

HAUGHLEY CHURCH CHRISTMAS FAIR



**Saturday 22 November,
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Christmas food, raffle, games, etc....

NOVEMBER 2025

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DATES FOR THE DIARY - 2025



NOVEMBER

Sat 1st	Community Café, Haughley Village Hall	10.00am
Sat 1st	*Film Nights: "Maria", Haughley Village Hall	7.00pm
Sat 8th	*Wetherden Bonfire & Fireworks	5.30pm
Sun 9th	*Remembrance Service, Wetherden Church	10.50am
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 22nd	*St Mary's Church Haughley, Christmas Fayre	10.00am
Sat 29th	*Haughley Christmas Tree Lights Switch On	2.30pm

DECEMBER

Sat 6th	Community Christmas Café, Haughley Village Hall	10.00am
Sat 6th	*Wetherden Christmas Market	10.00am
Sat 6th	*Film Nights: "Mr Burton" Haughley	7.00pm
Tues 9th	Bingo, Haughley Pavilion	7.00pm

2026

JANUARY

Sat 3rd	*Film Nights: "The Ballad of Wallis Island", Haughley Village Hall	7.00pm
Sat 10th	*An Evening with Elvis" with Andy Otley - HUFC, Haughley Pavilion	7.15pm
Tues 13th	Bingo, Haughley Pavilion	7.00pm
Sat 31st	*Quiz Night, Haughley Pavilion	7.00pm

MARCH

Sat 28th	*Glam Rock Disco, Haughley Village Hall	
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JUNE

Sat 20th& Sun 21st	Haughley Open Gardens	
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* See poster for further details

REMEMBER

The copy for the December/January double issue

Wednesday, November 19 2025



Submit to:

The Editor, Oulton Cottage, The Folly, Haughley
or (preferably) by email: haughleynews@btinternet.com



COMMUNITY CAFÉ



Saturday 1st November **Hosted by the Royal British Legion**

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

Saturday 6th December
Christmas Community Café

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

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.

Saturday 6th December - **'Mr Burton'** based on the true story of how the son of a miner became one of the worlds greatest actors Richard Burton, with the help of an unlikely mentor. Starring Toby Jones, Lesley Manville and Harry Lawtey.

Saturday 3rd January – **'The Ballad of Wallis Island'** 2025 British comedy-drama starring Carey Mulligan and Tom Basden as a folk duo who reunite to perform for a wealthy fan (Tim Key) on a remote Welsh island.

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**

St Mary's Church, WETHERDEN

Please join us for our

REMEMBRANCE SERVICE

Sunday 9th November – 10.50 am

A service for the community of WETHERDEN
to remember all those caught up in the
tragic events of war

Collection at the service for the
THE ROYAL BRITISH LEGION
POPPY APPEAL



Wetherden Bonfire & Fireworks

At the Playing Field
On Saturday 8th
November
Starts 5:30pm



BBQ, bar, hot drinks etc - cash only.
No sparklers. Limited parking, walk if you can.
This event relies on donations, please give generously.

WETHERDEN FIREWORK DISPLAY

The Wetherden bonfire and fireworks display has been part of the village calendar for generations. We're looking forward to welcoming everybody to another great event this year, and hope it can keep going for many years to come. We have a few pointers for everyone who's planning to come along, to help make the evening fun, safe, and allow us to keep it running.

Parking is very limited in our little village and the roads can snarl up very quickly. If you want to avoid this frustration, it's best to walk here if you can, or car share otherwise. Both Elmswell and Haughley are only about 1 mile away, and for folks from Elmswell there's a good footpath that means you can avoid the road almost completely. If you need to come by car, please park considerately and try to be patient with other drivers!

We cannot allow any sparklers. The village playing field is used by children, by the local football teams, and by dogs and their owners, and falling on the metal spike of a discarded sparkler could cause serious injury to any of them. Please don't bring any sparklers with you.

We ask everyone who attends to make a cash donation into the red buckets at the gates as they come in. This is how we fund the event. We're completely dependent on this to be able to pay for the fireworks and insurance etc. to keep it running. Please give generously.

We will have burgers, drinks, donuts and glow sticks available for sale. Once again, please bring cash with you if you want to buy these.

