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This Month!

**The Osiligi Maasai Warriors come to Wenhaston Village Hall
Friday 14 October at 7:30pm**

Tickets: Adult £10, Seniors £8, Children £5 available from Wenhaston Post Office,
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Osiligi Troupe 2010 tour Photo © Roger Pannell

The Osiligi Maasai Warriors

Harry Becker - A Celebration

I am currently working on a bid to various funding sources to celebrate the work of Harry Becker, the artist who lived in Wenhaston, Darsham and Hinton while he worked as a farm labourer in the early 20th Century. I am aware that many local people are familiar with Becker, some have stories or memories of him and some own his work - but also that many others have never heard of him.

I would like to get a group of people together to plan a celebration for 2013. If you are interested in being part of the steering group or being involved in any other way with the project, please phone me on 01502 478178, or email bridget.cousins@btinternet.com - please write the word 'Becker' in the subject line.
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Maurice Naunton

Barbara, Stephen and Ellen Naunton wish to announce the sad death of Maurice on 19th September 2011 (further information in next month's issue).

Jack Stammers

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Daisy and family would like to thank everyone for the many cards, letters and flowers received at the time of their sad loss of Jack.

Special thanks to Dr Castle and Cathy, at York Road Surgery, for their kindness and care of Jack over the past few months. Also our thanks to Rev. Peter Trendall for conducting the service at Seven Hills Crematorium, to Fishers Funeral Service for their kindness while making the arrangements and to the Randolph Hotel for providing refreshments.

Ian Wollin

Tony, Maureen, Julie, Mark and family wish to thank all those that sent cards, flowers and messages of support following the tragic loss of Ian aged 36, who in a motorcycle accident died on 31st July.

Ian had a family cremation in Ipswich on the morning of 18th August followed by a celebration of his life at St Peter's church in Wenhaston. The church was overflowing with family, friends and neighbours in which a real tribute to Ian. We would like to thank everyone who attended the services and for their generous donations to the East Anglian Air Ambulance and The Halesworth Community Nurses care fund.

Special thanks to Rev'd Liz Cannon for both the lovely services. To Jo Foster for very bravely standing up in front of so many people to say some lovely heartfelt words and memories. Also Woolnoughs Funeral Services for being very helpful and caring and The Star in Wenhaston for providing refreshments and hospitality, a place where Ian enjoyed spending a good few hours.

Lots of people will have some fond memories of Ian and with those memories Ian will live on in our Hearts.

Methodist Church - October

All Sunday services at 10:30am

Tuesday Meetings at 2:30pm

2 Christine Virgin

9 Rosemary Remy

16 United Harvest S

Rev'ds Robert Soanes & Edward Rennard

23 Colin Basham

30 Keith Durrant

4 Women's Fellowship

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11 Bible Study

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Wenhaston Commons Group

October Work Parties

Sun 9th - Mill Heath. Meet 10am by the rabbit enclosure, Holton side of the common. Work to include bracken/scrub clearance, and erection of a further enclosure.

Tues 11th - Church Common. Meet 10am central area.

Sun 23rd - Bickers Heath. Meet 10am by the seat. Work to include further scrub clearance in central area. *Jonathan Alder*

Bingo Night!

Saturday 29th October
Wenhaston Village Hall
see posters for details

St. Peter's Church Services, October

- 2 No service (9:30am Halesworth)
- 9 9:30am Parish Eucharist
- 16 10:30am Service for Harvest Festival (we join the Methodists at Stone Chapel)
- 23 6:30pm Evensong
- 30 No Service (10:30am Team Service)

Please check on the Church Notice Board

Footpath Walking

The morning walk on Tuesday 4th October will leave from Wenhaston Village Hall 10am.

The longer walk on Tuesday 18th October will be led by Dilys Grimwade. Meet at Wortwell Bell at 10am for a walk along the Waveney Valley. Returning to the Bell for lunch.

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

Wenhaston Word Deadline Dates

20th October for November issue

20th November for December issue

12th December for January 2012 issue

PLEASE NOTE EARLIER DATE FOR JANUARY

Village Harvest Supper

Friday 7th October

6:30 for 7:00pm

Wenhaston Village Hall

Tickets £6.00 (includes a glass of wine)

Children under 12 £3.00

Entertainment "Suffolk Yarns"

All Welcome

St Peter's Church, Wenhaston

Village Quiz Night

Thursday 13th October

7:30pm

Wenhaston Village Hall

£12 for Teams of 4



Give and Take Day

Saturday October 22nd

10:00 - 2:00

Village Hall

Bring along unwanted but re-usable items

Big or small but no electricals

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take it away for FREE!

