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Get Your Dauber Ready - It's Bingo Night!
Saturday 23 October 7pm at Wenhaston Village Hall. All Welcome.

River Blyth Footpath - Wenhaston/Blythburgh

Walkers have known for a couple of years that the footpath on the South bank of the River Blyth had been deteriorating. It is now impossible to use. Not to worry; the path on the North bank was still useable. Or so we thought. Earlier this year Simon Barnes, writing in the Times, drew attention to the fact that "Footpath Closed" notices had been posted at either end of the footpath.

A villager, alarmed at the prospect of losing the riverside walk to Blythburgh, arranged to meet representatives of Suffolk County Council and the Environment Agency. I was invited to join them.

We walked the closed section from the A12 as far as a padlocked gate and then back again. The path is not being maintained so the grass is long. However, enough walkers have used the path to make it easily seen. The path narrows at one place where the bank is clearly undercut. However, we all walked the section without mishap.

We discussed the situation and established that SCC have no power to close a footpath or padlock gates. The padlock is to be removed and the notices replaced altered to "No Through Route". This isn't strictly true; there is a through route but a short section of it is deemed unsafe. The clear purpose of the notices is to discourage the walking of the path through to Blythburgh.

I believe that the new notices are an over-reaction and a slide into "nannying" mode.

A simple declaration that a short section of the bank near the A12 is judged unsafe by the Environment Agency and people who walk through to Blythburgh proceed entirely at their own risk should be sufficient. If you are concerned about the loss of this lovely riverside walk please contact John Dawson, Rights of Way Officer, on 01728 403059 and tell him how you feel.

Bernard Orme

Valentines

Blackheath, Wenhaston

Simon Nolloth is having a

House Clearance Sale

Saturday 2nd October

10am - 4pm



Wenhaston Primary School

Play Leader

We are seeking a Lunchtime Play Leader at our school 5 days a week from 12 noon until 1pm to organise and supervise two group play sessions (one from 12 - 12:30 and one from 12:30 - 1pm).

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Music Corner

Sunday 3 October at 3pm, at St Mary's Church, Halesworth. Concordia Chamber Choir, and St Felix School Choir. Includes works by Bach, Monteverdi and Purcell.
Tickets: £10 (£8 concess., £5 under 16s) from 0845 673 2123.

Halesworth Arts Festival 9-24 October 7:30pm. Festival Box Office 01986 874264
www.halesworthartsfestival.org.uk/bookinginfo.php

Saturday 9 - Evelyn Glennie (percussion) £25

Thursday 14 - The Stanford String Quartet (Haydn, Dove, Walton) £14.50

Saturday 16 - Halesworth Festival Voices (Faure Requiem etc) £13.50

Tuesday 19 - Caroline Adomeit (violin: Bach, Brahms, Gershwin etc) £13.50

Saturday 23 - Alessandro Taverna (piano: Bach, Beethoven, Chopin etc) £15.50

John Michael Hill Dickson

Mike Dickson was born in 1927 in Huddersfield. His parents were both medical practitioners and originated from Northern Ireland. He was their second child there being an older sister.

Mike was educated at Marlborough College and then read medicine at Cambridge and St Mary's London where he played rugby for the hospital. After qualifying he did his National Service in the Navy. In 1951 he married Jennifer (née Otter) and in 1956 he became a partner in the Halesworth practice with Drs Cursham and Besley. In 1957 he and Jennifer moved to Highfields in Halesworth where they raised their children Kate, Matthew, Ellie and Barney.

General Practice was about to change with purpose-built surgeries, group practices, attached nursing and other staff being encouraged by the Government. Mike embraced these changes with relish and became a founder member of the Royal College of General Practitioners.

He became senior partner in 1968 and steered the practice through many changes until his retirement in 1987. He and Jennifer then moved to Wenhaston, a village they loved, firstly to Hall Farm and later to Chapel Lane.

Mike was a devoted husband to Jennifer and a great father to his children. He was easily recognisable being very tall with a terrific booming laugh. He was endowed with a great social conscience and sense of humour. It was this amongst other things, which helped him to become a wonderful family doctor caring for his patients with warmth and diligence. He was also very interested in politics, local and national and was a life long Liberal. Somehow he found time to serve or lead on many councils, county, town, parish and community and on many committees concerned with the social fabric of our community.

