

HAUGHLEY & WETHERDEN PARISH NEWS



OPEN
Sundays
April 26th and May 3rd
2.00 to 5.30 pm

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(for Wetherden Parish Church)

APRIL 2026

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HAUGHLEY VILLAGE HALL EASTER COMMUNITY CAFÉ

10am - 12 noon
Saturday 4th April 2026
Including Easter Egg Raffle



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!

TWINNING ASSOCIATION



Join us in singing sea shanties and enjoy a fish and chip supper, then let's dance!

This maritime themed evening is designed to welcome our French twins to our shores, and you are welcome too.

**Saturday 2 May from 7pm until 10.30pm in Haughley Village Hall.
Ticket price £25 each. Bring your own drink.
Put the date in your diary:**

For tickets, contact our chairman Richard Standen. Email richardstanden@gmail.com or text/phone 07760 165889

Let's 'sea' our twins from Noyelles Les Seclins have a 'whale of a time' before we 'wave' goodbye!

Julia Brook



DATES FOR THE DIARY - 2026



APRIL

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| Wed 1st | * WI Open Evening, "Convicted", Haughley Village Hall | 7.30pm |
| Sat 4th | *Easter Community Café, Haughley Village Hall | 10.00am |
| Sat 4th | *"Denial" - St. Peter at Easter, Drama, St. Mary's Haughley | 4.00pm |
| Sat 4th | *Film Nights: "The Choral", Haughley Village Hall | 7.00pm |
| Wed 8th | Haughley Singing for Wellbeing, Haughley Village Hall | 7.30pm |
| Tues 14th | Bingo, Haughley Pavilion | 7.00pm |
| Wed 22nd | Haughley Singing for Wellbeing, Haughley Village Hall | 7.00pm |
| Sun 26th | Gardens and Bluebell Woods, Haughley Park | 2.00pm |

MAY

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| Sat 2nd | *Community Café, Haughley Village Hall | 10.00am |
| Sat 2nd | * Twinning Association Sea Shanties, Haughley Village Hall | 7.00pm |
| Sun 3rd | Gardens and Bluebell Woods, Haughley Park | 2.00pm |
| Mon 4th | *May Day Fayre, Wetherden | 10.00am |
| Sat 9th | HUFC - St Elizabeth Hospice Charity day - more details to follow | |
| Sat 9th | Spring Quiz & Ploughman's supper, Haughley Village Hall, | 7.00pm |
| Mon 11th | Haughley Parish Council AGM, Haughley Village Hall | 7.00pm |
| Tues 12th | Bingo, Haughley Pavilion | 7.00pm |
| Wed 13th | Haughley Singing for Wellbeing, Haughley Village Hall | 7.00pm |
| Sat 16th | Parish Litter Pick | 10.00am |
| Wed 27th | Haughley Singing for Wellbeing, Haughley Village Hall | 7.00pm |
| Sat 30th & Sun 31st | Woolpit Steam | 9.00am |
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JUNE

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| Sat 6th | *Community Café, Haughley Village Hall | 10.00am |
| Sat 6th | *Film Nights: "The Choral" | 7.00pm |
| Tues 9th | Bingo, Haughley Pavilion | 7.00pm |
| Sat 20th & Sun 21st | *Haughley Open Gardens (more details to follow) | |

JULY

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| Tues 14th | Bingo, Haughley Pavilion | 7.00pm |
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SEPTEMBER

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| Sat 26th | Parish Litter Pick | |
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- See poster for further details

Wetherden Village Hall



Quiz Nights



Last Friday Every Month

Come on the night

7:30 pm Start

Hall open from 6:30 pm

To book a table email :

wetherdenvillagehall@gmail.com

Text or Call: 07528 065250

Bring your own Refreshments

or

Come early & Grab a Gourmet Burger



St Mary's Church Wetherden

Pippa & Colin Avis cordially invite everyone to a



Coffee Morning

on

Thursday 30th April

from

10.30am to noon

at

43 Gardeners Walk, Elmswell

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

Everybody is welcome:
the more the merrier.



Like us on Facebook - Wetherden Church

HAUGHLEY BOWLS CLUB

King George V Playing Field, Bacton Road, Haughley IP14 3RA



Want to try lawn bowls and aged between 6 and 15?



Then come along and try bowls at your local friendly club

Youth bowls free taster sessions are being held

Saturday 16th May between 10am to 12pm

and other dates to be confirmed

No equipment needed, please bring flat shoes, to wear on the green
all other equipment will be provided.

