

HAUGHLEY & WETHERDEN PARISH NEWS



OPEN
Sundays
April 27th and May 4th
2.00 to 5.30 pm

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APRIL 2025

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HAUGHLEY VILLAGE HALL

Saturday 26th 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 Now
From : Haughley Post Office
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DATES FOR THE DIARY - 2025

APRIL

Wed 2nd	*WI Open Evening "My Journey with Flowers", Haughley Village Hall	7.30pm
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
Wed 9th	*Haughley Singing for Wellbeing, Haughley Village Hall	7.30pm
Sat 12th	*WI Elvis Night, Haughley Village Hall	7.30pm
Sat 19th	*Judas, The Ultimate Betrayal, St Mary's Haughley	4.00pm
Wed 23rd	*Haughley Singing for Wellbeing, Haughley Village Hall	7.30pm
Fri 25th	*Quiz Night, Wetherden Village Hall	7.30pm
Sat 26th	*Spring Quiz, Haughley Village Hall	7.00pm
Sun 27th	*Gardens & Bluebell Woods, Haughley Park	2.00pm

MAY

Sat 3rd	*Community Café, Haughley Village Hall	10.00am
Sat 3rd	*Community Litter Pick, Haughley Village Green	10.00am
Sat 3rd	*Film Nights: "Moonstruck" Haughley Village Hall	7.00pm
Sun 4th	*Gardens & Bluebell Woods, Haughley Park	2.00pm
Mon 5th	*May Day Fayre, Wetherden	10.00am
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
Wed 14th	*Haughley Singing for Wellbeing, Haughley Village Hall	7.30pm
Tues 20th	HPC AGM, Haughley Pavilion	
Wed 28th	*Haughley Singing for Wellbeing, Haughley Village Hall	7.30pm
Sat 31st	*Woolpit Steam, Warren Farm, Wetherden	9.00am

JUNE

Sun 1st	*Woolpit Steam, Warren Farm, Wetherden	9.00am
Sat 7th	*Community Café, Prostate Cancer, Haughley Village Hall	10.00am
Sat 7th	*Film Nights, "Brassed Off", Haughley Village Hall	7.00pm
Wed 11th	*Haughley Singing for Wellbeing, Haughley Village Hall	7.30pm
Sat 15th	*Haughley Garage Sale	10.00pm
Wed 25th	*Haughley Singing for Wellbeing, Haughley Village Hall	7.30pm

AUGUST

Fri 15th	VJ - 80th Anniversary remembrance and commemoration More details to follow	
Fri 15th	Batten Family VJ80 event, at Wetherden Church. More details to follow.	
Sat 16th	Family event on The Green - more details to follow	

* See advert for further details





WETHERDEN TOWN LANDS

MAY DAY FAYRE

MONDAY, MAY 5TH 2025

10AM-3PM

AT

WETHERDEN VILLAGE HALL
AND TOWN LANDS CAR PARK

10:00AM FAYRE OPENS

10:30AM HAUGHLEY HOOVERS

3:00PM FAYRE ENDS

**LOCAL CRAFTS & PRODUCE
SUPPORT LOCAL!**

HAUGHLEY PARISH IN BLOOM - SPRING 2025



Well, its that time of year. Spring has sprung and the summer planting will be here before we know it.

We think you will all agree that the Parish is looking very 'spring like'; the daffodil bulbs that were planted in the autumn are now appearing and flourishing within the grass areas in Old Street, Haughley Green and Haughley New Street and are making a good show of yellow. The spring bulbs are now flowering within the planters and are looking colourful and pretty. We are planning on a further daffodil planting programme in the autumn of 2025, reaching other areas of the Parish.

Exciting times ahead for Haughley Parish In Bloom (HPIB), where the co-ordinators are working alongside the Bio-Diversity group to promote and enhance our Parish.

We are successfully recruiting further Parish volunteers to help care, tend and water the planters. We are collating the summer planting programme and are pleased to inform you that two further planters will be added in time for summer planting. Haughley Parish Council have successfully applied to receive a grant from Mid Suffolk's 'Pride in Your Place' scheme, for which we are very thankful. Some of this will go towards two new planters, hopefully to be placed, one at Steggall Road and one at Faiers Way. The grant money will also go towards our Autumn planting and two benches for the Parish.

We applied to HPC for funds, from the Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) monies, and were successful in having it approved by the Parish Council. This has funded the replacement of two old planters with new at the triangle by The Folly and the moat.

We would like to thank sincerely the volunteers who are finishing their time, helping with Haughley Parish In Bloom; Jane and Alan Thompson and Anna Bradshaw. Your hard work and giving your free time over the years, has been really appreciated. We wish you well for the future and you will be missed by us all. Also, a big thank you to the volunteers who are continuing to care for planters during the coming seasons and a huge welcome to the new volunteers, joining the group for the 2025 summer season.

