

Wenhaston Good Village Guide



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Wenhaston Community Council 1971 - 2006

It was in the 1980s that Wenhaston Community Council devised a 'Good Village Guide' booklet to be given to new residents to help them to settle into the village.

Then, as now, the Guide contained information about the practicalities of village life together with contacts for the many and varied village clubs and organisations, with the intention that the new resident would truly enjoy being part of this community. The Guide was only one of many projects undertaken by Wenhaston Community Council - a remarkable organisation which served Wenhaston well during its 35 years of existence.

Times change however, and when in 2006 it was felt that much of what the Community Council did was being duplicated elsewhere, this, coupled with the difficulty of establishing a full Committee, resulted in closure that year.

It is appropriate that a few words are recorded here about Wenhaston Community Council and the many ways in which it played a part in village life.

Wenhaston Community Council was set up to enrich village life. As a properly constituted 'voluntary body with charitable aims' it was run by a small committee of village residents. Its first project was the building of the Village Hall (achieved in 1975), for which it co-ordinated the massive village effort which resulted in the impressive Hall we see today. Once built the Hall was the responsibility of the Community Council until the formation of a Management Committee in 1984.

The Community Council then proceeded to organise village events (fetes, parties, shows, exhibitions, firework displays, talks, dances and so on) at which the prime purpose was enjoyment for all concerned rather than profit. Profits though, plus subscriptions from members, enabled financial assistance to be given for Village Hall fittings and for grants to be made to village groups and to village projects. Often the Community Council was able to assist where other funding bodies could not.

Many thousands of pounds have been disbursed over the years with each application for funds agreed to be in accordance with the Community Council's Constitution and use of funds agreed to be of benefit to residents.

The Council themselves provided several useful village items including seats. To mark the Millennium (and the Village Hall's Silver Anniversary) a working sundial was commissioned and placed at the Village Hall.

Wenhaston Community Council started with the Village Hall and it was fitting at closure that the circle was completed. Therefore the Community Council's documents are lodged in the Hall's loft, the bunting for events is loaned from the Hall and the Community Council's financial balance at closure has been spent in the Hall on the installation of smart replacement windows.

A Potted History of Wenhaston

by Keith Johnceline

A settlement at Wenhaston certainly dates back to Roman times for much pottery and building materials from this period have been unearthed in recent years. In fact, Wenhaston was a market of some local importance and from the coins found was probably flourishing from 80 AD to 350 AD. However, the first written record of its existence is to be found in the Domesday survey of 1086, when it was noted that the village of Wenadestuna possessed a mill, a church and woodland sufficient to feed 16 hogs.

Traces of this Mediaeval history can be seen in parts of the church building, but its greatest treasure was discovered during restoration work in 1892 and is an ancient panel painting of the Doom or Last Day of Judgment.

Recent research has dated the painting around 1520 and it is thought that it was the work of two, a master and his apprentice, the master being either Dutch or an Englishman influenced by the Dutch School of painting. Panel paintings of the Doom in England are very rare and few other instances may be cited.

There is a long history of village merrymaking as evidenced in the following extract from the Rev. J. Clare's Curious Parish Records of the eighteenth century: "In former times Wenhaston had no hiring fairs as were held in Halesworth but instead held an annual sessions or kind of frolic on the village green where some 20 stalls were erected. For several days noisy merriment reigned supreme and there was much betting on pony and donkey races that had as their goals the two public houses, the Queen's Head at Blyford and The Star at Wenhaston. Some farmers would drink day and night for sometimes a week without going home".

Today the village at the Census of 2001 contained 818 people. Most housing follows the line of the ridge which lies to the south of the River Blyth and the old railway track which ran from Halesworth to Southwold. The railway operated from 1879 to 1929, but declined and ceased with the advent of the comparatively faster and more convenient motor bus. Faster and more convenient maybe, but surely not quite as pleasant for, as a regular passenger said, "The train was very slow at times and when this happened people would often jump off and pick flowers, then run and catch up with the train!"

The railway has long gone, but the flowers are still there to be admired on the open heathland which surrounds the village and remains one of its unique features.

Keith Johnceline is the author of 'Wenhaston: A History of the Village', (1985), also, 'Wenhaston: Millennial History of a Suffolk Village'(2000). Both these publications are available to borrow from our local public libraries and can also be found at the Suffolk County Council Record Office, Lowestoft, for study only.

Local Services

Suffolk Coastal District Council

This Council is responsible for important local services such as electoral registration and elections, planning permission, refuse and recycling collections. Contact them at Council Offices, Melton Hill, Woodbridge IP12 1AU (01394 383789).

Residents of our parish are entitled to vote for a District Councillor to represent our interests at Suffolk Coastal District Council.

Wenhaston with Mells Hamlet Parish Council

The Parish Council comprises eleven local people who voluntarily take on the important job of Parish Councillor. Elections are held every four years. A wide spectrum of local topics are discussed and considered at monthly Council meetings. There is constant liaison with other tiers of government and with all manner of other organisations which impact on our lives.

Meetings are open to the public, who may attend but not speak or take part. Agendas and Minutes are displayed at the Village Hall and on www.wenhaston.net/parishcouncil/index.php. The Parish Council is also a Burial Authority, having responsibility for the Cemetery in Narrow Way.