His final illness, motor neurone disease, he faced with his usual equanimity and humour and he died on the 9th of September, at home peacefully.

Many people attended his funeral at St Peter's Wenhaston, a testament to how much he was respected and loved for all he did to enrich the lives of those around him and he will be missed by us all greatly.

Cedric Clarke

We're here!

Our Halesworth branch is moving soon to
the Thoroughfare - why not pop in next time
you're passing



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Wenhaston Village Hall Committee Members

Please note that a special meeting is to take
place in the Maurice Stammers
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Tuesday 5th October at 7:00pm
when a presentation will be made
regarding the heating system

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Bell Ringing

The Wenhaston practice nights are now on
the 4th Thursday only of each month, between
7:30pm and 9:00pm at St Peter's Church.
The next practice will be on 28th October.

For details of practice nights at other towers
please contact the Tower Rep on 01986
873336. **Jason Busby**



Wenhaston Flower Club
Charity Evening
for East Anglian Air Ambulance Service
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St. Peter's Church Services October

3	No Service	(9:30am at Halesworth)
10	10:30am	Service for Harvest Festival
17	9:30am	Parish Communion
24	6:30pm	Evensong

Suffolk Historic Churches Trust

Many thanks to the stewards, walkers and cyclists, and sponsors who kindly helped in any way with the Sponsored Cycle Ride. I will publish the results at a later date.

Margaret Bloomfield

Quiz Night At The Star

The quiz night that was held in The Star on the 7th September was a great success. A fantastic turn out and great fun was had by all. I would like to thank Carl and Virginia for the fantastic food, Quizmaster John Blades and also everyone who took part and donated raffle prizes. We raised a fantastic sum of £122 for the Wenhaston Community Playscheme. A big thank you. **Sarah Foster**

Mothers' Union

The Archdeaconry Day in August at Hacheston was well attended and enjoyed. The stalls did a good trade, the presentations by Trustees were interesting, the lunch was delicious, the service uplifting and the net result for MU work and charities excellent. Well done to all involved.

We were honoured to welcome our Diocesan President, Val Jeffries, to the September Meeting. The Wave of Prayer was read, interspersed with several rousing hymns, and a lively discussion ensued. Val said a few inspirational words, before tea and chat. A happy afternoon!

Wenhaston branch will be filling shoeboxes for Romania and surrounding countries again this year, and members are asked to bring suitable gifts to the October Meeting. We look forward to slides on Nature presented by Mike Upson on 13th October in the Church Room at 2:30pm.

On Thursday 7th October, we have our Deanery Festival Service at Halesworth St Mary's at 2:30pm, when we will be joined by our president, Val. There will be literature and Bring and Buy stalls, and a shared tea in St Mary's Hall. Members are asked to bring a small amount of food to share.

Margaret Bloomfield

Wenhaston Methodist Church

October

Sunday Services at 10:30am

- 3 Rev'd Christine Kennell S
- 10 United Harvest at St Peter's
Rev'd Robert Soanes
- 17 Colin Basham
- 24 Rev'd Joan Evans
- 31 Maddie Hoadley

Tuesday Meetings at 2:30pm

- 5 Women's Fellowship AGM
- 12 Bible Study
- 19 Women's Fellowship Rev'd David Read
- 26 Bible Study

Saturday 2nd 'Pray a While' 9am-10:30am on a come and go basis for prayer and meditation.

All welcome at any service.

Dog Fouling

Would the persons who walk their dogs along The Street near the Old Paint Shop and Blythweb please bring a bag and take home the dog muck. We don't want it outside our front door. Let them do it outside your own front door. **JN**

Wenhaston Gardeners

The moon was rising and owls were hooting when the party from the Gardeners Club sat down to an excellent meal at Somerleyton Hall at the end of an evening visit.

Before that torrential rain and cold winds had wetted feet but not dampened spirits, and despite our vice-chairman nearly going for a swim, a short tour of the maze and gardens guided by Bob Coutts the Head Gardener was achieved.

Then suddenly the rain cleared and a glorious rainbow followed. A fine sunset showed off many of the tall trees in silhouette against the sky and the evening was saved.

