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DECEMBER/JANUARY 2023/24

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"MERRY CHRISTMAS & A HAPPY NEW YEAR"



DATES FOR THE DIARY - 2023

DECEMBER

Sat 2nd	*Christmas, Community Café, Haughley Village Hall	10.00am
Sat 2nd	*Wetherden at Christmas	10.00am
	Crafts at Village Hall	
	Mulled Wine at The Maypole	
	Help Santa Find his Gifts, Baptist Church	
Sat 2nd	*Haughley Christmas Lights Switch on	3.30pm
Sat 2nd	*Film Nights, "Alleluia", Haughley Village Hall	7.00pm
Sun 3rd	*Christingle, St Mary's Haughley	4.00pm
Sun 3rd	*Christingle, St Mary's Wetherden	4.00pm
Sun 10th	*Christingle, Holy Trinity, Stowupland	4.00pm
Sun 10th	*Carol Service, St Mary's, Wetherden	6.00pm
Tues 12th	Bingo, Haughley Pavilion	7.00pm
Sun 17th	*Carol Service, St Mary's Haughley	4.00pm
Sun 17th	*Carol Service Holy Trinity Stowupland	6.30pm

2024

JANUARY

Sat 6th	*Community Café, Haughley Village Hall	10.00am
Sat 6th	*Film Nights, "Empire of Light" Haughley Village Hall	7.00pm
Tues 9th	Bingo, Haughley Pavilion	7.00pm
Sat 27	*Haughley Playing Field, Quiz Night, Haughley Pavilion	7.00pm

FEBRUARY

Sat 3rd	*Community Café, Haughley Village Hall	10.00pm
Sat 3rd	*Film Nights, "Phantom of the Open"	
7.00pm		
Fri 24th	*Pantomime, "Red Riding Hood," Haughley Village Hall	
Sat 25th	*Pantomime, "Red Riding Hood", Haughley Village Hall	
	(2 performances per day 2.00 pm and 7.30pm)	

* See advert for further details



NEWS FROM YOUR DISTRICT COUNCILLORS

To get more homes insulated and have lower household heating bills, Mid Suffolk District Council has launched the new *Cosy Homes* initiative with a £2 million fund. Eligible households can apply for **free energy efficiency measures** in their own homes, including if privately rented. Applications are now open for this free scheme. Full details are available via www.midsuffolk.gov.uk

A separate, county-wide scheme is still available for particularly vulnerable households and this can be accessed via www.warmhomessuffolk.org

At Mid Suffolk's Council meeting on 20th November, Part 1 of the **Joint Local Plan** (JLP) for Mid Suffolk and Babergh was approved and adopted. The JLP sets out a planning framework to guide development in the districts over the period to 2037. JLP Part 1 provides a set of strategic and local development management policies against which planning applications and appeals will be assessed. There are 10 strategic policies (such as on affordable housing, climate change and tourism) and 32 local policies (such as on biodiversity, historic environment and sustainable construction). Part 2 of the JLP, which covers housing policies such as settlement boundaries and housing requirements, is being worked on and will be consulted on next year.

After Storms Babet and Ciaran, the Council has been working hard to help those who have been affected by **flooding**. Householders and business-owners are being urged to report flood damage via Suffolk County Council's reporting tool. Government has announced some financial support for affected residents and businesses and this will be available from the end of November via the District Council. If your home or business has been affected, please visit www.midsuffolk.gov.uk for full details.

A reminder that any group or organisation can apply to us for **Locality Grant funding** for amounts from £250. Please ask for an application form.

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WETHERDEN VILLAGE HALL

There were just under 7 tables in play at our Whist Drive held on Friday 10th November, and everyone seemed to enjoy the afternoon a great "deal!"

Our next Whist Drive will be our special Christmas Whist Drive including sherry and mince pies! This will be held on Friday 8th December at 2pm. Why not come along... you will be sure of a warm festive welcome! "

Looking ahead to the new year, our first whist Drive of 2024 will be held on the 12th January at 2pm!



Parish Churches of Haughley,
Wetherden & Stowupland



Follow The Star
Join the Song



Christingle

*Our family friendly Christingle Services.
The collection will be in aid of the children's society*
Sunday 3rd December
St Mary's, Wetherden at 4pm
St Mary's Haughley at 4pm
Sunday 10th December
Holy Trinity Stowupland @ 4pm

Carol Services

Come along and sing carols in our beautiful churches,
bathed in candlelight
10th December
St Mary's Wetherden @ 6pm
17th December
St Marys, Haughley @ 4pm
Holy Trinity Stowupland @ 6.30pm

Crib Services

Family fun as we explore the birth of Jesus
Christmas Eve
Holy Trinity Stowupland @ 4pm
St Mary's Haughley @ 4pm

Midnight Communion at Holy Trinity Stowupland, 11.30pm

Christmas Day Family Communion at St Mary's, Wetherden, 11am
Bring something you have opened!