There will be members from the club available to provide coaching and explain the basics

"You've got nothing to lose and we can assure you that you will not regret it!"

hot & cold drinks and biscuits will be available in the clubhouse

For more information contact: club membership secretary:
Peter Mead 07845 068679 or email petereamead@gmail.com

Places will be limited

Our meeting was last month was a very educational talk on the RNLI by Haughley resident, Sam Weller – who is a volunteer with RNLI at Harwich.



We learnt that the RNLI was founded in 1824 and that there are 238 lifeboat stations around the UK coastline, covering roughly 19,000 miles of coastline – but with the 4 busiest ones surprisingly being on the River Thames in central London! These are also the only ones that that are fully manned 24 hrs a day – following the “Marchioness” party boat disaster in 1989 where 51 people lost their lives.



Lifeboats

We also learnt all about the different type of vessels that the RNLI uses from fast ribs (originally designed especially for working on the Thames) to the standard lifeboat – which can cost up to 2 million pounds per boat due to the incredible technology of these craft which can easily rescue up to 20 people. Each life boat station has a crew of 5 – 7 people but only the Coxson and engineer are paid staff – everyone else amazingly is a volunteer!



It's hard to believe that all the lifeboats were originally rowing boats – with no fancy technology or safety equipment. The first life jacket wasn't invented until 1861 and the first powered boats were steam driven in the 1880's and then petrol boats were introduced in 1903!

Sam went on to explain that the rescues carried out by the RNLI have changed over the years and the majority now are much closer to shore. This is due to the fact that people don't realise how dangerous the sea can be – with many getting out of their depth on paddleboards and inflatable lilos, to being cut off by tides on sandbanks or under cliffs – so the “Be Safe, Have Fun” campaign was launched to help educate us all.



We then went on to have a question and answer session where a wide range of topics were covered from migrant boat rescues to the work of the life guards on our beaches. Thank you to Sam for a very interesting evening!

The monthly lunch club is still proving to be extremely popular with our ladies and our last visit out was to The Bull in Woolpit. We had a lovely meal with lots of fun and laughter! New venues are being tried and tested whenever we can!

Ladies – you are always welcome to come along as a guest to any of our monthly meetings. Please check out our Facebook page for more information or call Jane on 07815 143490.



Mandy Watson



Haughley WI Open Evening

“CONVICTED”

Landmark cases that made
British Criminal History

Talk by Gary Powell,
Crime Writers Association Member



Wednesday 1st April

Haughley Village Hall

7.30pm

DNA

Tickets £5 each– all are welcome

Tea/Coffee & Biscuits

Tickets available from Haughley Post Office or from
Yvonne Hannan: Yvonne.hannan@icloud.com

Tel: 07531 774438





CRAWFORD'S CofE PRIMARY SCHOOL

We are delighted to be well and truly settled into our Spring season here at Crawford's Primary School. Our children have been making the most of the (slightly) warmer weather and are always fully equipped for outdoor activities, even in wet weather! We strongly believe that children receive so many benefits from outdoor play, so all of our children are asked to dress weather appropriately at break and lunch times so that they can still enjoy the outdoors. Wellies are a must!

Did you know our Outdoor Play and Learning provision has been awarded a Platinum accreditation with OPAL two years in a row? We are incredibly proud of the hard work and dedication of our OPAL play lead, and the children love it too! We have even had local schools visit us and learn how to implement this play into their own schools, we love to spread the word!

Outdoor Play has so many benefits. We allow our children to (safely) climb trees, build dens and let their imaginations run wild! The social, physical and emotional skill building benefits are simply incredible! So a very big Thank You to our wonderful play team, headed by our dedicated Mrs Cook who works tirelessly to ensure the children have safe and exciting resources to build these skills even further.

If you would like more information on our exciting OPAL provision, please get in touch with the school office team.

Best Wishes,
Crawford's CofE Primary School

WETHERDEN VILLAGE HALL



Once again Friday 13th proved to be lucky for us, and there were just under 10 tables in play at our monthly Whist Drive held on Friday 13th March!

Everyone seemed to enjoy the afternoon a great deal, and our next Whist Drive is well and truly on the cards for Friday 10th April at 2pm.