The event is on November 8th at the playing field behind Wetherden village hall. The start time is 5.30pm, and we aim for bonfire lighting around 6pm and fireworks around 6.30pm.

We look forward to seeing you there!



CRAWFORD'S CofE PRIMARY SCHOOL

Our children have been immersed in Victorian Life, you may have seen them walk to and from school in Victorian dress recently, including our adults too! It has been a wonderful learning experience, the children were fully engaged in Victorian school life for the day and have been able to produce some fantastic writing from their experiences!

Our building work is now beginning, we thank you in advance for your patience as we begin our upgrades for our building. When we are finished, we will have brand new lighting and ceilings, and a new fire alarm system. This new system is very much needed and we have been fortunate to have won the grant to support the works on our much loved Victorian building.

Best Wishes,
Crawford's CofE Primary School



WETHERDEN VILLAGE HALL

There were eight tables, at our Whist Drive held
Friday 10th October

Everyone seemed to enjoy the afternoon a great deal
and our next Whist Drive is on the cards for Friday 14th November at 2pm!

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



Haughley Evergreens needs an established organisation to take it forward in the coming years.

Haughley Evergreens was relaunched under the WI umbrella as a community group for men and women in Haughley over the age of 70 years. This two-year project comes to an end in December 2025.


The WI organised a Summer Afternoon Tea Party with a singer in the village hall last year, and Paul and Debbie at the King's Arms provided a Christmas lunch for members.

This year, the Haughley Evergreens funds paid for a buffet lunch at the Kings Arms in the summer and will meet the costs of Christmas lunch in December. As we have worked with the village hall and the local pub, most members have been able to get there by walking or their own transport, or with friends or family. Transport needs for a few others have been met by WI volunteers.

The initiative has been supported by the Haughley Parish Council, the District Council's Localities Fund, the Elmswell Bingo and proceeds from an ABBA Night in the Village Hall.

The WI must now finish its involvement with Haughley Evergreens and we are exploring suitable organisations to take it forward.

If your organisation can take it forward, please phone Julia on 07774 560507



Please join us for our wintery

Fundraising Bakes and Tabletop Sale

Saturday 15th November

*With a selection of home baked goods available to
enjoy with a cuppa and friends or to takeaway.

Christmasy Crafts and gifts

Raffle

*with something for the children too.....

we've asked Father Christmas for some ideas

11am till 3pm

***Mere View Court**

Thompsons Close, Haughley

IP143GQ

ELMSWELL GARDEN CLUB - OCTOBER 2025

At our recent meeting, members enjoyed a behind-the-scenes journey through the seasons at King's College, Cambridge. Charlotte Waters, one of the team of seven gardeners, shared her experience caring for the gardens of this iconic institution.

Charlotte has successfully influenced the approach to gardening with the introduction of colourful seasonal container displays, and a more relaxed feel to planting in the borders and beds around the college. Like many large institutions the gardening team have moved towards more sustainable garden practises including collecting seeds, taking cuttings and propagating their own plants for use the following year. One of these changes is the introduction of a wildflower meadow at the back of the college chapel four years ago which has increased the biodiversity by an incredible five times within the garden! The meadow is mown using Waldberg shire horses using a grass cutter which is a lovely way of keeping up traditions.

King's College, along with many other Cambridge colleges, is open to visitors. Be sure to check their websites for opening times and admission prices before planning a trip.

Autumn is a good time of the gardening year to reflect on the what has worked and hasn't worked in the garden over the spring and summer and plan any changes for next year. It is also the perfect time of year to move any perennials, lifting and dividing any that have become overcrowded and creating 'free plants' to replant in your own garden or share with friends, proof that you really can reap what you sow.

Dates for your diary:

AGM Tuesday 18th November at 7.30pm in the Wesley Hall.

Whether you are an experienced home gardener or just starting out there is always something new to learn or ideas to take home to your own garden. Non-members are always welcome and you may make some new friends.

Wendy

For Information contact elmswellgadmin@btinternet.com
or Nick on 01359 242601



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



THE ROYAL BRITISH LEGION

REMEMBRANCE SERVICES FOR HAUGHLEY

Haughley Parish Council in conjunction with the Royal British Legion.