We envisage that the planters will be cleared, tidied and revamped ready for summer planting by the end of May.

We are always available to meet up with you and have a chat or email to discuss the summer planting for your adopted planters. We plan to make similar choices to 2024 but would be happy to hear your ideas. We will keep you all informed of our choices.


Alison Pepper
alison.pepper@haughleypc.org.uk

Yvonne Tricker
yvonne.tricker@haughleypc.org.uk



Haughley Village Hall

Community Café
Saturday 5th April
10am - 12 noon

Hosted by Haughley WI 

Join us at the Community Café for coffee, a selection of teas or hot chocolate and delicious homemade cakes.

Browse the craft stalls selling a variety of homemade items including greeting cards, jewellery, gifts and pieces for the home.

Come and join us!



HAUGHLEY SINGING FOR WELLBEING GROUP

We meet on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of each month

We have been pleased to welcome more new singers in 2025 So don't be shy come along and give us a try

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

APRIL 9th and 23rd
MAY 14th and 28th
JUNE 11th and 25th

All meetings start at 7.30pm
Haughley Village Hall

Cost £5 (cash) per session

Please remember to bring a drink

Email: elainelynnhsw@gmail.com

HAUGHLEY PLAYING FIELD 50/50 CLUB

The First Prize Draw of 2025

7.30pm, March 18, 2025 in the Ron Crascall Pavilion
Witnessed by Members of Haughley Parish Council at the start of their monthly meeting



First Prize won by Ann Green
Second Prize won by Joe Shaw
Third Prize won by Julia Brooke

CONGRATULATIONS to all our Winners!

2025 subscriptions have been received for 80 of the 100 available numbers. There is potentially 20 numbers available for re-allocation.

The annual subscription for a number has always been and remains at £10.

- The Playing Field will receive £400 this year leaving a £400 prize draw fund.
- Since its inception the Club has raised a total of £6,900, equally shared to support upkeep of the playing field and the quarterly cash prize draws.

For more information and /or to go on the Club waiting list please contact:

Thirza Shaw, Administrator, Haughley Playing Field 50/50 Club
Email: Thirza.shaw@haughleypc.co.uk
Text: 07786 375441

DISTRICT COUNCILLOR REPORT - MARCH 2025

Planning matters

As previously reported, the Joint Local Plan (JLP) for Babergh and Mid Suffolk is being reviewed, to make sure it stays compliant with the government's increased new targets for housebuilding. The timeline for this work, with the new 20 year Joint Local Plan being adopted in April 2029, was approved at the February Council meeting. Further information can be found here: [babergh-and-mid-suffolk-joint-local-plan-review](#)

Planning notifications consultation

The council has opened a consultation about a proposal to stop sending notification letters to neighbours when smaller planning applications arise. To give your opinion on this please go to <https://www.midsuffolk.gov.uk/w/planning-consultations>

Devolution White Paper

The two aspects of Devolution are, firstly, creation of a Mayoral authority, which is proposed for Suffolk and Norfolk together, and secondly reorganization of local government by combining county and district councils into unitary councils.

The government has opened a consultation on the first of these, the Mayoral authority, which runs until 13th April. To share your views, see: <https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/norfolk-and-suffolk-devolution/norfolk-and-suffolk-devolution-consultation>

With regards to the creation of unitary councils Mid Suffolk District is working with the other District councils in Suffolk to put forward proposals for two or three unitary councils for Suffolk.

Mid Suffolk Magazine

The Spring edition of the Magazine has now been issued and all residents should have received a copy. Please do let us know if yours has not arrived yet.

Funding for community projects.

Details of Mid Suffolk Council's community funding can be found at: www.midsuffolk.gov.uk – click on the 'Access community funding' button.

For advice or further information, please email the grants team at: BMSDCgrants@baberghmidsuffolk.gov.uk

Locality Awards

The next round of locality grants will commence in April 2025.

<https://www.midsuffolk.gov.uk/web/mid-suffolk/w/locality-awards>.

It is with the utmost sadness that I am submitting this report in my name only, following the passing of Rachel Eburne on 14th March. Rachel was a much loved colleague and true friend and will be very greatly missed.

Cllr Janet Pearson

Janet.Pearson@midsuffolk.gov.uk

07928 512592

ELVIS

Come and enjoy an evening of
Elvis with Andy Ottley



**SATURDAY
12 APRIL**



**7.30pm - 11pm
Haughley Village Hall**

£10 per person - including burger or sausage bap
Please bring your own drink
Raffle

For tickets - please contact Julia on 07774 560507
or from Heather at Haughley Post Office

St Mary's Church Wetherden

Pippa & Colin Avis cordially invite
everyone to a



Coffee Morning
on

Thursday 24th April

from
10.30am to noon
at

43 Gardeners Walk, Elmswell

There will be tea, coffee & biscuits
a bring-and-buy table & raffle.
Everybody is welcome: the more the merrier.