 THE CHURCH
OF ENGLAND



Wetherden at Christmas

Saturday 2nd December

SANTA SEARCH

Follow the clues
around the village and
get a chocolate treat
at the end!

£1.50

Per Child



HOT & COLD
DRINKS

Craft making
CAKES

HELP SANTA FIND HIS GIFTS

At Wetherden Baptist Church 10am-12pm

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Wine

at The Maypole Pub



CHRISTMAS MARKET

Hot drinks
& Festive
Snacks

Entry

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LOCAL CRAFTS - GIFTS
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At Wetherden Village Hall 10am-3pm

Organised by Wetherden Town Lands
www.wetherdentownlands.wordpress.com



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Whats on at
your
Village Hall



CHRISTMAS COMMUNITY CAFÉ
Saturday 2nd December 2023 - 10am–2pm
(See separate ad for more information)

H.A.T.S (Haughley Amateur Theatrical Society)
perform Haughley's own Rock n' Roll Pantomime
'Red Riding Hood'

Friday 23rd and Saturday 24th February
2 performances daily 2pm/7.30pm

Tickets on sale from Haughley Post Office
from January 2024

or Call : Alex 07746 231114 OR Lynne 07941 116240

FILM NIGHTS - Doors 7pm for 7.30pm start
Admission £4 including refreshments

Saturday 2nd December 2023 – **'Allelujah'** based on the Alan Bennett play and starring a raft of well known British actors, Jennifer Saunders, Bally Gill, David Bradley, Russell Tovey, Derek Jacobi and Judi Dench. Allelujah is a warm, humorous and deeply moving story about surviving old age. When the geriatric ward in a small Yorkshire hospital is threatened with closure, the hospital decides to fight back.

Saturday 6th January 2024 – **'Empire of Light'** starring Olivia Colman, Michael Ward, Toby Jones, Colin Firth and directed by Sam Mendes. Empire of Light set in an English Coastal town in the early 1980's is a moving drama about the power of human connection during turbulent times.

Saturday 3rd February 2024 – **'The Phantom of the Open'** starring Mark Rylance and Sally Hawkins and tells the remarkable true story of Maurice Flitcrofts entry to the 1976 British Open qualifying, despite never playing a round of golf before.

***To find out more about 'What's On' at Haughley Village Hall visit our
webpage at Haughley.org.uk**

Haughley Playing Field and Pavilion News

King George's Field, Haughley charity No. 193471

As the year draws to a close I would like to thank all the volunteers and our clerk, for their continued support and time running their activities and all that entails. We are lucky to have this protected green space and there has been some incredible work done on the field and behind the scenes by all the member groups as we continue in our efforts to both maintain and improve these magnificent Playing Field facilities.

I would like to wish them, and all of you, A Merry Christmas and Happy New year.

Bin upgrades - We have secured funding for lidded bins that will be positioned along the pathways. I hope the additional bins and positions will support the ongoing effort to reduce litter and keep our field looking clean and tidy. Thank you to Haughley Parish Council for awarding a CIL (Community Infrastructure Levy) grant to enable us to make this improvement.

2nd December Christmas Lights Switch on Raffle, 50/50 draw and stalls - We will be at the Lights switch on event with a grand draw. Tickets will be on sale in advance at the Post Office from 1st November and through club reps and councilors. We'll be selling Mulled wine & mince pies, lucky dip, stocking fillers.

The 50/50 Christmas draw will take place at the Christmas tree lights switch on and it's the perfect opportunity to renew your membership or join for next year. I will be taking over the 50/50 admin with support from the committee. My thanks again to Yvonne Hannan for setting up and running this for past 6-7 years.

Christmas Bingo Tuesday 12th December 7 fo 7.30pm start – Come and join us for our Festive December session.

Annual Quiz night 27th January 2024. Please remember to book your table – see separate advert for details.

Advertising board at the entrance to the Ron Crascall pavilion. If you would like to advertise your business, please contact us via the parish clerk. Clerk@haughleypc.co.uk. The charge will be £250 a year for an A5 size advert and the money raised will help the upkeep and general maintenance of the playing field and equipment.

We are continuing our coffee mornings. Tuesdays 11am – 1pm . All Welcome.