FRIDAY 7TH NOVEMBER - 2.30pm

- Crawfords School's service at St Mary's Church 2.30 pm
- Parents, grandparents and villagers are all welcome
- Refreshments will be served from 2.00pm

SUNDAY 9TH NOVEMBER - 10.50am

- Royal British Legion's Annual Service of Remembrance 10.50am at St Mary's Church
- Those wishing to parade to church are requested to be at the Post Office no later than 10.30am

TUESDAY 11TH NOVEMBER - ARMISTICE DAY

- Service on the Village Green - 11.00am
- Mr K Palmer will as usual sound the village siren to start the 2 minutes silence
- Refreshments will be served from the Maxwell Charnley Room at 10.30 and after the service
- All are welcome

St Mary's Church Wetherden

Elizabeth cordially invites you to a
Coffee Morning in aid of the

Children's Society

www.childrenssociety.org.uk



on
Thursday 27th November
from

10.30am to noon

at

Pond House, Wetherden
(next to the Church)

There will be tea, coffee, mince pies, a bring-and-buy table,
raffle & Christmas cards.

Everybody is welcome: the more the merrier.



Like us on FaceBook - Wetherden Church



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.

The Branch held its AGM on Thursday, 9th October. Mr Hart, Mrs Buttle and Mrs Williams retained their positions. All other committee members are to continue except Mr & Mrs Hollocks who were retiring after 10 years and were presented with a certificate of appreciation.

Poppy Appeal: The Branch raised £3,329 last year - a big thank you to all. This year's appeal begins on Saturday, 25th October and your continued support is appreciated.

We look forward to seeing you all at the Poppy Coffee morning on Saturday, 1st November.

Socials 2025

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](#)

www.thehaughleywarmemorial.wordpress.com

WINNERS OF HAUGHLEY CHURCH'S MONTHLY £40 DRAW:

Janice Prior

The £40 draw is held in the last week of each month.

Phone : 01449 774657 if you would like a ticket:

£15 for the whole year.

TUESDAY 11th NOVEMBER



DAY SILENCE & SIREN

As is tradition on Armistice Day, Tuesday 11th November 2025, Haughley will pause at 11 o'clock to remember all those who have fallen in Armed Conflict. The Parish Air Raid Siren will sound at 10.59 to indicate the approaching hour followed by the striking of the Church Clock at 11am. The Siren will then sound again at 11-02 to indicate the end of the Two Minutes; all are welcome to gather on the Village Green.

THE HAUGHLEY SOLDIER SILHOUETTES

The Haughley Soldier Silhouettes designed and installed by Kieron Palmer in 2019, will return to Haughley Village Green for the Season of Remembrance from the end of October to mid-November. Each Silhouette represents one of the 'Forty One Men of Haughley' whom left the village in the two World Wars to fight for our freedom and never returned. The Display of the Fallen will be in the window of Palmers Bakery.

The area is under 24 hour CCTV and Security Protection.

“WE WILL REMEMBER THEM”



HAUGHLEY PARISH COUNCIL

Haughley Parish Council held a meeting on 21 October

C Cllr Andrew Stringer referred to the SCC business case for one unitary authority in Suffolk which has been submitted to the Government. The District and Borough Councils have submitted their case for three unitary authorities in Suffolk. We are not expecting the Government decision much before March 2026. SCC has approved a Local Nature Recovery Strategy. The SCC financial forecast for the first quarter of the financial year had aimed for a better result. Information was provided on the Solar Together Scheme for 2025. Applications are being taken for school places for September 2026 – deadlines: secondary school 31 October; primary and junior schools 15 January. D Cllrs Janet Pearson and Agnes Watson provided a report on Mid Suffolk District Council. Applications to MSDC are open to Living Well in Winter Grant. There was reference to Local Government Reorganisation. MSDC has introduced a Local Listed Building Consent Order making it possible for certain window improvements for Grade II listed buildings without Listed Building Consent – conditions apply. Applications for postal vote registration will end 31 January.

The Chairman attended inter-parish liaison group meetings at Bacton about lorry movements and Old Newton which included common planning, housing and traffic issues. He represented the Parish for the inauguration of the Rev Andy Buttress and also the Stowmarket Civic Celebration. D Cllr Agnes Watson was thanked for organising work parties to clear sections of the cycle path between Tothill and the parish boundary with Stowmarket – a great improvement. MSDC has publicised a new Call for Sites for potential development land within the District.