With refreshments and lunch

For collections contact Janice Claxton on

01502 478158 on 20th or 21st October

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Wenhaston with Mells Hamlet Parish Council

www.wenhaston.net/parishcouncil/index.php

The Parish Council would like to thank all the Parishioners who participated in the Questionnaire for a Good Neighbourhood Scheme for the Village. More information will be given in the next Wenhaston Word.

The next meeting for the Queen's Diamond Jubilee will be held on Wednesday 26th October.

£500.00 was donated to Wenhaston Sports Club towards the cost of the Insurance for the Skateboard area.

Suffolk Constabulary are advising Parishioners to keep an eye on their domestic oil tanks and to take measures to help deter thieves and minimise the risk of becoming victims. A notice will be put up at the Village Hall and Well Green giving advice on what can be done to help keep your fuel safe.

Mary Pennock, Clerk

Jumble Sale Results

Many thanks to everyone who helped in any way to achieve such a successful event. After expenses, the total raised was £475 for Church Funds so we are most grateful.

Margaret Bloomfield



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2012 Diamond Jubilee

To mark 60 years of the Queen's reign the Diamond Jubilee Celebrations will centre around the long weekend of June 2nd - 5th inclusive.

Last month there was a useful meeting to discuss village celebrations, one of which was for a Village Fun Day.

There will be further discussions at the next meeting, at the Village Hall on Wednesday 26th October at 7:30pm. Individuals and representatives of village groups are all welcome.

See fund-raising item below.

Cameras To The Ready

We are planning a photo competition to be held in March. We would like everyone to enter, all ages, local scenes, portrait, pets, wildlife, village life. To raise funds for the Queen's Diamond Jubilee Fun Day.

Arthur, David and Team

News From The Church

How quickly Autumn has arrived this year after a rather disappointing Summer and already our thoughts are beginning to turn towards Christmas! However before then we shall be celebrating Harvest. Firstly with our Village Harvest Supper on Friday 7th October in the Village Hall - see page 3 for full details of Tickets and Entertainment. Do come and enjoy a hot meal and bring your family and friends, it is always an enjoyable evening.

On Sunday 16th October we join the Methodists at the Chapel for a Harvest Festival Service at 10:30am. Everyone is very welcome, please do come and join us.

Flying The Flag

Sunday 28th August - To celebrate the 30th Wedding Anniversary of Eileen and Tim Heaps.

Wednesday 31st August - To celebrate the 60th Birthday of Eileen Heaps.

Margaret Goldstone, Churchwarden

Wenhaston Word/World?

Once again we thought we would take a look at where our readers are in the world. You may be surprised to find that recently the online Wenhaston Word www.wenhastonword.co.uk has been accessed from the following countries: Netherlands, Finland, Czech Republic, New Zealand, Russian Federation, Canada, Germany, Portugal, China, Australia, Indonesia, Belgium, France, USA, Bulgaria, Brazil, Singapore, Italy, India, South Africa, Argentina, Poland, and Seychelles.

Perhaps 'WWW' should stand for Wenhaston Word Worldwide? Best wishes to all our readers.

Wenhaston Archive Project ~ New Website Address

www.wenhastonarchive.org.uk

This photo is just one of over 2,000 images on the Wenhaston Archive Project website, from Victorian times to the present century.

The website brings together photographs and other documents about Wenhaston, the people, places, events and landscapes.

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The BBC set up the Help Scheme with the aim of finding the 5% and making them aware that help is at hand. People who are 75 or over, living in a care home, receiving a disability allowance, registered blind or partially sighted are eligible for the Help Scheme and should phone 0800 40 85 900 (or visit helpscheme.co.uk) who will arrange for an approved supplier to install everything needed to switch one TV to digital.

So if you think you know someone who may not be ready for the switchover do suggest they phone the help line – it's free. We've enclosed a bookmark to help remember the number.

*Michael Gasper,
Community Volunteer - Switchover Help Scheme*

Local History Matters: 34

Village Green

Most villages had a village green and I am afraid that it is a matter of conjecture the exact location of Wenhaston Village Green. Old reports advise us of frivolities taking place on the Green, although we could not lay claim to holding an annual fair. However it would appear that every year a celebration was held including a donkey race between the Queen's Head, Blyford and The Star and there were 20 stalls in place.

A postcard dated 1910 showed a notice board on the triangle of land opposite the present Blythweb, and in 1918 after the First World War the first suggestion for a War Memorial was on this piece of land. Was this patch of grass all that remained of our village green?

Looking at the buildings on the south side of The Street, the line including St Kilda are of 16th century. On the other side of The Street Clay Cottage and Ingleside are 16th century, but the line of buildings in front facing The Street are 18th century. Dare one say that these houses are later additions and before the village green extended in their place and all that remains is the small triangle facing Blythweb. All conjecture of course!