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'Coffee & Chat'

At the Green Room,
Haughley Village Hall

ALL WELCOME!

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Lynne Mahon 07941116240

WOOLPIT STEAM

Corner Farm, Woolpit Road, Rattlesden, Bury St Edmunds, Suffolk, IP30 0RZ.

Tel 01449 737443 after 7.30pm

Press Release

Woolpit Steam rally will be returning over the weekend of May 31st & June 1st to Warren Farm, Wetherden, IP14 3JX, by kind permission of R & P Baker. The 2024 rally was an incredible success with a further £27,000 being donated to local charities and community groups and we hope to be able to raise much needed funds again this year. This has brought the cumulative total raised by Woolpit Steam so far to over £355,000 and none of this would be possible without the support that we receive from local businesses and sponsors, the stewards and helpers and all of the people that join us for a great day out.

We are already being offered some very rare, interesting and historic exhibits, and it is this desire to present to the public such unusual machinery which makes Woolpit Steam different from many other shows. This encourages the true enthusiast to travel from all parts of the country but equally captures the imagination of the casual visitor.

Woolpit Steam has always been and is probably best known for its pre 1930 tractor display which rivals many of the largest shows in the country and we would expect to see around 20 examples on show again this year with a further 70 tractors built before 1965 anticipated.

Not to be outdone, the stationary engine section is likely to number 80 in total with several being over 100 years old. Many will be presented doing what they were originally designed for by driving an array of mills, pumps, dynamos and other machinery. This section includes the Bamford line shafting display where one engine is powering multiple machines for preparing feed for livestock.

The wood sawing display which has examples of steam, tractor and stationary engine driven saws producing planks, posts and fire wood will show people how things used to be done. The vintage earthmoving demonstration has proved to be an extremely popular feature of the show and anybody who witnessed this last year will know that this is not to be missed.

Other exhibits on show will include full size steam engines including examples of showmans engines, agricultural engines and even a portable engine designed towed between jobs.

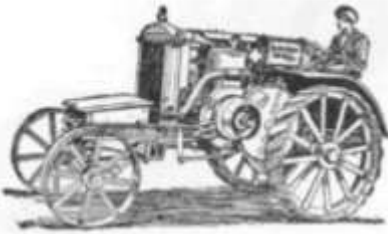
Vintage cars, motorcycles, commercial and military vehicles are all represented and a number of models and displays will provide something of interest for everybody.

If you are looking for a gift or that elusive spare part then there are over 50 craft, trade and auto jumble stalls to tempt you. There is also hot and cold food, licensed bar and ice creams.

This year we are pleased to announce the return of Mike Rule with his ever popular Steam Gallopers and big wheel which will allow you to get a bird's eye view of the show. These will be supported by side stalls, Punch & Judy and a full ring programme on both days to keep the family entertained.

Gates are open from 09.00 – 5.00 on both days and admission is Adults £8.00 Saturday / £9.00 Sunday, and children £2.00 on either day. (Please note we are unable to accept card payments.) Car parking is free and the show is easily accessible from Junction 47a on the A14 eastbound, or Junction 49 west bound.

For further information contact David Seeley on 01449 737443 (after 19.30) or via the web site www.woolpit-steam.org.uk



WOOLPIT STEAM

Saturday 31st May &
Sunday 1st June 2025

At Warren Farm, Wetherden, Suffolk. IP14 3JX
A14 junction 47a eastbound (from Bury), junction 49 westbound (from Ipswich)

Featuring:

- Steam engines, tractors & working demonstrations
- Vintage cars, motorbikes & commercial vehicles
- Stationary engines
- Vintage & modern fairground

Admission :

Saturday - Adults £8.00, Children £2.00
Sunday - Adults £9.00, Children £2.00

Entry is **cash** at the gate.
Sorry but no electronic payments or advance tickets

Show open from 9.00 - 5.00 both days
www.woolpit-steam.org.uk



ANNOUNCING *Skulduggery in Stowmarket,* Saturday April 26th 2025



Stowmarket Library's Skulduggery team is excited to announce this year's fast-approaching crime fiction festival.

Join us at Stowmarket Library on Saturday 26th and meet our guest authors: Barbara Nadel, Kate Rhodes, Tom Mead, Sophie Morton-Thomas, Alison Bruce, & Bridget Walsh.

Tickets are £5 per author, or £15 for all-day Saturday.
Light refreshments are available throughout the day.



