

# HAUGHLEY & WETHERDEN PARISH NEWS

## HAUGHLEY BOWLS CLUB & KING GEORGE V PLAYING FIELD COMMITTEE



**RACE NIGHT**  
**8<sup>th</sup> March 2025**



At the Pavilion 7.30pm

**Tickets £6 per person**  
which includes a buffet  
contact Caroline on 07495 752402

**Sponsor a race for £10**



Contact  
Peter Mead on  
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King George V Playing Field

## MARCH 2025

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# DATES FOR THE DIARY - 2025

## MARCH

Sat 1st	*Community Café, Haughley Village Hall	10.00am
Sat 1st	*Film Nights: "The Children Act" Haughley Village Hall	7.00pm
Sat 8th	*Race Night, Haughley Pavilion	7.30pm
Tues 11th	Bingo, Haughley Pavilion	7.00pm
Wed 12th	Haughley Singing for Wellbeing, Haughley Village Hall	7.30pm
Sat 15th	Community Litter Pick, Haughley Village Green	10.00am
Sat 22nd	*Karaoke Evening, HUFC, Haughley Pavilion	7.00pm
Wed 26th	Haughley Singing for Wellbeing, Haughley Village Hall	7.30pm

## APRIL

Wed 2nd	*WI Open Evening "My Journey with Flowers", Haughley Village Hall	<b>7.30pm</b>
Sat 5th	*Community Café, Haughley Village Hall	10.00am
Sat 5th	*Film Nights: "The Birdcage", Haughley Village Hall	7.00pm
Tues 8th	Bingo, Haughley Pavilion	7.00pm
Sat 12th	*WI Elvis Night, Haughley Village Hall	7.30pm
Sat 19th	*Judas, The Ultimate Betrayal, St Mary's Haughley	4.00pm
Sat 26th	*Spring Quiz, Haughley Village Hall	7.00pm

## MAY

Sat 3rd	*Community Café, Haughley Village Hall	10.00am
Sat 3rd	*Film Nights: "Moonstruck" Haughley Village Hall	7.00pm
Thurs 8th	VE - 80th Anniversary remembrance and commemoration More details to follow	
Mon 12th	Annual Parish Meeting, Haughley Village Hall	7.00pm
Tues 13th	Bingo, Haughley Pavilion	7.00pm
Tues 20th	HPC AGM, Haughley Pavilion	

## AUGUST

Fri 15th	VJ - 80th Anniversary remembrance and commemoration More details to follow	
Sat 16th	Family event on The Green - more details to follow	

\* See advert for further details



## DISTRICT COUNCILLORS' REPORT

### **Devolution and Local Government Reorganisation**

Suffolk County Council voted in January to apply to Government for the “fast track” option for the devolution proposals offered by Government in the White Paper published in December and for postponement of the SCC elections due in May this year. This application was approved at the beginning of February and Government advised that the County Council elections due to take place in May 2025 will be postponed until May 2026. Elections for the office of Mayor of Norfolk and Suffolk are likely to be held then.

Government has launched a consultation for residents of Suffolk and Norfolk with regards to the proposal to form a Mayoral Combined County (Suffolk and Norfolk) Authority. The consultation is at:

[www.gov.uk/government/consultations/norfolk-and-suffolk-devolution](http://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/norfolk-and-suffolk-devolution)

This consultation covers only the proposal to form a Mayoral Authority. It does not cover Local Government Reorganisation (LGR) which is to replace County and District authorities with a single unitary authority. We understand that consultation on that will be part of a separate process while working alongside development of a Mayoral system.

Due to the amount of work to be undertaken for the LGR, we don't know when the local and/or unitary elections will be. Whilst we understand that a single unitary local government body has many advantages, our concern is to try to ensure that there is no resulting reduction in services, accessibility for, or contact with, residents. Initial plans for the LGR must be submitted to Government on 21<sup>st</sup> March with full plans due on 26<sup>th</sup> September – all will be submitted via Suffolk County Council.

### **Mid Suffolk District Council budget**

The budget for 2025/26 will have been presented to Council 27<sup>th</sup> February. Significant points are:-

- No increase to the District Council portion of Council tax (currently about 9% your total council tax bill)
- A total gross expenditure of £30.8m
- Investment in the District with a capital budget of £25.9m
- Further capital ambitions programme totalling £10.4m

These capital programmes will include land for green spaces and/or biodiversity, funding for foot and cycle paths, a solar PV scheme for utilising roofs of businesses and greater investment in the district.