Clubs and Regular activities at the Playing Field & Pavilion:

- **Weekly Coffee morning Tuesdays 11am -1pm.**
- **Salcerbox – Sally** Sally Faiers sally.faiers@outlook.com 07907115259 **Mondays 6.30 – 7.30pm**
- **Yoga – Bethany** serenityyogabethany@outlook.com **Wednesdays 9.30-10.30am** Upstairs function room.
- **Dance Workz - Sara** S69S@hotmail.com 07875 129359 **Wednesdays, classes run between 5pm -8.15pm**

- **Bingo** Every second Tuesday of the month, 7pm for 7.30pm eyes down. The next few dates are: 12th December, 9th January, 13th February & 12th March.
- **Royal British Legion** meet every second Thursday at the Pavilion.
- **Beavers, Cubs & Scouts** Carly Banthorpe 07976294616 or Richard Stacy 01449 673311.
- **HUFC** –Senior football contact – Lee Forsdyke 07472902302
- **Haughley Youth Football** contact – Carly Banthorpe 07976294616
- **Bowls Indoor or Outdoor** - contact Peter Mead 07845068679

There are three rooms for hire at the Pavilion

- Upstairs Function room –Thirza Shaw – trtinker@aol.com or 07786 375441
- Haughley Football club bar room – Ian Wilkinson 01449 773399 or Lee Forsdyke 07472902302
- Scouts Hall or folding table & chairs – Richard Stacy 01449 673311.

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<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/kinggeorgefldhaughley/>

Or go to www.easyfundraising.org.uk and select King George's Field, Haughley as your chosen charity.

Thirza Shaw, Chairman & 50/50 Club Administrator,
Email trtinker@aol.com Phone 07786375441

Dogs are welcome at the playing field, however, please keep them on their leads and pick up your dog's poo.



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Would like to thank all our
advertisers and contributors for
their continued support and wish you
all a very

**Happy and
Prosperous New Year**

St Mary's Church Wetherden

Alison Hasselder cordially invites you all to

A



Coffee Morning

on
Thursday 25th January
from

10.30am to noon

at

Whitehouse Farm, Uppertown,
Wetherden

There will be tea, coffee & biscuits
a bring-and-buy table & raffle.

Everybody is welcome:
the more the merrier.

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WANTED

Haughley & Wetherden Parish News magazine is distributed by a dedicated band of over 30 volunteer distributors and deliverers to more than one thousand properties in the two villages.

We have a vacancy at present for someone to deliver to Haughley properties in **Bixby Avenue**.

It usually only takes about 30 minutes of your time, ten times a year. If anyone would like to volunteer to carry out this community task in Haughley, please let me know.

Thank you.
David Bryant
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Haughley Art & Crafts



We continue to meet every Thursday evening at the village hall from
7-9pm to have a go at art and crafts and have a chat.

It was good to welcome a couple of new members this month, one of whom has kindly shared her knowledge of lacemaking with the ladies. The men had a look at this skillful craft but chose to continue painting! Others have continued with card-making and learning calligraphy. Do come along to our small friendly group. You will be welcomed warmly as a new member or as someone willing to share your craft skills.

Meet some of us at our craft stall at the Christmas Lights Switch-on
and see what we have been doing!

For further information please contact:
Contact Julia on 07774 560507



HAUGHLEY VILLAGE HALL

CHRISTMAS COMMUNITY CAFÉ



Sat 2nd December 10am–2pm

Join us for this special festive Community Café
with Mulled Wine and Mince Pies as well as
our usual fare.

We also have a variety of stalls
selling gifts for all.

COME AND JOIN US!

For more information contact :

Lindsey Philpot : 01449 675703/07765886690

Lynne Mahon : 01449 674085/07941116240

HAUGHLEY PARISH COUNCIL

Haughley Parish Council held a meeting on 21 November. The Council continues to consult with the Public Rights of Way office at Suffolk County Council (SCC) with some success although this may not become apparent for several months.

C.Cllr Andrew Stringer advised that SCC is consulting on budget proposals for 2024/5, including asking Suffolk people about which services people have recently used, thoughts on seeking a greater contribution to Council Tax to help fund public services and which service area they would like to see more money spent. http://www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/Budget24_25/

He also advised that SCC extend thanks to people around the county who helped other residents whose homes and travel were affected by the rains and flooding that struck Suffolk on Friday 20 October.

D.Cllrs Rachel Eburne and Janet Pearson confirmed that Mid Suffolk District Council and Babergh District Council confirmed approval and adoption of part 1 of the Joint Local Plan (JLP).

The *Cosy Homes* initiative has been launched through MSDC with a £2 million fund. Eligible households can apply for free energy efficiency measures in their own homes, including if privately rented. Full details to be available via www.midsuffolk.gov.uk.