Recycling

Wenhaston has the following recycling facilities (locations marked on Village map):

- ~ Mixed newspapers/magazines at Wenhaston School (proceeds to School)
- ~ Aluminium cans at Wenhaston School (proceeds to School funds)
- ~ Glass of any colour, tins and cans plus textiles at Wenhaston Village Hall (proceeds to Hall funds)
- ~ Household batteries should be taken to Blythweb's office in The Street. (This is a free public service. Blythweb receive no remuneration).
- ~ Printer ink and fax cartridges (complete with packaging) in the Maurice Stammers Community Room at the Village Hall (proceeds to The World Land Trust)

The District Council (see above) provide each household with three wheelie bins, a brown bin (garden waste) a grey bin (household) and a blue-topped bin for papers, cardboard and plastics. For collection dates contact the District Council.

House Grid Reference

There should be a sticker on your telephone or other prominent place in your house which shows your OS Map reference number. Should you need to contact the 999 Emergency Services it is important to quote the number in full as it will help them to locate you quickly. If your sticker is missing, contact the Clerk to the Parish Council for a replacement.

Library

A mobile library calls fortnightly and stops at several points in Wenhaston. Details from Beccles library, 01502 714073. Our nearest library building is in Halesworth.

Local Services (continued)

Wenhaston Website

Go to www.wenhaston.net for information, photos, links to items of interest, accommodation, e-postcards and more. One of the Blythweb Group of Local Websites.

Wenhaston Word

This independent monthly newsletter is delivered free by volunteers to all households in the parish and from April 2007 Series 2 is available on-line at www.wenhastonword.co.uk .

Transport

Several bus routes come through the village for which timetables are displayed at the bus stops. The nearest rail stations are at Halesworth and at Darsham.

Timetables are available from Wenhaston Post Office and Halesworth library, or see the Travel links on www.wenhaston.net .

Health

We are served by two local practices:

Cutler's Hill Surgery

Bungay Road, Halesworth (01986 874618). Built in the grounds of Patrick Stead Hospital, with on-site parking. Medicine collection service available at Wenhaston Post Office, open weekdays 9:00am - 1:00pm.

Southwold Surgery

York Road, Southwold (01502 722326) with on-road parking. Also weekly surgery Tuesdays 2:30pm - 3:30pm at Wenhaston Village Hall. Medicine collection service available at Blythweb, open weekdays 9:00am - 5:00pm.

See www.southwoldsurgery.co.uk for more information.

Community Care Communication Programme

Information on matters relating to health and illness has been compiled locally and can be accessed at www.communitycare.ws .

Minor Injury Units

The units at Beccles and Halesworth are a fast alternative to A&E which are staffed by fully trained nurses with extensive emergency experience. They can provide advice and treat a wide range of injuries. You don't need an appointment, and can drop in at any time during opening hours.

The minor injuries unit at Beccles Hospital is open seven days a week between 8:00am to 8:00pm and can be contacted on 01502 719821.

At Patrick Stead Hospital in Halesworth, the unit opens from 8:00am to 6:00pm on Monday to Friday, and is available by ringing 01986 872124. (Info correct at 2009).

Religion

Church of England

The Parish of St Peter's, Wenhaston, is a member of the Blyth Valley Team of Parishes. Our Team Rector lives at The Rectory, Halesworth.

St Peter's Church

Visitors come here in particular to view the medieval painting on panels of the 'Doom' or 'Last Judgement' (see below). This is a fine example of such paintings.

The Church supports a lively choir (new members always welcome!) and also a team of bellringers (beginners welcomed and trained!).

For times and details of services see the notices in the Church porch, in Wenhaston Word village newsletter, or subscribe to the monthly 'Team Times'. This is the parish magazine for all the parishes of the Blyth Valley Team Ministry. Spare copies for sale can usually be found in the church, also postcards of the 'Doom' and an informative booklet for sale.

The Doom

The Wenhaston Doom is a medieval wall painting in St. Peter's Church that is unusual for having been painted on to wooden boards. Most experts place it within the 'Top 10' of such paintings nationally, and ranked by some at Number 1. Few other such Dooms have survived and indeed the story of the Wenhaston Doom is remarkable.

The fact that the Doom can be seen today is due to the painted boards being whitewashed over, as long ago as the mid 1500s. So the painting remained hidden to view for generations, and, most importantly, hidden from the attentions of the church despoilers of Cromwell's Commonwealth in 1644.

Wenhaston once had angels on the beams of the church roof, but these despised items, along with much else, were destroyed at this time.

In 1892, during church alterations, these boards were removed from the church and taken out to the churchyard. Imagine the astonishment when overnight rain revealed this glorious long-forgotten painting from under its covering. Go to www.wenhaston.net/doom/index.php to know more.

St Peter's Church Choir

Our small choir was formed more than 20 years ago. Many of the original members have now moved on, but one or two are still singing - with additional help.

We enjoy our weekly practices on Thursday evenings from 6:00pm - 7:00pm at the church and Sunday services. If you would like to join us you would be very welcome. (see list on page 19 for contact).

