

# HAUGHLEY & WETHERDEN PARISH NEWS



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## JULY/AUGUST 2026

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# DATES FOR THE DIARY - 2026



## JULY

Sat 4th	*Community Café, Haughley Village Hall	10.00am
Sat 4th	*Film Nights - "The Good Liar", Haughley Village Hall	7.00pm
Sun 5th	*Tea & Tour, Walnut Free Manor	3.00pm
Wed 8th	*Haughley Singing for Wellbeing, Haughley Village Hall	7.30pm
Sun 12th	*Haughley Garage Sale	10.00am
Tues 14th	Bingo, Haughley Pavilion	7.00pm
Sat 18th	*Charity Summer Garden Party, Haughley, Kings Arms	
Mon 20th	Haughley Village Hall AGM Green Room, HVH	7.00pm
Wed 22nd	*Haughley Singing for Wellbeing, Haughley Village Hall	7.30pm
Sat 25th	*HUFC Charity Day,, Haughley Pavilion	10.00am

## AUGUST

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

## SEPTEMBER

Sat 5th	*Community Café, Haughley Village Hall	10.00am
Sat 5th	*Film Nights - "Mother's Pride", Haughley Village Hall	7.00pm
Tues 8th	*Bingo, Haughley Pavilion	7.00pm
Sat 13th	*Sponsored Ride & Stride	9.00am
Sat 19th	*RBL Quiz Night, Haughley Village Hall	7.00pm
Sat 26th	Parish Litter Pick	

## OCTOBER

Tues 13th	Bingo, Haughley Pavilion	7.00pm
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## NOVEMBER

Tues 10th	Bingo, Haughley Pavilion	7.00pm
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## DECEMBER

Tues 8th	Bingo, Haughley Pavilion	7.00pm
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## 2027

### JANUARY

Sat 9th	*HUFC Andy Otley as Elvis - more details to follow	
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- See poster for further details



Our meeting last month was a very informative talk on Garden Ecology by Robert Kitchen who is a volunteer with the BTO (British Trust for Ornithology). We learnt how our gardens have a value for wildlife and a role to play in conservation and biodiversity.



Robert talked about the BTO's Garden BirdWatch project which was started in 1995. There is more space in all the gardens in the UK than there is in all our National Parks combined – so our gardens are a very useful resource. Garden BirdWatch was started to monitor trends in bird population and to get the public actively involved in conservation - there are now more than 10,000 gardens participating. (but still more gardens in Norfolk taking part than Suffolk!)



Garden BirdWatch collates the data received and looks at why some birds are declining (ie: Greenfinches) and why others are thriving (ie: Goldfinches). New species are being recorded regularly (ie: Ring Necked Parakeets) and others species are no longer migrating but staying with us all year round (ie: Black Caps). Garden BirdWatch also looks at all the other visitors to our gardens including mammals, reptiles, bugs and beetles.



So why not get involved? You don't need expensive binoculars or even to provide bird food (but it helps!) Just record the species that you see weekly that visit your garden! Encourage more visitors by leaving wild patches, provide some water or by adding plants with berries or seeds to your garden. For more information on Garden BirdWatch check out their website: [www.gbww@bto.org](http://www.gbww@bto.org)

Our monthly lunch club is still proving to be extremely popular with our ladies, and our last visit out was to The White Horse at Stoke Ash and our next one is to The Chestnut Horse in Great Finborough. (We are obviously only visiting horse named pubs at the moment!!) 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 Haughley WI Facebook page for more information or call Jane on 07815 143490.

