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Wenhaston Archive

Arthur Musk, Norman Buckley and Blythweb are working together to build an archive of photographs and documents about the village and to attach to those images the memories of village people.

The idea is that we make copies of as many old photographs, news cuttings and other documents that we can get our hands on and then record as much information as we can about each one. This will be built into a major repository of information about the village and the people who live here. Once we have enough material we would like to put on a film and slide show at the Village Hall to show everyone the archive so far.

Later we will make the whole archive available on a special website and then maybe publish a calendar - and perhaps even a book of photographs depicting Wenhaston over the years.

This is where we need your help. If you have any old photographs of the village that we can borrow for a couple of days to scan that would be really helpful. Please bring your photos to Blythweb's office in The Street. We will take great care of the photos and will not need them for very long. If you can tell us anything about your photographs that would be even better.

St Peter's Church, Wenhaston

Grand Jumble Sale

Saturday 1st September

Village Hall 2:00pm

Cakes, Raffle, Refreshments, Books, Toys,
Bric-a-brac, Jumble, Good-as-new-clothes

In aid of Church funds



*Ted Battle and the Church bells.
From the collection of the late Brian Canham.*

We are also interested in news cuttings about village events and indeed any other interesting documents related to the village. If you have old video or cine film of the village we would love to borrow this too so that we can get it copied.

Basically we want to bring together everyone's images and memories of our village so that everyone can share them both now and in the years to come.

Anything considered - everything welcome!

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News from the Bus Shelter

Anglian Bus is now running a 588 Sunday service to Norwich from Halesworth via Bungay. Buses leave Halesworth at 07:50, 08:50 and 09:50 then every 2 hours until 17:50. Timetables are available in the Post Office. Suffolk Saver bus passes are valid on the route to Norwich as your journey will start or finish in Suffolk.

*Michael Gasper Transport Officer,
Wenhaston Parish Council*

Wenhaston with Mellis Hamlet Parish Council

The Good Village Guide (originated by the Community Council) has been modified and reprinted for the Parish Council by Blythweb. This booklet will be given to all householders shortly. The Parish Council would like to thank Blythweb and the distributors of the Wenhaston Word for kindly agreeing to deliver this new booklet.

You will find in this month's Word a flyer from the Parish Council concerning the state of the footpath along the river Blyth. If you agree with this letter, please return it to me or leave it in the Parish Council pouch in the Village Hall. This will save you postage.

Broadband is available in the committee room of the Village Hall, Monday to Friday 9:00am-1:00pm.

No planning applications have been received. A new bus service (588) Halesworth to Norwich on Sundays every hour is starting 19th August. The above Council has adopted the Model Code of Conduct.

The request for land for allotments is being considered by SCDC.

If you have any comments or suggestions for the Parish Council, please do not hesitate to get in touch with me.

Mary Pennock. Clerk

Wenhaston with Mellis Hamlet Parish Council

The 2007 revised Model Code of Conduct including the optional paragraph 12(2) was adopted at the Parish Council Meeting on 25th July 2007.

Mary Pennock. Clerk

Wenhaston Mothers' Union

The weather was good for our teas in the churchyard, it was a very happy, bustling afternoon with folks coming and going, enjoying the teas and the sun, and buying from the stalls or having a go at the Tombola. Our numbers were swelled by a party on a visit to the church to view the Doom, and a very good result of £214 was made. Many thanks to all involved – we must do it again!

On September 12th, we shall read the Wave of Prayer, and this will be followed by a talk by Mrs Pat Kemsley on her visit to Canada, which should be very interesting. We welcome visitors. (2:30pm, Wenhaston Church Room – recently refurbished!)

Margaret Bloomfield

Paul Welby 1952 - 2007

Myself and my family would like to thank everybody who sent cards and came to the celebration of Paul's life on Monday 13th August. I'm sure that most people even if they didn't know him personally, will remember him as a jogger in 'that' Ipswich top or a cyclist in 'those' shorts.

Although his working life was spent away from here he was and always has been for the past 23 years a very pro village person. For the last eight months of his life he spent time tending his garden and charging himself from the energy given by grandson Stanley.