Bell Ringers

St Peter's Church houses six bells in excellent going order.

Part of the Blyth Valley Ringers, regular practices are held at Halesworth and some surrounding towers between 7:30pm - 9:00pm (nights vary for different towers). Visiting ringers are welcome to join in or to book their own session as a group.

We can ring for services, weddings and other events by arrangement. Under the Suffolk Guild of Ringers (NE District) ringers can take part in events and competitions during the year - usually accompanied by a delicious tea.

Please contact the Wenhaston Tower Rep for further details.
(see list on page 19 for contact).

Church Room

Here there is one main room, 20ft x 40ft with separate toilet and kitchen (with 4 ring hob, refrigerator and microwave). Wheelchair access.

Hire costs are very reasonable (heating extra). Several village groups meet here and enquiries from organisations or from individuals are welcomed. (See p.20 for contact details).

Religion

Methodist Church

The Stone Chapel in Chapel Lane, Coles Hill bears a plaque dated 1835 but certainly an earlier chapel stood on this site. Nowadays this galleried chapel is warmly decorated and has a refurbished rear 'schoolroom' and modern kitchen.

Details of services, group meetings and childrens' club are displayed on its own notice-board, at the Village Hall and in 'Team Times' (see above). Services etc also appear in Wenhaston Word village newsletter.

The Suffolk Historic Churches Trust

The Trust holds a sponsored cycle ride every year in September. Cycle to nominated places of worship to raise funds which are split equally between the church of your choice and SHCT. Alternatively a group from Wenhaston usually undertake a sponsored walk on this theme in Norwich on the same day.

All enquiries to Margaret Bloomfield, 01502 478502.

Education

From 2007 this area of Suffolk has begun to embrace a two-tier school system. Halesworth Middle School will close 31st August 2012 and the site used for other purposes. The age range of children attending Primary School will be extended. Until these arrangements take effect the three-tier school system will continue:

First School, 4–9 years; Middle School, 9–13 years; High School, 13–18 years. Wenhaston has a well-equipped County Primary School (01502 478328).
Website: www.wenhastonschool.co.uk

At 9 years old children usually transfer to Halesworth Middle School (01986 872353) for which journey there is a bus/coach service.

At 13 years old children usually then go on to Bungay High School (01986 892140) for which journey there is a bus/coach service.

For further information contact the schools themselves or Suffolk County Council Education Department, Ipswich (01473 584800) or their Local Area Office, Adrian House, Lowestoft (01502 405218).

For children under 4 years old there is Wenhaston Pre-school (01502 478819) which is open during term time, between 8:30am - noon, in its own building within the grounds of Wenhaston School.

Workers' Educational Association

There are a number of Adult Education Classes in the area, including a Wenhaston Workers' Educational Association (WEA) group. Wenhaston WEA hold classes on Friday mornings in the Village Hall for two terms a year (Spring and Autumn) featuring different topics each term.

Pepyn & Lessey Trust

The Trust was founded in 1562/3 by William Pepyn and Reginald Lessey for the education 'in learning, godliness, and virtue of the poor children of Wenhaston'.

There is a Scheme, approved by the Charity Commissioners, for administering the Trust. Sound investment by the Trustees (all local — see p.20) enables the Trust to help children, up to the age of 18, who are resident in the Parish.

Grants for educational purposes may be made, within the terms of the Scheme, to children, and to the local schools most Wenhaston children attend. Further information from the Clerk to the Trust.

Millennium Map

Following an initiative by the Wenhaston Commons Group, the people of Wenhaston have published a decorative map which includes parts of the parish but mainly features the village, its layout, buildings, people and landscape. Illustrations of the local flora and fauna and of contemporary artefacts decorate the map to complete a record of the village and the many aspects of life in Wenhaston at the second millennium AD. In 2000 each house was given a map.

Copies of the map are available from Heather Phillips 01502 478545, Jill Daines and Michael Gasper 01502 478016 and Blythweb Ltd 01502 440360. A framed copy is on display in St Peters' church and in the Village Hall (in the Maurice Stammers Community Room and the bar area).

Maps are free to newcomers and former residents and £10 to non-residents.

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The Millennium Map is also reproduced in detail with notations on www.wenhaston.net/mmap/ .