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

REMEMBER

The copy deadline for the May 2026 issue is:
Wednesday, April 22 2026



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



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St. Peter at Easter
DRAMA AT
HAUGHLEY CHURCH
EASTER SATURDAY, 4TH APRIL
4 O'CLOCK

STOWMARKET AND DISTRICT CAMERA CLUB



1st Frazzled Feeder
By Paula Irvine

Monday 9th February. Our judge for the Ray Giffin trophy (natural history) was Roy Essery MPAGB. With a record number of prints submitted, Roy had the difficult task of choosing an overall winner. With his constructive comments and advice on composition, first, second and third were awarded.

Congratulations to Paula Irvine, Rob Gray and Glenda Taylor (1st, 2nd and 3rd respectively) and also those receiving Highly commended and Commended.



3rd Red Fox
by Glenda Taylor

Monday 23rd February. The evening was spent reviewing previous high-scoring images in readiness for our external competition to be held during the first half of 2026. A short list was drawn up for our panel to select our 'champion' shots for the competition.

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.

WETHERDEN VILLAGE HALL

Do you enjoy playing Carpet Bowls?

We are looking for support to restart our Carpet Bowls Club on Wednesday Evenings, and all volunteers would be more than welcome!

All equipment is available and owned by the Village Hall. The only requirement is to help to arrange for the equipment to be set up and stored away and collect weekly subscriptions.

If you are interested in getting involved, please e-mail :-
wetherdenvillagehall@gmail.com

or telephone/text 07528065025

Please visit our web site at www.wetherdenvillagehall.com



WETHERDEN TOWN LANDS

MAY DAY FAYRE

MONDAY, MAY 4TH 2026

10AM-3PM

AT

**WETHERDEN VILLAGE HALL
AND TOWN LANDS CAR PARK**

ENTERTAINMENT

BURY FAIR MORRIS DANCERS
HAUGHLEY CHURCH EUKELELE GROUP

**LOCAL CRAFTS & PRODUCE
SUPPORT LOCAL!**



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WETHERDEN HISTORY GROUP (WHG)

ANNUAL REPORT 2025

January 2025 marked our 16th Anniversary of the Group. Where has the time gone? As has become our custom, we celebrated with a social event in February but not in The Maypole as that had sadly closed, yet again, just after midnight on 1 January 2025. We gathered in the Village Hall instead. Alex, Chris and Pat were elected to continue in their roles as Chairman, Treasurer and Secretary at the AGM in March, held in the Village Hall.

SEPTEMBER: EVENT – A VILLAGE HALL FOR WETHERDEN 2025

In collaboration with the Village Hall Management Council, we welcomed many visitors to our event on Saturday 20 September which was held in the Village Hall to celebrate the 90th anniversary of the opening of the hall back in 1935. We were grateful to the Members of the Village Hall Management Council who served refreshments.

The displays and other resources were then moved to the church where they remained for the week, from Monday 22 September to Saturday 27 September. As well as information related to the village hall, this was an opportunity to display copies of photographs and pictures collected since the group started back in 2009 and to have available many of the resources which have been collated in that time. Some visitors made repeat visits.

It's amazing how much new information comes our way through these events: photographs of metal detecting finds in Wetherden; photographs of people and properties not seen before; information related to owners of properties.

ONGOING WORK

Members undertake research into areas of interest, but it does take time. Current projects include collating what is known about the lands owned by the WETHERDEN TOWN LANDS Charity; updating the records on the memorials and plaques in St Mary's Church; recording NOW photographs of properties and views in the village for comparison with THEN pictures we have.

MEMBERSHIP

We normally meet on the first Monday of each month in the Village Hall to share our interests and bring together information gathered by groups or individuals. We do not have speakers, but we do share information about talks held by other local history groups which members have attended.

WHG is a member of the Suffolk Local History Council which entitles us to send members to its special events. Members usually attend the March Societies Day and the October conference to hear speakers talking on a variety of topics. There are also other events during the year to which we are invited.

If this brief account of our work has sparked an interest in finding out more about the Group does, please contact:

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| Alex Jarrett – Chairman: | telephone: | 07785 362589 |
| | email: | alexpat@apjarrett.plus.com |
| Pat Tuffin – Secretary | telephone: | 07850 267537 |
| | email: | pattuffin@gmail.com |
| or contact us via our website | | https://wetherdenhistory.wordpress.com |

or leave a post on our Wetherden History Group facebook page.



