeral Services, The Cemetery Chapels, Holton Road, Halesworth. IP19 8HD.

**Derek Newby**

## St. Peter's Church Services

October 7 8:00am Holy Communion  
October 14 10:30am Join the Methodists  
October 21 9:30am Communion by Extension  
October 28 9:30am Parish Communion

## Wenhaston Methodist Church

Sunday Services for October at 10:30am:

7 Fred Caine

14 Rev'd Barbara Garwood Harvest Festival  
United Service

21 Rev'd Val Burgess Holy Communion

28 Rosemary Remy

Tuesday Meetings at 2:30pm:

2 Women's Fellowship. Rev'd Pat Olivant-Hayes

9 Bible Study. All Welcome

16 Women's Fellowship Rev'd Barbara Garwood

23 Bible Study. All Welcome

30 Healing Service. All Welcome

Saturday 6 October. 'Pray a While'. Between 10:00am-12noon on a come and go basis. For prayer and meditation. All Welcome.

## Conservation Work Parties

October work parties are as follows:

Tuesday 9th. Bickers Heath 10:00am-12noon  
Meet at the seat.

Sunday 28th. Blackheath 10:00am-1:00pm

Meet at bottom of slope leading to Silver  
Studded Blue area. **Commons Group**

## Footpath Walking

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

On Tuesday 16th October Wendy, Brian and Jane Nolloth will lead the all day walk. Meet at Beccles Quayside free car park at 10am opposite Travis Perkins for a walk along Beccles marsh trail. Lunch at Gillingham Swan.

For any other help contact Heather Phillips  
01502 478545.

**HPP**

## Wenhaston United Football Club

Home fixtures for October

06/10/07 1st XI v Ipswich Exiles 2:30pm

13/10/07 1st XI v Bramford Utd 2:00pm

20/10/07 Res v Stowupland 'A' 2:30pm

27/10/07 To be announced

**Peter Pennock**



**Yard Sale**  
 Saturday 6th October  
 10:00am-1:00pm  
 Old Paint Shop, The Street  
 Other sellers invited. Tel: 01502 478308

### Royal British Legion

Meeting opened with exhortation. In our silence we remembered member Walter Wilson who passed away since our last meeting. We send our condolences to his widow and family. Wenhaston Chairman Nelson Wright recited the exhortation at the graveside. Standard Bearer John Levy dipped the Standard accompanied by ten branch members. Members from Halesworth and Hoxne also attended the funeral to pay their respects.

Our Standard Bearer was congratulated on winning the Suffolk County Standard Bearer Competition at Needham Market. We also send our congratulations to the other five competitors who all helped to make it an excellent competition.

Wenhaston branch was also well represented at the Legion Newmarket Race Day. Vice Chairman Derek Doy was Drum Major and led RBL Band Leiston, John Levy carrying the Union Flag and Secretary Sue Doy helped marshal. Chairman Nelson Wright said yet again the RBL did not get any publicity from local papers or television for our wonderful organisation.

Our Poppy Appeal Quiz will take place at Wenhaston Village Hall on Wednesday 31st October at 7:30pm. Tables of 4. £12.00 including tea or coffee and biscuits. A raffle for hamper 50p a strip. All Welcome.

Our group meeting will be Monday 15th October at Wenhaston Church Rooms. Leiston Festival of Remembrance Concert at Leiston Cinema Wednesday 7th November 7:30pm. Tickets £3.00.

Saturday 10th November Festival of Remembrance Concert at Stowmarket.

The sick have been visited and we welcome back from hospital our President Major Graham Holt.

Next branch meeting Monday 8th October at Star Inn.

*Sue Doy*

### Wenhaston Flower Club

Charity Evening for Cancer UK  
**Tuesday October 2nd from 7:30pm**  
**Church Room**

Stalls, Cakes, Jewellery, Raffle

Entrance £1.50 includes light refreshments  
 plus  
 small flower demonstration



### St. Peter's Quiz Night

**Wednesday 10th October 7:30pm**

Village Hall

Teams of 4 Entry £12

(includes Tea/Coffee)

Bar Raffle Spectators £1

forms from Wenhaston P.O.

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**in aid of Church funds**



### Churches Together in Wenhaston Harvest Supper

Friday 12th October

7:00 for 7:30pm

Wenhaston Village Hall

Tickets £5.00 £2.50 children in education

Under 5 free

Folk Dancing All Welcome



### News from the Bus Shelter

With the discontinuation of the Area 4 Public Timetable booklet Suffolk County Council informed us that this would be replaced by a Halesworth area zone leaflet. We have now been informed that this will now not be available until October or early November. There are however single sheet timetables for most Wenhaston services available at our Post Office or Halesworth Library. Wendy Mawer, Suffolk County Councillor, is carrying out a survey to assess the need for reinstating evening bus services between Halesworth and Southwold via Wenhaston. Survey forms are available at Wenhaston Post Office or Halesworth Library. **Brenda Roberts**

## **Wenhaston with Mells Hamlet Parish Council**

The Parish Council would like to thank the Parishioners who sent back the letter addressed to the Environment Agency. The 75 letters received have been sent to the Agency. The Environment Agency are holding public meetings at Walberswick Village Hall on Friday 28th September from 2:00pm to 7:00pm and at Reydon Village Hall on Saturday 29th September 10:00am to 4:00pm, to explain the draft strategy relating to the Blyth Estuary.