Mandy Watson

# **HAUGHLEY GARAGE SALE** **Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> July 10am - 3pm** **In Aid of Haughley Pre-School**

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

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

**YOU GET TO KEEP ALL THE PROFITS!**

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

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

We are sure that you will have great fun participating and will earn some cash for your efforts. If you would like to take part, please fill in the slip below & send it, along with your fee of **£6 by 25<sup>th</sup> June** to:

**Paul Tinker, 22 Denny Avenue, Haughley**  
**For more information, please contact Paul on 01449 523788**

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**I WISH TO TAKE PART IN THE HAUGHLEY GARAGE SALE.**

**NAME:** \_\_\_\_\_

**ADDRESS:** \_\_\_\_\_

**PHONE NUMBER:** \_\_\_\_\_

**£6 FEE ENC/CLOSING DATE FOR SELLERS: \* 25/06/26\***



# Suffolk Historic Churches Trust Sponsored Ride & Stride 2026 Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> September, 9am to 5pm

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

*If you would like to take part please email*

**d.j.fleetwood@btinternet.com**

*for more information and sponsor forms.*

## ST MARY'S CHURCH, WETHERDEN

Pat and Alex cordially invite you all to a



Coffee Morning

On

**THURSDAY 30th JULY**

From


**10.30am - noon**

**3 Crawford Close, Wetherden**

There will be tea, coffee & biscuits  
A bring-and-buy table and raffle

Everybody is welcome:  
the more the merrier



 Like us on Face Book - Wetherden Church

## WETHERDEN VILLAGE HALL

There were just under 10 tables in play  
at our monthly Whist Drive held on  
Friday 12<sup>TH</sup> June

The afternoon seemed to "suit  
everyone, "and our next Whist Drive is  
well and truly on the cards for  
**Friday 10<sup>th</sup> July at 2pm.**

Why not be ahead of the pack,  
and come along???? You will be sure  
of a warm welcome!"

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In addition, we held a Charity Whist  
Drive on Friday 29<sup>th</sup> May Eleven tables  
were in play, and a total of £320 was  
raised for  
Breast Cancer Charity"





# HAUGHLEY VILLAGE HALL COMMUNITY CAFÉ



Hosted by

Haughley and Wetherden Twinning Association

**10am - 12 noon**  
**Saturday 4th July 2026**

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**

## COUNCILLOR SURGERY

Meet your councillors

District Councillors Janet Pearson and Agnes Watson

County Councillor Andrew Stringer

**Saturday July 25th at**  
**Haughley Village Hall in the Green Room**  
**10 am to 12 pm**

Please come and talk to us about any issues  
concerning you in our area



No appointment necessary



# HAUGHLEY VILLAGE HALL COMMUNITY CAFE And Grand Raffle

To all who donated, helped or attended on  
Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> June

## THANK YOU

For helping us raise £1000



### ELMSWELL GARDENING CLUB - JULY 2026

Our speaker this month was Dr Ian Bedford, a lifelong entomologist who has been fascinated by insects and other invertebrates for most of his life, so we were anticipating an interesting talk.

Ian talked us through the six most common garden insects, three regarded as pests and three more 'friendly', but all having a role to play in either pollination or in the garden food chain. The orange tip butterfly heralds the start of spring and are important early pollinators and love to breed on garlic mustard. Six spot ladybirds are excellent at keeping the aphids under control and the buff-tailed bumblebee are terrific at pollinating our tomatoes and strawberries. Vine weevils, garden snails and rose aphids are all set to feed on our container plants, roses, hostas and any young plant growth. But having these in our gardens do attract other wildlife including blue tits, thrushes, frogs, toads, lacewings and beetles all of which increase the biodiversity of our greenspaces.

Our speak for July 21 meeting is Paula Joyer is a local flower farmer at Fox House Flowers and will be speaking to us about her flower growing 'Born in Essex, Grown in Suffolk'. The meeting starts at 7.30pm in Wesley Chapel, School Road.

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

For Information contact [elmswellgadmin@btinternet.com](mailto:elmswellgadmin@btinternet.com)  
or myself on 07748 442951.

