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21 Year Celebration Evening at PJN 25th August 2009

I would like to thank everyone who came to our anniversary evening, and made it such an enjoyable evening for everyone who came.

With a very friendly feel, around 140 people turning up from all areas with Muck & Magic providing some great burgers and hot dogs and the Star Inn providing beer, ales and drink. Even with the slight downpour it still didn't dampen the mood, if anything it brought the people together.

The raffle Prize Draw raised over £100 for 'Cancer Research UK' in which a cheque was presented to Ruth Alexander from Halesworth on 6th September.



Ruth Alexander receiving the cheque from Paul
Photo © Jay

I hope the evening was able to show the various services we are able to offer, and also the everyday runnings of the business. I am about providing good quality service, back up support, and am constantly investing in new equipment to be able to carry out this work. I would like to thank the people who gave me various cards and gifts, for which I was very grateful.

Paul Nolloth

Stand by for the 25 year celebration....

Wenhaston Flower Club
Charity Evening for Cancer Research UK
Tuesday 6th October from 7pm
Wenhaston Church Room
Admission £2.00
includes light refreshments
Stalls, Raffle, Jewellery and Books
Everyone Welcome

Wenhaston Village Show Success

The 14th Annual Show passed off well, entries were slightly up on last year and visitors seemed to have increased perhaps due to the fine day and a plug on Radio Suffolk. Some categories attracted fewer entries and maybe in future a simpler schedule might help this. We are looking for a lost plate, this has a rose peach pattern and if anyone acquired a sponge cake on a plate after the show please return the plate to the Post Office.

Wenhaston Gardeners Club

(Details of Trophy Winners on back page)

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Commons Work Parties in October

Sunday 11th Mill Heath - meet 10am by the power line poles. Work to include further scrub removal and bracken clearance.

Tuesday 13th Blackheath - meet 10am at the seat by the pond.

Sunday 25th Bickers Heath - meet 10am by seat. Work will include further scrub removal in area running down to Low Road.

Jonathan Alder

Footpath Walking in October

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

The all day walk on Tuesday 20th will be led by Eileen and Tim Heaps. Meet at St. Peter's Hall (also St Peter's Brewery site) South Elmham at 10am for a circular walk via Flixton back to the Hall for a pre-booked lunch.

For any other help contact Heather Phillips 01502 478545.

HPP

Rita Hooper

Rita passed away on the 27th August peacefully at home apart from the last hour or so in hospital, this was her wish. Her kidney dialysis which she had been on for over four years at home, broke down, and she made up her own mind not to continue treatment.

She always said that the 25 years we spent in Wenhaston were the happiest of her whole life, for which I thank all the people we have met here over those years.

She was too thin to go for the Cambridge School of Surgery as she wished, but her corneas have been used for transplants which would have made her very happy.

She did not wish to have a funeral, but to go with just me as in all our life.

Colin Hooper

Wenhaston Energy Support Group

New Waste Collection Not long to wait! It will be great to recycle so much more on our doorsteps, particularly plastics, and we'll soon get used to the new arrangements. The Recycling Road Show at the Village Hall on 7th September gave many villagers a chance to check out the new bins before they arrive at the beginning of November. And of course you can cut down on what needs to go for recycling by avoiding plastic wrapping and bags whenever you can.

Do you still have questions? Then you can

- contact Customer Services at Suffolk Coastal Services on 01394 444000 or 01394 444050.
- ask a member of the Energy Group
- put a note in the Energy Group pocket in the Village Hall
- contact us at www.wenhastongreen.org

Warmer Wenhaston Supplying free or discounted insulation materials to Wenhaston householders. The second round is coming soon, so now's the time to start clearing those lofts, particularly if you didn't benefit from the first round. There are jumble sales coming up, and charity shops around, as well the Village Hall textiles and clothes recycling facility, so your unwanted possessions can find a good home. Who knows, you might have an Old Master up there ...