Hastoe Housing will be having an open day at the Village Hall sometime in the next few months to show the proposed plans of the development in Narrow Way. I will put a notice on the Parish Notice Board as soon as I get confirmation of the date.

The District Council are currently reviewing its options in relation to the use of the land behind Narrow Way for Allotments. Planning matters. Change of Use from retail to residential at Post Office Cottage, The Street, Wenhaston. Was approved by the Council. Planning decision by SCDC approving the removal of branches of Beech Tree at Oakhurst. Blackheath Road, Wenhaston.

The Current Account stands at £ 1,419.30 and High Interest Account at £12,430.84 Total £13,850.14.

The computer in the Village Hall now has Broadband. If anyone wishes to use this facility the computer is free, but 5p a sheet is being charged if the printer is used.

**Mary Pennock. Clerk**

## **SHCT Sponsored Cycle Ride**

Thank you to all the people who walked round Norwich (and visited 43 churches), their sponsors, the stewards and anyone who helped in any way.

I will publish the results as soon as possible.

**Margaret Bloomfield**

## **Seated Exercise Class**

We are hoping to get a class starting on  
Thursday 4th October at 10:00am  
at Wenhaston Village Hall  
Anyone, ladies or gents, who are interested  
please contact June Tate 01502 478622

## **Wanted**

Shelves, or shelving unit, for use with the  
Book Exchange at Wenhaston Village Hall.  
If you can help please contact  
Kathleen Orme 01502 478708

## **Energy Support Group**

*Diary Date! Friday 9th November 7:30pm at Village Hall-Presentation of Analysis of Carbon Footprint Questionnaires:* One hundred and fifty village households completed this - a great 40% return, for which many thanks! Everyone is invited to come and hear from Peter Gudde of Suffolk Strategic Partnership/CRed (Carbon Reduction) what was revealed in the questionnaires -nothing personal though! After a break for refreshments and general chat there'll be a led Public Forum where we can gain more understanding and discuss ways of reducing the village carbon footprint. Look out for posters nearer the time.

*Suffolk Energy Conference 16th October in Ipswich:* Michael Dickson and Serena Inskip will go and represent Wenhaston Energy Group, with a display of our work to date with photos of the Energy Day. We also have the option of being included in the Climate Action Plan for Suffolk - subject to our putting in a proposal.

*Solar Water Heating systems:* A number of people are already interested in this group purchase and Suffolk Energy Action Link are helping co-ordinate tenders from accredited installers. To get the lowest price the number needs to be greater. If you'd like to get a quotation please contact Janet on 01502 478966 or [janet.dillaway@btinternet.com](mailto:janet.dillaway@btinternet.com)

*Free Trial!* Pack of low energy light bulbs now available to borrow - wide range of shapes, sizes and wattage, with information. Chris Buttle 01502 478511.

**Serena Inskip**

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## Wenhaston Mothers' Union

At the September Meeting, the 'Wave of Prayer' leaflet was used as a basis for the afternoon.

Our Diocese is linked with five dioceses in and around Mount Kenya, and with the Windward Isles and Ballarat in Australia. For five days every year, the whole Mothers' Union prays for our diocese and all of our linked ones. The trustees compile a leaflet for our use during this time, telling us what is going on in our link dioceses, what are their needs, and ending with prayer for them and us.

Margaret Bloomfield then told the meeting about the trip to Liverpool taken by a coachload of members, when they visited Chester, had a tour of Liverpool – the highlight being the Catholic Cathedral – and attended

a service in the Anglican Cathedral for the MU, and also attended the General Meeting of the Worldwide Mothers' Union in the Cathedral. It had been an inspiring few days.

### Forthcoming events:

*4th October* Deanery Festival Service in St Mary's, Halesworth at 2:30pm

*10th October* Monthly Meeting 2:30pm

'Amber' by Robin Fournel, Church Room

*11th October* Healing Service at Framlingham Church at 11:00am to be conducted by Bishop Clive. Soup and bread to be served as a light lunch.

*31st October* Faith & Policy day at Martlesham 9:30am to 3:00pm, when Fleur Dorrell the Central Unit Co-ordinator will speak. Take packed lunch. Cost of day £2.

