

HAUGHLEY & WETHERDEN PARISH NEWS

WOOLPIT STEAM



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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

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DATES FOR THE DIARY - 2026



MAY

Fri 1st	*Twinning Association, French Welcome Evening, Ron Crascall Pavilion	6.00pm
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	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	7.30pm
Sat 16th	Community Litter Pick	10.00am
Sun 17th	*Annual Church Meeting, St Mary's, Wetherden	12.00pm
Wed 27th	Haughley Singing for Wellbeing, Haughley Village Hall	7.30pm
Sat 30th & Sun 31st	Woolpit Steam Woolpit Steam	9.00am 9.00am

JUNE

Sat 6th	*Community Café, Haughley Village Hall	10.00am
Sat 6th	*Film Nights: "The Choral" , Haughley Village Hall	7.00pm
Tues 9th	Bingo, Haughley Pavilion	7.00pm
Wed 10th	*Haughley Singing for Wellbeing, Haughley Village Hall	7.30pm
Wed 17th	*Painting Evening, Haughley Pavilion Scout Hut	6.30pm
Sat 20th& Sun 21st	*Haughley Open Gardens (more details to follow)	
Wed 24th	*Haughley Singing for Wellbeing, Haughley Village Hall	7.30pm
Wed 24th	*CPR Training, The Pavilion, Haughley Playing Field	7.30pm

JULY

Sat 4th	*Community Café, Haughley Village Hall	10.00am
Sat 4th	*Film Nights - "The Good Liar", Haughley Village Hall	7.00pm
Wed 8th	*Haughley Singing for Wellbeing, Haughley Village Hall	7.30pm
Tues 14th	Bingo, Haughley Pavilion	7.00pm
Sat 18th	*Charity Summer Garden Party, Haughley, Kings Arms	
Wed 22nd	*Haughley Singing for Wellbeing, Haughley Village Hall	7.30pm
Sat 25th	HUFC Charity Day, more details to follow	

AUGUST

Sat 1st	*Community Café, Haughley Village Hall	10.00am
Sat 1st	*Film Nights - TBC	7.00pm
Tues 11th	Bingo, Haughley Pavilion	7.00pm

SEPTEMBER

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

**HAUGHLEY VILLAGE HALL
SPRING QUIZ
& PLOUGHMAN'S SUPPER**



**New Quizmasters,
New Quiz!**

**Saturday 9th May 2026
Doors open 7pm for 7.30pm start
Teams of 4-6**

**Tickets £8.00 per head
(includes Ploughman's)
Vegan/GF options available
Bring a bottle**

TICKETS ON SALE NOW!!

**From : Haughley Post Office
Or call Lynne Mahon 07941116240**

ELMSWELL GARDENING CLUB - MAY 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.

Peat free composts can contain a range of materials from composted bark, wood fibre, green waste, seaweed and coir with the all-important added fertilisers that will feed plants grown in them. The added fertilisers are typically a blend of nitrogen, phosphorus and potassium and can feed the plants grown in them from 3 weeks to several months. The blend of fertiliser included in the mix, will suit different uses so it's always worth checking the bags for details of the feed length and blend. These controlled release or slow-release fertilisers are plastic coated so alternatives are being trialled that give the same release of nutrients over the desired time period.

Our speakers for the next few meetings are:

- May 19th – Ian Bedford 'Insects, Six of the Best'
- June 16th – Jim Paine 'Trees for all Seasons'

All meetings start at 7.30pm in Wesley Chapel, School Road. 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. We also hold a raffle, have a donation table and provide refreshments at each meeting. Non-members are always welcome and you may make some new friends. There is a small fee for non-members of £5 for each meeting.

We look forward to welcoming you and sharing our passion for gardening.