Keith Johnceline

Are you interested in being part of a small group of Friends?

The Friends of All Hallows Nursing Home near Bungay are a small group of fundraisers who run events to raise money to help make the residents' time at the home a little bit more enjoyable.

Twice a year we organise an event at the home where we have stalls, refreshments and a grand draw and then run a couple raffles outside these.

The group meets approximately once a month at the Nursing Home and are currently in need of volunteers to help continue their good work:

- Secretary
- Event organisers
- Help at the events

So if you have the time and enthusiasm to join our group to help the residents and the home please do get in touch with:

Chrissie Owens
(Chairman), All Hallows Nursing Home,
26 St Johns Road, Bungay, Suffolk. NR35 1DL.
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*Donna Oakins
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Wenhaston Village Hall ~ 100 Club ~ First Prize Draw

The first three winning numbers of the newly-launched Wenhaston Village Hall 100 Club were drawn at The Star last month and a cheque for £500 presented to the village hall.

First prize of £28 went to Violet Jackson (number 86); second prize, £17, to Donna Squires (95); third prize, £11, to Trish Gower (63).

Glynis Tucker, club promoter, welcomed everyone before presenting £500 to Bernard Orme, VHMC chairman. The money raised is shared 50/50 between prizes and the Village Hall so a small balance will be paid to Village Hall funds later in the year. Prize money is determined pro rata. The numbers were drawn by Carl Ernsting, landlord of The Star.

The 100 Club now stands at 116 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; £11 for the next 11 months starting October, £10 for 10 months starting November, reducing as each month goes by.

Entry forms are available to download from the Village Hall webpage www.wenhaston.net/villagehall/ or contact one of the promoters, Glynis Tucker, Ann Jones or Sue Norris. The next draw is at 1 pm on Saturday 8 October at The Star. **Ann Jones**



Photo © Peter Phillips. Glynis Tucker (right) and Ann Jones present a cheque for £500 for the Village Hall to Bernard Orme, Chairman of the Village Hall Management Committee.

Wenhaston Energy Support Group

An information-packed evening brimming with advice on numerous aspects of photo-voltaic installations was hosted by Wenhaston Energy Support Group at the Church Room last month.

An enthusiastic audience soaked up an enormous amount of energy-saving data, including presentations from three Suffolk-based installers, which may assist any future decision to buy into this ground-breaking technology.

Chair, Janet Dillaway, emphasised that WESG's aim is to provide wide-ranging information about PV and act as facilitators in the process.

So what is PV? Teresa Howarth, from Suffolk Coastal District Council, explained how photo voltaics use the power of the sun to produce an electric current. A domestic system comprises a series of panels, usually roof-mounted, an inverter to convert direct current to alternating current, a generation meter to measure output and the wiring connecting it all.

PV became a more attractive form of renewable energy almost overnight when the government introduced the Feed-In Tariff which guarantees a minimum payment for all electricity generated. Teresa fielded a large number of questions and was followed by accounts of the positive experiences of three village residents who have gone down the PV route.

Glynis Tucker, who organised the evening, introduced the installers before they made their pitch. Robbie Gawthrop put the case for East Green Energy, David Wyllie for Mosscliff Environmental and Mark Norman represented SolarWorks. All three answered questions from the floor and spoke to people after the meeting closed. Eleven people signed up for surveys and more are anticipated.

Details from the evening along with links to other useful websites can be found on our website www.wenhastongreen.org . **Ann Jones**

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Wenhaston Gardeners Club

On a damp and windy day in September we turned up at High House in Heveningham. Not the Hall - don't ask, long story.... But we were warmly welcomed by our hostess, garden designer Isobel Bilgen and attendant excited dogs. Despite the weather we were able to enjoy the garden she has created around her lovely old house. Delightful though it was we all made a grateful beeline for the barn where we were served tea and cakes home made by Isobel and her two little girls.

With October comes the AGM - Tuesday 11th. So now's the time to think about what you want from your Club. Comments, suggestions, new Committee members - all are welcome. We have a guest speaker too. Fruit expert Andrew Tann will be telling us about 'Changing Times in Apple Growing'.

Cherry Wilkinson

Pier 2 Pier Beach Run - 21st August

We would like to say a very big thank you for all the help and support we have had for the above event, so far the amount raised for Cystic Fibrosis is around £10,000 and money is still being received which is just fantastic!

Around 70 people took part in the run/walk and the sponsorship they have received is very much appreciated, thank you to everyone who sponsored us through Mary Stammers (total £160) in Wenhaston. The barbecue party and raffle which was held afterwards at Wenhaston Playing field was a very enjoyable end to the day with people sharing their experiences, comparing blisters etc!