Book your place:

<https://www.suffolklibraries.co.uk/resources/skulduggery-in-stowmarket>



Chairman: Mr Tim Hart
Secretary: Vacant

Vice Chair : Mrs M Buttle
Email: acsargent48@gmail.com

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

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|------------|----------------|
| 10th April | 14th August |
| 8th May | 11th September |
| 12th June | 9th October |
| 10th July | 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 Or search
[Haughley Royal British Legion](#)

www.thehaughleywarmemorial.wordpress.com




WETHERDEN VILLAGE HALL

With Spring seeming to be in the air, we literally had “a spring in our step”, as there were almost 8 tables in play at our Whist Drive held on Friday March 14th

Everyone seemed to enjoy the afternoon a great deal, and our next Whist Drive will be held on **Friday 11th April at 2pm**

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



REMEMBER


the copy deadline for the May 2025 issue is

Wednesday 16th April

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

Or (preferably) by email:

haughleynews@btinternet.com





36th NATIONAL VINTAGE TRACTOR ROAD RUN Sunday 20th April 2025

STARTS

9:30 Blackthorpe Barn, Rougham, nr Bury St Edmunds, Suffolk IP30 9JG

ROUTE

10:00@Thurston - **10:15**@ Pakenham - **10:40**@Norton -
11:00@ Elmswell - **11:15**@Wetherden - **11:30** @Haughley -
12:00 @Food Museum Stowmarket until **13:30** - **14:00** via Lockington
Road @ Harleston - **14:30**@Woolpit - **15:00**@Tostock - **15:15**@Beyton -
15:30 Blackthorpe Barn, Rougham

All times are approximate & subject to change

**Collection taking place along the route for SARS 999 &
St Nicholas Hospice - All Donations welcome**

For Enquiries telephone Vanda 07990947510 or Robert 07789995851



HAUGHLEY VILLAGE HALL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

are looking for people to join their
friendly committee.

If you are interested contact :
Lynne Mahon - 07941116240

CAN YOU HELP?

HAUGHLEY PARISH NEWS NEEDS A DISTRIBUTOR FOR THE

DENNY AVENUE/ DENNY CLOSE

If you can spare some time or would like further information
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David Bryant on
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We have been presented with Certificates by the National Federation of Women's Institutes and the Suffolk East Federation of Women's Institutes recognising and congratulating us on our 100th anniversary this year. Our plans for the Centenary are progressing and we are seeking to

borrow your photos and memorabilia for our Exhibition. Can you help?



At our March meeting, members were introduced to Tai Chi, its origins and some basic moves and then encouraged to take part in this relaxing yet focused exercise. It was fascinating and enjoyable and several members expressed an interest in a Beginners Class. If you know a teacher who would consider leading beginners in the basic moves please contact us

Our exciting Programme for the new year was launched and this year is being promoted primarily as an interactive digital version. You can find it on the Haughley website and the Haughley WI Facebook and Instagram pages. The first meeting on Wednesday 2 April is open to non-members too and features Diane Heasley who is presenting "A journey in flowers" with anecdotes from her career in the Army and Police.

We also have some trips to look forward to including our summer visit to Felixstowe, and a vineyard.

If you are interested in joining Haughley WI, you will receive a warm welcome but by all means try a free taster session first.

Contact: Julia Brook 07774 560507 or Jane Thompson 07815 143490

URGENT CAN YOU HELP?

There is an urgent need for a new Wetherden administrator for the Parish News distribution in the village. There is a delivery team of 12 volunteers in Wetherden and the ten issues a year need to be sorted and distributed to those volunteers.

Sometimes leaflets are required to be inserted in the magazines.

Wetherden currently has 275 copies.

The deliverers' list needs to be maintained and replacements found when holidays conflict or volunteers retire.

Please contact David Bryant on
01449 774657 or
e-mail: dlbryant@btinternet.com if you can help.



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 2nd April

Haughley Village Hall

7.30pm

Tickets £5 each all are welcome
Including Tea/Coffee & Biscuit

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



QUIZ NIGHT



Wetherden Village Hall

Friday 25th April

7.30pm

With the Maypole currently closed, we are going to try to run the
Monthly Quiz on the last Friday of each month commencing in April.
The first Quiz will therefore be held on Friday 25th April at 7.30pm.

Teams maximum of six, please bring your own refreshments.

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



To ensure a table you can make a reservation by:

Email: wetherdenvillagehall@gmail.com or

ring or text 07528065250



HAUGHLEY PARISH COUNCIL

The Council received tributes to celebrate the life of **Rachel Eburne** who sadly passed away on Friday 14th March. Rachel served Haughley and her Ward so well as a District Councillor, whilst supporting many groups, organisations and individuals in so many ways. We extend our condolences to Richard and Rachel's family. She will be greatly missed.