For Information contact elmswellgadmin@btinternet.com
or Wendy on 07748 442951

ST MARY'S CHURCH WETHERDEN

The 2026 Annual Church Meeting and Meeting of Parishioners
will be held in

THE CHURCH

ON SUNDAY 17 MAY

**FOLLOWING THE WORSHIP FOR ALL SERVICE
(APPROX. 12 NOON)**

The meetings will review the past year,
consider ideas for the coming year
and elect the Parochial Church Council and the Churchwardens

Refreshments will be served before the meeting



Be a life saver

Learn CPR

Training is provided by an
East Anglia Air Ambulance (EAAA) Trainer,

Training is free, but if you can, please make a
voluntary charitable donation to EAAA on the night.

WHEN

Wednesday, June 24th at 7.30pm – training will last
about an hour

WHERE

The Pavilion, Haughley Playing Field

**No Ticket required, but you MUST book
your place. CONTACT**

Yvonne: yvonne.hannan@icloud.com 07531 774438

Thirza: thirza.shaw@haughleyipc.co.uk 07786375441



SUNDAY 17 MAY 2026

A hundred or so riders in classic tweed and vintage machines will pass through Wetherden on their way towards Elmswell —raising funds, as we have done for ten years, for men's health.

COMING THROUGH WETHERDEN
Down past the church from Base Green, right
at the Maypole, on towards Elmswell
approximately 1.07 pm

Come out, wave us through, take a photograph.

Hosted locally by Bern & Lexi Adams

gentlemansride.com



**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!



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



REMEMBER

The copy deadline for the June 2026 issue is:
Wednesday, May 20 2026

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

WETHERDEN PARISH COUNCIL

Summarised minutes of meeting held on Monday 23 March 2026

- **Attendance:** Cllrs Duncan Perry, Richard Thurman, Andy Lewis, Mike Collings, Andrew Stringer; District Cllr Agnes Watson; Christine Mason (Clerk); and **six members of the public**. **Apologies** were received from Cllr Stacey Lascelles, District Cllr Janet Pearson, Cllr Stephanie Hensley, and Cllr Nick Mitchell. **No declarations of interest** were made.
- **Previous minutes:** Minutes from **26 January 2026** were approved and signed.
- **District Councillor report (Cllr Watson):** Noted a **Nature Recovery Grant** (up to **£50k**), new recycling bins arriving but **not to be used until June**, planned **A14/slip road litter clearance**, publication of a map of submitted sites following a call for sites, and details of the parish **litter pick on Sunday 27 March** (meet **10:50am** by the Maypole car park; Cllr Lewis to organise equipment).
- **County Councillor report (Cllr Stringer):** Noted election timetable **7 May 2026** SCC elections; County elections **May 2027**; Unitary elections **May 2028**, SCC Chief Executive leaving, a blanket **TRO** allowing removal/fines for obstructing vehicles during works, and a planned engineer visit to review flooding issues (Rectory Hill, under the railway bridge, and Elmswell).
- **Finance:** Finance report and payment schedule were approved. Expenditure items included clerk salary, reimbursements, Suffolk Cloud, litter pickers, Action Play & Leisure payments, ICO renewal, service charges, and other supplier costs. **Income:** VAT reclaim and **CIL funding** were recorded.
- **Audit:** Agreed unanimously to re-appoint **Trevor Brown** as auditor for **2025–2026**.
- **Planning:** Two applications were considered—**no objections** to listed building consent at **Grange Farm** and tree works at **Former Warren Farm Landfill Site**.
- **Policies/audit documents:** Updated **Standing Orders**, **Financial Standing Orders**, and internal audit documentation (internal control statement, effectiveness statement, asset register, financial risk assessment/management, asset maintenance schedule) were approved **en bloc**.
- **Projects/updates:** Tree work on the Common to be assessed (with **Suffolk Wildlife Trust** consultation). Ongoing projects include replacement village sign, Common wildlife signage, and seeking a quote for an additional **solar speed indicator device** on Stowmarket Road.
- **Public participation:** Speed indicator device data (Elmswell Road) showed traffic volumes over a 7 day period of 8195 incoming and 14,546 outgoing and that **60%** of vehicles entering and 34% leaving were travelling at **35–45 mph in a 30mph speed limit area**.
- **Next meeting: 18 May 2026**—Annual Meeting at **7:00pm**, followed by Annual Parish Meeting at **7:30pm**.
- Meeting closed at **8:10pm**.