Cllr Rachel Eburne  
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01449 673311

Cllr Janet Pearson  
[Janet.Pearson@midsuffolk.gov.uk](mailto:Janet.Pearson@midsuffolk.gov.uk)  
07928 512592

# HAUGHLEY VILLAGE HALL COMMUNITY CAFÉ



10am - 12 noon  
Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> March  
Hosted by  
Haughley Church

Join us for freshly ground coffee, a selection  
of teas or hot chocolate  
and delicious homemade cakes and savouries.

Browse the stalls selling a variety of handmade items.

## St Mary's Church Wetherden

Linde cordially invites everyone to  
a  
Coffee Morning



on

Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> March

From  
1030am to Noon  
At  
1 Crawford Close,  
Wetherden

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

All are very welcome: the more the merrier.

 Like us on Facebook - Wetherden Church

## CAN YOU HELP?

HAUGHLEY PARISH NEWS  
NEEDS A DISTRIBUTOR  
FOR THE

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would like further information  
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David Bryant on

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Or email

[dlbryant@btinternet.com](mailto:dlbryant@btinternet.com)

## TAKING ACTION TO GO PLASTIC FREE

### TAKE THE CHALLENGE INDIVIDUALLY

Understand that recycling is not enough!  
Only 9% of single use plastics are actually recycled worldwide

### INFLUENCE YOUR OWN LOCAL GROUP

'Walk the Talk' by reducing plastic in your own organisation

### MAKE A DIFFERENCE TO YOUR LOCAL COMMUNITY

Engage your community – local groups of all kinds - and spread the ideas and solutions; aim to create a single-use plastic free community

Start small with plastic free workshops – gather like-minded people to run it; do something which is useful to your community – e.g. make reuseable plastic free bags; highlight benefits of plastic free living, keep it positive and solutions-focussed; try running plastic free cookery workshops; etc...

### WORK WITH YOUR LOCAL GOVERNMENT – EG. THE PARISH COUNCIL, COUNTY COUNCIL

Bring local government staff and elected members together for a plastic free lunch

Influence local government policies by e.g. advocating banning release of helium balloons, banning caterers using single use plastics at all public events, banning sale of single use plastics

### INFLUENCE LOCAL BUSINESSES

Create a working group of local business representatives

Review business procurement policies to cut out plastics

### MAKE YOUR VIEWS KNOWN TO NATIONAL GOVERNMENT

Lobby your MP to increase anti-single-use plastics legislation

# JUDAS



## THE ULTIMATE BETRAYAL

Dramatic production of the  
Judas Iscariot Story  
at

**Haughley Church,  
Easter Saturday, 19 April  
4.00pm**

## Lent lunches in Haughley

**Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> March ... PANCAKE DAY !**



**Maxwell Charnley,  
cooking between 12 and 1**

**Every Tuesday in Lent,  
from 11<sup>th</sup> March till 8<sup>th</sup> April  
SOUP LUNCH WITH BREAD AND CHEESE  
Maxwell Charnley,  
cooking between 12 and 1**



**all donations to charities,  
including Christian Aid**

## WETHERDEN PARISH COUNCIL

### Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> January 2025

**Present:** Cllr Duncan Perry, Cllr Richard Thurman, Cllr Andy Lewis, Cllr Stephanie Hensley, County Cllr Andrew Stringer, District Cllr Janet Pearson, Christine Mason (Clerk) and five members of the public

#### **Apologies for absence**

Cllr Stacey Lascelles, District Cllr Rachel Eburne

#### **Declarations of Interest**

None declared.

#### **Minutes of the Parish Council meeting**

The minutes of the Parish Council meeting of Monday 25th November 2024 were approved and signed by the Chairman.

#### **County Cllr Andrew Stringer's Report**

Despite planning refusing a recent application for a solar farm on fifty six hectares of land at Stowmarket, this has subsequently been approved by the Planning Inspectorate; the Suffolk Business Board has produced a strategy for the county for the next five years listing areas most important to the Suffolk economy. The plan was approved by Cabinet and will now be finalised by the Suffolk Board on how it will deliver the strategy; SCC have voted and agreed the right to be part of the government's priority list to progress. Devolution leading to the formation of a single Unitary for both Suffolk and Norfolk with an elected Mayor. County elections due to be held in May this year are to be suspended; the first house on the Broad Road Bacton development has arrived on site, steel framed with bricks already attached and pointed and takes only one week to erect and fit the roof.