C Cllr Andrew Stringer and D Cllr Agnes Watson held a meeting with Simon Amor from National Highways and Andrian Ramsey MP about ongoing issues with roadworks between Junction 47A and 49, including Haughley New Street. The Council considered correspondence from residents and agreed action. An information board has been erected at the Fishponds Way Wildflower Meadow. Significant progress was reported on the pavilion regeneration project, the playing field and the user groups was provided. Further consideration is to be given to the potential use of AI and/or recording of meetings. A schedule of payments was agreed. The Council considered applications for the Discharge of Conditions relating to conditional planning permissions.

We received an update on the Christmas Lights Switch On event – 29 November. We look forward to seeing many at the event.

The next meeting of Haughley Parish Council is scheduled for 18 November 2025 at the Pavilion due to commence at 7.00pm



HAUGHLEY VILLAGE HALL COMMUNITY CAFE

10am – 12 noon
Saturday 1st November

Hosted by the
Royal British Legion

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!

HAUGHLEY OPEN GARDENS JUNE 20TH & 21ST 2026

Would you be interested in opening your garden to the public on these dates?

Here are some of the many reasons you may want to open your garden:

- Showing your flowers, trees, vegetable plot, or lawn
- Displaying a water feature, such as a pond
- Demonstrating ways to encourage wildlife
- The garden may have historical interest
- You may have statues, garden ornaments or artwork
- You may have animals to view: fish, chickens etc.
- You may want to sell plants or garden produce



Please contact Josephine.Gibson@talk21.com, or phone 01449 774657 if you are interested in taking part!

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INSPIRING WOMEN



You are welcome to join us for the unveiling of the Haughley WI Centenary memorial at around 11am on Saturday 1 November in the Village Hall Garden. The new Rector of the Benefice of Haughley with Wetherden and Stowupland, the Reverend Andy Buttress has kindly agreed to carry out the unveiling and he will give a few words about this special bespoke artwork. We hope that the designer and builders will be able to join us too.

One hundred years of Haughley WI is an amazing achievement and we are proud to be able to commemorate this anniversary and share it with the people of Haughley.

This will be a part of the RBL Community Café which runs from 10am – 12 noon in the Village Hall.

Haughley WI Centenary 1925-2025

District Councillors' Report – October 2025

Living Well in Winter Grant

The Living Well in Winter grant, which supports local organisations to deliver accessible, inclusive spaces and affordable activities that help people stay connected throughout winter has re-opened. Organisations including town and parish councils, village hall and playing field committees, sports clubs and centres, charities, social enterprises, community shops and community interest companies can apply. Eligible projects might include lunch clubs, after-school clubs, low-cost family sports sessions, craft workshops, community cafes, or any other initiative that brings people together and supports residents through the colder months.

Up to £2,000 can be applied for and applications must be submitted by Sunday 19 October. An application form and information about the criteria can be seen at <https://www.midsuffolk.gov.uk/web/mid-suffolk/w/mid-suffolk-district-council-funding-1>

Local government reorganisation

The District and Borough Councils' document (the Case for Change) proposing three unitary councils (meaning the council provides all the services previous split between the County council and District councils) for Suffolk has been finalised and submitted. The County council prepared a separate submission, advocating one council for the whole of Suffolk. Both documents will now be reviewed by the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government and they will launch a public consultation which is expected to run between November 2025 and February 2026. We will keep you informed of the progress towards the consultation and how to access it as soon as we have information. Once the consultation is completed the Ministry will make a decision as to the path to be adopted. Their decision could be for one unitary council, for three or, in fact, for something else not included in the two submissions. The decision is expected in March next year.

Mid Suffolk Magazine

The Autumn edition of the Mid Suffolk Magazine has been issued and should be delivered to every household in the District. If residents don't receive their copy or if they receive more than one, please could they let us know.

Windows in grade II listed buildings

Listed buildings often suffer from poor energy performance due to factors such as poorly fitting windows and single glazing. Mid Suffolk has now introduced a Local Listed Building Consent Order ("LLBCO") making it possible for certain window improvements to be made in Grade II listed buildings without the need for listed building consent. The improvements which can be made, all subject to certain conditions, are:-

- Installation of secondary glazing without needing consent from the council.
- Where original windows have already been replaced after receiving listed building consent, they can be replaced again.
- In a modern extension to a listed building windows can be replaced, or have secondary glazing installed, if they have previously received listed building consent.