HAUGHLEY SINGING FOR WELLBEING

Say goodbye to the winter blues come and join us for a wonderful hour of singing and laughter in a relaxed atmosphere.

Our next session dates are:-

May 13th and 27th
June 10th and 24th
July 8th and 22nd

7.30 start in the Village Hall Green Room
£5 cash per session
Bring a drink

Contact Lynn 07979832980 for more info

OPEN
Sunday
May 3rd
2.00 to 5.30pm

Haughley Park
Gardens and
Bluebell Woods
Teas in Barn
Adult £5, U16 free -
Cash preferred
(for Wetherden Parish Church)

St Mary's Church Wetherden

Linde cordially invites you all to a



On
Thursday 28th May

from
10.30am to noon

at
1 Crawford Close, Wetherden

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

HAUGHLEY PARISH COUNCIL

Haughley Parish held their usual meeting on 21 April and a special meeting to consider a planning application. Alison Pepper has resigned from the Council and was thanked for her work as a Councillor.

County Councillor Andrew Stringer referred the Government announcement for there to be **three Unitary Authorities in Suffolk**. Haughley and Wetherden are scheduled to be in Central and East Suffolk. The Council agreed to support the release of a statement of support for survivors of sexual harm and exploitation and proposed that the council run a social media campaign signposting people to Survivors in Transition, a local charity which provides support and advice. Extra Funding has been agreed for Public Rights of Way. A Scrutiny Committee has reviewed SCC decision to take back Libraries under SCC control. Council support to young people leaving care up to the age of 25. SCC has additional £1.7m funding from the government to support households in the county facing **increased oil heating costs**. The council is urging parents and carers in Suffolk to **ensure their children are fully vaccinated against measles, mumps, rubella, and chickenpox**, following a resurgence of measles cases nationally over the past two years.

District Councillor Dr Agnes Watson referred to the government decision that there will be **3 unitary authorities in Suffolk**. MSDC has introduced funding to support Parish Councils in the preparation of Neighbourhood Development Plans/ Reviews. MSDC has started on a clear litter by A14. The Council has purchased almost eight acres of land in the heart of Stowmarket to preserve it as a future riverside haven for nature and wildlife for future generations. The next round of Locality Awards will begin in May this year after the election period. The new Nature Recovery Grant to help protect and expand wildlife corridors and habitats within the district. The District Council will help target those in need of **help for heating oil purchase**.

A storage container has been delivered to **Gallowsfield Wood** with thanks to Portable Space. It is proposed to renovate picnic tables at Gallowsfield Wood.

Planning - **DC/26/00554 - Tothill Services** for Construction of a new HGV forecourt and 1no ad-blue and 3no below-ground fuel storage tanks. The Parish Council has submitted an objection. **DC/26/01345 - Rookery Farm Haughley Green** for Discharge of Conditions. **DC/26/01163 - 50 Old Street Haughley (East of England Co-operative) - Notification of works to wrees in a Conservation Area** – District Council has raised no objection. **DC/26/01558 - New Bells House, Haughley Green** for Listed Building Consent. Removal of front external concrete render and repairs as necessary. This Council supports the application.

Decisions. **DC/26/00623 - Bridge Farm, Green Road** - Application to remove Agricultural Occupation Restriction condition. Granted. **DC/26/00449 - The Elms, The Folly** to remove and replace all existing windows and front door. Granted. **DC/26/00874 - 24 Denny Avenue, Haughley** to determine if Prior Approval is required – MSDC decision - Formal Approval NOT Required. **DC/25/05362 - Land on the North Side of Station Road** - Variation of Condition – Granted.