The Parish Council considered and decided to support planning application DC/23/04859 for the erection of two storey side and rear extension at The Cottage, Haughley New Street. The Council has received confirmation that DC/23/04303 for Change of use of building to form a farm shop at Diaper Poultry Ltd, Haughley New Street, was granted.

The Council received reports from the Biodiversity and Wildlife Conservation Working Group, the Neighbourhood Plan Working Group, an update from the Gallowsfield Wood Working Group and a report relating to the proposed junior football pitch.

Preparation for the **XMAS TREE LIGHTS SWITCH ON EVENT TO BE HELD SATURDAY 2 DECEMBER BETWEEN 3PM AND 5.30 pm ON THE GREEN** continue and we look forward to seeing many of you at the event.

The Council has received several applications for grant funding which will be considered further as part of the considerations for setting the Parish Council Budget for 2024/5. Financial information was noted and approval given for a range of payments.

The Clerk's report identified some of the activities that have been undertaken during the last month. Correspondence received was considered and the nature of responses agreed.

Councillors raised several issues, including fly-tipping, damaged signs, the need for litter picking (this receives ongoing attention) and street lighting.

It was also reported that **further damage has been caused to tubes that form part of the vehicle count equipment for traffic counts**, the results of which the Parish Council use to help inform future proposals relating to traffic through Haughley. On a previous occasion, HGV tyre marks suggested that someone had attempted to cause damage to the tubes, on another occasion, the contractor was of the opinion that the tubes had been cut, whilst during the count week this time, two different sets of tubes were severed – all his damage being in Haughley New Street. Obviously, there are cost implications. This type of equipment is designed for use on trunk roads and therefore should be well capable of taking traffic, even a lot of heavy traffic. The equipment counts vehicles and the general size of vehicles based on their passage over the tubes, but have no means of recording any images.

The next meeting of the Haughley Parish Council is scheduled for Tuesday 19th December at the Pavilion starting at 7pm.

WI NEWS - DECEMBER 2023



The November meeting was our AGM and there have been some big changes in our Haughley WI. Our President Marian Adams has stepped down after 6 years. During her presidency she has been an inspirational leader and she took members through the particularly

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difficult times of the Lockdowns. Marian has been successful in rebuilding the organisation since Covid to a thriving membership.

We will also see a change in the Treasurer position in January. Rosemary Welburn has been a long-standing Treasurer and has ensured that our finances remain healthy through her diligent oversight. Luckily both Marian and Rosemary will remain as active members.

Our new President Julia Brook is delighted to have the opportunity to move the organisation forward towards its centenary in 2025. She says that in particular she would like to develop further the role of our WI in the wider Haughley community and to support local causes.

Look out for our WI cake stall at the Christmas lights switch-on on Saturday 2nd December!

Julia Brook and Jane Thompson

COMMUNITY ORCHARD NEWS UPDATE

Haughley now has three “community orchards”; the original one adjacent to the allotments off Base Green Road at Haughley Green was planted about 15 years ago. A second one was planted in 2021 at Gallowsfield Wood and the most recent one was planted last year at the bottom of St Mary’s Avenue. The original is the most formal of the orchards and is well established and produces an increasing number of dessert and cooking apples as well as a few walnuts. The other two “orchards” are more of the “scattered orchard type” and are set amongst other trees and are not yet producing fruit of a useful size. I pick some apples from the allotment orchard from time to time which I place in a box on my doorstep (16, Old Street), so help yourself when passing.

The Allotments

Most of these trees have been identified and are principally Suffolk or East Anglian varieties although there are a couple of mystery trees that have not yet been identified. The apple varieties include Discovery, Honey Pippin, Maxton, and Old Blake which are eaters and cookers. The best of the dessert eating apples this year has been the three Discovery apple trees which have had a lot of good-sized bright red apples.

Several of the trees, including the Discovery have been affected by the Ermine Moth which is becoming quite prevalent in Mid Suffolk generally. The moth seems to arrive in mid-Spring, just after the blossom has started to form fruiting buds and creates a large tent-like cocoon across many branches or a whole tree. Eggs are laid inside the “tent” which provides a secure environment for them to hatch. The caterpillars then feed on the leaves and fruit buds which has a direct impact on the size and number of apples leading to small and deformed fruit on affected branches or even no fruit at all. It does not seem to have a long-lasting impact and trees can recover in the following year.

The walnut trees have had a good year; one is now well-established and is a good-sized tree, about 12 feet tall that has produced a small number of edible walnuts. If you’re lucky enough to be there at the right time you may get a worthwhile mouthful before the squirrels have them. The other walnut tree was badly damaged during grass cutting a few years ago and now has several stems which I am trying to gradually reduce.