Site visit at Lawn Quarry to take place the end of January; following a planning dispute, MSDC have served a breach of conditions notice to Elmswell Services.

#### **District Cllr Janet Pearson's report**

Due to the increased number of new houses currently set out in the Joint Local Plan, MSDC have commenced conducting a review of the JLP; following the closure of the Maypole Pub, Council Officers have enquired whether there is anything they can do to help. Cllr Perry asked it to be minuted that Pixie and Jarryd had made a big difference to the village community during their tenure of the pub. Cllr Pearson to contact Biffa to take away the full bins. Other points raised included the additional planning requests to extend the Lawn Farm Industrial Estate with the prospect of trucks running overnight; following a planning review another call for sites will most likely go ahead.

#### **Public Participation**

Matters raised involved the need for the rubbish at the Maypole to be cleared as well as empty beer kegs - in hand; reduction of speed limits in areas in the village prone to speeding – considered unnecessary by Highways; planning conditions not being met by the Elmswell filling station – alternative legal avenues are being discussed; with trucks driving down Park Road it was suggested a one way system could should be pursued – this option will not be acceptable to SCC; lorry watch – with no public willing to volunteer, the scheme was unable to be progressed.

#### **Clerk's report**

Nothing further to report.



## **Finance report and to authorise payments**

The finance report was agreed and payments per the schedule were approved. It was unanimously approved that the sum of two thousand pounds be given to the village hall to support their donation to the contractor for improvements to the car park. Only rental equipment costs were included as labour was provided free by parents and other members of the football club.

## **To consider the precept for the financial year 2025/2026**

Following full and detailed discussion, it was unanimously agreed to set the precept for 2025-2026 as £13,765. This equates to a council tax increase of 3%.

## **To consider planning applications received since the last meeting**

DC/24/05039 Re-consultation of DC/24/05039 Erection of 1no single storey residential dwelling with attached garage and new vehicular access.

The Willows Park Road Wetherden Stowmarket IP14 3JS. Alterations include widening the drive and increasing the splay.

## **The re-application for the Asset Community Interest listing for the Maypole Pub**

The renewal application has been completed and returned to MSDC. The Parish Council will be contacted if successful. Closing date end of February 2025.

## **Purchase of new equipment at the play area**

Three further play equipment companies have been approached with two meetings arranged for next week. Once quotations have been received, an application for CIL funding will be made to MSDC. The Joint Parish Council Chairmen to be approached to establish whether they are also looking to purchase new play equipment.

## **Tennis Court / Padel Court – Cllr Hensley**

To revive the under used tennis club, costs to clean and resurface the court are to be sought. A new net will also be required. If this proves to be unsuccessful, an alternative purpose for the court will need to be found. For interest only, a new Padel Court will cost in the region of seventy to eighty thousand pounds. Not to be pursued at this present time.

## **To consider common/playing field/projects and concerns**

A lorry has hit two of the wooden posts on the grassed triangle at the end of Rectory Hill. Cllr Perry to arrange repairs.

## **Urgent business**

Towards its running costs, a request for a donation of £200 has been received from Haughley Newsletter – unanimously approved.

Date of the village litter pick agreed as Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2025. Meet at the car park at 11am. Cllr Lewis to liaise with Andrew Stringer regarding the collection of black bags, litter pickers, high viz vests.

## **Date of next meeting**

March 24<sup>th</sup> 2025 at 7.30pm.

With no further business the meeting ended at 8.25pm

## HAUGHLEY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

### Haughley Parish Council held a meeting on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> February

**C Cllr Andrew Stringer** referred to key issues relating to the planning of Lawn Farm: SCC approved the extension and phasing of the quarry on 4th February with new conditions to strengthen wheel wash/mud on road requirements. The operator remains responsible for residential and environmental protections. Breaches can be reported via the SCC planning enforcement website or email. Liaison meetings with the operator are expected to resume soon.

Other matters included Devolution, SCC Budget and a Stop Smoking Campaign in conjunction with Ipswich Town Football Club.

**D Cllr Rachel Eburne & Janet Pearson** included Devolution: Budget for 2025/26: - No increase to the District Council portion of council tax. Total gross expenditure: £30.8m. Capital investment: £25.9m, with an additional £10.4m for future projects.

