

HAUGHLEY & WETHERDEN PARISH NEWS



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**Wednesday, Sept 3, 2025
Doors open 7.00pm
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**Light Refreshments
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SEPTEMBER 2025

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DATES FOR THE DIARY - 2025

SEPTEMBER

Sat 6th	Community Café, Haughley Village Hall	10.00am
Sat 6th	*Film Nights: "Kinky Boots" Haughley Village Hall	7.00pm
Tues 9th	Bingo, Haughley Pavilion	7.00pm
Wed 10th	*Singing for Wellbeing, Haughley Village Hall	7.30pm
Sat 13th	*Sponsored Ride & Stride	9.00am
Sun 14th	*Haughley Hoofers dance practice, Haughley Village Hall	7.30pm
Sat 20th	*"Celebrate" - 90th Anniversary of Village Hall	1.30pm
Sat 20th	*Quiz Night - HUFC, Haughley Pavilion	7.30pm
Sun 21st	*Harvest Festival, St Mary's Wetherden	11.00am
Wed 24th	*Singing for Wellbeing, Haughley Village Hall	7.30pm
Fri 26th	*Quiz Night - Wetherden Village Hall	7.30pm
Sat 27th	*Quiz Night - RBL - Haughley Village Hall	7.00pm

OCTOBER

Sat 4th	Community Café, Haughley Village Hall	10.00am
Sat 4th	*Film Nights: "The Penguin Lessons" Haughley Village Hall	7.30pm
Sun 5th	*Haughley Church Harvest Festival	
Wed 8th	*Singing for Wellbeing, Haughley Village Hall	7.30pm
Tues 14th	Bingo, Haughley Pavilion	7.00pm
Sat 18th	*St Mary's Haughley Quiz Night - Haughley Village Hall	7.00pm
Wed 22nd	*Singing for Wellbeing, Haughley Village Hall	7.30pm
Fri 31st	Quiz Night - Wetherden Village Hall	7.30pm

NOVEMBER

Sat 1st	Community Café, Haughley Village Hall	10.00am
Sat 1st	*Film Nights: "Maria", Haughley Village Hall	7.00pm
Tues 11th	Bingo, Haughley Pavilion	7.00pm
Wed 12th	*Singing for Wellbeing, Haughley Village	7.30pm
Wed 26th	*Singing for Wellbeing, Haughley Village Hall	7.30pm
Sat 29th	Haughley Christmas Tree Lights Switch On More details to follow	

DECEMBER

Sat 6th	Community Café, Haughley Village Hall	10.00am
Sat 6th	*Film Nights: TBC Haughley Village	7.00pm
Tues 9th	Bingo, Haughley Pavilion	7.00pm

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JANUARY

Sat 10th	Andy Otley - HUFC, Haughley Pavilion further details to follow	
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* See poster for further details

**WETHERDEN HISTORY GROUP
&
WETHERDEN VILLAGE HALL
MANAGEMENT COUNCIL**

invite you to

“CELEBRATE”

the 90th Anniversary of the Village Hall

Saturday 20th September

1.30 to 4.30 pm

WETHERDEN VILLAGE HALL

*by visiting our displays and information about the
history of the Village Hall,
and other items of Wetherden History.*

Refreshments available

The displays and information will move to

St Mary's Church

Mon 22 Sep to Sat 27 Sep

For more information contact Pat Tuffin

Tel: 01359 240396 OR email: pattuffin@gmail.com



Suffolk Historic Churches Trust
Sponsored Ride & Stride 2025
Saturday 13th September, 9am to 5pm

Raise money for St Mary's Haughley and for the Suffolk Historic Churches Trust (proceeds divided equally) by cycling or walking – choosing your own route – to as many churches and chapels as you wish. It is all in a good cause, is excellent exercise, and makes for a thoroughly enjoyable experience.