Gallowsfield Wood

The fruit trees at Gallowsfield, located just inside the field at the top of the old car park, were provided by Mid Suffolk District Council and are a mix of apple and pear trees. They were planted in winter 2021 before the drought and heat-wave of summer 2022. Sadly, some of them did not get established and died after the drought (despite being watered). We hope MSDC will replace some of these trees. None of the trees have yet produced fruit that could be eaten.

St Mary's Avenue

In 2022 about 20 trees were planted by local residents and other Haughley enthusiasts in the grass area at the bottom of St Mary's Avenue amongst some existing trees, such as Cherry and Rowan. The new trees planted include apple, pear, cherry and rowan. Local support for this initiative has helped with watering the trees and spotting when attention is needed.

A few weeks ago 4 kilograms of daffodil bulbs were planted around these trees. We hope this will look wonderful in the Spring and that it will enhance the biodiversity of this part of the village. Nearby, in Fishponds Way, additional trees mainly hawthorn and rowan, but no fruit trees, have been planted alongside the hedge and path. Daffodil bulbs have been planted under some of these trees too.

David Evans,
Haughley Biodiversity Group



HAUGHLEY UNITED FOOTBALL CLUB HOME FIXTURES, FOR DECEMBER 2023 & JANUARY 2024 KICK OFF 2PM UNLESS STATED

Haughley united home fixtures kick off 2pm

December

2nd	1st	v	Ransomes
9th	Reserves	v	Gipping Gnats
16th	1st	v	Wickham Market
23rd/30th	No home fixture		

January

6th	Reserves	v	Bacton Reserves
13th	Reserves	v	Framlingham A
20th	no home fixture		
27th	Reserves	v	Ransomes reserves

WETHERDEN TOWN LANDS

Dressing the Well at The Maypole – Another Country Tradition.

It was lovely to see so many villagers at the Wetherden Town Lands May Day Fayre. The Bury Fair Women's Morris Dancers opened the fayre for us by dancing "The Blue Bells of Scotland" and they soon had many of the audience joining in with the other dances. A wonderful sight to behold and a great start to the event.

Dancing-in the Dawn on May Day is a tradition Morris Dancers up and down the country continue every year to mark the beginning of May, as it is believed to help bring about good and healthy crops. Our dancers were up at dawn that day too, despite which they put on a great display for us to open the Fayre!

Another ancient tradition that used to be practised every May Day is *Well Dressing*. It is still practised in the Derbyshire area, but it used to be done in other areas of England too. As the Maypole has a well, the Wetherden Town Lands Charity and The Maypole thought it might be nice to add to that tradition by arranging a Well Dressing here in 2024.

What is a Well dressing?

The tradition of dressing a well is believed to have been brought to England by the Romans or the Celts, to give thanks for the fresh water available from the well. Well Dressings are drawn in advance, and are then converted into hand made works of art, using natural materials such as flower petals, leaves, seeds, sand and anything natural set into a clay base, rather like a mosaic or collage. The finished dressing is placed over and around the well.

Design competition

Would you like to design The Maypole's well dressing? We would like someone local to design the picture from which we will create the dressing. Our competition is open to all ages and the winning design will be chosen by The Maypole Pub, whose decision will be final. The design needs to be circular to cover the top of the well. And the base will have a diameter of approx. 110cm, but scaled down drawings are fine as we can work these up to full size. Please post your designs to Valmay Young, Oak Cottage, Elmswell Road, Wetherden IP14 3LN or email them to wetherdentownlands@gmail.com.

Entries need to be received by **29th February 2024**.

The winning entry will be chosen by The Maypole Pub and announced at the pub on **Saturday 9th March 2024 at 7:30pm**. The dressing will be unveiled on the well at the May Day Fayre.

**There is a prize of £20 for the winning design,
and the designer's name will be shown on the dressing.**

Volunteers needed

Would you like to help with making The Maypole Well Dressing? We will need a small team to help make the dressing and source all the natural materials.

If you are interested in taking part in making the well dressing in any way, big or small, please email Valmay at wetherdentownlands@gmail.com. All help, or advice, will be gratefully received.



ORCHARD BARN NEWS

This Autumn and Winter at Orchard Barn we need to make and fit over 18,000 Sweet Chestnut wooden tiles, or shingles, for our Long House roof. That's quite a challenge that we've set ourselves, using around 600 logs which were cut locally from woods last Winter. Sweet Chestnut doesn't grow readily in our clay soil at Orchard Barn, but thrives in the sandy soil near Foxhall, Ipswich.