**Planning Application** - DC/25/00416 - The White House, Notification of Works to Trees in a Conservation Area - No objection.

Notifications of Decisions Received: DC/24/04985 - Old Hall Farm - Conditions discharged GRANTED;

DC/24/05359 - Stansfield House – GRANTED; DC/24/04768 - Hill House – REFUSED, DC/24/04412 - Old Bells Yard – REFUSED; DC/25/00219 - Frasers Lodge APPROVED. SCC/0084/20MS/VOC with SCC/0127/23MS - Lawn Farm Quarry - APPROVED with 65 conditions

**Devolution** - Councillors received an update on the proposed devolution of powers and the formation of a unitary authority for Suffolk and decided to agree a response to the consultation at a separate meeting.

**Pride in Place Community Grant** – The Council has been awarded grant funding under the “Pride in Your Place” scheme.

**Village Green Working Group** - report received.

**Haughley New Street** – The Council agreed to additional Gates to Haughley New Street subject to approval being obtained from SCC. Councillors supported seeking landowner permission to plant trees using the Mid Suffolk Trees-Wildflowers scheme to enhance residential appearance and encourage wildlife.

**Junior Football Pitch** - Update received

**VE Day and VJ Day 80th Anniversaries** – Update received

VE Day – Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> May 2025 – to include lighting of beacon

VJ Day – Friday 15<sup>th</sup> August 2025 - to include lighting of beacon

VJ Day Commemoration event – Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> August 2025

**Training** – proposed training on a range of topics was approved

**Cycle path** – many thanks to all who supported the work party to cut back bramble and vegetation. A great deal was achieved.

**Correspondence** included a breach relating to Lawn Farm Quarry, VE & VJ Day Information from RBLI, Litter Pick information from MSDC.

**Dates of various meetings**

Parish Council Meeting: 20 May at Ron Crascall Pavilion at 7.00 pm

Haughley Parish Litter Picking: Saturday 15 March

Annual Parish Meeting: Monday 12 May 2025 at the Village Hall

Annual General Meeting: Tuesday 20 May 2025 at the Pavilion

**Whats on at  
your  
Village Hall**



## **COMMUNITY CAFÉ**

- Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> March 10am-12noon  
Hosted by Haughley Church

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**'Coffee & Chat' at the Green Room**  
**Mondays from 10am-12noon**

**\*Coming Events – Spring Quiz 26<sup>th</sup> April**  
**(See separate ad for details)**

**FILM NIGHTS** - Doors 7pm for 7.30pm start  
Admission £5 including refreshments

**Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> March 2025** – **'The Children Act'** starring Emma Thompson, Stanley Tucci, Fionn Whitehead. Based on the novel by Ian McEwan the film is a compelling and powerful drama of the story of Fiona Maye (Thompson) an eminent high court judge presiding over ethically complex cases.

**Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> April 2025** – **'The Birdcage'** 1996 comedy film adapted from the French film 'La Cage aux Folles' and stars Robin Williams, Nathan Lane, Gene Hackman, Calista Flockhart.

**Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2025** – **'Moonstruck'** 1995 romantic comedy starring Cher, Nicholas Cage and Olympia Dukakis.

**Haughley Village Hall Management Committee are  
looking for people to join their friendly committee.  
If you are interested contact Lynne Mahon - 07941116240**

\*To find out more about 'What's On' at Haughley Village Hall  
visit our webpage at [Haughley.org.uk](http://Haughley.org.uk)



**Chairman:** Mr Tim Hart  
**Secretary:** Vacant

**Vice Chair :** Mrs M Buttle  
**Email:** [acsargent48@gmail.com](mailto:acsargent48@gmail.com)

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Do you know of a veteran in the Haughley area who needs our help? We provide lifelong support for the Armed Forces community - serving men and women, veterans, and their families. If so please get in touch via our website or via the email above.

### **Socials 2025**

13th March  
10th April  
8th May  
12th June  
10th July

14th August  
11th September  
9th October  
13th November  
11th 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](http://www.britishlegion.org/branches/Haughley)** Or search  
**[Haughley Royal British Legion](#)**

**[www.thehaughleywarmemorial.wordpress.com](http://www.thehaughleywarmemorial.wordpress.com)**

### **WETHERDEN VILLAGE HALL**

There were just under 8 tables in play at our Whist Drive held on Valentine's Day Friday February 14<sup>th</sup>

Everyone seemed to fall in love with the afternoon, and our next Whist Drive will be held on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> March at 2pm



Why not come along?  
You will be sure of a warm welcome!