If you would like to take part please email

d.j.fleetwood@btinternet.com
for more information and sponsor forms

St Mary's Church Wetherden

Ann Cooke cordially invites everyone to
 a



On

Thursday 25th September
 from
 10:30am to 12:00pm
 at
 Barleyfields, Wetherden

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



Like us on Face Book - Wetherden Church

**Nearly New
 Sale**

**FREE
 ENTRY**

Save the date!
Saturday 27th September
11am - 2pm



**The Blackbourne,
 Elmswell IP30 9UH**

Any Questions?

Please email:

elmswell.nns@gmail.com



@nearlynewsale

**Toys, Books & Baby Equipment
 School Uniforms & Clothes 0-9 yrs
 & much more.**



WE ARE SEARCHING FOR A COMMUNITY GOVERNOR

Would you like to contribute to your local primary school? Do you have some time available to participate in termly meetings? Are you able to offer your support within our community?

We would love to hear from you if you have passion and drive to help us support our existing School Governor Committee. We are looking for an individual with community spirit, commitment and an interest in education. You do not need to have worked in education, and all relevant training will be provided to you.

Our Volunteer Governors are a warm and friendly group of individuals who are looking forward to welcoming a new member to the supportive team they have created.

If this may be of interest to you, please contact our school Office Manager and Staff Governor, Mrs Natasha Faiers:

admin@crawfordsprimary.suffolk.sch.uk

to answer any questions you may have. You may also request to attend our next meeting on 24th September, 2025 should you wish to apply.

We look forward to hearing from you before Monday 22nd September.

**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



**HAUGHLEY UNITED
FOOTBALL CLUB**

**SPONSORSHIPS
AVAILABLE**

If anybody / business would like to sponsor a game at Haughley United £100 per game or interested in any sponsorship please contact :

Colin 07708062435

Keep eye on our Facebook page for fixtures and events at the club

HAUGHLEY VILLAGE HALL COMMUNITY CAFÉ



10am - 12 noon
Saturday 6th Sept 2025

Hosted by
St Mary's Church Haughley

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

Browse the stalls selling a variety
of handmade items.

**PLEASE COME ALONG
EVERYONE WELCOME!**



NEWS FROM CRAWFORD'S CofE PRIMARY SCHOOL

It is a pleasure to welcome the children of Crawford's Primary School back after a well deserved Summer Break. We also welcome a new wave of smiley faces with the arrival of our new reception children, a big "Hello" and welcome to all of those families who have chosen to join our school community.

We also welcome Mr Benstock to the school for this Autumn Term. Mr Benstock will be our Acting Headteacher and has a wealth of experience from one of our neighbouring Tilian Partnership Schools and we are sure he will fit in well to our community. Please be sure to welcome him with a smile and a wave when you see him in the mornings.

We also welcome Mrs Gunn to our team, Mrs Gunn will be the new teacher in Class 3 and brings with her an enthusiasm and keen focus on learning for our Year 3 and 4 children.

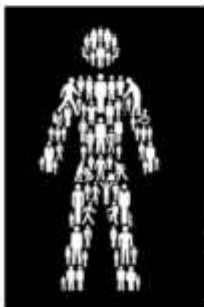
Our premises work is moving along nicely, and so we are looking forward to our school being able to meet the demands of modern day education, whilst keeping its Victorian charm. The new electricity, lighting and fire alarm upgrades have been a much needed addition to our school and we appreciate your patience while the work is being done.

Our team here at Crawford's Primary School are focused on providing the best quality education for our children, and we are excited to see where this new academic year takes us.

Best Wishes,

Crawford's CofE Primary School

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT



The Community Café held on the 7th June in aid of Prostate Cancer raised a total of £1000. This has now been donated to Prostate Cancer UK.