Our next meeting is the AGM. On Tuesday October 12th at 7:30pm followed by a talk to be given by Jan Michalak on 'The Tradescants'. Hope to see you all there.

Tony Gow

Wenhaston Commons Group

2011 Calendar

Photos of local flora & fauna

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Wenhaston Commons Group October

Saturday 9th - Wenhaston Churchyard - Rake
and tidy 10:00am-12:30pm.

Sunday 10th - Bickers Heath - Meet by seat
10:00am. Work will include further scrub
removal from area below seat and
maintenance of existing cleared area.

Tuesday 12th - Blackheath - Meet at seat by
pond 10:00am.

Sunday 24th - Blackheath - Meet 10:00am at
car park at far western end of the common on
Blackheath Road. Work to include overgrown
gorse removal and scrub clearance in nearby
areas.

Jonathan Alder

Wenhaston Map: 10th Anniversary

The Wenhaston Millennium Map was
presented to the village on 28th October
2000. Now, 10 years later, the village is
invited to the Hall on Saturday afternoon 30th
October, to a display of the many drawings
and photos (some aerial), the notes and
research connected with making the map.

An album recording - from start to finish - the
way the map was made will be on show to
look through. Some of the original
mapmakers will be present. They would enjoy
telling you about the map making.

A supply of maps will be available. Any new
or former resident of Wenhaston is entitled
to a free copy; maps can also be purchased.
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V Jackson

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Wenhaston WI

September still has that 'back to school' feel, and after two outside gatherings we returned to the formality of a meeting in the village hall. It was a goodly gathering who came to listen to Tamara Golding talk about the history of British lace making. It was probably the Huguenots who brought this art to our shores. In Charles II's reign 25,000 people were employed in this cottage industry. Just looking at the portraits of this period it can be seen just how popular lace had become. Modern lace is now mostly made by machine. Another skill in danger of being lost.

Several birthdays were celebrated this month, two special ones, a 90th and an 80th. Congratulations must go to Valerie and Jack on their Golden Wedding. Get well wishes go to May and Benita.

The final part of the WI tri challenge takes place this month, three dates and three different venues to notch up the miles.

The book club have three books to discuss, one being Alan Bennett's 'Talking Heads', extracts from which will be read aloud. A theatre trip to see Sheridan's 'The Rivals' has been organised. The Diner's Club members are off to enjoy Thai cuisine. They ask for suggestions for a better name. How about 'Selective Scoffers'? Perhaps not.

Next month our talk will be given by Kelly Jacobs, from the World Land Trust. Could members also remember to bring suitable items to be sorted ready for 'swishing' at our November meeting.

FJJ

www.wenhastonwi.org.uk/

Wenhaston Allotments

We would like to thank all those who supplied produce to our stall at the Star on the 11th September, all those who gave their time to help on the stall and especially all those who bought our produce! We raised £117 on the day which we have donated to the Multiple Sclerosis Trust.

Although we have no plots available at the moment we do not have anyone on the waiting list either so if you would like to put your name down then please contact the undersigned. **David Smith**
WALGA Chairman (01502 478535)



Part of the Wenaston Allotments. Photo © Ellie Smith

Ipswich Building Society Is Moving

Ipswich Building Society will soon be opening the doors at their new 'home', number 61 Thoroughfare, Halesworth and to mark the occasion staff at the branch will be hosting a branch warming for the local community. Shelley Curtis, branch manager, said; "We're really excited about the move. We'll be more central, and we're now wheelchair and buggy accessible. We've also listened closely to our members and will be offering extended opening times."

Everyone is welcome to call in and see the new branch, which will be open 9:30am to 3:30pm Monday to Friday, and 9:00am to 12noon on Saturday. Visit your new Ipswich Building Society branch at 61 Thoroughfare, Halesworth, Suffolk, IP19 8AR or telephone 01986 875133. For more details about Ipswich Building Society, visit www.ibs.co.uk or www.twitter.com/IpswichBuildSoc.

Joanne Palfrey

Wenhaston Village Hall - Table Top Sales

Wenhaston Village Hall are planning to hold some Table Top Sales during the winter months on Sundays between 10am - 2pm. If you wish to book a table please let me know as soon as possible.

Please tick dates you wish to attend: 7th November 5th December
Dates for 2011 to come.