The Parish Council held a meeting on 18th March. The Council thanks Mrs Sarah Swinge, who is leaving the Parish Council, for her services to the Council.

County Councillor Andrew Stringer stressed recent developments relating to the proposed Devolution with a public consultation. You can give your views on the proposals until 13th April by using this link: <https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/norfolk-and-suffolk-devolution>. Also, Local Government Reorganisation. The County Council has decided to take the library service in house. **District Councillor Janet Pearson.** Joint Local Plan (Babergh and Mid Suffolk) is being reviewed, to be compliant with the government's new targets for housebuilding. The Devolution White paper with a Mayoral authority – see above. MSDC with other Councils is considering their response to the proposals for unitary councils

Planning Applications:

DC/25/00894 - 33 Old Street, Haughley. Erection of single storey rear extension (following demolition of existing conservatory) including front porch and ramped approach to entrance. **Supported.**

DC/25/00931 and DC/25/00932 - 58 Old Street, Haughley. Erection of rear extension (following demolition of existing conservatory). **Supported**

DC/25/01163 - 4 Abbeyfields Haughley. Erection of a Single Storey Rear Extension. **Supported.**

Notifications of Decisions Received:

DC/25/00791 - Telephone Exchange Station Road Haughley, Proposed installation of 3 no. antenna, ancillary radio equipment, 3 no. Transmission Dish and 1 no. GPS Module onto existing lattice mast. **'Permitted development'**

DC/25/00416 - The White House, 12 Old Street, Haughley.

Notification of Works to Trees in a Conservation Area - **Raise No Objection**

DC/23/05721 - Land On The North Side Of Station Road, Haughley

Erection of 29 no. dwellings and associated infrastructure (100% Affordable Housing Scheme). **Granted**

Pride in Place Community Grant. Grant funding has been approved and the Council agreed to obtain quotes for new information boards and to purchase two additional planters. **Haughley New Street** – Licence application to SCC for proposed installation of two further Gateways agreed. **Junior Football Pitch** –

information was received on work undertaken and proposed on the proposed junior football pitch off Steggall Road. **VE Day and VJ Day 80th Anniversaries** - The Council received at update on proposed events to commemorate the 80th Anniversary of VE Day and VJ Day. **WI Statue** - Haughley WI requested permission to erect a statue on The Green to commemorate the 100th Anniversary of Haughley Women's Institute (WI) – various concerns were raised with the recommendation that an alternative location should be considered. **Allotments** It

was agreed to review related documents.

Biodiversity and Wildlife Conservation Group - The Council approved the request to miss two cuts to the selected area of The Green between entrance to Auction Yard to driveway to 22 Old Street for months of May and June to promote flowering for bees to feed Swifts. Usual cuts during March and April to be undertaken and then again from July. **Gallowsfield Wood** – the coppicing and hedge laying season has ended. Thanks to those who have been part of the working parties. **The Cricket** – a significant area of grass has been cut and rakes as per management proposals. Thanks to those who took part of the working party.

Road signs – replacement signs opposite base of Station Road and at the junction of Green Road and Wetherden Road have been requested. The warning sign to the north side of the bridge over the railway line in Green Road is due to be replaced.

Correspondence - Councillors agreed responses to correspondence, including land between Castle Rise & Steggall Road and street lighting charges.

Dates of next meetings

- Parish Council meeting 15 April 2025 at Ron Crascall Pavilion at 7.00 pm
- Litter Picking 3 May
- Annual Parish Meeting Monday 12 May 2025 at the Village Hall
- Parish Council AGM Tuesday 20th May 2025 at the Pavilion

Chairman: Gerald Brown (07969 654520) - gerald.brown@haughleypc.co.uk

RACHEL EBURNE, DISTRICT COUNCILLOR TRIBUTE AND THANKS



Rachel Eburne served our community as District Councillor for 15 years. During that time, she supported the Parish Councils in her ward, as well as many groups and individuals. Rachel was always willing to help with community activities, fundraising and planning knowledge or advice. Over the past 6 years Rachel has battled with cancer, but whenever possible continued to serve her community. Rachel fulfilled this role with dignity, compassion, intelligence, humour and without prejudice. Rachel touched the lives of many and is loved by all who got to know her well.

Rachel will be missed but not forgotten.
Rachel Eburne 29th April 1966 to 14th March 2025.

Haughley Parish Council



Mid Suffolk

I've recently found myself living alone after the breakdown of my relationship. My council tax bill is due soon, and I'm worried I won't be able to afford to pay it on my own. I'm already struggling to cover the cost of my other bills. What can I do?