We would like to thank all who helped to raise this amount and in particular all those who donated prizes to the Grand Raffle including:

Hollie Bakes, Margaret Buttle, Haughley Herdwicks, Haughley WI, The Kings Arms, Marianne Mollett, Narey's Garden Centre, and Stow Fish Bar



St Mary's Church, WETHERDEN

HARVEST FESTIVAL SERVICE

Sunday 21 September - 11 am

ALL WELCOME

Refreshments served afterwards



We are continuing to support the **Stowmarket Foodbank** and are happy to receive donations of dried and tinned goods on their behalf.

Our collection during the service will go the **Water Aid**, the charity that works to increase the number of people in the world that have access to clean water.



QUIZ NIGHT



Wetherden Village Hall
Friday 26th September
7.30pm

Teams to be a maximum of six, £2 pp
please bring your own refreshments.

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



To reserve a table contact:
wetherdenvillagehall@gmail.com

or call/text 07528065250





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.

Thank you to all who supported us at the village VJ Fair and those who attended the service at the war memorial on Sunday.

QUIZ NIGHT

Sat 27th September village hall 7.30 start £5 a ticket BYO food and drink (see separate poster.)

Socials 2025

11th September - Branch social
27th September - Quiz night
9th October - Branch social & AGM
13th November - Branch social
11th December - Branch social

*All socials are held in the Maxwell Room (next to the post office) from 7.30pm.

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

www.britishlegion.org/branches/Haughley Or search
[Haughley Royal British Legion](http://www.thehaughleywarmemorial.wordpress.com)
www.thehaughleywarmemorial.wordpress.com

WETHERDEN VILLAGE HALL



There were just over eight and a half tables in play, being a total of 34 people, at our Whist Drive held on Friday 8th August

Everyone seemed to enjoy the afternoon a great deal, and our next Whist Drive is on the cards for Friday 12th September at 2pm!

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



QUIZ NIGHT

27th September 7pm

Haughley Village Hall

Tickets £5.00

**Bring your own drinks & snacks
Teams of up to 6
Tickets available from**

**The Post Office
or**

**Margaret 07780 633312
Tim - 01449 613680**



**All proceeds to the Haughley Royal
British Legion Poppy Appeal
Registered No 219279**





COMMUNITY CAFÉ



Saturday 6th September
Hosted by Haughley Church

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

Saturday 27th September
Haughley RBL Quiz Night

FILM NIGHTS - Doors 7pm for 7.30pm start

Admission £5 including refreshments

Saturday 6th September – **'Kinky Boots'** starring Joel Edgerton, Chiwetel Ejiofor, Jemima Rooper & Linda Bassett. Feel-good comedy now a musical based on an hilarious true story.

Saturday 4th October – **'The Penguin Lessons'** starring Steve Coogan and Jonathan Price. Based on a true story set during the 1976 coup in Argentina, an English Teacher rescues a penguin and brings it to his school. His life begins to change when the bird's presence starts to have a positive effect on the school.

Saturday 1st November – **'Maria'** starring Angelina Jolie as the legendary opera singer Maria Callas. Set during the singer's final days in 1970's Paris and based on "true accounts" of Callas' life – one filled with music, passion and tragedy.

**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**



HAUGHLEY SINGING FOR WELLBEING

Do you like singing? Don't want to join a choir?
Then this is for you!

Come along and have an enjoyable evening singing songs
new and old We just sing for fun!

Our Autumn Sessions dates are:

September 10th and 24th

October 8th and 22nd

November 12th and 26th

7.30 pm start in the Village Hall Green room

Bring a drink and £5 cash per session

For more information contact: Lynn: 07979832980

or email: elainelynnHSW@gmail.com

WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU!



HAUGHLEY UNITED FOOTBALL CLUB

QUIZ NIGHT

SATURDAY 20TH SEPTEMBER

7.30pm

Haughley Pavilion

£5 Per person, maximum of 6 per team

Bring own nibbles

Bar open from 6.45pm

For further details contact:

Colin: 07708 062435

HAUGHLEY PARISH COUNCIL

The Parish Council held a meeting on Monday 15 July 2025. The Council co-opted Mark Lloyd as a new Parish Councillor and welcomed him to the meeting.