Haughley Village Hall Community Cafe Saturday 2nd May 10am - 12 noon

Hosted by Haughley WI



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

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

Come and join us!



WOOLPIT STEAM

**Saturday 30th &
Sunday 31st May 2026**



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 £9.00, Children £2.00,
Sunday - Adults £10.00, 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

ELMSWELL HISTORY GROUP

Our postponed January meeting became our February gathering which featured three short talks by our members on “*The History of Postcards*”, “*Growing Up on the Ickworth Estate*”, and “*1950-60s Woolpit*” – very different subjects but enjoyed by everyone.

“*Suffolk Connections with Darwin’s Voyage on the Beagle*” was our beautifully-illustrated March talk by Roy Clare, a retired Royal Navy Rear Admiral. Although now living in Essex, he himself started his naval career at HMS Ganges at Shotley, and explained that the main Suffolk connection to the *Beagle*’s voyages was Robert FitzRoy of Euston Hall’s Grafton family, who’d been born in 1805 at Ampton Hall near Great Livermere. FitzRoy joined the navy at the age of 12 at Portsmouth Naval Academy, where he excelled in all his studies, soon after which he joined HMS *Beagle* on its first voyage, being a hydrographic surveying expedition to the southern tip of South America. This was to survey and chart that coast, specifically the treacherous waters of the Magellan Strait, to facilitate British trade. While this voyage did not include Charles Darwin, it established the *Beagle*’s reputation as a survey vessel and identified the Beagle Channel in Tierra del Fuego. Following the captain’s death, FitzRoy took command in December 1828 to sail back to England. Then, on the recommendation of his influential patron, Francis Beaufort, FitzRoy commanded the *Beagle*’s second expedition (1826-1830) which was a round-the-world voyage, and included Darwin. The Beaufort (wind)scale had recently been officially adopted by the Royal Navy and was used extensively on this five-year voyage under Captain FitzRoy, who later was to set up the Meteorological Office in Britain, giving regular weather forecasts. In the early 19th century, naval officers made regular weather observations, but there was no standard scale, so they could be very subjective; Beaufort succeeded in standardising the scale. Thereafter, FitzRoy served as Governor of New Zealand, but died in 1865, having become disheartened because the government of the day had suspended his public weather service forecasts. There is now a shipping area west of Biscay named FitzRoy, as well as a Mounts Darwin and FitzRoy in southern Argentina/Chile. FitzRoy’s own telescope is still kept at Euston Hall.

Our next meeting on **9th April, 7.30pm** at the **Wesley Hall**, will welcome Mark Lawrence for his talk on **Hadleigh Guildhall** which comprises a Grade I listed building of Medieval origin containing many interesting historical and original architectural features and a Victorian Grade II addition. Mark has carried out extensive researches into many aspects of Hadleigh, and his talk will delve into the history of the 15th-Century Guildhall from when it was just a patch of land to the buildings that were put up, and sometimes fell down, over 600 years. We will learn about the wide variety of roles played by the Guildhall over the years and meet some interesting characters along the way.

Non-members/visitors are always welcome (£6pp, cash only please), so do join us then.

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



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.

Branch socials are held every **SECOND** Thursday of the month 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

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!

HAUGHLEY PLAYING FIELD 50/50 CLUB

The March Prize Draw of 2026

6.55pm, 17th March 2026 in the Ron Crascall Pavilion
Witnessed by Members of the Parish Council just before their meeting



First Prize won by Joe Shaw
Second Prize won by Alan & Pauline King
Third Prize won by John MacDonald

CONGRATULATIONS to all our Winners!

The next draw will be in June at the June Bingo session.

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

HAUGHLEY PLAYING FIELD AND PAVILION NEWS
King George's Field, Haughley charity No. 304761

Playing Field 50/50 draw, an easy way to support your local playing field – Thank you to all those that have renewed or purchased numbers for 2026. I still have a few numbers available. If you would like a number for the remaining quarterly draws, June, September and December please get in touch. £10 a year and half the money goes in the prize pot.

Painting Fundraiser 17th June 2026. We are organising a painting evening. The picture is yet to be decided. Sarah from Sunflower Artistry will be the Artist leading the session, aiming to start at 6.30pm and finish around 9pm. Light refreshments will be included. We will share more information soon with Posters and Facebook posts.

A bollard has been installed at the maintenance entrance to the open space at the bottom of Steggall Road.