Carbon Questionnaire We are keen to discover by how much the village's carbon footprint has decreased since 2007, so we are busy working on the new questionnaire. If anyone could help with this it would be much appreciated.

Hot off the Press WESG received this accolade from the Suffolk Coastal District Council environmental officer, "you are all doing such a good job...It's amazing that wherever I go to events now - your group is always mentioned as the leading lights." *Janice Claxton*

Wenhaston WI

At our last meeting it was not the sort of weather to contemplate a visit to the seaside, but Mr. Wood's talk on the Northumberland coast soon made us forget the rain outside.

We started our trip at Amble south of Hawksley and finished at Berwick-on-Tweed. On the way we were fascinated by the history of the great castles that line the coast. We enjoyed the views of the pristine beaches, with their picturesque harbours dotted with fishing boats. We visited the graveyard where Grace Darling is buried and were reminded of her heroism when saving shipwrecked sailors. Berwick has some lovely old buildings and much of the city wall is still intact. It also sports three bridges of various vintages over the Tweed. Mr Wood's talk will have inspired many of us to visit this unspoilt part of the country.

Helen informed us that she had some sad and some good news to impart. She spoke movingly of Rita Hooper who had died suddenly and we stood in silence to remember this lovely lady. We also remember Bridget Walpole. Sadly one of our past presidents, Kay Markwick, is moving away to be near her daughter, she will be greatly missed. Then on to the good news; Emma Brown has given birth to a bouncing baby girl, Amelia Rose; Felicity Jelliff is a grandmother for the first time, to Joseph Charles; Iris Baker is a great grandmother to Freddie George.

On the 10th October we are holding a Gallimaufry of Vendible's, in other words a Jumble sale!

Next month Anne Beckett-Allen talks to us about her work with bereaved children. **FJJ**

Thank You

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the many people who telephoned and sent cards during my recent illness. I have been overwhelmed by so much thoughtfulness and concern and I am extremely grateful. I am pleased to say that I am making a very good recovery and am enjoying life again!

Margaret Goldstone



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Saturday 10 October

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Everyone at the Post Office would like to thank Margaret Goldstone for all her help over the years. She helped from the beginning and apart from a short break has been with us whenever we needed her. We are so glad she is recovering well from her operation. We will miss her!

June, Trevor and Sarah

Ipswich Hospital

Local residents who use Ipswich Hospital may be interested in a petition for the Prime Minister to take immediate action to stop the downgrading of services. Ipswich Hospital needs to be kept as a modern and thriving centre of excellence. This means providing full services and giving consultants and medical teams the support they need to serve the wider community.

To sign the petition go to <http://petitions.number10.gov.uk/IpswichHospital/>.

(Deadline date 21 July 2010).

Mary Foord-Brown

www.wenhaston.net

The Wenhaston Website

Wenhaston with Mells Hamlet Parish Council

If any Parishioner has any trouble with the new bin collection starting soon, the number to ring is 01394 444050, Customer Care Dept at Suffolk Coastal Services.

The Football Club has had more windows broken at the Pavilion, and one of the swings in the play area has been vandalized. Some months back the electrical box for the lights on the Sports / Tennis area was broken into. The Police have been informed and will be making checks on the playing field from time to time.

A request from the family of the late Malcolm Smith that they may place a seat on Blackheath Common was approved by the Parish Council. District Council will have to give their consent. Malcolm was born in the village and lived on Blackheath all of his short life. He was actively involved in the building of the Village Hall and village life.

A letter has been received from Mrs Violet Jackson making enquiries about the Village Hall financial situation and the recent refurbishments. A lot of people in the village are asking questions about the surplus electricity. Unfortunately the Management Committee are still trying to find an Electrical Company that is willing to take the surplus.

District Councillor Peter Austin reported that at the Northern Area Planning Meeting approval was given for the repairs to the Blyth River Wall.