Here are some steps you can take to ease your financial worries:

1. **Single Person Discount:** Since you're now living alone, you can receive a 25% discount on your council tax. Make sure to notify your local council that you're the only adult in the household. Even if the person who left has been gone for some time, you're entitled to the discount from their departure date.
2. **Disregarded People:** If there are people living with you who are disregarded for council tax purposes (such as full-time students, under-18s, long-term hospital patients, etc.), it can reduce the number of people considered for council tax purposes, possibly leading to a discount. You can check online for a list of who counts as disregarded.
3. **Second Adult Rebate:** If there's another adult living with you who is on a low income or receiving certain benefits, you could be eligible for a 'second adult rebate,' which reduces your council tax.
4. **Disability Reduction:** If you or anyone you live with is disabled and your home has been adapted for that disability, you might be eligible to have your council tax band reduced. For example, a band C property that's been adapted for a disabled resident could be re-banded to a band B property, which would lower your bill.
5. **Council Tax Reduction (CTR):** If you have a low income, you can apply for a Council Tax Reduction, which may lower your bill. The council will ask about your income and circumstances to determine if you qualify. If you've reached State Pension age, different rules may apply.
6. **Discretionary Reduction:** In cases of severe financial hardship, your council can offer a discretionary reduction, which can reduce or even cancel your council tax. You will need to provide evidence of your situation. If you're denied this reduction, you can appeal to a valuation tribunal, which could order the council to reduce or cancel your bill.

Seek Help: It's essential to communicate with your local council. If you're struggling, let them know as soon as possible. You can also reach out to Citizens Advice for assistance in navigating your options.

You can check out our website for more information on disregarded people, getting a second adult rebate and how to appeal a valuation on our website <https://www.citizensadvice.org.uk/>

Citizens Advice Mid Suffolk can provide in depth advice on this issue and much more, including debt, finances, employment, benefits and family/relationships. You can contact them by phone on 01449 676060, visit in person at Milton House, 5 Milton Road South, Stowmarket IP14 1EZ or use the contact form at midsuffolkcab.org.uk/contact-us. Opening hours are Monday-Thursday 9.30am – 3.30pm and Friday 9.30am – 12.30pm.

HAUGHLEY GARAGE SALE

Sunday 15th June 10am - 3pm

In Aid of Haughley Pre-School

The Haughley Garage Sale is a great opportunity to sell all your unwanted items without having to leave the comfort of your home. It's also a chance to raise a bit of cash for your Summer Holidays or your favourite charity!

How does it work? You set up a stall at your house and we provide all the publicity! Your sale will be included on the OFFICIAL MAP (which will be available for sale in May) so folk know where to spend their money. You will be given a sign to indicate your participation and one map for your reference*.

YOU GET TO KEEP ALL THE PROFITS!

What can you sell? Anything, from your home-grown seedlings to unwanted furniture. In the past, toys have sold particularly well.

How much does it cost? £6 to be included on the Official Map.

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HAUGHLEY PLAYING FIELD AND PAVILION NEWS

King George's Field, Haughley charity No. 304761

The Playing Field Committee would like to offer their condolences to Richard Stacy, our vice-chair, and family following the passing of his wife, Rachel Eburne. Rachel supported many organizations in her ward and the Playing Field Committee will always be grateful for that support, as will all its member groups. Our thoughts will be with them at this difficult time.

The Playing Field Committee would also like to offer their condolences to Jo Allum and family at the passing of her husband Karl Allum, who was our Youth Football team groundsman. He was a valuable member of the community and did many hours volunteering for the Youth football club. Our thoughts are also with them at this difficult time.

2025 50/50 March draw – Numbers selected by Janet Pearson, District Councilor 19th March 6.55pm.

1st prize £50 – Ann Green No. 73. 2nd Prize £20 – Joe Shaw No.36 and 3rd Prize £10 – Julia Brooke No.91.

I still have a few numbers available for re-issue, if anyone is interested in having a number for the remaining 2025 draws please contact me, details below.

Security posts and play area repairs. The skate ramps have been repaired and the double yellow gates into the play area have been refitted to address the drop on one side. The rotator swing bracket is due to be delivered mid-April and will be fitted as soon as possible once it is received.

Security bollards – We hope to have a date for installation very soon.

Pavilion regeneration project – An encouraging meeting has been held with a representative of the FA regarding them providing grant funding, they are also providing useful help in completing the grant application, including all the necessary surveys and documents that will be required for the application; follow up meetings are being planned.

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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.