Wenhaston Energy Support Group

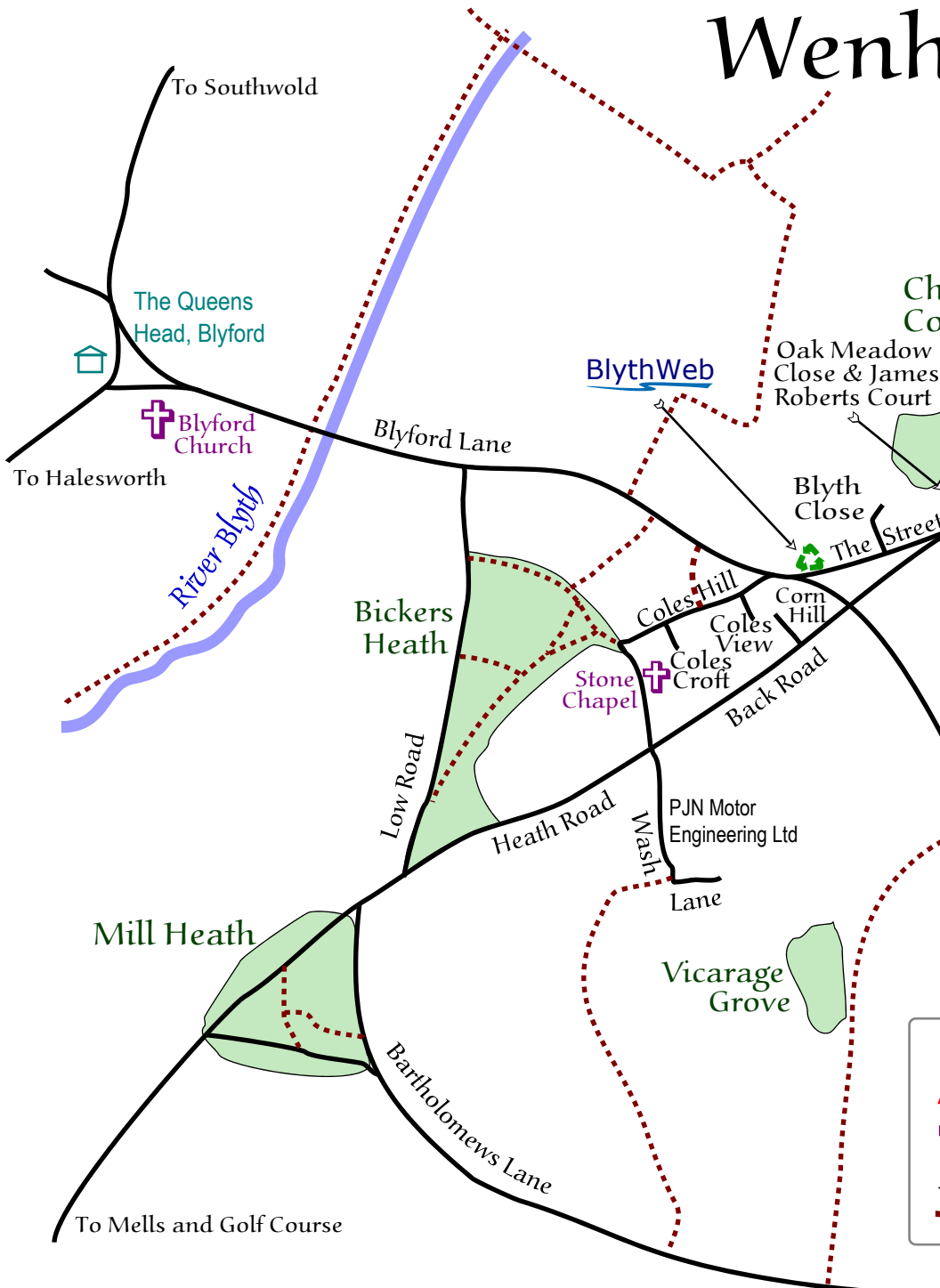
WESG started life in 2007, with the aim of reducing Wenhaston's carbon footprint and supporting the village to become a more sustainable and energy efficient community.

Much work has been done, including energy fairs, give and take days, bulk buying of solar thermal panels, and insulation for over 50 households via our Warmer Wenhaston scheme. WESG was given the Energy Award from the Greenest County in 2008, and has most recently been involved in raising funds to help "green" the Village Hall which now has a bio mass boiler and the biggest photovoltaic array on any village hall in Suffolk. Future plans include a community energy study by the Low Carbon Innovation Centre to look at how we can be even more self-sufficient.