Postal vote registration

Residents who have, in the past, been registered to vote by post should have received a letter from the council advising that the government has changed the system and now registration is only valid for three years. Anyone wishing to continue to vote by post will need to complete a renewal application. If this is not done their current registration will end on 31st January 2026.

Locality Awards

The current round of grants, which began in April this year, will close in January. This is different to previous years when applications have been able to continue until March. After January any grant allocation remaining will transfer into the wider Community Development Grant budget. We would obviously prefer that our grant allocation benefits our local community so if any groups are considering an application please do contact us as soon as possible so that we can submit an application in good time.

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

Other 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

Customer access point

Anyone who prefers not to use the website links in this report can obtain information and help from the Mid Suffolk Customer Access Point at 54 Ipswich Street in Stowmarket. The Access Point will of course also give help and support on any other aspect of Council services.

Cllr Janet Pearson

Janet.Pearson@midsuffolk.gov.uk

07928 512592

Cllr Agnes Watson

Agnes.Watson@midsuffolk.gov.uk

07599 828819

SMALL ADS

Deadline for the DECEMBER/JANUARY (Double Issue)

Wednesday November 19th 2025

- McGregor 500W Pole Hedge Trimmer, hardly used, £35, 07891437971
- Long corded leaf blower/vacuum used once, £22 077695 15526
- Parkside pressure washer still in box £37 - 077695 15526
- 4 inch Record bench vice VG C £25 077695 15526

All small ads, max 20 words, should be sent to:

Email: haughleynews@btinternet.com

or

Anne Ardley, Oulton Cottage, The Folly, Haughley IP143NS

The following Terms and Conditions apply to all ads in this section: The Parish News takes no responsibility for the quality, safety, condition or true value of the items placed in the Small Ads Section. The Parish News Editors maintain the power of veto on the suitability of the Adverts. Ads will be placed on a first come first served basis and held chronologically for space in the magazine.

Please note that the 'Small Ads' service has been introduced for the benefit of Haughley and Wetherden residents. Commercial advertisers may advertise in this section on payment of a fee, only if there is no advertising space available elsewhere in the Parish News.

**HAUGHLEY UNITED FOOTBALL CLUB
PRESENTS**

"AN EVENING WITH ELVIS"

With Andy Otley



Saturday, January 10 2026

£5 per ticket
Bar open from 7.15pm

Come and support your local football club and have
a great night out!

Ron Crascall Pavilion, Green Road,
Haughley IP14 3RA

For tickets contact: Colin: 07708062435

HAUGHLEY VILLAGE HALL

CHRISTMAS COMMUNITY CAFÉ

**Sat 6th December
10am-1pm**



Join us for our Festive Community Café
with Mulled Wine and Mince Pies as well as
our usual fare.
We also have a variety of stalls selling gifts for all.

COME AND JOIN US!

For more information contact :
Lindsey Philpot : 01449 675703/07765886690
Lynne Mahon : 01449 674085/07941116240

DATE FOR YOUR DIARY

HAUGHLEY VILLAGE HALL

**IS HOLDING
A
GLAM ROCK DISCO
ON
SATURDAY
28TH MARCH 2026
(More details to follow)**



WETHERDEN

CHRISTMAS

6 DEC 2025

CHRISTMAS MARKET AT WETHERDEN VILLAGE HALL

**LOCAL CRAFTS,
FESTIVE GIFTS &
DECORATIONS
DOORS OPEN 10AM**



**HAUGHLEY HOOTERS
BRASS BAND
CHRISTMAS
CAROLS/MUSIC OUTSIDE
WETHERDEN VILLAGE
HALL IN THE AFTERNOON**

SANTA SEARCH AT WETHERDEN BAPTIST CHURCH

**HELP SANTA FIND HIS
GIFTS FOLLOW CLUES
AROUND THE VILLAGE &
GET A CHOCOLATE
TREAT AT THE END.
HOT & COLD DRINKS.
CAKES & CRAFT MAKING**

**10AM-12PM
£1.50 PER
CHILD**



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

CUB Leader/s needed. Our Cub section is going to have to close after Christmas until a new leader can be found. If you know anyone that would consider stepping into this role, please do contact Richard Stacy.