Neighbourhood Development Plan. Following publication of the MSDC Call for Sites, our professional advisor has recommended deferring a consultation for a **long-term Vision Statement** pending additional information which is expected to be published in May or June. Further information will be provided at the Annual Meeting of the Parish on 11 May. The Council is preparing to submit Expression of Interest for Neighbourhood Development Plan support from MSDC. It was agreed to consult with officers about a proposal to change speed restrictions in parts of the Parish.

The Council as Trustee supported **the Playing Field** recommendations to alter parts of the structure and management to facilitate alternative funding and improvements to the Playing Field facilities. The Council received an update on **the Allotments** and has agreed to obtain quotes for certain works including fencing and also a budget for additional signage.

The Council noted receipts during the last month and agreed payments. The Council received an update on progress towards the Internal Audit. The Council considered and agreed in principle two memorials. The Council noted correspondence and responses thereto

Dates of next meetings

- Monday 11th May 2026 at 7.00 for 7.30 pm Annual Meeting of the Parish at the Village Hall – all welcome.
- Saturday 16th May – Parish Litter Pick – see separate notice.
- Tuesday 19th May Annual Meeting (AGM) of the Parish Council at 7.00pm at The Pavilion

HAUGHLEY PARISH COUNCIL VACANCY

The Parish Council has a vacancy and would welcome expressions of interest to join our Parish Council. For further information please contact the Chairman (gerald.brown@haughleyopc.co.uk) or the clerk to the Parish Council.

To be able to stand as a candidate at a parish council, you must:

- ◆ Be a British citizen, an eligible Commonwealth citizen, a citizen of the Republic of Ireland, a qualifying EU citizen or an EU citizen with retained rights.
- ◆ Be 18 years of age or older.
- ◆ Meet at least one of the following three qualifications:
 - * You are and will continue to be, registered as a local government elector for the parish you wish to attend from the day of your nomination onwards.
 - * You have occupied as owner or tenant any land or other premises in the parish area during the 12 months before the day of your nomination and the day of the election.
 - * Your principal or only place of work during the 12 months before your nomination and the day of the election has been in the parish area.



COMMUNITY CAFÉ



2nd May 2026 - Hosted by Haughley WI

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

**Dates for your diary:-
Spring Quiz & Ploughman's Supper
9th May 2026**

***TICKETS ON SALE NOW**

*See separate ad for details

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

**Saturday 2nd May – NO FILM NIGHT – TWINNING
ASSOCIATION - ‘Sea Shanties and Fish & Chip Supper’**

Saturday 6th June - ‘The Choral’ starring Ralph Fiennes, Roger Allam, Mark Addy. As World War 1 rages on, Dr Henry Guthrie takes over a British Choral society that’s lost most of its men to the army. The community soon discovers that the best response to the chaos of war is to make beautiful music together.

Saturday 4th July – ‘The Good Liar’ starring Helen Mirren and Ian McKellen. A career conman sets his sights on his latest mark, recently widowed Betty, who’s worth millions. But as the two grow closer, what should have been another simple swindle becomes a high-stakes game of cat and mouse.

***To find out more about ‘What’s On’ at Haughley Village Hall
visit our webpage at Haughley.org.uk**



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 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

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

Painting Fundraiser 17th June 2026. We will be painting a picture of Harvest Mice on wheat ears on a blue background. Sarah from Sunflower Artistry will be the Artist leading the session. Start at 6.30pm and finish around 9pm. Light cold mini buffet and refreshments will be included. B.Y.O.B. Please see separate poster for details and booking info.

Recycling Bins The recycling bins at the Pavilion will be removed during the next few months due to more recycling being done at home with the new regime for doorstep recycling.

Motorised Vehicles on the field May I respectfully remind people to take notice of the signs and respect we are a charity field managed by volunteers. Hours of volunteer time goes into raising funds and grants to pay for maintenance that we cannot do as volunteers. We are passionate about looking after the field and the facilities for sport and recreation. We want everyone to be able to enjoy the field, but we do have to have a few rules. No unauthorised motor vehicles please. This is on our signs at each entrance and this means all types big and small.