The Council noted and reviewed the updated Action Log. C Cllr Andrew Stringer had submitted a written report which included reference to a new Devolution Office to assist with the planning and execution of Suffolk's Devolution. If more than one Unitary Authority is formed, this would involve a disaggregation of some County Council services. Parliament will make a decision on the final plan for devolution in the coming weeks. The County Council's flood team recently won a local Government award for excellence for being proactive in their management of flood plan areas. Aggmax quarry – part of the road has been cleaned recently by the County Council. The drains have not been maintained and there has been damage to the road surface. The quarry's application had stalled due to a lack of engagement from the applicant. District Councillor Janet Pearson summarised the MSDC July Report. Stowmarket's Food Museum has successfully been granted one million pounds in grant funding from the District Council. These funds along with National Lottery funding will fund an expansion of the site. The County Council recently voted down a motion to allow Parishes to request 20mph speed limits.

Planning Applications - DC/25/03090 Stansfield House Wetherden Road Haughley – Discharge of conditions – NOTED. DC/25/03021 Land on the North Side of Station Road Haughley – Discharge of conditions – NOTED. HPC due to receive additional funding for new play/exercise equipment. DC/25/02252 - The White House, The Green, Haughley to re-instate an original sized window in the gable end (Listed Building application) APPROVED.

Neighbouring Parishes Liaison Meeting - The July meeting was well attended. The draft notes from the July meeting were circulated to Councillors for note. The unauthorised encampment in Stowupland had dispersed. Some improvement works have been undertaken to the proposed junior football pitch - further concerns remain. The Council discussed the proposal to transfer ownership of the land with the Footpath between Castle Rise to the Playing Field.

The Council received a verbal update on activities of Pavillion Regeneration Working Group, including discussion with Mid Suffolk District Councillors; careful consideration required when deciding which grants to apply for to prevent any conflicting grant application rules; to seek pre-planning application advice from the Districts Planning department; benefits of long term tenures to support most of the grants applications and a Green energy plan should be drawn up.

A range of VJ Day 80th Anniversary events were being organised. The Council received an update on the proposed Christmas Fair. Nominated Councillors agreed to progress management of the Allotments. It was agreed to purchase and install an additional dog poo bin to adjoin Station Road opposite the new housing development. The current Pride in Your Place funding was nearing closure and had been successful. The Council considered finance and approved the proposed expenditure.

Councillors raised various issues, including one or more dogs had been off-lead in the fenced children play area on the Playing Field – this is intended to be a dog-free area. Signage to this effect had been unofficially removed on several occasions. Signs to various footpaths need to be replaced.

Councillors noted correspondence received.

**The next scheduled meeting is due to be held
Tuesday 16 September at the Pavilion at 7pm.**

VJ 80 Commemorations 15th to 17th August 2025

THANK YOU ALL



The Parish Council and working party would like to thank our sponsors, Mid Suffolk District Council for a locality Grant and The Palmer Family for their contributions.

We would also like to thank the WI for organizing the evening event and the entertainers, the Royal British Legion for the commemoration service on 17th August and the raffle and the Parochial Church Council for hosting the history talk, display and providing refreshments.

Many more people were involved in helping and organizing the event and our thanks are extended to all involved. Feedback has been very positive and many people with connections to those who served during the War were grateful for the chance to remember the sacrifices and honour our service men and women of the second world war.

CAN YOU HELP?

The Scouts need a cub leader and helpers to keep this section going – if you are interested in helping in any way, please get in touch with Carly Banthorpe 07976294616 or Richard Stacy 01449 673311.

HAUGHLEY PLAYING FIELD AND PAVILION NEWS

King George's Field, Haughley charity No. 304761

September 50/50 – The next draw will take place just before the September Parish Council meeting.