December 50/50 Draw – This will be held on the 29th of November 2025 at the Christmas lights switch on. First prize £100.00 Second prize £30.00 Third Prize £20.00 Fourth prize £10.00.

Christmas Raffle – We are selling raffle tickets for the grand draw at the Christmas Tree lights switch on event on 29th November 2025. First Prize £100, other prizes will be Hampers, Vouchers, Alcohol etc. They will be available from Playing Field reps and Haughley Post Office. £1 a ticket. We will also be selling mulled wine & mini mince pies at the event. Please do pop along and support this event.

**CHRISTMAS 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.

DOG MESS on the field. This is really causing a problem for matches. Dogs must be kept on a lead and poo removed. Please avoid allowing dogs to poo in the main playing areas.

Pavilion regeneration project - We were expecting a decision in September on whether we have been successful with the Howdens Kitchen grant submitted; however, we have not heard anything as yet; we hope that we will hear something this month.

We had to re-submit the Community Development grant with additional quotes, the grant is to help support repairs to the scout hut, function room windows, replacement of the main entrance door and repairs and painting of other external doors. We hope to hear soon if we have been successful.

Now we have been advised by Mid Suffolk District Council CIL team that we can apply for three separate grants covering three different aspects of the overall project we are in the process of understanding the areas of work we will be applying grant funding for and obtaining the necessary information and quotes.

The Bowls Club extension is going to be the focus of the Sports Infrastructure Grant (as advised by Mid Suffolk District Council), the grant must focus on adding to / providing additional sporting facilities. It has been a desire of the Bowls Club to have juniors teams and provide junior coaching, as a result we have successfully been liaising with the school and Scout group to offer bowls for junior participation, this will be through after school clubs and taster sessions in PE classes and will be provided as Beavers, cubs & scouts as an activity

We are working with the Football Clubs to provide additional information requested by the Football Foundation, the grant will provide funding to support upgrading of the changing rooms.

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: 11th November, 9th December 2025, 13th January, 10th February, 10th March 2026.

Club Contacts

- All Club contact information can be found in Directory
- 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. 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 – trtinker@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.

King George V Playing Field Committee

Quiz Night

Saturday, 31st January 2026

7pm for 7.30pm start

At Haughley Pavilion

£5 per head, Max 6 people in a team

Raffle Bar open

Bring your own food/nibbles

To book a table please contact

Thirza Shaw 07786375441

Email trtinker@aol.com

Funds in aid of King George V Playing Field, Haughley



SAVE THE DATE

A PARISH EVENT

THE TRADITIONAL HAUGHLEY 'CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTS SWITCH ON'



SATURDAY 29TH NOVEMBER 2025
COMMENCING AT 2.30PM

CENTRED AROUND HAUGHLEY PARISH VILLAGE GREEN
IN THE HEART OF THE VILLAGE

You, your families and your friends are cordially invited to participate
in the annual Haughley Christmas lights switch-on event.

This lovely family event is a traditional part
of Haughley's build up to the big day.

Everyone is welcome to come and enjoy refreshments,
seasonal music, traditional entertainment and
invited to visit the stalls.

Santa will be in his Grotto during the afternoon,
so Children do come & visit him.

We look forward to seeing you there.





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SATURDAY 29TH NOVEMBER 2025
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2.30 pm: Event to open – St Mary's Bells will be rung by the Bellringers following by festive music

2.45 to 3.00 pm: Santa will arrive at his Grotto on the village green to meet with the Children (*children up to 12 years of age*)
Santa will be at his Grotto until 4.30 pm

3.00 pm: Dancing by Haughley Hoofers & East Suffolk Morris Men
(*outside the Post Office*)

3.35 pm: Traditional Carols and songs sung by St Marys Choir
& Ukulele Group

4.00 pm: ensemble Haughley Hooters Brass Band

4.45 pm: Our 'Guest of Honour' to switch on the Christmas Tree Lights

4.50 pm to Close: St Marys Bells will be rung by the Bellringers.

We look forward to seeing you there.