### **REMEMBER**



**the copy deadline  
for the  
April 2025 issue  
is**

**Wednesday 19th March**

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

Or (preferably) by email:

[haughleynews@btinternet.com](mailto:haughleynews@btinternet.com)

## COMMEMORATING VE DAY AND VJ DAY

### **VE Day – 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> May 2025**

To include act of remembrance and commemoration followed by lighting of the beacon on The Green

### **VJ Day – 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> August 2025**

To include act of remembrance and commemoration followed by lighting of the beacon on The Green

### **Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> August 2025**

Afternoon - Family event at The Green

Dance – War time theme

Please reserve the dates

We are looking for

volunteers to help organise the events and on the days  
stalls for 16<sup>th</sup> August

**Volunteers and ideas welcome. Contact: [gerald.brown@haughleypc.co.uk](mailto:gerald.brown@haughleypc.co.uk)**

# Every Monday from

## 10am – 12noon



# 'Coffee & Chat'

At the Green Room,  
Haughley Village Hall

## **ALL WELCOME!**

**If you need a lift please contact:**

**Lynne Mahon 07941116240**



Our speaker at February's meeting has won many awards for his wildlife photography. Kevin Sawford's talk, "An East Anglian Wildlife Photographer's Year", presented us with a slideshow of some stunning and intimate shots of wildlife, many taken against the backdrop of well known local beauty spots. Kevin took us through the seasons to illustrate the diverse flora and fauna of East Anglia and the habits of many different animals, insects and birds around it. He told us a few stories behind some of his photographs and the skills he employs to capture his images. Another enjoyable and informative evening. Our new programme for our talks and activities over the next year will be available in March.



We continue to plan and prepare for our Centenary celebrations in October 2025. We are still looking to borrow any Haughley WI memorabilia that previous members or others might hold, which will help us to illustrate how we have developed as an organisation over the past 100 years.

Please give us a ring if you think you can help. We also seek volunteers who would be interested in helping to run The Evergreens Club when it leaves the umbrella of the WI in September of this year. A buffet has been booked at the Kings Arms for Evergreen members on Tuesday 10th June, but any other events are dependant upon volunteers coming forward. It would be a great shame to see it fold so soon.

We had several guests with us during the first two meetings of the year and are warmly welcoming some new members. There is always the opportunity to come along to our monthly meetings as a guest. This provides the opportunity to learn more about us and to talk informally with some of our members.

Contact: Julia Brook 07774 560507 or  
Jane Thompson 07815 143490

# Haughley WI

## Open Evening

### “My Journey with Flowers”

Talk by Diane Heasley

Ex Police Officer and talented florist

Diane recalls anecdotes whilst arranging seasonal displays, which will become our raffle prizes!

**Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> April**

**Haughley Village Hall**

**7.30pm**

**Tickets £5 each– all are welcome**

Including Tea/Coffee & Biscuits

Tickets available from WI members or  
please contact Julia Brook on 07774 560507



**Haughley Playing Field and Pavilion News**  
**King George's Field, Haughley charity No. 304761**

**2025 50/50 draws** – we a few numbers released for reissue. If you would like a number for the 2025 draws, March, June, September & December. It is £10 per number. Half goes to our fundraising and half goes in the prize pot.

**Race night 8th March** – See separate poster for details. This is always a fun night so please do come and join us. £6 per person to include booking and bring your pound coins to place your bets.

**Other news** - Unfortunately, our Wednesday evening classes by Heels your soul ends in February 2025 for a career change. We wish Paige well in her future venture. This means Wednesday evenings will be available for any new classes wishing to have a Wednesday evening space in Haughley.

The Quiz on the 1<sup>st</sup> February was a fabulous evening and my thanks to all those that came, we raised £443.00. Next year the proposed date is 31<sup>st</sup> January 2026, although we do not intend to do food next year.

**Dog poo is a problem again. Dogs should be on leads. Poo should be picked up and placed in the bins provided. They should not be let free to poo on the pitch, main field area or play area. It can cause serious health issues if it gets into cuts or grazes. The playing field is a sport and play area for all ages and needs to be clean from dog poo.**

**Security posts and play area repairs.** We will have the required quotes to select from imminently to get the security posts installed and aim to get this booked in a.s.a.p. We have also sourced funding for the skate ramps to be repaired. We met with the contractor to discuss the work. Repairs will be completed as soon as possible following the delivery of materials. The rotator swing will be repaired at the same time.