Mary Pennock, Clerk

www.wenhaston.net/parishcouncil/

Wenhaston United Football Club

Home Fixtures for October

PTP

3rd	1st	v	Ipswich Exiles	KO 2:00pm
10th	Res	v	Stonham	KO 2:30pm
17th			None	
24th	Res	v	Waveney	KO 2:00pm
31st	1st	v	Cockfield	KO 2:30pm

RBL Wenhaston Branch

Sorry to say that our Chairman Mr Doy is still unwell and we wish him a speedy recovery.

Congratulations to John Levy who again won the County Standard Bearer Competition for the 6th year at Needham Market on 6th September, after which he attended Landguard Fort, Felixstowe commemorating 70 years since the start of World War II. Sunset Retreat was played and 18 Standards were paraded.

John Levy

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Local History Matters: 22

Mells

In the Doomsday Book of 1086, Mells is listed separately from Wenhaston. In Saxon times it was owned by a free man, Manning, and had a Mill. It supported 8 villeins, 12 borders and 3 serfs, possibly about 70 people. However by 1086 the Mill had gone and the Manor was owned by Robert De Toden, who had been a Standard Bearer at the battle of Hastings. Mells was just one of his holdings, his main property being at Belvoir, where he built his Castle on top of a hill, and a Priory at the foot, where he was buried. At the Dissolution his coffin lid is to be seen outside the chapel entrance.

The Manor passed through many hands during the next two hundred years, until it was finally sold around 1316 to Sir Walter de Norwich who at that time owned Wenhaston. Later the Manor was made over to Mettingham College until the Dissolution when the Denny's were granted the Manor. There was a Sale of the Manorship on 3rd April 1991 when it is said to have sold for £6,500.

The chapel of St Margaret was built around 1104, but as it never had a burial ground St Peter's Wenhaston was its Mother Church. By 1485 it was no longer in use.

Keith Johnceline

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The Wenhaston Relief-In-Need Trust

The Wenhaston Relief-In-Need Trust is made up of four old charities.

1. Mary Collen (a member of the Leman family). Founded by a Will dated 1680. A rent charge of £3 per annum was levied on land at Mells Hill Farm. It was originally aimed at giving six needy widows ten shillings each. This rent charge was redeemed in 1990 for £50.
2. Charity of Samuel Taylor Dawon (a landowner in the village). Founded by a Will in 1862. £215 4s 10d was invested in 2.5% consolidated stock bringing in £5.36 a year. This was liquidated in 1995 raising £63.70.
3. Charity of Harriet Harris. Founded by a Will in 1923. Provided £200 in 2.5% consolidated stock bringing in £5 a year. This was liquidated in 1994 for £54.36.
4. Town Estate Poor Charity.
Half the rent on six acres of land in the village. Income up until 1970 was £3 a year but is now £145 a year. Up until 1942 the income of £3 provided 24 needy residents with a bag of coal each for Christmas.

The redemptions were insisted upon by the custodian of charities who fixed the price of redemption of rent charge at Mells. The Trustees invested in a Post Office Investment Account together with other donations. In 2008 this bought in £97 interest but will be much lower this year.

The Trustees are:
Mrs Lillian Spindler (Chairman)
Reverend Anna Wright
Mrs Mary Pennock
Dr Mike Dickson
Mrs Heather Phillips (Secretary).

Enquiries are welcomed concerning special needs within the terms of the Charity and will be treated in confidence.

Until the state took over the task of looking after the poor and destitute it was the local church that was responsible for helping the very poor, not only in the parish but sometimes further afield.

According to Church Warden Robert Keeble in 1666 the sum of £1 2s 2d was collected in Wenhaston for the poor sufferers in London by fire.

In 1770 by consent of the parish 10s 6d was collected for the benefit of American Clergy.

In 1893 Church Warden Henry Webb told the Vicar Reverend J Clare that a cottage on the outskirts of Wenhaston and Thorington derived its name 'Nowhere House' from a dispute between the two parishes as to which one was responsible for the support of the pauper inmate. Wenhaston maintained the tenement was in Thorington with Thorington taking the vice-versa view of the position. The unfortunate pauper, feeling that he was likely to fall to the ground between the two stools, adroitly ended the controversy by moving himself into a vacant cottage well within the boundaries of Wenhaston.