DOG POO on and around the field. This is really causing a problem for matches and field maintenance. Dogs must be kept on a lead and poo removed even around the edges of the field. We need to strim, mow and cut hedges as well as maintain the pitches and staff should not have to work around dog poo.

Pavilion regeneration project – Mid Suffolk District Council have informed us following the successful Expression of Interest submitted for a Sports Infrastructure Grant to fund extending the bowls club we are eligible to proceed with a formal application for the funding; we are currently working on completing the formal application for the funds.

Positive feedback has been received from Mid Suffolk District Council planning office on the pre-application submitted for the pavilion design, no issues were highlighted on the design, and the design is likely to be supported by the planning office at the planning application stage; working is now progressing to submit a formal planning application. The pavilion function room window has been replaced recently.

A CIL funding enquiry form has been submitted to Mid Suffolk District Council to see if we are eligible for CIL funding to provide funds towards move to a more efficient and environmentally sustainable heating and hot water system - we are looking at removing the current oil system and move to an all-electric solution incorporating solar panels and batteries.

Cub leader/helpers needed – we have some interim help however, if you or anyone you know would like to help please get in touch with Carly Banthorpe 07976294616 or Richard Stacy 01449 673311.

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 p.a. for an A5 size advert, proceeds help 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.
- **Yoga – Claudia** Claudia@yogadia.com **Tuesdays 6.15pm Gentle 7.30pm** Dynamic upstairs function room.
- **Bingo Every second Tuesday of the month, 7pm for 7.30pm eyes down. Upcoming dates: 14th April, 12th May, 9th June, 14th July, 11th August, 8th September, 13th October, 10th November, 8th Dec 2026.**

Club Contacts can be found in directory at back of this issue

- 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.

WINNERS OF HAUGHLEY CHURCH'S MONTHLY £40 DRAW

Caroline Bowden

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.

HAUGHLEY PARISH COUNCIL

Haughley Parish Council held a meeting on Tuesday 17 March 2026.

The Council received the **resignation** of Tim Peerless having moved away from the Parish. The Council received a report on activities at **the Allotments**.

C Cllr Andrew Stringer presented a report for Suffolk County Council (SCC) that identified that last year's Libraries Decision had been scrutinised. SCC has worked to improve planning with young people who are coming up to leaving care. SCC have announced the recipients of their Culture Fund. Parents are being urged to **ensure their children are fully vaccinated against measles**, mumps, rubella, and chickenpox, following a resurgence of measles cases nationally. The Council is looking at the possibility of installing a footpath at Haughley Green. Use of former A14 "laybys" near Haughley New Street is being highlighted again to relevant officers.

D Cllrs Janet Pearson and Dr Agnes Watson presented a report for Mid Suffolk District Council (MSDC). An initial list from the recent Call for Sites has been published without any planning status. Meetings about the overhead lines between Norwich to Tilbury continue. Grant funding is available for projects that protect and expand wildlife corridors and habitats within the district. Attempts are being made to clear litter along the A14 and slip roads.

The Chairman thanks everyone who helped with the recent **Parish Litter Pick**. Someone has cut all the daffodils that had been planted at wildflower meadow off Fishponds. Works were being undertaken to clear **The Pightle** adjoining the playing field. The roadside **pathway through Haughley New Street has been cleared** – thanks to D Cllr Watson and the REACT team. The Council has responded to the **LCWIP (Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan) consultation**

Planning Applications

DC/26/00449 - The Elms, The Folly. To remove and replace all existing windows and front door. No objections.

DC/26/00623 - Bridge Farm, Green Road. To remove an agricultural occupancy condition. No objection.

DC/26/00874 - 24 Denny Avenue, Haughley. Application to Determine if Prior Approval is Required – comments as for the very similar application.

DC/26/00877 - 55 Old Street, Haughley. Discharge of Conditions

DC at Shepherds Lane – variation to a previous grant.

Planning decisions

DC/25/05362 - Land On The North Side Of Station Road, Haughley. Variation to permission – Granted

DC/26/00359 - 34 Old Street, Haughley - Listed Building Consent Required

DC/26/00421 - 24 Denny Avenue, Haughley. Application to Determine if Prior Approval is Required for a Proposed Larger Home Extension. Refused.

Planning - other

District Council is of development of Land at Tot Hill proceeding without planning permission

The Council noted the published information on the recent **Call for Sites**. This will be considered in more detail by the Neighbourhood Plan review group. The Council received an update on **proposals at the Playing Field**.