Tables are priced at £5.00 each. I enclose payment with this form of £.....
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Mrs E M Last

A Service of Thanksgiving for Mrs Emma (Barry) Last who died on 25 August aged 93 was held at St Andrew's Church Walberswick on 14 September conducted by the Vicar of Walberswick the Revd Brian Fisher. The Service was opened by a contingent of the Walberswick Choir led by Mrs Julia Josephs with a rendering of Mozart's Ave Verum. The hymns "Lead us Heavenly Father", "What a Friend we have in Jesus" and "Morning has broken" were sung.

Tributes were given by Nick and Adrian Weston (grandsons) who recalled some amusing family incidents and memories of their grandparents. They stressed how their upbringing had benefited from them during their formative years and how much they had been influenced by their grandmother. Ashka Pandya's "Ship of Friendship" was read by John Weston (son-in-law).

An Appreciation was given by Mr Derek Newby who had been a friend of her and her late husband for over 60 years. He said that Mr and Mrs Last accepted the posts of Master and Matron in 1947 of Bulcamp workhouse as it was known and which in Mrs Last's own words had been badly neglected and was a condemned slum. When they took over they were shown plans for a new building on the site, but this never materialised and they set about improving the conditions before the National Health Act of 1946. This meant that in time government money would be available to improve the building and living and nursing conditions there. By December in 1949 so much had been achieved through the efforts of Mr and Mrs Last that an article in the Eastern Daily Press reported and congratulated them on their efforts. From then on improvements continued and it became Blythburgh and District Hospital under the Ipswich Management Group Committee and by 1964 there was a combined total of 220 patients and other inmates living there as it had become a home for the elderly as well. Mrs Last and her staff won high praise from the late Dr John Agate one of the leading pioneers in the country on the rehabilitation of geriatrics after hospital care, and members of her staff were seconded to Ipswich Hospital to assist and advise when Amulree ward for geriatrics was opened there in 1967. Mrs Last was presented with the Queen's Silver Jubilee medal at Buckingham Palace in 1977 and before retiring she became responsible for the nursing staff at Halesworth and Southwold hospitals in addition to Blythburgh. She retired with her husband to Walberswick in 1977 but was widowed 26 years ago. The Rev Fisher read Psalm 121 and gave prayers and the Commendation and the Service was concluded with Nunc Dimittis sung by the choir. She leaves a daughter and son-in-law, 3 grandchildren and 5 great grandchildren.

The family mourners were Mr and Mrs J Weston (daughter), Mr and Mrs Adrian Weston and Mr and Mrs Nicholas Weston (grandsons), Master Luca Weston (great grand-son), the Misses Sofia and Poppy Weston (great grand-daughters). Mrs Joanna Whitehead (grand-daughter) and family were unable to attend.

Others present included: Julia Sowerbutts, Sara Capon, Janet Simpson, Pru Ford-Crush, Wendy Sinclair, Christine Reeves, Sue Flack, Sue Walpole and Elizabeth Crosse (choir members), Margaret Adkinson, Joan Attridge, William Bowyer, Mr Bunkham, David Bell, Maria Brentnall, Tony Brown, Denise Burchell, Vera Bowyer, Sandra Canham, (also rep Mr & Mrs M Gilbert), Nancy Clarke, Pier Ford-Crush, Mr and Mrs Godbold, Ron Horsey, Cathy Hopkins, Margaret Howard, Anne Hurren, Marie-Ann Hopkins, Judith Hetherington, Shirley-Ann Humphries, Christopher and Mary Hopkins, Bubbles Love, Edith List, Pat Lancaster, Lucy Lawrence, Christine Mitchell, Jean Papworth, Ellen Redington, Mr Sinclair, Mrs Shepherd, Dione Shirreff, Mr and Mrs Spencer, Dr Townsley, John Vietch, Rita Woodcraft (rep Vida Connick).

Cremation took place at Ipswich on September 7th and there was a retiring collection for St Andrew's Church.

Derek Newby

Wenhaston with Mellis Hamlet Parish Council

The Chairman asked for a one minute silence in memory of Michael Dickson.

District Cllr. Peter Austin reported that SCDC needs to save 30% over the next 3 years. A meeting has taken place in Wenhaston Village Hall between SCDC and Waveney District Council to try and amalgamate senior officers and some services to save money.