**The Pavilion regeneration project** – Work is ongoing with seeking grants to apply for and preparing the necessary information for grant applications. There are many elements to some applications for which we must create the necessary documents.

**SHOPPING ONLINE - THE PERFECT OPPORTUNITY TO SUPPORT US WITH NO COST TO YOU.**

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

Or go to **[www.easyfundraising.org.uk](http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk)** and select King George's Field, Haughley as your chosen charity.

**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](mailto: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 Pavilion, playing field and equipment.**



**Clubs and Regular activities at the Playing Field & Pavilion:**

- **Indoor Bowls Monday afternoons 2-4pm October to March**
- **Yoga – Bethany** serenityyogabethany@outlook.com **Wednesdays 9.30-10.30am** Upstairs function room.
- **Bingo Every second Tuesday of the month, 7pm for 7.30pm eyes down.** Upcoming dates; **11<sup>th</sup> March, 8<sup>th</sup> April, 13<sup>th</sup> May, 10<sup>th</sup> June,**
- **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 Indoor/ carpet Bowls Wendy 07773972746

**There are three rooms for hire at the Pavilion:**

- Upstairs Function room –Thirza Shaw – [trtinker@aol.com](mailto: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.

Thirza Shaw, Chairman & 50/50 Club Administrator, Email [trtinker@aol.com](mailto: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.**

## **SPRING QUIZ & PLOUGHMAN'S SUPPER**



### **HAUGHLEY VILLAGE HALL**

**Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> April 2025**  
**Doors open 7pm for 7.30pm start**  
**Teams of 4-6**

Tickets £8.00 per head  
includes Ploughman's supper  
Bring a bottle

Tickets On Sale from 17<sup>th</sup> March  
From : Haughley Post Office  
Or call Lynne Mahon 07941116240



**\*NO TICKETS SOLD ON DOOR**

## CHURCH SERVICES FOR MARCH 2025

### Benefice of Haughley with Wetherden and Stowupland

March 2025	Haughley	Wetherden	Stowupland
Sunday 2 <sup>nd</sup>	11.00 am Sunday Praise	11.00 am Morning Worship	9.30 am Parish Communion
<b>Tues 4th Shrove Tuesday</b>	<b>noon to 1.00 pm Pancakes, Maxwell Charnley Room</b>		
<b>Wed 5th Ash Wednesday</b>	<b>10.30 am Ash Wednesday Service</b>		<b>7.00 pm Ash Wednesday Service</b>
Sunday 9 <sup>th</sup>	11.00 am Parish Communion	11.00 am Morning Worship	9.30 am Worship for All
Monday 10 <sup>th</sup>	2.00 pm Songs of Praise at Mere View		11.00 am Songs of Praise at Steeple View
<b>Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup></b>	12.00 to 1.00 pm <b>Lent Lunch in Maxwell Charnley Room</b> 5.00 pm Pizza	9.00 pm Compline	
<b>Wed. 12<sup>th</sup></b>			<b>12.00 to 2.00 pm Lent Lunches in Church Hall</b>
Sunday 16 <sup>th</sup>	11.00 am URC/Anglican Service	11.00 am Worship for All	9.30 am Morning Worship
<b>Tues 18<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>12.00 to 1.00 pm Lent Lunches in Max- well Charnley Room</b>	9.00 pm Compline	
<b>Wed 19<sup>th</sup></b>			<b>12.00 to 2.00 Lent Lunches in Church Hall</b>
Sunday 23 <sup>rd</sup>	9.30 a.m Said Communion from Book of Common Prayer (BCP)	11.00 am Parish Communion	6.30 pm Evening Service
<b>Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>12.00 to 1.00 pm Lent Lunches in Maxwell Charnley Room</b>	9.00 pm Compline	10.30 am Annunciation of our Lord Service
Wed. 26 <sup>th</sup>	<b>12.00 to 2.00 pm Lent Lunches in Church Hall</b>		
<b>Sunday 30<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>11.00 am Mothering Sunday Family Service</b>	<b>11.00 am Mothering Sunday Family Communion Service</b>	<b>9.30 am Mothering Sunday Family Service</b>

Dear Brothers and Sisters

It only seems a few weeks since the beginning of December when we were in Advent the start of the Christian year, the Christian calendar has moved on at a fast pace since then, we have gone through Christmas and Epiphany and are now hurtling towards Lent. Advent is the time of preparation for the birth of Christ and Lent is the preparation for the death of Christ.