THANK YOU Haughley Block Plant - The concrete blocks have been collected. We are incredibly grateful for their generosity, for lending us the blocks, but also delivering and collecting them again.

Football Season has begun – The youth section is starting a Saturday morning session for reception & year one children. They have 7 age groups in total this year. For all youth enquiries please contact Carly Banthorpe 07976294616. The senior section is looking for sponsors for each match to help with the ever-increasing cost of official's fees. If this is something you may be interested in doing, please contact Lee Forsdyke 07472902302.

Scouts – We need a cub leader and helpers to keep this section going – if you are interested in helping in any way, please get in touch with Carly Banthorpe 07976294616 or Richard Stacy 01449 673311.

Pavilion regeneration project – As part of the process we are tackling smaller repairs with local grants and our own funds. We are grateful to Mid Suffolk District council for a locality grant to repair some of the fascia boards and we have replaced the tables in the function room with folding tables that will take up less space. We have had a meeting with Mid Suffolk District Council to review our two Expressions of Interest we submitted of the Sports Infrastructure Grant; unfortunately, they have advised us that we can only put forward one application per parish and we should re-work the Bowls Club application and re-submit the application. On a positive note, they advised us that we should apply for a Community Development grant for further external repairs to the woodwork, roof repairs and flooring for the Scout Hall, which we have done, and we have a meeting arranged with Mid Suffolk District Council CIL expenditure team to hopefully apply for CIL funding.

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 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

- **Ramblers walk** – Jeremy Harper will be leading a 10 mile walk from the pavilion on Saturday 28th June.
- **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; 9th September, 14th October, 11th November & 9th December 2025**


Club Contacts

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

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

Ron Crascall Pavilion, King George's Field, Haughley
There are three rooms for hire at the Pavilion

- Upstairs Function room: 14m x 8m approx with 10 tables & 60 chairs
 Contact Thirza Shaw – trinker@aol.com or 07786 375441 Access to kitchen facilities on the ground floor
- Haughley Football club bar room ground floor
 Contact Ian Wilkinson 01449 773399 or Lee Forsdyke 07472902302
- Access to kitchen facilities
- Scouts Hall or folding table & chairs – Richard Stacy 01449 673311.



Traditional Music Day 2025
Saturday 27th September
Stowmarket, Suffolk

Nancy Kerr Macdara Yeates
 Georgia Shackleton with Aaren Bennett
 James Delarre & Saul Rose The Scan Tester Fan Club
 Mossy Christian Belinda Kempster & Fran Foote The Medlars
 Matt Quinn Steve Roud Katie Howson Dick Miles
 Michael Sheehy & Alan Block The Harbour Inn Crowd
 The Old Timers String Band Christopher Heppa Chris Holderness
 John Row

Concerts - Workshops - Talks - Music Sessions - Films - Exhibitions
 Stepdancing - Song Sessions - Storytelling - Morris - Molly - Jigdolls

Many free events across the town
 Ticketed day events £5 each or Day Ticket £15 to access all events
 Evening tickets from £12.50

For more details:
www.eatmt.org.uk
tmd@eatmt.org.uk
 07495 054669

EAST ANGLIAN TRADITIONAL MUSIC TRUST (EATMT)
STOWMARKET TRADITIONAL MUSIC DAY
SATURDAY 27TH SEPTEMBER 2025

EATMT's biggest event of the year is the Stowmarket Traditional Music Day. This is being held in and around the town centre kicking off at 10.15 with an official opening. This will be followed by Morris, Molly and Step dancing around the town.

Inside venues are the Library, Fox Yard, 11 Market Place, British Legion, John Peel Centre, and the Scouts Hall where you'll find storytellers, jigdoll and step dance workshops, and concerts. Community groups of singers and choirs will be performing in the United Reform Church. Most of the events are free entry.

On Friday evening and throughout the Saturday The Royal William hosts music sessions.

Evening concerts in the John Peel Centre and British Legion will be charged as will some of their daytime events.