(Information from 'Curious Parish Records' by Rev'd J B Clare 1902)

Heather Phillips

Wenhaston Gardeners

I can't believe, as I write, that when we meet again it will be October! September still has that late summer feel but October is distinctly autumn. Tuesday 13th is the date for the AGM. Please come along to hear how the club is faring and to vote for your Committee. There are two vacancies to be filled and we do need someone willing to take on the Secretarial duties. So if you feel you'd like to help keep the club's cogs turning do make yourself known.

Once the business is sorted we will be settling back to bask in Richard Harvey's talk on 'The Hot Border'. I don't know about you, but that sounds pretty tempting to me as we face the winter chill.

For further information or nominations (please!) phone Jenny on 01502 478 815.

Cherry Wilkinson

Halesworth Arts Festival

2009 is the eighth year of this fantastic Festival. Between 10th - 25th October a variety of musical events take place with something for everybody.

For full details and to book online go to www.halesworthartsfestival.org.uk.

Box Office 01986 874264. Programmes are freely available from the Blythweb office.

Music Corner by Chris Dunn

Southwold Concert Series:

Saturday 31st October at 7:30pm

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Nathan Williamson (Piano)

Music by Bach, Beethoven, Maxwell Davies

etc. Tickets £10 (inc.refreshments) from

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(Also Halesworth Arts Festival events - see above)

Dates For Your Diary

20th October - Deadline for November WW

7th November - Table Top Sale

5th December - Christmas Bazaar

31st December - New Years Eve Party

For more events in the local area go to

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Table Top Sale Saturday 7 November

9am -1pm

Wenhaston Village Hall

Refreshments

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Halesworth @ Christmas

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- 3-day family ticket for 2010 Gig in the Park
- £100 shopping voucher with Appaloosa
- 3 course steak dinner with wine for four
- Photographic shoot voucher
- 6Kg Turkey
- Christmas Hamper
- A Case of Wine

Tickets are 25p each or £1.00 for a book of four, available in Halesworth and from the Blythweb office in The Street, Wenhaston.

The Draw will take place during the 'Switch On' festivities in Halesworth Market Place on Saturday 5th December at approx 5:30pm.

Blackheath Fire

The recent damaging fire on Blackheath serves as a stark reminder of the very real danger posed to properties adjoining the Common. In 20 minutes it had spread from its source, on the verge of Blackheath Road, to be a serious threat to the houses behind the old chapel.

Fortunately, the fire was spotted quickly as the Commons Group had a work party some 200 yards away by the pond and the Fire Brigade called; eventually appliances from Halesworth, Saxmundham and Southwold were in attendance before the fire was brought under control, only yards from a back garden. The flames were able to spread easily due to the height of overgrown gorse, which was tinder dry, fanned by a strong wind.

Over the course of the coming winter the Commons Group will be reviewing those areas of Blackheath which remain overgrown and, in consultation with Suffolk Coastal District Council, determine as to whether any of these areas pose a specific safety risk to nearby properties, and what action needs to be taken by SCDC as a result.



*Fire damage on Blackheath
Photo © Peter Phillips*

Wenhaston Commons Group

Distraction Burglaries

A number of distraction-type burglaries have occurred whereby a man knocks on the door of an elderly person's home purporting to be an electrical engineer checking switches in the house.

He asks the occupant to remain in the kitchen and switch on the sockets and count.

The man is described as 40 to 50 years of age, large or chubby build with a round face.

Police advise never to let anyone into your home unless requested by yourself. Please be extra vigilant and operate a simple doorstep procedure of

- locking front and back doors
- stopping to think if you are expecting anyone
- using a door chain or bar
- and carefully checking any identification offered
- be extremely cautious with any callers who are insistent that they must have immediate access to your home. Dial 999 if you are at all concerned.