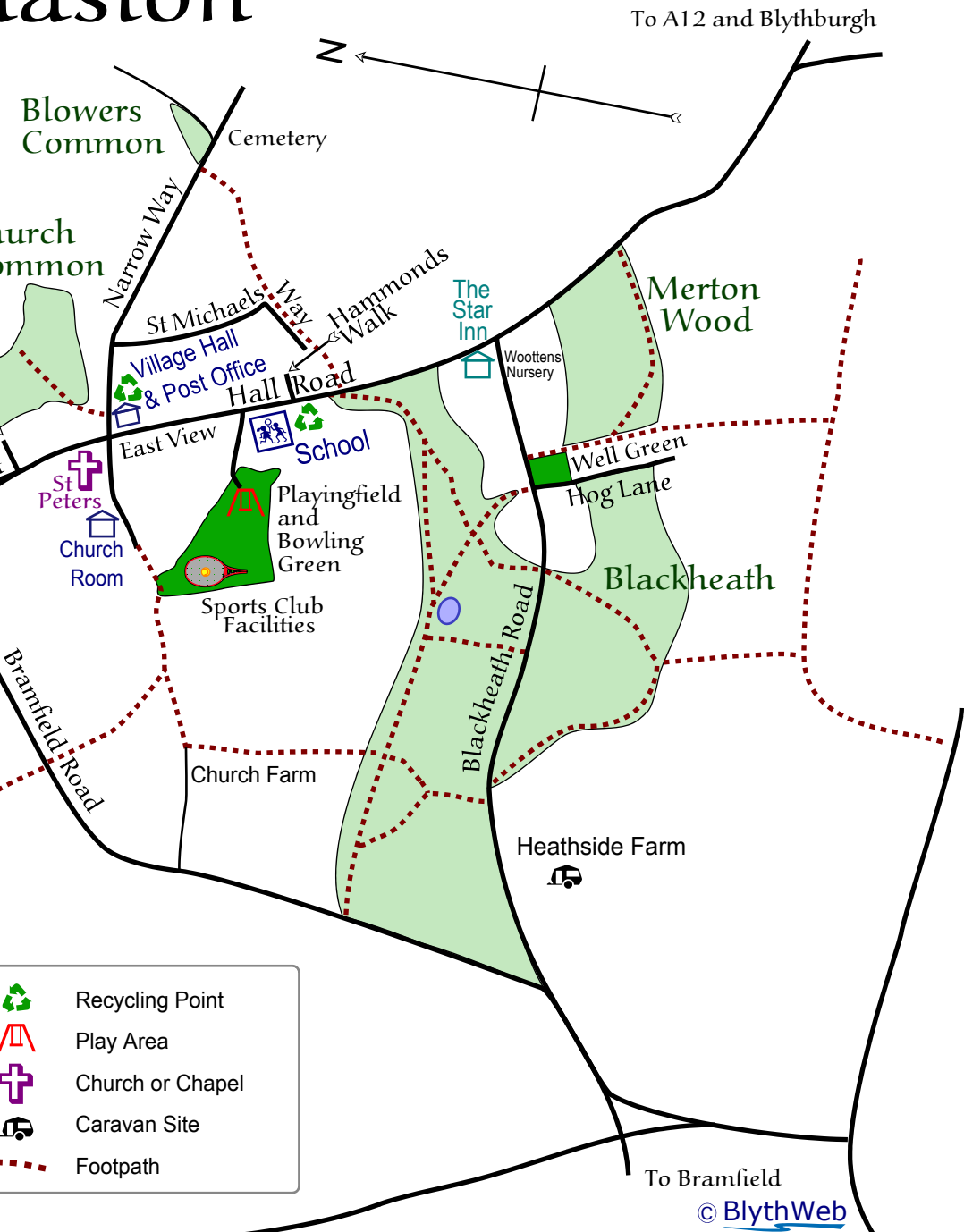
For more details of these and many other events, please go to the website: www.wenhastongreen.org

We're a friendly group and even if meetings aren't your 'thing' you can still be involved. For more information, please contact Ann Edwards on 01502 478150 or via our website email info@wenhastongreen.co.uk .

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Village Businesses

David Baker

01502 478663 or mobile 07850 236 189.

Roger Best

East Neuk, Hall Road, Wenhaston.
01502 478305 or mobile 07886 617 745.

Big Wood

01502 478615

Blythweb Ltd

The Street, Wenhaston.
Office open weekdays 9am-5pm or
by arrangement.
01502 440360. www.blythweb.net

Kevin Church

Oaklands, Hall Road Wenhaston.
01502 478516.

David Cox

Ginista, Blackheath Road, Wenhaston.
01502 478668.

Beverley Crichton

Rusacks, Narrow Way, Wenhaston.
01502 478720.

Fish & Chips (Mobile van)

Village Hall Car Park

Lavender House Farm Shop

between The Star Inn and Hall Farm.

Janka Marinakova

07852 513041.

Mells Hill Equestrian Centre

01986 873054.

DJ Miles & Co Ltd

On sale at Blythweb Ltd (see above)
01502 478712

Peck & Partners

Ring Philip Peck 01502 478681 or
mobile 07713 122 825.
www.peckremovals.co.uk

PJN Motor Engineering Ltd.

Unit 1 Wash Lane, Back Road, Wenhaston.
01502 478642 or mobile 07802 965 746.
www.pjn-motor.co.uk

*Plumbing and Heating. Bathrooms designed
and fully installed. Kitchens fitted.*

*Garden design, planting plans, consultation
and landscaping.*

*Firewood, Fencing, Products, Qualified
Chainsaw and Plant Operators, Timber Milling.*

*Web design and hosting, including
www.wenhaston.net, one of the Blythweb
Group of Local Websites. Computers Built,
Repairs Undertaken, Printers and Scanners
Supplied, Printing Services, Public Computer,
Faxes Sent, Broadband Suppliers. Publishers
of 'Wenhaston Word' newsletter.*

Gardening and agricultural services.

*Building and Carpentry. Extensive experience
of historic building techniques.*

*Beauty treatments and therapies.
By appointment. Gift vouchers available.*

Wednesdays, 4pm – 6pm.

Please call in.

Reflexology. By appointment

Hacking, lessons, livery etc.

*Tea Bags, Leaf Teas, Ground Coffee, Coffee
Beans and Hot Chocolate.
Speciality Teas and Coffees ordered.*

*House removals, goods transported. Fully
insured. Age Concern registered. Regular
London runs. Personal service.*

*Qualified technician, general car servicing and
repairs. Car valeting. MOT submissions.
Aquasol salt tablets stocked.*

Village Businesses (continued)

The Star Inn

01502 478240.