A full programme will be available on our website nearer the time.

We are looking for volunteer stewards please get in touch if you would like to assist on the day. Email info@eatmt.org.uk or our website has an application form www.eatmt.org.uk.

Jan Robinson
 EATMT

ELMSWELL HISTORY GROUP

Our **July** outing was to Hawstead's Great War Huts, the impressive First World War Heritage Project, which we visited with Woolpit History Group (see photo). The evening's visit was led by local renowned expert WW1 historian, Taff Gillingham, who gave us an enthusiastic and comprehensive explanation of how this project came to be. Following the discovery of an original WW1 Recreation Hut, which was due to be demolished, the project started to find other original buildings across the country that were constructed over a century ago to house the men and women who served during the war. Many of these huts have been dismantled, restored (with as many of the original materials as possible), and re-erected on site to provide a fitting environment for displays and exhibits. This site provides a unique setting in which to learn about the personal, military and social history of the conflict and much more. They offer site tours, March to November, on the fourth Wednesday of the month, which can be booked via their website. This unique venue also holds a wide variety of events throughout the year, including their popular '*Hutted Histories*' talks, exhibitions, film screenings, live performances and tours. As well as children's activities over the summer holidays, they also provide organised and customised school visits throughout the year. The site's series of trenches have been built using the original trench building manuals of the time for reference, so the size, depth and materials are all accurate for those built in France and Flanders all those years ago. There are dugouts, latrines, observation posts, fire steps, and a Regimental Aid Post, with the probable yearly highlight being their '*Trenches by Twilight*' event each December which tells the story of the 1914 Christmas Truce. We concluded with welcome refreshments after what was a revelatory experience for us all. Contact details are 01284-388986, and e-mail - info@greatwarhuts.org, with many more details and images to be found on their website, www.greatwarhuts.org.

FROM THE ARCHIVE, 18th Sept 2011: A replica WW1 battlefield, painstakingly created at Rise Hall Farm in Akenham near Ipswich, was seen across the country in the ITV drama *Downton Abbey*, featuring Matthew Crawley, heir to the family fortune, dodging muck and bullets at the Battle of Somme. Historian Taff Gillingham, who spent thousands of pounds building trenches identical to those used by British and German troops in WW1, said that, "*when filming takes place, there's a huge amount of local industry that benefit from it, with up to 100 local extras*". (EADT, 2011)

We start our new 2025-6 season of talks on Thursday **11th September**, 7.30pm in Elmswell's Wesley Hall (School Rd, IP30 9EE), when our annual subs of £12 (plus £4 per attendance) will be due for payment. That evening's speaker, Zoe Adlam, will give us her fascinating talk "*Fool's Gold – should the Law of Treasure be Changed to Improve Protection of Portable Antiquities?*". Do join us then and, if you do not wish to become a member, just £6 is payable as a Visitor.

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

Crawford Educational Trust, (Wetherden)

Registered Charity 310361

The Trustees are able to award grants to individual residents of Wetherden of all ages, in order to help them with continued education, including those at Universities and Colleges of Further and Higher Education.

Residents of the Parish of Wetherden already involved in continuing education courses, or who are about to commence a course in Further or Higher education are invited to submit applications for the Academic Year 2025-2026. Applications should be submitted by November 30th for payment in January.

The Trust also offers support to Crawford's CEVC Primary School and is happy to consider applications for funding from any other organisational group working for the benefit of the children and young people of Wetherden.

Individual and group requests for short courses or educational needs may be submitted at any time.

Application forms and further details may be obtained from:

Jan Tidmarsh (Awards Secretary)

Tel/Text: 07749809538

Email: crawfordtrust001@gmail.com

Completed application forms for the academic year should be returned to the Awards Secretary, by **30 November 2025**

FINNINGHAM LPG COMMUNITY BUYING GROUP UPDATE

Further to my recent open letter in the village newsletters, inviting interested households to join the group, I thought it would be of interest to give an update.