Pavilion regeneration project – Following a successful meeting with Mid Suffolk CIL team to discuss the CIL funding enquiry form we submitted for funding a more efficient and environmentally sustainable heating and hot water system, Mid Suffolk have confirmed that the project is eligible for CIL funding and we can proceed with a CIL application for funding the installation of solar panels. Installation of the new kitchen has started. Thank you to Harvey McSloy the football club Sponsor for funding the installation of the Howdens Grant supplied units. Mid Suffolk has recommended we submitted a CIL application to provide funding towards the bowls club, this will be alongside the Sports Infrastructure funding; a CIL enquiring form has been submitted and we have a meeting with Mid Suffolk to discuss the application at end of April.

**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: 12th May, 9th June, 14th July, 11th August, 8th September, 13th October, 10th November, 8th Dec 2026.

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.



Painting Evening



Haughley Pavilion Scout Hut
Funds raised go to Haughley Playing Field

Date Wednesday 17th June 2026

Time 6.30pm to 9pm approx.

Tickets Cost £32.00

Includes a light cold mini buffet supper and refreshments
(Tea/Coffee/Squash)

B.Y.O.B if you want something a little stronger.

All materials will be provided. Aprons will be provided,
however please wear clothes that you don't mind if you
accidentally get acrylic paint on.



We will be painting Harvest Mice.
To book contact Thirza Shaw 07786375441
email trinker@aol.com

ELMSWELL HISTORY GROUP

In April, Mark Lawrence informed and entertained us with his detailed talk on “*The History of Hadleigh Guildhall*”, based on Hadleigh History Society’s recently-published book, of which Mark was a co-author. He gave us insights into the development of the complex and its varying uses down through the centuries – these uses included a workhouse, several schools, fire station, and corset factory. The area comprising a market hall and guildhall on a site with church, churchyard, Dean’s House and Deanery Tower, was gifted to the town in the early 1400s. The oldest part of the guild complex, the market hall, has been consistently used as a community space, and the charity set up to run the market hall was managed by 15 chief inhabitants of Hadleigh. The Town Council was appointed as feoffee (trustee) in the 1980s, and the rent of one red rose (instigated in 1438) due to the local Lords of the Manor, the Clopton family (prominent Suffolk wool merchants of Long Melford’s Kentwell Hall), was laid on the tomb of Sir William Clopton in 1984 in Long Melford Church, which has happened every year since then.

May Day – this is a much-welcome holiday for all to enjoy, being a public holiday across the UK since 1978, but this day has been one of celebration for centuries, full of music, dancing and all-round revelry. From pre-history, the pagan fire festival *Beltane* marked the end of winter, then the Roman’s goddess of flowers, Flora, was honoured in their *Ludi Florales* festival. In the early 16th century, the Tudors celebrated the return of summer with a May King, but the 17th century celebrations were considered “*heathenish vanity*” so maypole dancing was banned. However, there was a *Merrie England* revival in the 19th century when conservatively-minded country gentlemen believed that these celebrations would help cement community bonds at a time of rapid social change and urbanisation.

Our next meeting on **14th May, 7.30pm** at Elmswell’s **Wesley Hall** (School Rd, IP30 9EE), will welcome Richard Brice of the Sutton Hoo Ship’s Company for his talk on their **Project to Reconstruct a Replica Anglo-Saxon Longboat**. Richard has been a volunteer guide at this project for some time, and explains that an Anglo-Saxon king’s burial ship and treasure lay hidden underground, dormant for over 13 centuries in the mysterious Sutton Hoo royal burial ground; all that remained of the ship was a shadow of its former awe-inspiring glory, uncovered in 1939. Developing the Sutton Hoo story, the King’s ship is being resurrected to its full ninety-foot length in The Longshed, Woodbridge. From there it will soon slip once more into the King’s River to grace the waters and tides again, reconnecting our Anglo-Saxon maritime heritage with a modern-day sense of discovery.