Adnams pub with large lawn.

Food served.

Post Office

Village Hall

9am–1pm weekdays.

Stamps and postal services. Greetings cards, gift wrap and stationery. Local leaflets and tourism information.

Sue Welby

Bernard House, Narrow Way, Wenhaston

01502 478541.

Chiropody (Podiatry). By appointment.

Wenhaston Tiling

Robert Erb, Burbank, Coles Hill, Wenhaston.

01502 478740 or mobile 07544 396310.

All floor and wall tiling undertaken.

Ted and Joan Woods

1 James Roberts Court, The Street,

Wenhaston. 01502 478476.

Local vegetables. Covered stall (self-service). Ask for delivery of large orders.

Woottens Nursery

Michael Loftus, Blackheath Road, Wenhaston

(opp. The Star Inn). 01502 478252.

Acclaimed specialist growers of herbaceous plants, grasses, irises and much more.

Accommodation, Wenhaston.

Hall Farm, Bed and Breakfast

Annie Jellicoe

01502 478742, mobile 07796 652 953.

www.wenhaston.net/hallfarm

Leman Cottage (self-catering)

Trish Gower

01502 478078

www.wenhaston.net/lemancottage

Rose Glen (self-catering)

Deborah Durkin

01923 824580.

www.holiday-rentals.co.uk/p833047

Rowan House, Bed and Breakfast

Pat Kemsley

01502 478407.

www.wenhaston.net/rowanhouse

The Gig House

Hollydene, The Street, Wenhaston.

David and Shane Smeaton-Small

01502 478743, mobile 07815 793 018

ds.holly@btinternet.com

Studio accommodation.

Bed and Breakfast and Self Catering.

Village Businesses (continued)

Deliveries and Services from outside Wenhaston

Dairy Crest Ltd
01502 572616

Doorstep delivery of milk and a host of other items.

Market Fields
Holton Road, Halesworth.
01986 872134.

Fruit, vegetables, groceries etc.

Marybelle
Walpole, Halesworth
01986 784458

Milk delivery and more.

D C Patrick
Market Place, Halesworth.
01986 875229.

Newspapers and magazines.

Martin Forder
mobile 07881 950 333.

Garden and property maintenance work undertaken.

Wenhaston Archive Project

Started in September 2007 by a small group of local people led by Arthur Musk, initially to build a record of farming in and around Wenhaston this rapidly escalated to a much bigger plan bringing together all the photos, documents and memories of village life over the years.

The project is managed by a small committee who give their time and skills for free. There is no public funding or support from any bodies outside the village. For more information see <http://archive.wenhaston.net> .

Badminton Club

Long established club. Meets weekly on Monday evenings at the Village Hall between 7:30pm - 9:30pm. New members welcomed (see list on page 19 for contact).

Womens Institute

In 2009 Wenhaston WI celebrated their 90th year. We are a thriving group with a wide range of interests. Visitors are always welcome. Meetings take place monthly, held mainly in the Village Hall, on the evening of the first Wednesday of each month. The Programme includes a wide variety of interesting speakers. In addition there are outings and other friendly activities throughout the year. Women of all ages are welcome. The WI is a national non-political and non-religious movement offering much to its members. See www.wenhastonwi.org.uk/ .

Wenhaston Village Hall

The Village Hall comprises a large main hall (big enough for badminton), also a wide stage with two dressing rooms, bar facilities, kitchen, toilets, a community room and car park. In 2009 the Hall underwent extensive improvements intended to reduce the Hall's carbon footprint, part of which was the installation of a biomass boiler and heating system.

Wenhaston Post Office is open in the Hall foyer on weekdays 9am–1pm. Ask here about photocopying – proceeds benefit Village Hall funds.

Here you will also find the 'Book Exchange', a popular free service for all to use and also wall-hung allocated Pockets where you can leave correspondence for village groups and organisations.

There is easy access to the Hall for wheelchairs. Hearing Loop facilities are installed. The Hall has a Full Premises Licence under the 2005 licencing regulations.

The Hall is a Registered Charity (Number 1001694) run by a Management Committee formed mainly from the village organisations who are users of the Hall. This venue is available for hire by outside organisations and by individuals for a variety of private functions. See www.wenhaston.net/villagehall/ . Enquiries for hire are welcomed (see page 19 for contact).

Village activities at the Hall include: WI, Table Tennis, Badminton, Indoor Bowls and Drop-in Club (see list on page 19 for contacts).

Footpaths

There is a good network of clearly marked footpaths in and around Wenhaston.

The Footpath Group walks on the first and third Tuesdays of the month.

One is a half-day walk, one further afield with a pub lunch. All welcome.

Contact Heather Phillips, 01502 478545.

See monthly item in Wenhaston Word or go to www.wenhastonword.co.uk .

Wenhaston Commons/Suffolk Wildlife Trust

Wenhaston is fortunate to have five Commons in and around the village. These are important fragments of the Suffolk Sandlings, Britain's rarest habitat (lowland heath). Wenhaston Commons Group has a committee which has four meetings a year and an AGM, holds regular conservation work parties and has a full range of walks, talks, visits and social events. It produces a magazine, the 'Silver-Studded Blue', delivered free with the Wenhaston Word to all households in Wenhaston with Mells, with interesting articles and photos plus dates of our events. All work on the Commons is carried out in accordance with a management plan produced by Suffolk Coastal District Council.