There has been a very positive response. The Group now represents 16,000 litres per annum, with two further households about to provide their details. The first member of the group has just negotiated a new two year contract at 45p per litre and reduced tank rental, saving £296 in year one.

We are a community service group. There are no fees, commission or annual membership. To join you just need to provide details of your current supplier, the price you pay and your contract renewal date. Any information you provide is confidential within the group and is used for price comparison to assist in negotiations.

If you are interested in how we can help you save money please contact

grahamdavie@mail.com 07765 863200

or **glenda.shepherd2@btinternet.com**



HAUGHLEY WI CENTENARY 1925 -2025 PROGRAMME OF EVENTS

Our wonderful WI will be 100 years old in November so why not come along and help us celebrate!

Events are open to everyone!



Saturday 4th October 10am -12 noon

WI Community café in the village hall

**Saturday 25th October & Sunday 26th October
10am-4pm**

WI Exhibition in the village hall

Sunday 26th October 4.30pm

Thanksgiving Service in Haughley Church

Followed by refreshments and then the
Lighting of the Beacon on the village green



theWI
INSPIRING WOMEN

Saturday 1st NOVEMBER 10am-12 noon

RBL Community Café in the village hall

and the unveiling of the WI Centenary Artwork

QUIZ NIGHT

In aid of St Mary's Church, Haughley



Saturday 18th October
7:30pm

Haughley Village Hall

£5 per head - max. 6 per team

Bring your own snacks
Tea and Coffee provided in the interval
To reserve a table for your team
or to book a seat and join a team
on the night, email

haughleyquiz@btinternet.com

or call Jan or Gordon on 01449 737247

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Date	Haughley	Wetherden	Stowupland
Sun. 7 th	11.00 am Sunday Praise	11.00 am Parish Communion	6.30 pm Evensong
Mon. 8 th	2.00 pm Songs of Praise at Mere View		11.00 am Songs of Praise at Steeple View
Tues. 9 th	5.00 pm The Pizza Team		
Sun. 14 th	11.00 am Parish Communion HOLY CROSS DAY	11.00 am Morning Worship	9.30 am HARVEST FESTIVAL with URC
Sun. 21 st	11.00 am URC/Anglican Service	11.00 am HARVEST FESTIVAL FAMILY SERVICE	9.30 am Morning Worship
Sun. 28 th	11.00 am BCP Communion	11.00 am Parish Communion	6.30 pm Evensong

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Dear Friends,

And so to Keats' 'season of mists and mellow fruitfulness.' The meteorological autumn starts on 1 September although we will have to wait until around 21 September for the autumnal equinox when the days are of equal length. We look back to the lazy hazy (extremely hot) days of Summer, to the stress of exam results and to happy times spent on holiday. Our thoughts turn to what is in store – a new school, a new job, a new home perhaps. The strange feelings of 'empty nesters' as children leave home for further education, training or employment in another part of the country or further afield.

In September we are now well into the period of what the church calls Ordinary Time which is the part of the Church's year which falls outside major festival seasons and now lasts to the end of the year. It's a time which we use for reflecting on Jesus' ministry and focuses on the mystery of Christ in its fullness, allowing for a deeper engagement with the Gospel readings and themes throughout the year. It's a time to reflect on how to live out one's faith in daily life and to explore various themes related to Christian living, including creation and the environment.

We will be beginning the run up to Christmas (which, of course, will come all too quickly). Soon we will be preparing for our harvest festivals which will be celebrated in our churches in September and the beginning of October. Our All Souls' Memorial Service and Remembrance Sunday services will follow rapidly and then a new church year will start at the beginning of December

Our lives will be full of busyness and we need to take time to rest and relax and perhaps reset our relationship with God and his church. It may be that you used to pray, or read the Bible or go to Church. You may have got out of the habit, you may be embarrassed about coming back to church but I would encourage you to give it a try - you may find that it fills what you are missing in your life. There is a Celtic invitation (slightly adapted) which sums this up:

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As churches we are looking forward to the announcement and arrival of our new Rector. For me, this will be a time of mixed feelings – I will be taking the opportunity to step back from more active ministry for a while but I shall miss the people that I have come to know during the two periods that I have been able to minister among you.