Each year, Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of Lent and is 40 days (not including the Sundays) leading up to Easter Sunday. On Ash Wednesday (5<sup>th</sup> March) there will be two special services in the Benefice which will include the 'imposition of ashes' – see service rota. At this service the priest will mark everyone's head with a sign of the cross with ash which is prepared by burning the palms from last year's Palm Sunday, the ash is then mixed with oil.

There are other special events occurring during the Lent season across our Benefice:-

- Compline at Wetherden each Tuesday at 9pm in church, this is a simple, quiet, reflective service at the end of the day
- Lent Lunches – a simple meal of soup bread and cheese
- Haughley on Tuesdays – hot soup served between 12 and 1 (stay longer to chat) and take place in the Maxwell Charnley Room
- Stowupland on Wednesdays from 12-2 in the Church Hall
- Annunciation of our Lord to the Virgin Mary - The feast of the Annunciation marks the visit of the angel Gabriel to the Virgin Mary, during which he told her that she would be the mother of Jesus Christ, the Son of God. Service in Stowupland church on 25<sup>th</sup> March
- Mothering Sunday – Special services in each church on March 30<sup>th</sup> including a floral gift for each mum.

After a quiet time in the church at the beginning of this year there is now so much happening in March. I do hope that you will be able to be part of church life in this Benefice.

If you would like to know more about any of the services or events please do get in touch with the church warden or myself

Yours in Christ, Rev. Alison



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Saturday, 22<sup>nd</sup> March, 2025, at 8:30 pm

'Earth Hour' is a global movement to raise awareness about environmental issues and encourage people to take action to protect the planet. *As a global reminder of the importance of our planet, the need to protect it, and how little time we have to do so, please can you take part on 22<sup>nd</sup> March this year? Anyone, anywhere can take part, whatever your age.*

**TO HAVE YOUR HOUR COUNTED, YOU MUST SIGN UP AND BANK YOUR HOUR UNDER THE RELEVANT ACTIVITY ICON, ON THE EARTH HOUR WEBSITE, AT [www.earthhour.org](http://www.earthhour.org)**

*Give an hour to the Earth doing something you love!* Earth Hour is not just about switching the lights off, and you don't have to do your hour at exactly 8.30 p.m.. There are many more ideas on the Earth Hour website, but here are a few examples of the many things you can do:



*Cook a dish to make our planet & your palate proud \* Plan an outdoor adventure and reconnect with Earth \* Bring out the popcorn and watch a nature documentary \* Get your camera and see the world through a new lens \* Convert the settings on your devices to 'energy saving' \* Give an hour for earth in your own way \* Be a Scout advocate for nature \* Switch the lights off – opt for natural light! \**

*Impress your date at a planet-friendly restaurant! \* Embark on a sustainable scavenger hunt in your own home \* Get crafty and upcycle something \* Get lost in a good book about nature \* Etc..!*

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## STOWMARKET AND DISTRICT CAMERA CLUB

Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January. The Little Print Show presentation. Jonathan Vaines LRPS CPAGB AFIAP gave us an insight into his mainly artistic style of imaging of which most was created in-camera. He explained how the images were taken and had the prints on display so they could be appreciated. The presentation was delivered with great humour, and we thank Jonathan for such an interesting topic.



By Colin Hardy

Monday 20<sup>th</sup> January. An excellent meeting with some fantastic photographs on display. Andy Wilson ARPS had the difficult task of judging our Open 3 Competition and gave an honest and detailed critique of the images in the monochrome and colour print categories and the projected digital image section. Congratulations to Eddie Yates, Roy Fidler, Brodrick Pooley and Colin Hardy who all scored top marks.



By Brodrick Pooley

The club continues to thrive with new members, and a different viewpoint of photographs to discuss.

For further dates and information please see our website  
[www.stowmarketanddistrictcameraclub.onesuffolk.net](http://www.stowmarketanddistrictcameraclub.onesuffolk.net)

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## **Mark 1:12-15**

*“ At once the Spirit sent him out into the wilderness, and he was in the wilderness forty days, being tempted[a] by Satan. He was with the wild animals, and angels attended him. “*

What are your plans for Lent this year?