Paul was a man with very strong family values, values which have shone through in our family over the last six weeks. Given the excellent support of the Halesworth Surgery, the district nurses, 'Hospice at Home' and Tom Wade (his night carer), Paul was granted his wish and remained at home with his family.

Anyone who would like to add to the already generous donations should do so to the Halesworth Community Care and Nursing Fund c/o Woolnoughs Funeral Directors, Halesworth. Special thanks to Marro and Rob for all their care, help and support.

Susan Welby

Oskar Foxtrot Productions

We would like to extend our sincere apologies to all those who were disappointed when our production of "1066 - A Tale of Two Halves" was cancelled in July.

For our company to stage an outdoor evening production, we need about five hours set up time and at least an hour and a half for a dress rehearsal and a sound check. Unfortunately, when it was still raining at 4o'clock we needed to make an urgent decision and with several thousand pounds worth of expensive equipment at stake, we decided that cancellation was our only option.

This was doubly disappointing, both because we would not wish to let down our audience and also because performing outside at Wenhaston is the cast's favourite venue.

We hope to be back at Wenhaston in the future.

Phil Corbett and the Cast of OFF

Wenhaston Youth Club

The Youth Club begins again in September after our summer break.

We are back in the Village Hall after managing three sessions at the Playingfield during the very wet early summer period. On those evenings it was good to see so many children enjoying the Sports Club facilities of tennis and skateboarding as well as cricket, football and rounders. Thanks to all those on the rota who helped at these sessions and also for the impromptu help of many others!

On Thursday August 30th we have our AGM at the Star Inn at 8:00pm. Anyone interested in joining the team would be more than welcome to join us.

The dates for September are as follows:
14th September and 28th September.

Youth Club is for children of age 8 and over and starts at 6:30pm, finishing at 8:15pm.

Further dates are as follows - 19 October, 2 November, 16 November, 30 November and 7 December.

Richard Wakelin

Saturday 8th September



Wenhaston Church Room

Coffee, Cakes and Cards



10:00am - 12:00noon.

All Welcome. In aid of Age Concern

SHCT Sponsored Cycle Ride

This takes place on September 8th. Please can I appeal for stewards to sign in the cyclists and for sponsors for those taking part. Anyone wishing to accompany those of us who are going to Norwich to walk round the churches, please let me know and I will arrange transport if needed. Thank you. *Margaret Bloomfield 01502 478502*

Wenhaston Village Show

at Wenhaston Village Hall

Sunday 9th September 2:00pm-4:00pm

Vegetables, Fruit, Flowers, Flower Arranging, Photography, Baking and Preserves, and Crafts.

Plants and Produce stall, Raffle, Refreshments.

Art on show by Wenhaston Primary Schoolchildren.

Admission 50p. Children free

Wenhaston WEA

Autumn Course: 'East Anglian Miscellany'

With Tutor Stuart Bowell

at Wenhaston Church Room

10 week Course starting 21st September

10:00am - 12:00noon

£40.00 full fee or £34.00 concession

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

10th October St Peter's Church Quiz Night.
Wenhaston Village Hall. 7:30pm

26th October Pumpkin Competition.
The Star Inn. 5:00pm.

27th October 70s and 80s Disco.
Wenhaston Village Hall.

For more events in the local area go to
www.blythweb.net/calendar/

Local History Matters: 5

George Butcher, Smuggler.

In 1855 an unsigned letter was delivered to the vicar, Thomas Greenwood, advising him that a certain man in the village had been smuggling for twenty-five years! It later transpired that this man was George Butcher.

George Butcher was born in 1803 and owned a wherry, horses and carts and was at one time the landlord of the Harbour Inn at Southwold. It would seem that he landed his goods inland. He lived at Hill House, at the top of Blyford Lane and was 52 when arrested and charged at Ipswich and gaoled there on 1st December 1855. He was described on the charge sheet as being 5 feet 4 inches high with a fresh complexion. He was married with two children. He served a sentence of nine months, and after release, he carried on with his coal and seed business as shown by entries in White's Directories.

One notes at the same time as Butcher's trial, another man, Mr Foreman of Blackheath, was tried and also received nine months sentence for smuggling. Part of the same gang no doubt!