The logs for our roof have been produced by coppicing, which is a traditional method of managing woodland, dating back to 4500 BC, which ensures a regular supply of timber. The trees were cut down to a stump, which encourages new growth, and have already grown back to around 2 m high, locking up 2.5 to 3 times the carbon of a standard tree. So this method is not only sustainable but environmentally friendly too. Each log should yield 30 shingles and any left-over bit will make shavings and kindling for fire lighting, and mulch for the garden, so nothing is wasted.

If you would like to be part of our project and learn traditional green woodworking craft skills, we are always happy to welcome new Volunteers. We work in a beautiful, tranquil environment surrounded by wildlife, where you will make new friends and enjoy the satisfaction of making a difference. Working parties are held 9 am – 4 pm Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays, and 10 am – 3.30 pm on Saturdays.

To find out more about us and what we do, or to volunteer with us, take a look at our website <http://www.orchardbarn.org.uk>, call Sarah on 07766 054042 or email her at sarah.orchardbarn@gmail.com.

Orchard Barn, Ringshall, Stowmarket, Suffolk, IP14 2LY

REMEMBER ...



**THE DEADLINE FOR THE
FEBRUARY 2024 ISSUE IS**

**5PM WEDNESDAY
JANUARY 17TH 2024**

Submit to:
The Editor, Oulton Cottage,
The Folly, Haughley

Or (preferably) by email: haughleynews@btinternet.com



Chairman: Mr Tim Hart

Vice Chair: Mrs M Buttle

Secretary:

Email: acsargent48@gmail.com

Every year the residents of Haughley and surrounding areas come out in force to remember the fallen; this year was no exception. The branch gathered at the village post office with members of the village, Haughley and Wetherden Scouts and explorers with representatives of Haughley Youth Football club and pre-school. Woody led the smart walk from the post office, past the revamped war memorial and into the church where we were met by Rev Paul Clarke. The two minute silence was signaled by the last post and reveille. Rev Paul Clarke gave a short meaningful sermon; based on stories and their impacts.

Like each year, a legion member called out each fallen soldier's name, 41 in total from the village where the beavers and scouts from the village laid a poppy to remember them followed by an extinguish of a candle. Following the service inside the church (which the vicar said was warm) everybody gathered around the war memorial for the laying of wreaths and prayers. Afterwards some members of the branch went to the Stag Cafe for lunch.

On behalf of the branch and village I would like to extend my thanks to our Vice chair Mrs M Buttle for organising such a heartfelt remembrance service for 2023, our dedicated Poppy appeal collectors and organiser, Mr T Hart.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for their support in 2023 and wish you all a very merry Christmas and a happy new year.

Socials 2023

14th December

All socials are held in the football club from 7.45pm.

To view our full calendar of events go to our website:

www.britishlegion.org/branches/Haughley

Or search **[Haughley Royal British Legion](#)**

www.thehaughleywarmemorial.wordpress.com

PARISH CHURCH SERVICES FOR DECEMBER 2023

Benefice of Haughley, Wetherden and Stowupland

December	Haughley	Wetherden	Stowupland
Sun 3 rd Advent	4.00 pm Christingle	4.00 pm Christingle	11.00 am Benefice Parish Communion
Sun 10 th	11.00 am Benefice Parish Communion	6.00 pm Candlelight Carol Service	4.00 pm Christingle
Sun 17 th	4.00 pm Carol Service	11.00 am Parish Commu- ion	6.30 pm Carol Service with Stowmarket Concert Band
Sun 24 th Christmas Eve	4.00 pm Crib/Nativity Service	11.00 am Benefice Parish Service	4.00 pm Crib Service 11.30 pm Benefice Mid- night Communion
Mon. 25 th Christmas Day	11.00 am at Wetherden Benefice Christmas Day Family Communion		
Sun. 31 st New Year's Eve	11.00 am at Haughley Benefice Communion		

Mere View/Thompson Court

Carol Service

2.00 pm on Mon. 11th December

In the Lounge at Mere View, Thompson Close, Haughley.

All are welcome



St Mary's Church, WETHERDEN

During December we are supporting
The Children's Society & St Nicholas Hospice

The collection at our
CHRISTINGLE SERVICE, 4 pm on Sunday 3 December
will go to support the work of **The Children's Society**

There will be a collection during our
CAROL SERVICE, 6 pm on Sunday 10 December
for
St Nicholas Hospice

IT'S PANTO TIME AGAIN.....
HAUGHLEY AMATEUR THEATRICAL SOCIETY
PRESENTS

Red Riding Hood



at HAUGHLEY VILLAGE HALL
Friday 23rd Feb 2pm & 7.30pm
Saturday 24th Feb 2pm & 7.30pm
TICKETS £7 or 4 for £25.00
available NOW from Heather at Haughley Post Office
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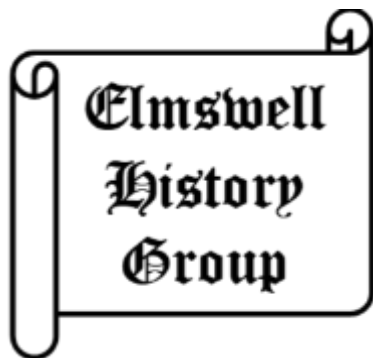
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- **Consider using LED lightbulbs,** which cost less to run.
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Opening hours are Monday-Thursday 9.30am – 3.30pm and Friday 9.30am – 12.30pm.