Anyone with information regarding offenders should contact Suffolk Police on 01473 613500
Police Direct Team

Reports From Wenhaston School

Jacob and Luke's Gardening Club Report

Mr Orme comes on Tuesdays after school to take Gardening Club. This term we have planted all kinds of food - peas, cabbages, carrots and potatoes. We have been busy looking after all the plant boxes and gardens around the school. We have pruned bushes and laid slabs for paths and weeded and watered the beds. The school has purchased some all weather suits for us so that we are able to go out in any weather to do our gardening! We have had a very busy term and have all thoroughly enjoyed ourselves - some members have been doing this club for two years.

Madeline and Katie's Cookery Club Report

Mrs Kett comes into school on a Wednesday until 4:30pm to organise Cookery Club for us. This term we have made chocolate crunch, jam tarts, hot cross buns, rocky road, melting moments and iced buns - yummy! We are lucky that we get to try out what we made and take some home for our families. We write out our recipes and then help with the washing up and clearing away. If there is time we do some cookery related word searches. It is brilliant and we would give it 10/10!

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11th Ina Gray
18th 9:30am United at St. Peter's
25th Gladys Sexton

Tuesday Meetings at 2:30pm

6th Women's Fellowship Rev'd Joan Evans
13th Bible Study
20th Women's Fellowship Keith Durrant
27th Bible Study

Saturday 3rd 'Pray a While' 9:00-10:30am on a come and go basis for prayer and meditation.

Mothers' Union

The Diocesan Wave of Prayer was used at the September Meeting. All agreed that it was a well put-together publication which made us proud to be members of such a caring organisation. We prayed in turn for our link dioceses of Thika, Kirinyaga, Mount Kenyas South, North & West (all in Kenya), Ballarat in Australia and the Windward Isles in the West Indies, and at the same time learned quite a lot about how they operate and the work that they do in the name of Mothers' Union.

This year Wenhaston MU will participate in the Samaritans Purse project, filling shoe boxes with goodies to send to underprivileged people in Romania, Moldova and Albania. Any member who would like to take part may obtain a box from Margaret Goldstone, or provide their own. Boxes are needed by 21st October, please.

On Wednesday 14th October, our usual meeting day, Wenhaston will host an Archdeaconry Day. Lunches will be served in the Church Room from Midday, there will be a tour of the church after lunch, then a Communion Service at 2:30pm when Rev. Liz Cannon will celebrate and Catherine Prophet, our President, will preach. There will be stalls in the Church and tea after the service. We do urge you all to come along and join us – non members welcome!

Margaret Bloomfield

St. Peter's Church Services

October

4th 9:30am Team Service at Halesworth
11th 9:30am Parish Communion
18th 9:30am Parish Communion
25th 6:30pm Evensong

Bell Ringing

Wenhaston practice nights in October are Fridays 9th and 23rd between 7:30pm - 9:00pm at St Peter's Church. Visitors are welcome to come and watch and new ringers are always welcome to join us.

For details of practice nights at other towers please contact the Wenhaston Tower Rep becky@wenhaston.net . **Becky Canham**

News From The Church

A successful Jumble Sale raising £538.00 for Church Funds was our fundraising venture for September. We are very grateful to everyone who supported the Sale and all those who helped in any way, especially Margaret Bloomfield for her hard work in organising the event.

Unfortunately we have had to make the decision to cancel our annual Quiz Night which would have been held on Thursday 22nd October as another Village Organisation have organised a Quiz Night in the Village Hall two weeks prior to our event. We felt that having two similar events so close would not be beneficial to either organisation. We are disappointed as the Church has been organising a Quiz Night in October for the Village for many years. It has always been a very well supported and popular event. We are considering moving the Quiz to February 2010 when hopefully we shall receive the same support.

Together with the Methodist Chapel we are organising the Harvest Supper in the Village Hall on Friday 2nd October. This is always an enjoyable evening and we look forward to meeting our friends again.

Margaret Goldstone

Local Services *(More on page 9)*

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