The Council received information on the **possibility of extending the 20mph limit** in parts of Haughley. This is to be considered further.

The Council noted that Policies, Procedures and Terms of Reference have been reviewed and updated. The Council considered finance information and approved the service of engagement letter for the Internal Audit.

Parish Councillor vacancy – if you might be interested in joining Haughley Parish Council, please contact either the Clerk at clerk@haughleypc.co.uk or the Chairman at gerald.brown@haughleypc.co.uk for further information.

Dates of next meetings

Tuesday 21st April 2026 at 7.00pm Parish Council at the Pavillion.

Monday 11th May 2026 at 7.00pm **Annual Meeting of the Parish** at the Village Hall

ELMSWELL GARDENING CLUB APRIL 2026

This month's speaker was Paul Hansord, a passionate gardener and compost enthusiast who retired from Thompson and Morgan in 2018. Paul took us through the history of compost production from the development of John Innes products in the 1930's, which we still see today in many bags of compost at the garden centre, to the peat free products being developed ahead of the peat ban in 2030.

Paul is a fan of coco-based peat free composts, so much so that he has developed his own product, Eazy Grow Compost and came out of retirement to run his business in conjunction with his daughter. The results of trials with Eazy Grow were impressive and has won the product five Which? Best Buy awards. The photo shows the difference compost quality can make to one petunia plant. Needless to say, the bags of compost he brought with him to the meeting sold like hot potatoes! I am also going to give it a try for potting on my veg and flower seedlings currently growing in the greenhouse.

Our speakers for the next few meetings are:

April 21st – Chris Wiley 'Hellebores'

May 19th – Ian Bedford 'Insects, Six of the Best'

June 16th – Jim Paine 'Trees for all Seasons'

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Wendy

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Spring Quiz & Ploughman's Supper 9th May 2026

*See separate ad for details

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Saturday 4th April – 'The Life of Chuck' 2024 fantasy drama film based on a 2020 short story by Stephen King and starring Tom Hiddleston and Chiwetel Ejiofor. **The planned film for April will now be shown in June*

Saturday 2nd May – NO FILM NIGHT (hall in use by Haughley Twinning Association)

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Who can get the spring booster?

The booster is offered to the following people, who are most likely to get seriously ill from the virus:

- Aged 75 or over (or if you turn 75 by 30 June 2026).
- Living in a care home for older adults.
- Aged 6 months or over with a weakened immune system (for example, due to a health condition or treatment like chemotherapy).

Why should I get the booster?

Protection from previous doses or infections fades over time. Viruses can also change. An extra dose:

- Reduces your risk of getting very poorly.
- Helps you recover faster if you do catch it.
- Reduces the chance of needing to go to hospital.

Respiratory Syncytial Virus (RSV) Programme

From 1 April 2026, the eligibility criteria for this programme will change to allow people aged 80 years and over, and all residents in care homes for older adults, to receive the RSV vaccine on the NHS.

What is RSV?

RSV is a common cause of coughs and colds. Most people get it several times during their life.

It usually gets better by itself, but in some more vulnerable people it can lead to illnesses with serious breathing problems. These may need to be treated in hospital and can be life-threatening.

How to get your vaccinations

The national COVID spring booster programme starts on 13th April and runs through to 30th June.

Woolpit Health Centre has several large clinics planned in April and May.

Eligible patients will either receive an invitation by letter, or a text message with a link to book an appointment.

Housebound patients will be notified of their vaccination date by telephone.

Whilst the RSV vaccine can be given all year round, eligible patients will be offered co-administration of the RSV vaccine at their COVID spring booster appointment.

Dear Friends:

As I sit here to write this on yet another gloomy wet day in late February, wondering what to write for there seems little cheer about. My crocuses have been eaten by the muntjac deer, my lawn has been dug up by grey squirrels searching for the acorns they buried but cannot remember exactly where, while the wood pigeons trample or leave their mark on everything.

And doesn't time fly by. It doesn't seem many days ago that we were celebrating Christmas and the gift to us from God of Jesus Christ, his only son. How he came to us a newborn child, born in that stable in Bethlehem.

And now we are in April already and remembering the events of Easter. Reminding ourselves of his death upon the cross. Of how he died in love for us and all mankind, of how he died in love and obedience to his Heavenly Father.