Our November talk by the UEA's Gerry Barnes gave our bumper audience a fascinating insight into "*The Orchards of Eastern England*", based on his co-authored book of the same name. As a former Chairman of the Forestry Commission Regional Advisory Committee for East England, he has an MBE for services to Forestry & Communities. We learnt that the eastern counties of Herts, Essex (Wilkins jams in Tiptree), Cambs (Chivers at Histon), Hunts, Beds, Norfolk (Gaymer's cider in Attleborough) and Suffolk have a tradition of fruit

cultivation comparable in scale to that of the better-known west of England. Furthermore, although orchards were planted mainly for practical reasons, they were also appreciated for their aesthetic qualities in country estates such as Suffolk's Hoxne Hall (from 1619) and Somerleyton Hall (from 1652). By the 17th century some districts (such as the Fens around Wisbech) had begun to specialise in fruit production, but it was only in the 'orchard century', 1850s-1960, that commercial production really took off, fuelled by the growth of large urban markets and the coming of the railways that could take the fruit to them with relative ease. By the 1960s, orchards were extensive in many districts but, since then, they have largely disappeared, with significant impacts on landscape character and biodiversity.



For our **14th December** meeting, **7.30pm at the Wesley**, we look forward to welcoming back Bryan Thurlow for his talk/performance entitled "**Music Hall Memories**" - a light-hearted potted history of British Music Hall with historic songs and monologues. As a founder member of The Berkeley Squares Music Hall Company, who better than Bryan Thurlow to share his knowledge of music hall and the songs that made them so popular. No need to book tickets in advance (our usual prices on the door will apply), so just come along to enjoy this evening with us, followed by our light seasonal refreshments and mulled wine.

Our first talk of the New Year on **11th January**, at the **Wesley 7.30pm**, will feature a selection of members' own researches. This should include three short talks on The Fens, Ickworth House, and Suffolk Workhouses, so do join us then on what should be an interesting and varied evening of talks.

And Finally May we take this opportunity of wishing all our readers the compliments of the Festive Season, with good health and happiness.



For further information about our History Group, please visit our website – www.elmswell-history.org.uk – or contact our Secretary, on 01359-242601

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October 9th. Kevin Sawford, professional photographer held our first lecture on 'Nature Photography' and presented members with various ways and tips on how to make good photographs inspirational.

October 23rd. Our first Open competition was judged by Nick Akers -ARPS. We had a great evening and a big 'thank you' to Nick for his constructive critiques, delivered with humour. A very high scoring evening with congratulations to:

- John Seaman, 20 points for his 'Reflections' B&W print category.
- Roy Fidler, 20 points for his 'Friends Meeting' Colour print category.
- Chris Hale, 20 points for his 'It was You' PDI category.

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I wonder if like me you have heard the comments about the Christmas adverts, that they do not have the "Feel Good Factor" that makes us look forward to Christmas. One of my biggest complaints is that adverts do not give the message of the real Christmas Story, they are more about getting the latest and most expensive must have, or fill ourselves with food until we burst. I have even heard it said that the true Christmas story, that Jesus Christ was born into a world of trouble gets in the way of Christmas!

I feel we need reminding of that true Christmas story: Mary a young woman was betrothed to Joseph, when she finds that the Holy Spirit has made her pregnant with God's Son. Joseph who, when he finds out about this wants to quietly brake off their engagement, he is visited by an Angel who explained everything to him. At that time Israel was occupied by the Romans. Emperor Augustus ordered a census to take place, everyone had to return to their home town as Joseph was from the line of King David they had to return to Bethlehem. When they could not find any where to stay, the were offered a stable where Jesus would be born. (this is only a short summary of the Christmas Story you can read it for yourself Luke 1:26-80 & Luke 2; 1-20)

The Christmas story is a story of Hope, happening in a time of trouble, telling us that from a baby born into a poor family and under occupation that He will grow up to be the saviour of the world and will die to take away our sins.

At this time, we do need a glimmer of Hope with all the wars that are going on in the world, in the Holy Land, Ukraine, Yemen, Ethiopia to name but a few in fact it's said that there are 32 wars going on at the moment.