Rev'd Stephen Snelling

Dear Friends,

September is upon us again, how quickly the year seems to be rushing past us!

September sees the autumnal equinox when the sun crosses the Equator and moves south and we start to notice that the days start to become shorter than the nights. It is a time of change; in the garden the summer flowers are fading and the perennials are beginning to store up goodness ready for next year's flowers. The birds are changing, some of our summer visitors have already headed south and others are getting ready to follow as they seek warmer climates, whilst others are changing from their northern latitudes as they prepare to spend the winter with us. Even the trees are changing, the fruits and nuts are ripening; the leaves are starting to change colour. Nothing seems to stay the same.

It is also true about us and our lives, we and the world around us are constantly changing, old ways and habits are made to change, whether we like it or not. We know that in our church life things will change and that can unsettle us,

However, there are some things we can be certain will never change. The love of God is a constant, he is always close to us, always there when we need him to love and help us, for his love never diminishes. The companionship of Jesus Christ is always with us. He promised that he will be with us to the end of the age and we know his promises are true. He is with us in all our daily living to guide, to heal, to support, to comfort and to be a friend to us all. And the power of the Holy Spirit is constantly within us, strengthening us, empowering us, driving us onwards through the changes as we seek to follow Christ's example.

Things are going to change, we will not like all the changes, but we can rejoice that in all our changing circumstances the love of God the Father, Jesus Christ his son and the Holy Spirit will be with us. We can be assured that nothing will change that can separate us from such love.

And when changes come upon us, let us make time to turn to God in prayer and seek his comfort.

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Your payslip should include your employer's details, your name, and possibly an employee number. You'll also see a **payment date** (when your pay reaches your bank) and a **tax period**. The UK tax year starts in April, so tax period 01 is April, 02 is May, and so on.

You'll also see your **National Insurance (NI) number** – this is your personal number used to record your NI contributions, which help you qualify for state benefits like the pension.

Next is your **tax code**, set by HMRC. This usually includes numbers and a letter. The numbers show how much of your income is tax-free; the letter reflects your situation. You can check what your tax code means at <https://www.gov.uk/tax-codes/what-your-tax-code-means>. If you're on an 'emergency' code (ending in W1, M1 or X), you might be paying too much tax, so it's worth checking.

Your **gross pay** is what you earn before anything is taken off. This might include your basic pay plus extras like travel allowance. If you're paid by the hour, the rate and hours worked should be shown. If holiday pay is included with your wages, it should be listed separately.

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You might also see **taxable pay**, showing how much of your income has been taxed so far this year.

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

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ORCHARD BARN NEWS



As our site hums with Summer energy - apples, greengages, elderberries and cherry plums all ripening in our orchard, here is a round up of what's coming up later in the year.

- From early September we'll be running **Gardening Working Parties** for volunteers on alternate Thursday mornings 9.00 - 1.00, so if you would like to join us, you would be very welcome - we're looking to recruit new volunteers. Contact Sarah, details below.
- The other Thursday mornings will be **Garden Tool Renovation Workshops** 10.00 – 1.00. Learn to clean, sharpen, and care for your garden tools in our free, practical sessions — and take the skills home. A great way to extend the life of well-used favourites and reconnect with the value of maintenance. Dates will be shared shortly — get in touch if you're interested.
- Volunteers are also needed to help build and use a pole lathe for turning greenwood into spindles for the internal balustrades in our new teaching space, the beautiful reinstated 1580s Longhouse. Again, please contact Sarah if you are interested.



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