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

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

HAUGHLEY OPEN GARDENS



Saturday 20th June & Sunday 21st June
11 am till 5 pm

GARDEN ADMISSION TICKETS AVAILABLE
FROM THE CHURCH ON THE DAY

£5

Tea and musical entertainment in
Palmer's Whitehouse Garden
Sunday 12noon till 4pm



CRAWFORD'S CofE PRIMARY SCHOOL



Did you know we have a School Council? Our dedicated pupils help to make decisions for our school's future, make improvements with our school premises and learning and also work together to support all of our pupils and staff.

Our School Council meet weekly with the Head Teacher, Mrs Lankester, and record the minutes of the meeting which are displayed around school for our pupils and staff to access.

Recently, they have supported and created three clear school rules. The rules are:

Be Ready
Be Respectful
Be Safe

We are incredibly proud of their dedication in supporting our school, and creative ideas. A huge Well Done and Thank You to everyone who has formed our School Council!

Best Wishes,
Crawford's CofE Primary School



Mid Suffolk

I've found myself in a really difficult financial situation and I don't know where to turn. I was made redundant recently and now I'm finding it hard to keep up with my bills and am getting into debt - what can I do?

Money problems can feel overwhelming, but the most important thing to remember is that you don't have to face this alone. We know that times are incredibly tough for lots of people right now, and Citizens Advice is here to help you find a way forward.

Make sure you've been paid everything you're entitled to by your former employer. You can check what your rights are on the Citizens Advice website.

If you're finding it difficult to stay on top of bills, free budgeting tools like the one on the MoneyHelper website can help you understand what money you have coming in and going out each month, and where you might be able to cut costs.

Before you start, try to find your most recent bank statements, payslips, debit and credit card statements or bills, and receipts for things you usually pay for in cash. Make sure you include all your expenses, for example money you spend on your partner or family.

If your budget just doesn't add up and you need help to afford essentials like bills and food, you can find out how to get help with your bills as well as what cost of living support is available on the Citizens Advice website.

Please don't ignore bills or letters about money that you owe. You should collect and organise all debt-related documents to create a comprehensive list of all your debts. It might feel overwhelming when you see everything written down - but try not to worry, the important thing is that you're taking action to sort things out.

If you're behind on household bills, prioritise paying your rent or mortgage, plus energy bills and Council Tax first. Not paying these bills has the most serious consequences. Take a look at the Citizens Advice website for more information about what bills to prioritise and how to manage debts. You can then speak to the organisations you owe money to – they might let you pay smaller amounts or take a break from payments.

For other types of debt like credit cards or loans, gather all the information on what you owe, create a budget, and contact your creditors to set up an affordable repayment plan. This might seem scary, but it's an important first step.

Lots of people miss out on benefits they're entitled to, so it's worth checking what you can get on the Citizens Advice website. Claiming benefits might also let you get access to other financial help like cost-of-living payments and discounts on energy and transport.

Whatever your situation, you don't have to face this alone - get in touch with a free support service like us at Citizens Advice. Our advisers can help to check if you're eligible for any benefits or financial support and explore all the options for dealing with your debts.

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

STOWMARKET AND DISTRICT CAMERA CLUB

March 9th. Our Open 4 competition was ably judged by Kevin Williams AWPB BPE3* DPAGB. Thanks to Kevin for his hints and tips and useful critiques.



Multiple Exposure, Japanese Maple
By Andy Steward

Once again, we had a huge range of subjects of great quality. Well done to those with top scores but particularly to Andy Steward who, scored his first 20 in both the P.D.I. and Colour print competitions.

On Monday 23rd March we held our 2nd Club night, where we had our members select images taken on mobile phones from club members. The top images will be used for regional competitions later in the year. Well done to Colin Hardy, Paula Irvine and Perry Andrews for their imaginative images.