Lent starts with Ash Wednesday on the 5<sup>th</sup> of March and represents 40 weekdays (excluding Sundays) Jesus spent fasting in the wilderness. The period of Lent takes us on a journey towards Holy Week and Easter. It is a time of reflection. Some people choose to do this by fasting or giving up something such as chocolate or social media. Yet others by praying, reading the Bible and giving over and above the everyday. This is an important time to help us ready ourselves for all to come and a time to consider how our lives are dependent on God's grace.

One of the most famous stories associated with Lent is that of Saint Francis of Assisi. Known for his deep spirituality and love for all creation, Saint Francis would often retreat into the wilderness during Lent, following the example of Jesus. He would fast and pray intensely, seeking a closer union with God. During one such Lenten retreat, it is said that he received the stigmata, the wounds of Christ, on his hands, feet, and side, a testament to his extraordinary piety and devotion.

The story of Mother Teresa's Lenten practices also serves as a powerful example of sacrifice and compassion. Known for her unwavering commitment to the poor and destitute, Mother Teresa dedicated her life to serving others. During Lent, she would intensify her efforts, often going without food and sleep to tend to the needs of those around her. Her acts of kindness and selflessness during this period reflected her deep faith and love for humanity.

There are numerous ways to approach Lent and however you decide to mark Lent may your inner reflections bring you a deeper intimacy with our Lord.

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(Anne Scarff – Elder at Stowmarket URC)



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## ELMSWELL HISTORY GROUP

Our February meeting attracted a bumper audience to hear Mike Walker's enthralling talk on "*The 12-century Siege of Haughley Castle & Battle of Fornham*". Haughley Castle was destroyed in 1173 by an army of Flemish mercenaries (who'd landed at Walton near Felixstowe), with local support from East Anglian barons such as Hugh Bigod and Robert Beaumont, Earl of Leicester. King Henry II's friend, Ranulf, was guardian at Haughley Castle, one of the biggest in the country, and although Ranulf escaped death, the mostly wooden castle was burned down, even though it had a deep well which provided plentiful fresh water.

After Mike explained some background to the historical events leading up to this time, we learnt that the Earl of Leicester's entourage wanted to challenge King Henry II's power by taking over much of his English lands while the King himself was otherwise engaged in Normandy. However, Leicester was rather indecisive and ineffective as a military leader, even with the practical backing of his wife, Petronella (who joined him in battle), and he had not reckoned on the power and influence of Bury St Edmunds Abbey which annually attracted 16,000 pilgrims to St Edmund's tomb. So, he made many strategic mistakes in the ensuing decisive Battle of Fornham when he was captured and probably drowned in the surrounding marshes of the River Lark. The Royalists were joined by about 500 Abbey knights, possibly with some influential Knights Templar, and recent archaeological finds have included many skeletons with arrow wounds, cooking pots, coins, and two impressive swords - one now in Bury's Moyses Hall museum, the other at Fornham Golf Course, which covers the present site of this battlefield. Information boards have now been placed there, and these events reinforced the cult of St Edmund as he was said to have "won" the battle for the King. Although now on private land, the hill on which the castle stood is still behind the church, and part of its remaining moat can be seen from the road and churchyard. Amazingly, all the present-day village would have been inside the castle grounds in what was then the wealthiest county in England, Suffolk. Further local references have been suggested that the Woolpit 'Green Children' may have been Flemish refugees from those long-ago events.

On 13<sup>th</sup> March, 7.30pm at Elmswell's Wesley Hall, we will welcome Don Mobley for his talk on "**The History of U.S. Military Aviation in East Anglia**". This will take us from 1917 (when five US pilots trained with the RFC's 75 Home Defence Squadron at Elmswell Aerodrome) to both World Wars, then to the Cold War and the modern era, before touching down with a video of a new F-35 demonstration flight. Having learnt to fly at the age of 11, Don eventually joined his father in the USAF, and first came to Suffolk in 1987 when he was posted to RAF Lakenheath. He retired to Stowupland in 2010 and will be imparting a wealth of historical aviation knowledge with personal flying experience. Do join us then for what should be an up-lifting evening.

**For further information about our History Group, please visit our website – [www.elmswell-history.org.uk](http://www.elmswell-history.org.uk) – or contact our Secretary, on 01359-242601**

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