**Margaret Bloomfield**

## Village Show

Our Twelfth Annual Village Show was held in the Village Hall on Sunday, 9th September. (The Show is sponsored and organised by Wenhaston Gardeners' Club). The weather was kind and the standard of entries (according to the judges) was high. Entries of vegetables held up very well; possibly reflecting the recent surge of interest in "growing your own". Fruit entries were high, too. Flowers and flower-arranging were well down on last year, the strange weather pattern of 2007 may be partly to blame. Crafts and photography seemed as popular as ever, with, in my opinion, a number of outstanding exhibits. As usual, art work done by Wenhaston Primary School Children was on show and staff and children are to be congratulated on the beautiful and thoughtful results.

An outstanding feature was the performance of the solitary under 15 years entrant - Aimee Hayward-Rutter. Just 11 years of age Aimee won the Harold Hatcher Cup for the most points amassed by a single exhibitor! The Eastern Daily Press got wind of this and the following Saturday did a full page feature, complete with colour photographs, on Aimee's achievements, plus a comment in their editorial. Very Well Done, Aimee! She was also awarded the Hodges Trophy for the Young Exhibitor of the Year.

Other trophy winners were:  
Community Council Trophy for Best Craft Entry - Ros Curteis.

Charles Martin Shield for the second highest number of total points went to June Tate.  
Halesworth Tool Hire Shield for the most points in the Vegetable Classes was awarded to Bill Bloomfield.

The Cissy Martin Spoon for the most points in Baking and Preserves went to Kathleen Orme.  
The Havard Cup for the Best Entry in Show went to Ros Curteis for her wonderfully painted ceramic plate.

The Peter and June Lewis Plate for the most points in the flower classes was awarded to Jenny Jeffrey.

The David Remy Cup for the Best Photograph went to Paul Bowyer.

The Janet Prescott trophy for the most points in flower-arranging went to Jenny Jeffrey - she cleaned up on the flower front!

The judges were provided with an excellent lunch and went home happy.

The Show was most competently organised by the Gardeners' Club Committee. Our sincere thanks to them and to the ladies who supplied and served excellent refreshments. The Gardeners' Club hopes that everyone who entered exhibits or visited the Show enjoyed their day.

Wenhaston Gardeners' Club's next event is their AGM on 9th. October, 7:30pm in the Village Hall. We hope to keep business brief; it will be followed by a Paul Mothersole Audio-Visual Presentation. No charge will be made for entry. We look forward to seeing many of you there.

**Bernard Orme**

## Wenhaston W.I. September Report

The meeting began with our speaker Carol Catt on 'Kinesiology', another way of communicating with the body. Apparently there is a sea of energy filling the universe into which we can tap to heal our bodies. After outlining the concept to members we had the opportunity to practice some exercises designed to maintain optimum health balance. A fact sheet was handed out on the subjects of water, posture exercises and an outline of George Goodheart's research on the subject of muscle testing. Helen gave the vote of thanks.

Our speaker for the October meeting will be Barbara Shaw. Her subject; 'Homemade Sweets: Chocolates'. This should be an interesting evening, especially for chocoholics. Yummee Yummee!

Number One Book Club has had a long summer break during which they have been reading a selection of Philip Larkin's novels and poetry. Marro's Number Two Book Club is reading William Golding's 'Lord of the Flies'. Another theatre visit is in the pipeline, so in one way and another the W.I. tries to keep us out of mischief.

**FJJ**

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## Important Update to Good Village Guide

New booking names for Church Room: Jenny  
Jeffrey 01502 478815 or June Lewis 01502  
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*June Lewis*

### Church Room Open Day

*Come and see the newly refurbished Church  
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29th September. Light refreshments served.*

## Jumble Sale

Many thanks to all who helped in any way to  
make the Jumble Sale on 1st September such  
a success. The net result was £477, which is a  
record. I am most grateful for all the support  
and generosity received. *Margaret Bloomfield*

## Music Corner

Halesworth Arts Festival, now in its sixth year,  
13th - 28th October. Includes several concerts  
at The Cut and also St. Mary's Church,  
Halesworth. Full details, including secure  
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website [www.halesworthartsfestival.org.uk](http://www.halesworthartsfestival.org.uk).  
Printed programme widely available and also  
at Blythweb's office, The Street, Wenhaston.

## Coffee Morning Results

Thanks to all who supported the coffee  
morning for Age Concern Suffolk on 8th  
September, especially those who made cakes  
and served coffee. The amount raised was  
£260. Three paintings which were donated by  
local artists will be auctioned in Ipswich at a  
later date.

*Andrew Taylor*

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Friday 9th November 7:30pm Wenhaston  
Village Hall. Presentation of Analysis of Carbon  
Footprint Questionnaires and a Public Forum.

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

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