Part two of the evening involved volunteers giving presentations on displaying and describing their out-of-camera images and the steps taken to improve them before displaying the final image, followed by comments and suggestions.



Laid Low by Geoff Walker

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WETHERDEN VILLAGE HALL



There were just under 10 tables in play at our monthly Whist Drive held on Friday 10th April

Everyone seemed to enjoy the afternoon a great deal, and our next Whist Drive is well and truly on the cards for Friday 8th May at 2pm.

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

We are also holding a Charity Whist Drive on Friday 29th May at the Village Hall at 2pm. These are always very popular, and again, you will be sure of a very warm welcome!

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Sunday 3rd	9.30am Parish Communion	11.00am Morning Worship	11.00am Sunday Praise
Wednesday 6 th	10.00am Morning Prayer & Praise		
Sunday 10 th	9.30am Worship for All	11.00am Morning Worship	11.00am Parish Communion
Monday 11 th	11.00am Service at Steeple View		2.00pm Service at Mere View
Tuesday 12 th			5.00pm Pizza Church
Wednesday 13 th			10.00am Morning Prayer & Praise
Thursday 14th			7.00pm Ascension Day Service
Sunday 17 th	9.30am Morning Worship	11.00am Worship for All	11.00am URC/ Anglican Service
Wednesday 20th		10.00am Morning Prayer & Praise	
Sunday 24th	6.30pm Pentecost Evening Celebration	11.00am Parish Communion	9.30am BCP Said Communion
Wednesday 27 th			10.00am Morning Prayer & Praise with Holy Communion at the Vicarage
Sunday 31 st		11.00am Benefice Communion	

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To all the many people who attended Jean's funeral and/or my 100th birthday celebration please accept my heartfelt thanks for your kindness and overwhelming show of affection. *Doug Rose*

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Superpowers

There is an old 'dad-joke' which goes 'where does Bruce Wayne get his energy from?' – Bat-teries!

I know it's a rubbish joke but it fits in nicely with my theme this month.

A while ago I was asked what I thought my superpower was. Surprised, I said 'what do you mean – I'm not exactly superman?' And they replied, 'Sure, but what do you think are the things that give you energy and what are the things you do which also give others energy and inspiration?'

That got me thinking. What do we do that particularly gives strength, power and vitality to those around us – things that might be particularly unique to us? And what are the things that make us 'come alive' as well? Maybe it is hospitality, listening, writing, baking, singing, DIY, teaching, sport or caring?

I know someone who has Down's Syndrome. Their superpower is their smile, warmth of character and sense of humour. These things give them and others immense happiness. Being empowered and empowering others is so important.

In the month of May, the Church celebrates the time when Jesus, after his resurrection, left this world (the Ascension), and sent his Spirit upon his dispirited followers (Pentecost). Suddenly, with this Spirit, they were changed and empowered. Suddenly they found they had various 'superpowers' which enabled them to go and change the world. Once they were timid, now they were bold. Once they were fearful now they were strong. Once they doubted, now they believed.

It is this same Spirit which Christians still believe empowers people today. It doesn't turn ordinary people into superheroes but it does empower them to live with an inner capability and strength.

So what would you say your superpower is, and what do you think of this claim that Jesus still empowers people with his Spirit today?

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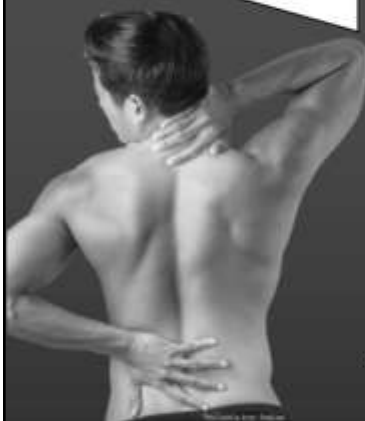
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