A big thank you to members of Wenhaston football club for their help especially Alan Jefferies who was there at Kessingland with water for us and cooked the barbecue in the afternoon, also to Matt and Louise for the bar and Dougie for all his help. We had so many raffle prizes donated also the meat and rolls for the barbecue, Whincops Coaches who transported us to Lowestoft in the morning also donated money and their time to the day.

Craig Stammers and family

SHCT Sponsored Cycle Ride

Thank you to all the stewards who sat in the Church Room and signed in the cyclists, and to the kind sponsors. Anita, Hilda and I walked round Norwich and enjoyed ourselves whilst at the same time raising funds for the Church and SHCT. I will report on the amount raised when I have it.

Margaret Bloomfield

Wenhaston WI

www.wenhastonwi.org.uk/

'The Yank's are Coming,' several of us assumed that this referred to the war years in Suffolk. But no - Linda Scoles' talk was about the invasion of Great Barton by the Scoles family in 1971. 'I knew all about England,' she said. 'As I had read every one of Catherine Cookson's books.' She entertained us with many delightful anecdotes about the people in the village and of her own family's escapades.

Bert was their first visitor. His nick-name was Camay - in the hope that someone would give him a bar of soap and teach him how to use it. It seems that Bert would put on a clean shirt once a week, he didn't change it even if he had spilt soup or dribbled his egg down the front.

Linda and her husband, Jim, were so happy in Great Barton that when Jim retired from the U.S.A.F. they made their home there. Unfortunately Jim died in 2001, but Linda has gone on to make a career in public speaking. I'm sure we will be asking her to return to entertain us with her amusing stories.

Lots to get our teeth into this month; bulbs to plant for our Christmas stall, gifts to collect for the shoe boxes, accessories to find for our swishing evening to name but a few of our projects.

We have our group meeting on the 27th October at Rumburgh Village Hall and at our next meeting Gilly Bursnoll will be showing us how to make our own Christmas baubles. Gosh, is it time to think of Christmas already?

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Wenhaston Commons Group

Many of you will have noticed the fenced enclosures that have been erected in the past 18 months on the commons that surround the village.



Photo © Gus Jones. Rabbit enclosure on Blackheath showing growth of heather.

The objective is to protect the heather from the constant grazing by rabbits to give it an opportunity to regenerate and grow to a size where rabbits will cease their constant attack which will benefit other heathland species.

The image shown here is an enclosure on Blackheath and shows clearly how effective this initiative has been. The heather has grown to a height of almost 12 inches in this short time and the comparison with the heather outside the fenced area is clear to see.

The heather looks superb this year despite the inclement weather so please take time to look at the enclosures and admire the heather on our commons.

Gus Jones, WCG

Give and Take Day

The fourth Give and Take Day organised by Wenhaston Energy Support Group (see advert on Page 3) will take place at the village hall on Saturday 22 October from 10am to 2pm.

Just bring along any re-usable but unwanted articles that are in a good condition and feel free to take away anything you may find useful. This is a community event and everyone is welcome to either GIVE, TAKE or both.

Collection or delivery of large items can be arranged but please do not leave anything at the hall before 10am unless pre-arranged. No electrical goods or junk will be accepted.

For more information contact one of the WESG team, leave a note in our pocket in the Village hall or email info@wenhastongreen.org.

A thermal imaging camera, which will probe areas where heat is escaping from your home, is to be loaned to WESG by East Bergholt Society. If you would like to take part in this trial please contact WESG (as above). There will also be more information available at the Give and Take Day.

Ann Jones

Mothers' Union

We had a very unusual meeting in September when Mr Ray Roy, a fellow of the Royal College of Surgeons, told us about his training, and in particular, anatomy - and how the students learned by dissecting corpses. He brought along some very graphic pictures. No one fainted! Ray was thanked by Pat Kemsley.

On October 12th at 2:30pm in the Church Room, Bridget Cousins will treat us to a Musical Afternoon, which we look forward to. Any guests will be very welcome. If anyone would like to fill a shoe box with suitable gifts, or bring along items to add to others, or give £2 towards postage, we shall be sending them to Link Rumania in October.

On 13th October, we shall have our Deanery Festival Service at Reydon Church at 2:30pm.

Margaret Bloomfield

Family Forum - A Date For Your Diary

In last month's 'Wenhaston Word' I wrote about a new venture in Wenhaston - Family Forum, an *informal* forum for families to share stories, exchange concerns and ideas, and to find out what help and guidance is available on a range of issues.

The first meeting will be on Wednesday 23rd November at Wenhaston Village Hall at 7:30pm. It will be on 'Internet Safety' and is open to all parents, grandparents and carers. Refreshments will be provided. Please put the date in your diaries now.

Many thanks for those people who've offer to help. More volunteers very welcome (of any age).

Alison Alder (01502 478855)



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