Keith Johnceline

Wenhaston Methodist Church

Saturday 1st September. 'Pray a While' (First Saturday every month). Between 10am-12noon on a come and go basis. For prayer and meditation in a variety of forms.

Sunday Services for September:

- 2nd 10:30am Fred Cain
- 9th 10:30am Rev'd Barbara Garwood
- 16th 9:30am United at St. Peter's
- 23rd 10:30am Iris Baker
- 30th 10:30am Rev'd B Garwood. Baptism

Tuesday Meetings at 2:30pm

- 4th Women's Fellowship. Mrs Gladys Sexton
- 11th Bible Study. All Welcome
- 18th Women's Fellowship AGM
Rev'd Barbara Garwood
- 25th Bible Study. All Welcome

Wenhaston W.I. August Report

Wednesday evening found us following in the footsteps of Sherlock Holmes with our speaker, Peter Ransome. Mr. Ransome told us that Sir Conan Doyle studied medicine in Edinburgh and was greatly impressed by the deductive reasoning of his mentor Dr. Bell; so much so that he based his famous detective, Sherlock Holmes, upon him.

It is interesting to note that there is a strong East Anglian connection with many of the stories. In fact the Hound of the Baskervilles was based on Black Shuck. Mr. Ransome's talk was illustrated with slides, several of them showing the actors who have played both Sherlock Holmes and Dr. Watson through the ages. Conan Doyle tired of Holmes and in 1893 devised his death with his arch enemy Moriarty - only to be forced by public demand to restore him ingeniously to life. The talk ended with a short recording made by the famous author.

Next month we will learn about Kinesiology - another way of communicating with the body, sounds intriguing!

FJJ

Thank You

A special Thank You to everyone who has helped me following the arson attack on my bus. Bright Blessings.

Simbar

It's a small, small World

On a recent trip to Ireland Kathleen and I attended a rather grand wedding reception in the grounds of a Country House. Jonathan Swift, the author of Gulliver's Travels, spent time there as a young man. Surprisingly, the owner, Mr. Michael Lennon, had farmed Thorington Hall and other land in East Suffolk back in the 1970s. He was delighted to meet someone from Wenhaston and appeared to have very pleasant memories of his time here in Suffolk. The last thing I expected to be doing at the reception was talking about Thorington and Wenhaston with the groom's father! Indeed, it's a small world.

Bernard Orme

Local Business and Services

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Pet Services

Going away? I will call twice daily to provide care for your pets (not dogs). Charge: £5 a day. Contact Rebecca 07809 576227

Footpath Walking

The morning walk on Tuesday 4th September will leave from Wenhashton Village Hall at 10:00am. The all day walk on Tuesday 18th September will be led by Pat Elvin and Ian Denny. Meet at the public car park opposite the Butcher's Arms at Knodishall at 10:00am for a walk through Thorpeness to Aldringham for lunch.

For any other help contact Heather Phillips 01502 478545.

HPP

Conservation Work Parties

September work parties are as follows:

Tuesday 11th. Blackheath

10:00am-12:00noon. Meet at the pond.

Sunday 23rd. Blackheath

10:00am-1:00pm. Meet near Mill House.

Michael Gasper, Commons Group

Answers to August Wenhashton Word Puzzle:

Honest place - **Stone Chapel**

He hates brick - **Bickers Heath**

Moot wonder - **Merton Wood**

Less ling cover - **Level Crossing**

Open telex hob - **Telephone Box**

Apologies from Retro Dance

It is with deep regret and much disappointment that we had to cancel our new classes. A change to Sasza's day time work commitments and subsequent relocation made it impossible for us to get to Wenhashton on time to run them. We would like to thank all of you who showed an interest in our new venture and are pleased to say that we have now met some of you at our various classes in Beccles.

Jane Harris

Energy Support Group

Action springing from our Energy Day.
Energy-Saving Lightbulb Library - from Suffolk County Council - Christine Buttle (01502 478511) has packs for loan - posters now up in village.

Eco-Teams - scheme to concentrate energy of individuals into effective groups in local areas to make a global difference. First meeting of first Eco-Team in September. To join second team contact Bryn Raven 01502 478257.