“But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God’s special possession, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light.” – 1 Peter 2:9

November is a special month for many reasons. A time when we remember Guy Fawkes and the failed gunpowder plot which is marked with bonfires and fireworks. The clocks have changed and there is a change in the weather as we transition from autumn to winter and as a gardener my Brown bin is crammed full of leaves that continue to cover the garden. On the 11th we honour the sacrifices of those who served in the armed forces. As the month winds down there is an anticipation of the Festive Season as we mark the start of Advent on the 30th. Advent invites us to spiritually prepare for the celebration of Jesus’ birth – to prepare for the celebration of Christmas and reinforcing feelings of hope.

So, in this special month take time to reflect, a moment to pause and look back. A time to consider our relationship with God and to consider our place in his world. As the days get shorter, we are reminded of the importance of being the light in the darkness. Shine brightly for others, offer hope and love in a world that can feel gloomy. Reflect God’s light and love, providing comfort and support to those in need. Commit to being a beacon of hope, sharing kindness and uplifting one another in our community.

We are God’s special possession so let us praise our God who led us out of darkness to shed light into the darkest parts of our lives and the world.

Anne Scarff (Stowmarket Elder)



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We are now one month into the Revd Andy taking up his post as Rector of our Benefice, many of you will have met him at his Installation and Licensing on the 6th October, and I hope more of you will have had the chance to meet him during the last few weeks.

The poet John Keats wrote of Autumn as the “season of mists and mellow fruitfulness”, but it also a time to remember. On the 2nd November there is a service for personal memorial for those we have loved and lost. Then on the 9th November we gather as a nation to remember those who have given their lives in 2 World wars and other conflicts. Remembrance Sunday explores the theme of memory, both corporate and individual, as we confront issues of war and peace, loss and self-gift, memory and forgetting.

From earliest times the Church has gathered on Sundays to celebrate the good news of Jesus Christ. Over time an annual cycle of Christian memory-making has also developed, which allows us to remember his life, death, and resurrection; to celebrate the gift of the Holy Spirit; and to recall the ministry of the holy people who have spread the Christian faith over the centuries.

Through the structuring of our Christian memory, the past is able to come into our present. We reflect on God’s work through his Son, Jesus Christ, and give thanks for the work and sacrifices made by Jesus and his disciples.

The annual cycle of the Church’s year now ends with the Feast of Christ the King on the 23rd November. The year that begins with the hope of the coming Messiah ends with the proclamation of his universal sovereignty. The ascension of Christ has revealed him to be Lord of earth and heaven, and final judgement is one of his proper kingly purposes. The Feast of Christ the King returns us to the Advent theme of judgement.

We also remember that the Church is committed to safeguarding as an integral part of its ministry and mission, promoting a safer culture and the welfare of every child, young person and adult, with special prayers for Safeguarding on Sunday 23rd November.

Sue Hayter, Church Warden

A prayer for remembering

Almighty and eternal God, from whose love in Christ we cannot be parted, either by death or life:

hear our prayers and thanksgivings for all whom we remember this day;

fulfil in them the purpose of your love;

and bring us all, with them, to your eternal joy;

through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

PARISH CHURCH SERVICES FOR NOVEMBER 2025

Benefice of Haughley with Wetherden and Stowupland

(For more information please contact:
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Date	Stowupland	Wetherden	Haughley
2nd November - All Saints/ All Souls	9.30 Parish Communion 3pm Memorial Service	11am Morning Worship	11am Sunday Praise 5pm Memorial service
9th November - Remembrance Sunday	10.50am Remembrance Service	10.50am Remembrance Service	10.50am Remembrance Service
10 th November	11am Remembrance Service Steeple View		2pm Remembrance Service Mere View
11 th November			5pm Pizza Church
16 th November	9.30am Morning Worship	11am Worship for All	11am URC led service
23 rd November – Christ the King	6.30pm Evensong	11am Parish Communion	9.30am Said BCP communion
30 th November – Advent Sunday		11am Benefice Communion	

MEMORIAL SERVICES

Remembering and giving thanks for our loved ones who have died
Sunday November 2nd: Stowupland Church at 3pm and Haughley Church at 5pm.

It does not matter how long ago your loved one died or where their funeral took place, everyone is welcome to come along to remember them, light a candle and say some prayers.

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Monday 8th September. Congratulations to Paula Irvine for winning the Michael and Helen Lang Trophy, judged by Wayne Davey AWPB BPE5* DPAGB, which was for the best image from last season. Her print of "Icy cold stare" won by beating her own P.D.I. "The fleeting nature of life" to win it! A truly remarkable result! Roy Fidler was highly commended for his print "The lost chord" and Brodrick Pooley for his P.D.I. "Leopard cub's sparkling eyes" Well done to all the entries and our judge for the evening.