It also has a Biodiversity Action Plan for Wenhaston, which is linked to the commons management plan. Biodiversity means, quite simply, 'the variety of life'. It aims to identify and prioritise habitats and species by producing plans to encourage, protect and support them. For more information and for details of membership (free) contact Jill Daines and Michael Gasper 01502 478016, or email wcbap@btinternet.com .

Suffolk Wildlife Trust takes an interest in our Commons and works hard for all Suffolk wildlife with over 60 Nature Reserves. To join contact their HQ at Ashbocking, Ipswich, 01473 890089 or go to www.suffolkwildlife.co.uk .

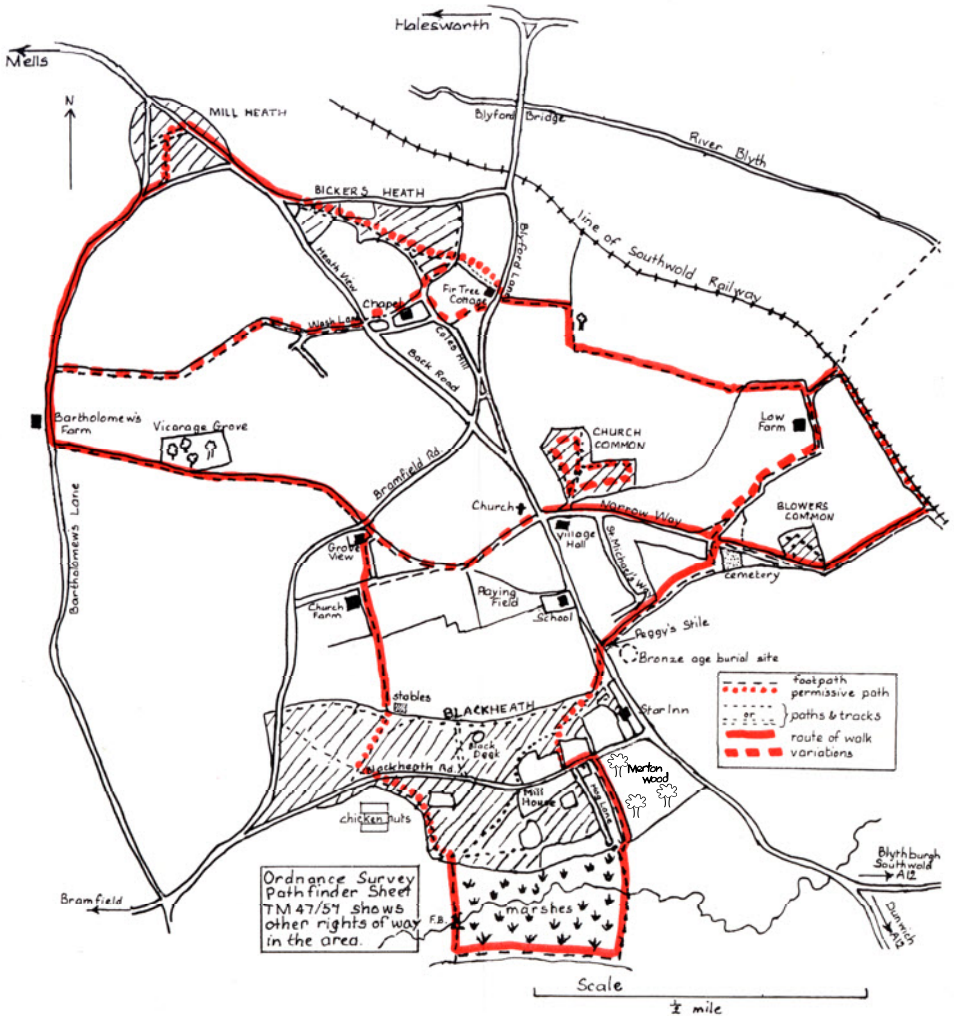
Allotments (WALGA)

Following a public meeting held on 2 June 2008 the new Wenhaston Allotment & Leisure Gardeners Association was formed and a committee was elected to manage the project.

In 2009, with the assistance of the Parish Council, the new Allotments were established on land running at the rear of properties in Narrow Way.

(See WALGA for contact details on p.19).

Five Commons Walk



Walk leaflets available from Wenhaston Post Office:
 Five Commons Walk - Wenhaston Commons Group
 Exploring Footpaths around Wenhaston.
 Halesworth/Wenhaston Circular Walk.

Wenhaston Playingfield

The Playingfield was gifted to the Village in the 1930s as an area for recreation and as such is an important open space for all residents to freely enjoy. (No dogs please!). It is a Registered Charity administered by Wenhaston with Mells Hamlet Parish Councillors. Here you will find modern play equipment for younger children. It is also home to Wenhaston United Football Club and, from 2003, the Sports Club. The entrance is alongside the School. This access also serves the Bowling Green.