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, money raised will help the upkeep 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; 8th April, 13th May, 10th June, 8th July, 12th August, 9th September, 14th October, 11th November & 9th December 2025**
- **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:

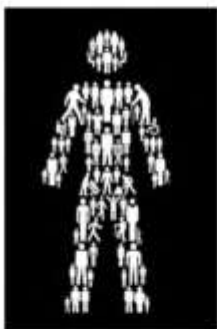
- Upstairs Function room –Thirza Shaw – trtinker@aol.com or 07786 375441
- Haughley Football club bar room – Ian Wilkinson 01449 773399 or Lee Forsdyke 07472902302
- Scouts Hall or folding table & chairs – Richard Stacy 01449 673311.

Thirza Shaw, Chairman & 50/50 Club Administrator,
Email trtinker@aol.com or
Thirza.shaw@haughleypc.co.uk Phone 07786375441

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

HAUGHLEY VILLAGE HALL COMMUNITY CAFÉ

Saturday 7th June 2025
10am - 12noon



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Whats on at
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COMMUNITY CAFÉ

Saturday 5th April 10am-12noon
Hosted by Haughley WI

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

***Coming Events – Spring Quiz 26th April**
(See separate ad for details)

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

Saturday 5th April – **'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 3rd May – **'Moonstruck'** 1995 romantic comedy starring Cher, Nicholas Cage and Olympia Dukakis.

Saturday 7th June – **'Brassed Off'** starring Pete Postlethwaite, Ewan McGregor, Tara Fitzgerald, Stephen Tompkinson in this 1996 feel-good British film. Its 1992 and the miners of Grimley Colliery are facing uncertainty with their pit under threat and the Grimley Colliery Band on the verge of breaking up.

***To find out more about 'What's On' at Haughley Village Hall
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WHAT'S ON

QUIZ: 1st Sunday of Month - £2 per person Max 6 in a team

LIVE MUSIC: Friday, 11th April - Alex Asher Music

ROCK N ROLL BINGO: Sunday 20th April, Easter Sunday,
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STOWMARKET AND DISTRICT CAMERA CLUB



Red Squirrel,
Perry Andrews

10th February. Mike Lloyd had an extremely difficult task, judging the print entries for the Ray Giffin trophy (natural history) were of an exceptionally high standard. Mike gave us his detailed opinions and suggestions for which we are grateful. He eventually selected his 1st, 2nd and 3rd plus 6 Commended.

'Fish Supper' by Brod Pooley came first with Perry Anrew's 'Osprey' and 'Red Squirrel' running in second and third.



Fish Supper, Brod Poole

Monday 24th February. Club members were treated to an excellent presentation by local photographer, Justin Minns. Justin gave advice on landscape photography. It was well illustrated with his images, demonstrating the points he was making. It was good to see his less successful results and how he returned to the location to achieve his objectives. Planning and preparation are key to any successful image.

For further dates and information please see our website
www.stowmarketanddistrictcameraclub.onesuffolk.net

New members are very welcomed. You do not have to be an 'Expert Photographer' all you need is a camera – any camera and a real interest in using it. Our members use DSLRs, mirrorless, compacts and bridge cameras. If you are interested in becoming a member, please email Stowmarketcc@outlook.com or visit our website.



Community Litter Pick Saturday 3rd May Time 10.00am Haughley Village Green

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ELMSWELL HISTORY GROUP

Our “full house” March meeting welcomed Don Mobley for his talk on “***The History of U.S. Military Aviation in East Anglia***”. With some fabulous pictures and huge amounts of technical detail, this talk took 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 for Memorial Day, with a running commentary by the pilot himself. 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 imparted a wealth of historical aviation knowledge with personal flying experience, all of which was very much appreciated by our bumper audience. He now concentrates his retirement on imparting his specialised knowledge by these talks, but also by setting up an exhibition at the MIDDY Railway (Brockford Station, Wetheringsett, IP14 5PW – www.mslr.org.uk) to honour the servicemen of the US 34th Bomb Group.



Thursday **10th April**, 7.30pm at Elmswell’s Wesley Hall (School Rd, IP30 9EE) will be our 25th anniversary meeting when we look forward to hearing Lydia Franklin of “**SAVE Britain’s Heritage**” which celebrates its own 50th anniversary this year. Established in 1975 to give new life for remarkable buildings, this is a national heritage charity which campaigns for the protection and re-use of historic buildings of all types and ages. We will be given an over-view of their past successful campaigns throughout Great Britain, as well as up-dates on numerous East Anglian ones, e.g. Brandon Railway Station and Norwich’s Anglia Square, to name but two. Do join us then to help us celebrate this milestone occasion – there will be cake!