The Parish Council has been asked by SCDC to look at the Village Physical Limits Boundaries. It was decided to leave things as they are. The Parish Council will look at every planning application, whether the application is in the Village boundary or not, and make the appropriate decision.

The Chairman has had a meeting with SCC and the Environment Dept, about the closure of the north side of the river bank. The footpath was walked, the outcome being that the padlocks on the gates are to be removed. The posters stating that the river bank is closed are to be replaced with new ones advising that the footpath is unsafe.

Planning permission has been granted for the extension of Wenhaston Primary School.

Mary Pennock, Clerk

www.wenhaston.net/parishcouncil/index.php

Footpath Walking

The morning walk on Tuesday 5th October will leave from Wenhaston Village Hall at 10:00am.

The longer walk on Tuesday 19th October will be led by Jill Morgan around Framlingham. Meet at The Heritage Car Park near Framlingham Castle at 10:00am. After the walk we will drive to Saxtead Mill Inn for lunch.

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Fun in the sun at Wenhashton - Fun Sports Day a success



The popular BMX track. Photo © Michael Gasper

The Wenhashton Sports Club's Fun Sports Day held on September 4th at the Playing Fields was an event enjoyed by a large number of children and adults, and there were several focal points of the day. John Stockwell, a representative of the National Cycling Centre, organised the building of a very popular BMX track, and boys and girls of all ages had a go and were really enjoying themselves. John also organised races and time trials and presented prizes at the end of the day. The young people enjoyed the track so much that they collected a petition with an impressive 77 signatures asking that a permanent track be built.

There was also an opportunity for the young people to indicate activities that they would most like to see developed by the Sports Club in the future, and these included (in order of popularity) swimming, ice skating, wall climbing, disco/karaoke, table tennis, roller disco, and several other activities.

One high point of the day was the opening of the new pavilion by the tennis courts. Built by Ollie Haward and friends, it should be a much appreciated addition to the Sports Club facilities, and it was opened by Carla Bryan, representing the youth of the Club, and by Mrs. Dickson on behalf of Dr. Dickson, who played such a major role in getting the Club started.

The Barbecue was of a very high standard, with top quality meat from Clarke's superbly cooked, a range of tasty salads and desserts, and even ice cream from a Suffolk Meadow cart. There were also junior and adult tennis competitions, a five-a-side football competition, and a three-legged race. A special thanks goes to the Bowls Club who kindly opened up their facilities for coffee and tea and a chance to have a go at bowls.



Ollie Haward with Carla Bryan and Jenny Dickson.
Photo © Michael Gasper

With the men's football club playing a match on the main pitch during the afternoon as well, the whole playing fields area was full of activity throughout the day, all helped by some good weather. It turned out to be an event that lived up to our expectations, and the fact that over 20 thank-you letters were sent out points to the large amount of support in terms of time, effort, resources and donations that was provided by many people.

We look forward to making the much improved Fun Sports Day an annual event in Wenhashton!

A major part of the Wenhashton Sports Club is the superb tennis facilities. We now have a new pavilion, we have two courts that are newly painted and very well maintained (both with floodlights), the availability of the courts for individual bookings is excellent, there are several regularly scheduled weekly tennis sessions for players of all levels, and there is coaching available. Taken together, this amounts to one of the finest tennis club membership options in the area. Why not consider joining? If you are interested, please contact John Bainer on 01986 875845 (e-mail: thebainers@fiscali.co.uk).

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Wenhaston Village Hall News

Did you see our Village Hall featured on the local TV news in September? The occasion was a simultaneous cabinet meeting between Waveney and Suffolk Coastal District Councils on 13th September. This initiative was the first of its kind and has attracted much interest. It was good that our Hall was selected to host such an important event. On a lighter note have you seen our advert on the front page for Bingo! **Eileen Heaps**

Wenhaston Energy Support Group

We are beginning work on our Community Energy study now. Watch this space! We are always keen to promote local food outlets on our website wenhastongreen.org, and would like to update that section. If you have visited any local stalls or shops recently, which are worth including, then please can you let us know? You can contact us through info@wenhastongreen.org or leave a message in our pocket in the Village Hall. **Janice Claxton**



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