Wenhaston Bowls Club

On 27th April 1932, Reverend Hardingham, Rector of St. Peter's Church, chaired a meeting attended by 22 people. So Wenhaston Bowls Club was formed and a committee elected, chaired by Rev. Hardingham. A site on the vicarage paddock became the Green.

A new site became necessary and after much hard work, fundraising and the acquisition of grants, land was bought near Wenhaston Playingfield. In 1998 a County Standard Green was laid there and a pavilion built. The Club is affiliated to the Suffolk County Bowls Association and the English Bowls Association. It is asked to host various Inter-League, County and Ladies' events.

Wenhaston United Football Club

The earliest records of football in the village date back to 1644. The present Club's records go back to 1898/99 and it has been in existence since that time. It is still very much a village Club. The pitch is on the Wenhaston Playingfield with fixture lists on display in the Pavilion.

Any potential players, supporters and helpers will receive a warm welcome and a cup of tea.

Wenhaston Sports Club

The Playingfield is home to a dedicated tennis court, a surfaced open area (for basketball practice, roller hockey and skateboarding) and a multi-function court (for five-a-side football, basketball and tennis). The tennis court may be hired at reasonable rates by the hour for private use, as well as the multi-purpose sports area. These areas may both be floodlit and provide ideal training grounds in the winter.

The Sports Club has its own noticeboard at Wenhaston Village Hall, as well as a noticeboard on site. The boards carry information about membership, court bookings, coaching, etc.

Village Organisations

Page	Contact	Telephone
Administration		
4	Wenhaston with Mells Hamlet Parish Council	Mary Pennock, Clerk 01502 478448
	Neighbourhood Watch	Anthony Attfield 01502 478778
Churches		
6	St. Peter's Church	Edward Rennard, Team Rector 01986 872606
6	St Peter's Church	Anthony Attfield, Churchwarden 01502 478778
6	St Peter's Church	Margaret Goldstone, Churchwarden 01502 478378
7	Bellringers	Jason Busby, Tower Rep 01986 873336
6	Choir	Dorothy Franklin, Choir Mistress 01502 478303
	Mothers Union	June Lewis 01502 478106
	Team Times (Parish Mag.)	Margaret Goldstone (Correspondent) 01502 478378
6	Methodist Church	Barbara Garwood, Lay Minister 01728 830733
6	Methodist Church	Rosemary Remy, Steward 01502 478385
	Finders' Club	Barbara Garwood, Lay Minister 01728 830733
	Prayer and Bible Study	Barbara Garwood, Lay Minister 01728 830733
	Women's Fellowship	Mary Hunt 01502 478472
Clubs and Societies		
15	Women's Institute	Helen Bowyer 01502 478209
	Drop-in Club (from 10:00am)	Every 2nd and 4th Wednesday at Village Hall 01986 873670
	Blyth Players	Rosemary Remy 01502 478385
	Royal British Legion	c/o The Star Inn, Wenhaston
18	Sports Club	David Harrison 01502 478757
	Badminton Club	Stephen Fray 01986 873592
18	Bowls Club (outdoor & indoor)	Current information awaited
	Table Tennis Club	Dilys Grimwade 01502 478674
18	Wenhaston United Football Club	Peter Pennock 01502 478448
	Wenhaston Wanderers Cricket Club	Current information awaited
	Youth Club	David Cox 01502 478668
	Phoenix Club (Over 50s)	Joan Louch 01502 478552
	Flower Club	Jean Spindler 01502 478317
	Gardener's Club	Cherry Wilkinson 01502 478985
15	Wenhaston Archive Project	Arthur Musk 01502 478266
16	Wenhaston Allotment & Leisure Gardeners Association (WALGA)	David Smith, Chairman Gus Jones, Secretary 01502 478535 01502 478085

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15	Wenhaston Village Hall	Phil Corbett, Booking Clerk	01502 478505
18	Sports Pavilion Bookings	Peter Pennock	01502 478448
5	Wenhaston Word	Blythweb Ltd	01502 440360
3	Local History Recorder	Keith Johnceline	01502 478410
7	Church Room Bookings	June Lewis	01502 478106
7	Church Room Bookings	Jenny Jeffrey	01502 478815
	Community First Responders	Gus Jones	01502 478085
Conservation			
16	Footpath Walking	Heather Phillips	01502 478545
16	Wenhaston Commons Group	Jill Daines and Michael Gasper	01502 478016
9	Wenhaston Energy Support Group	Ann Edwards	01502 478150
Education			
8	Wenhaston Primary School	Sue Brinkley, Head Teacher	01502 478328
8	Wenhaston Primary School PTA	Contact Chairman via School	01502 478328
8	Pre-School	Miss Tracy Evenden	01502 478819
8	Pepyn and Lessey Trust	Trevor Tate, Trustee and Clerk	01502 478622
		Mrs V Jackson, Trustee	
		Mrs M Bloomfield, Trustee	
		Mrs G Leech, Trustee	
		Mrs D Bennett, Trustee	
		Mrs H Phillips, Trustee	
		Mr P Phillips, Trustee	
		Mrs L Savage, Trustee	
		Mr D Smeaton-Small, Trustee	
8	Wenhaston WEA	Kathleen Orme, Secretary	01502 478708