Solar Water Heating Systems - Householders benefitting from a group purchase have Janet Dillaway (01502 478966) to help identify suppliers/installers for tendering.

Analysis of Carbon Footprint Questionnaires - presentation in October. We think it would be fun and useful to gather over a meal (Pot Luck?) and chew over some ideas for "What Next?" Contact the Energy Group/Serena (01502 478302).

Keep in Touch! The Energy Group is informal and consists of whoever puts themselves forward each month, aiming to inspire and inform village activities and initiatives towards reducing the village carbon footprint - but we have no intention of being Lone Rangers! It's important for the whole village to keep learning and communicating about e.g. schemes in other areas - there's one started in Totnes, Devon, called "Transition Towns" - as well as where the funds are!

An Inconvenient Truth - film describing the process and effects of man-made Climate Change will be shown this Autumn. As Al Gore says, there's a space between denial ("There isn't a problem") and despair ("There is - but what's the point in acting?") - it is "Pause - then act" - and Wenhaston is already doing that!
Food for Free this month: Blackberries, Plums, Apples, Chickweed and Fungi.

And remember your Shopping Bags!

Serena Inskip

Low Energy Lightbulb Library

As seen at Wenhaston's Energy Day.
Try out low energy light bulbs in your own home by borrowing our bulbs. There are all shapes, sizes and wattages with details on costs and where they can be obtained. Install low energy bulbs to cut energy and carbon emissions by 75%. Contact light bulb librarian Christine Buttle 01502 478511. Sponsored by Suffolk Energy Action Link at Suffolk Coastal District Council.

Dee Hibble

Solar Hot Water Systems

Wenhaston Energy Support committee is working with Suffolk Energy Action Link who has offered to help the village install solar hot water systems at reduced cost; including the possible provision of free loans.

If you want to register your interest or find out more Ring Janet Dillaway 01502 478966 or email at janet.dillaway@btinternet.com

Recycling Plastic Bottles

The Recycling Centre at Beccles requests only clean plastic bottles, no tops and no food containers please.

I can collect from your home. Thank you Andrew Taylor 01502 478692 for collection

Forthcoming Jumble Sale

There will be a Jumble Sale on 1st September in Wenhaston Village Hall at 2:00pm. Please see notice on front cover.

Any items for sale, cakes, raffle and tombola prizes, may be left at Windrush, St Michael's Way, or at the Village Hall on the day. Alternatively, they can be collected if required (call 01502 478502). We shall be at the Village Hall from 10:00am to get ready, and should be glad of help then and in the afternoon, please.

Margaret Bloomfield

Wenhaston United Football Club

Home fixtures for September - KO 2:30pm

01/09/07	Res	v	Trimley
08/09/07	1st	v	Hoxne
15/09/07	Res	v	Alstons
22/09/07	1st	v	Bramford Road
29/09/07	Res	v	Henley

Peter Pennock

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Wenhaston Sports Club

The Sports Club has been playing friendly tennis tournaments, both home and away, against Halesworth and Saxmundham Clubs. Results have been variable, but the matches have been always enjoyable.

The Wheelers' bicycle rides have also been popular during the summer, with Sunday and weekday evening rides attracting up to two dozen cyclists. The next ride is on Bank Holiday Monday 27 August. Cyclists of all abilities and ages are very welcome.

During the summer, in conjunction with Suffolk Coastal District Council, coaching for skateboarders of all standards has been taking place on Wednesdays. The final session is on Wednesday 29 August at the Playing Field and boarders from beginners to advanced are welcome at £1 per hour.

David Harrison

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St. Peter's Church Services

September	2	8:00am	Holy Communion
September	9	9:30am	Parish Communion
September	16	9:30am	Parish Communion
September	23	6:30pm	Evensong
September	30		No Service at St. Peter's

Local Petanque

Did you know there is a Suffolk County Petanque Association? Petanque is also known as French Boules.

The Association are currently looking to set up a Suffolk Coastal League for next year and would welcome anyone interested. Presently there are about 18 regular players at the facilities in Aldeburgh, with another pitch being built in Woodbridge.

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