But our sadness at his death is to be short lived for on the third day he rose again, proving that there is no finality in death. God raised his son to eternal glory so that he could be with us throughout our earthly journey. Jesus also ensured we would never lack anything because he gave to all that love and follow him the gift of his Holy Spirit to be a strength, a comfort, a guide and light for our path.

The sun will shine again, the lawn and plants will recover as the warmth of spring will cheer us all, enabling us to go forward, spreading the love of God and sharing the fellowship of his son Jesus Christ with all those we come into contact with.

May God bless you and the love of Jesus Christ be in all your hearts and minds this Easter time.

Keith Scarff (Stowmarket Elder)

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What's in a name?

The last time I went to the dentist he told me he didn't like tea. His name is Denis.

Names – we all have one and so do most other things. Ships, streets, your dog, plants and festivals – including Easter.

Ever thought about the name 'Easter'? It apparently derives from the an old English word *Eostre* – a fertility goddess. She gave her name to the fourth month of the old English calendar – which corresponds to our April.

As most historians believe that Jesus was crucified in early April you can understand why the church, back in the day, overlaid the celebration of Jesus' death and resurrection on top of the celebrations of spring and fertility, new life and new beginnings. It made sense. But it does always amaze me that not just Christians, but everybody else too, still calls this Christian festival, 'Easter' in 2026.

I mean, you can understand why Christmas is so called - 'Christ' and 'Mass'. It does what it says on the tin! But Easter is a strange word which, understandably, most people don't know the meaning of. Yet we still call Easter – Easter.

Which is why, even though I always resort to calling this time of year Easter, I try and be more specific in the names I use.

For example I call Good Friday (and no one is quite sure why it is called 'Good') – Crucifixion Friday (because Jesus was crucified on the Friday). Easter Saturday I call 'Silent Saturday' (because Jesus was dead on the Saturday) and Easter Sunday I call Resurrection Sunday (because Jesus came back to life on the Sunday).

So, what do you think? Should we still keep the name 'Easter' or change it to something else?

This Easter we have services and events on Maundy Thursday, Crucifixion Friday, Silent Saturday and Resurrection Sunday across the three parishes. Please do come along. You will be warmly welcomed. And do contact me or Alison if you need more information.

Happy Easter! Revd Andy Buttress

PRAYER: God, may the resurrection of Jesus from the dead give me new hope that death is not the end. Amen.

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| <u>Date</u> | Stowupland | Wetherden | Haughley |
|----------------------------------|------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Wednesday April 1st | | | 9.00pm Compline (Night Prayer) |
| Maundy Thursday April 2nd | 7.00pm Agape Supper and Stripping of the Altar | | |
| Good Friday April 3rd | 2.00pm Hour at the Cross | 2.00pm Hour at the Cross | 12 Noon Procession of the Cross |
| Easter Saturday April 4th | | | 10.00-10.30am PIZZA CHURCH Easter Garden and Easter Egg Hunt. 4.00pm An Easter Production – ‘Denial’ |
| Easter Sunday April 5th | 9.30am Easter Day Celebration (with Communion) | 11.00am Easter Day Celebration (with Communion) | 11.00am Easter Day Celebration (with Communion) |
| Sunday April 12 th | 9.30am Worship for All | 11.00am Morning Worship | 11.00am Parish Communion |
| Monday April 13th | 11.00am Steeple View Service | | 2.00pm Mere View Service |
| Wednesday April 15th | | 10.00am Morning Prayer and Praise | |
| Sunday April 19th | 9.30am Morning Worship | 11.00am Worship for All | 11.00am URC/ Anglican Service |
| Wednesday April 22 nd | | | 10.00am Morning Prayer & Praise with Communion at the Vicarage |
| Sunday April 26 th | 6.30pm Evensong | 11.00am Parish Communion | 9.30am BCP Said Communion |
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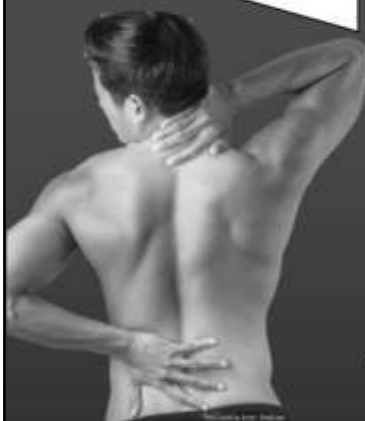
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