If we remember the true Christmas story and look forward to the New Year, we will be given the hope that things can and will get better.

Happy Christmas and a Joy filled New year.
Robert

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

The family of the late Allen Herbert would like to thank everyone who attended the Thanksgiving Service, for the messages of sympathy and for the Donations of £1,556 received for St Elizabeth Hospice and Ipswich Hospital Renal Unit. A wonderful tribute to Allen.

Venessa, Paul, Fliss & Rob

Dear Friends, Its Christmas!

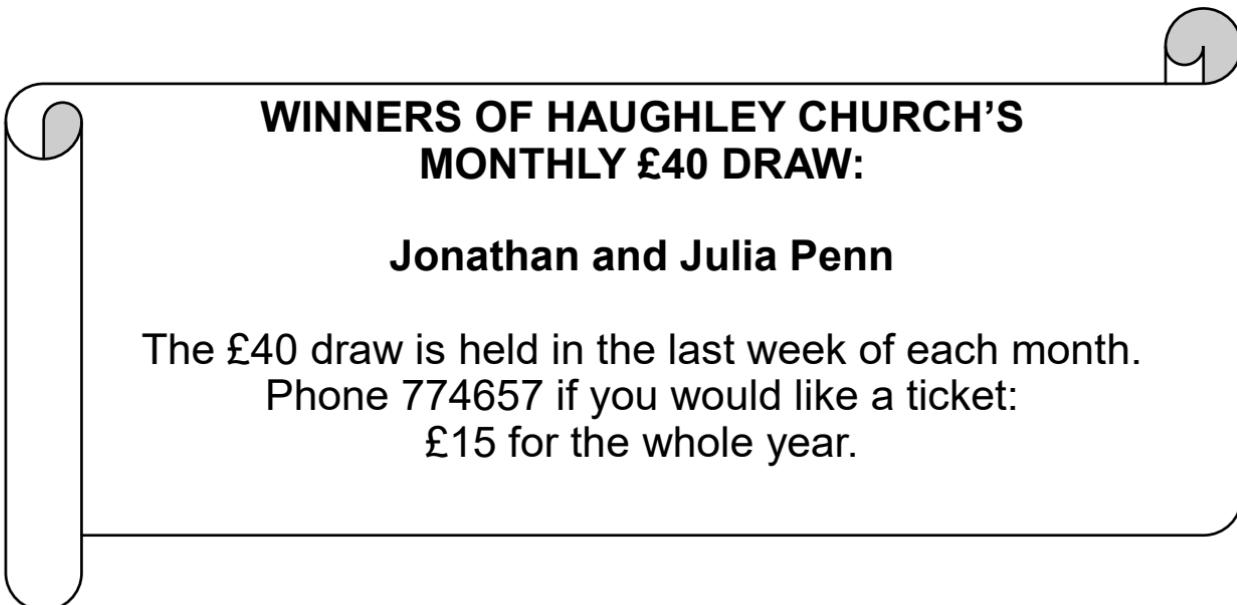
Well, soon, anyway, depending on when you read this.

In the Clarke household, I have been uncharacteristically late in thinking about the festive season. Our children are now teenagers, and seem to be less interested in surprise gifts and are very specific about what they want! I have also been reading various blogs and articles about the environmental impact of buying and having so much 'stuff'. Every year I do this, and I try to limit the stuff we buy and just end up looking like I am being mean! This year once again, I tried to have this conversation with the teens and asked them to consider things they might '*need*', rather than just '*want*'. In response, my daughter completed a viability study and justification for a hamster cage (complete with evidence narrated by the hamster himself!). My son, however, is more philosophical. He has suggested I give the money to charity instead if I also buy his presents as well!

We have also been busy making plans for our Christmas services, in full knowledge that we may be hit by increased cases of Covid and other seasonal illnesses. We plan to make them as safe as possible. This year we are joining forces as three churches to deliver some thoughtful and bigger celebrations. Do come and see us at one or more of these services. More than ever, I feel as if we need to connect with something bigger than ourselves, something timeless. The Christmas story does just that. It is about a God who comes to live among us. It is full of dirty, messy and dangerous situations but also angels, wonder and beauty. It speaks of a God who loves us so much he wants to be with us in our own messiness. This year, let us try to look past the cute story we all know and love to see what is simmering under the surface... it has more depth and is life-changing, more than ever before.

If you find this time of year difficult, contact someone you know or your local church leader. May you find some of the wonder and joy that only the creator of the universe can bring this Christmas and beyond into January.

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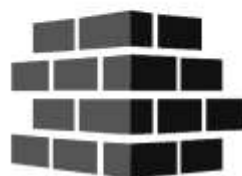
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