Sidney the Resident
Snake
By Paula Irvine

Monday 23rd September. We held our annual Cracked Lens competition, judged by our members. The assignment for this competition was 'In The Garden'. Some excellent work with images showing: colour, flowers, birds and various creatures. Winners were, 1st Brod Pooley for his 'A Pure Passion'. 2nd Paula Irvine for 'Sydney The Grass Snake'. Congratulation to all members who entered the competition.



A Pure Passions by Brod
Pooley

Following the competition, presentations were awarded to members for their excellent photography during the 2024/25 season.

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.

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ORCHARD BARN NEWS



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We are always looking for new volunteers. The following activities are coming up if you would like to try something new:

- **On alternate Thursday mornings** there will be the opportunity to learn how to transform old tools by sharpening and resetting traditional carpenters' saws.
- **In December** we will be creating a new biodiversity habitat on our site to help nature recover.
- **In January** there will be free training in the wonderful crafts of hedge-laying and pole lathe use - both using traditional skills and hand tools.



All our activities provide a great form of exercise, and you will make new friends whilst you learn a new skill. The Dragonfly Hearth will be alight in the Long House (our beautiful newly reinstated 1580s teaching space) so we will be enjoying our tea and lunch breaks inside. Bring your own refreshments/ drinking water and remember to dress appropriately!

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ELMSWELL HISTORY GROUP

Last month we were treated to a fascinating talk by Mildenhall Museum's Anne Hughes and Carol Cooper which covered the thrills and spills of the Mildenhall to Melbourne Great Air Race of 1934. Despite its small size in the mid-1930s, Mildenhall was a thriving hub of commercial activity. However, due to the changing political climate at home and abroad together with the rising threat of Fascism and Nazism, the town would be transformed, as it would be involved in the rapid expansion of the Royal Air Force, leading to RAF Mildenhall being built and formally opened in October 1934. Melbourne in Australia celebrated its centenary that same year so it was decided to have an international air race to celebrate this momentous event. Thus, the Mildenhall Great Air Race of 1934 was conceived with the financial support of the millionaire chocolatier, Sir Macpherson Robertson, who provided funding, prize money and magnificent medals and trophies. The race captured the imagination of royalty, the public and the aviation racing fraternity, with an estimated 60,000 people attending the start of the race on 20th October and a visit from King George V, Queen Mary and the Prince of Wales.



Carol explained the rules of the race, weight limits and how many of the entrants had to strip back their planes in order to make the proscribed weight limits. In effect, there were two races, the Speed Race and the Handicap Race, for the 20 competing planes of all shapes and sizes. There were a number of famous and fearless aviators taking part including Amy Johnson, Charles "Jimmy" Melrose and Roscoe Turner, piloting aircraft such as the DH88 Comet, Granville Gee Bee and the Boeing 247D.

All the competitors had to follow the same route, Mildenhall-Baghdad-Allahabad-Singapore-Darwin-Charleville-Melbourne, with the speed merchants having to make mandatory stops at these locations, whilst the handicap crews had many more places to stop, refuel and repair. Twelve of the 20 competitors completed the race - Scott & Black's DH88 Comet winning the Speed Race in about 71 hours, and the Douglas DC2 crewed by Parmentier and colleagues declared winners of the Handicap Race. The final plane to complete the race didn't arrive until 13th February 1935(!) but a special prize was awarded. Unfortunately, there were some crashes and fatalities, but the race captured the imagination of the media and the public at home and abroad which put Mildenhall firmly on the international map!

Our next talk at 7.30pm on **13th November** in Elmswell's Wesley Hall (School Rd, IP30 9EE) is entitled **Suffolk Smugglers** when we welcome back popular local speaker, Barbara McElroy who, having retired from Education, started to give talks to local Suffolk groups on a growing number of topics. This latest talk is about the so-called 'Golden Age' of smuggling, looking at the reasons why and telling many Suffolk-based stories of the gangs and individuals, who were colourful to say the least! Do join us then to learn much more - non-members are always welcome, and you may make some new like-minded friends.



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