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



JUDAS

THE ULTIMATE BETRAYAL

Dramatic production of the
Judas Iscariot Story
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**Haughley Church,
Easter Saturday, 19 April
4.00pm**

Dear Friends,

I'm writing this on Ash Wednesday at the start of Lent; you will be reading this at the end of Lent. There are signs of new life appearing with snowdrops, daffodils, primroses and forsythia already flowering and we are looking forward to Easter and the promise of the new life that the Resurrection gives us. For Christians this is the most important festival of the year, more important, even, than Christmas. Many other people, however, celebrate with eggs and chocolate, a bank holiday and perhaps a family get-together, even if the religious aspects of the season pass them by.

We are so fortunate in where we live. If you are feeling anxious about something, take the time to notice the beauty of the countryside in which we are living. I know it doesn't pay the bills, it doesn't put fuel in your car, it doesn't put food on the table, or warmth into our homes, but there are signs of new life everywhere we look in nature, which is encouraging. It can give us hope. It can help us to put things into perspective.

We need to hang onto the Easter hope, that all will be well, that God has a loving purpose for the world, especially as we continue to see such devastation in Ukraine and Gaza and, of course, grave shortcomings elsewhere in the world, whether of war, persecution, tyranny or famine.

However hard things can seem at times, a new sunrise or new growth in the garden, new-born lambs out in the fields, a smile and a kind word from a friend, neighbour or even a stranger, show that this is a new day, with new opportunities, with new hope. "This is the day that the Lord has made. We will rejoice and be glad in it." Take time to notice the good things and rejoice in them. And provide that smile yourself for someone else, too; they might really need it.

Jesus was saying this sort of thing when he urged us to live fully in the moment and not to worry excessively about the future. Of course, it is right to take care over doing things properly, and we need to think ahead, but (he says) 'Don't fret.' Don't be consumed by worry or anxiety. This is the call to trust in God, to have faith in Him. Let us do all that we can to be ready, and then let 'God be God'.

Finally, may I take this opportunity to wish you a happy and blessed Easter.

Rev'd Stephen Snelling



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APRIL	Haughley	Wetherden	Stowupland
Sunday 6th	11.00 am Sunday Praise	11.00 am Morning Worship	9.30 am Parish Communion
Tuesday 8th	5.00 pm Pizza Team	9.00 pm Compline	
Sunday 13th Palm Sunday	11.00 am Parish Communion	11.00 am Morning Worship	9,30 am Worship for All
Monday 14th	2.00 pm Easter Songs of Praise at Mere View		11.00 am Easter Songs of Praise at Steeple View
Tuesday 15th		9.00 pm Compline	
Wed. 16th	9.00 pm Compline		
Thursday 17th			7.00 pm Agape Supper
Friday 18th Good Friday	12.00 noon Procession with the Cross	2.00 pm An Hour at the Cross	2.00 pm An Hour at the Cross
Sunday 20th Easter Sunday	11.00 am Easter Day Family Communion	11.00 am Easter Day Family Service	11.00 am Easter Day Family Service
Sunday 27th	11.00 am BCP Said Communion	11.00 am Parish Communion	6.30 pm Evensong

LOVELIEST OF THE TREES

A. E. Housman - 1859 – 1936

“Loveliest of trees, the cherry now
Is hung with bloom along the bough,
And stands about the woodland ride
Wearing white for Eastertide.”

Dear friends

April the month when Spring puts out its arms and wraps us round in all the glory of God’s creation, the air smells sweeter, the bulbs that had the sense to stay hidden in the earth during winters cold days are now a mass of spring flowers, our evenings are lighter and neighbour’s that have hurried in doors to keep warm now find the time to chat

We journey along the 40 days and nights of lent in our own ways some give up things, others go with the newer idea of starting something
Till at last we reach Easter week

In Mark 11:7-11 We get swept along with the crowds on Palm Sunday shouting and waving.

And later watch as the story of the week unfolds, the last supper, the agony of the cross, the shock of finding the stone rolled away, to the awareness of his Disciples that Christ has arisen

I ask God’s blessing on you all.
Hallelujah! Christ is risen
HE IS RISEN INDEED
Helen Freeman (Elder at Stowmarket URC)

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

THANK YOU

Michael Anthony Tuffin

I wish to thank everyone for your kind words, prayers and support following the death of Mike on 10 February 2025.

Also thank you to those who were able to attend and share in the Service of Celebration for his life. Your support was greatly appreciated.

Thank you.
Pat Tuffin.



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This winter the walnut, cherry plum and maple have all had a major prune, and whilst we were doing this, we put aside any longer sections to make spindles for the balustrade area on the first floor of our new education building, the reinstated 1580s Long House. But the balustrades will have to wait for now; our priority at the moment is to finish the roof by the Autumn, so we're going all out to make and fit as many shingles (wooden roof tiles) as we can!

Our Volunteer Working Parties continue on Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays 9.00 – 1.00 as well as some Saturdays.

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