# THE KINGS ARMS

Haughley's Friendly Village Pub



**Great Food \* Great Drinks \* Great Company**

## OPENING HOURS

Mon to Thurs: 12:00 - 22:00

Fri & Sat: 12:00 - 23:30

Sun: 12:00 - 20:00

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Fri & Sat: 12:00 - 20:30

Sun: 12:00 - 17:30

## Dog-Friendly Pub

- \* Well-behaved dogs welcome in designated dining area
- Family Garden**
- \* Newly renovated outdoor space
  - \* Children's play equipment
  - \* Perfect for relaxing with family and friends

## CHARITY SUMMER GARDEN PARTY

**Saturday 18th July from 2pm**

- \* Pizza Oven
- \* Live Music
- \* Supporting local charities
- \* Outside Bar
- \* Games & Family Fun
- \* **Everyone Welcome**

## WEEKDAY AFTERNOON SPECIAL

Tea or coffee & a slice of **Holly Bakes Cake** for just **£6.50**

New flavours every week

## QUIZ NIGHT — DON'T MISS IT!

First Sunday of every month \*\*\* 7.30pm start

Teams up to 6 - £2 pp entry

Gather your team and enjoy a great evening with plenty of laughs  
and a little rivalry

Call or email to reserve your table

**The Kings Arms, 3 Old Street, Haughley IP14 3NT**

Tel: 01449 404335 Email: haughleyka@gmail.com

[www.kingsarmshaughley.co.uk](http://www.kingsarmshaughley.co.uk)

## HAUGHLEY PLAYING FIELD AND PAVILION NEWS

King George's Field, Haughley charity No. 304761

**June 50/50 winners.** Apologies for forgetting to remind people the June draw was due. I did remember just in time to have the numbers drawn in the presence of Parish Councillors at the June meeting. First Prize £50.00 Katie Harper No.60. Second Prize £20.00 June Paddy No.72. Third Prize £10.00 Alan Thompson No.78.

**Painting Fundraiser 17<sup>th</sup> June 2026.** At the time of writing this event is about to take place. Support is good with 18 booked in, and we are looking forward to a fun evening.

**CPR training session for 24<sup>th</sup> June.** Again, this has not happened yet but 26 booked.

**No Dogs sign on the play area. Sadly, having found a way to minimise it being removed it was sprayed over. I have no words!!**

**HUFC Charity fun day 25<sup>th</sup> July.** Please support this event if you can. It is in aid of St Elizabeth Hospice. See separate advert for details.

**General news** Football training has already begun ready for the new season. There will be 7 youth teams and 2 senior teams' next season. Bowls have a match nearly every day. All 4 scout groups meet weekly and there are various clubs and classes weekly. There is still capacity for more clubs on some days so please get in touch if you are looking for a space for a group. Crawfords sports day 9<sup>th</sup> July.

### **Pavilion regeneration project –**

To enable us to move towards an environmental sustainability heating and hot water system an energy brief has been produced and has now been agreed by all relevant parties. The brief has been sent out to potential contractors to obtain pricing.

The new kitchen has been completed. The Football club house is currently undergoing refurbishment.

Architect plans for all the changes are nearing completion and will be submitted shortly for planning application.

### **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](http://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](mailto: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:** 14<sup>th</sup> July, 11<sup>th</sup> August, 8<sup>th</sup> September, 13<sup>th</sup> October, 10<sup>th</sup> November, 8<sup>th</sup> Dec 2026.

**Club Contacts: Contact details are in the Directory**

**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](mailto: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.



# QUIZ NIGHT



**Saturday, 19th September**  
**7pm for 7.30pm start**

**Haughley Village Hall**

**Tickets £5.00**

**Bring your own drinks & snacks**

**Teams of up to 6**

**Tickets available from**

**The Post Office**

**or**

**Margaret 07780 633312**

**Tim - 01449 613680**



All proceeds to the Haughley Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal



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## HAUGHLEY PARISH COUNCIL

Haughley Parish Council held a meeting on Tuesday 16 June 2026.

**Dr Bronwyn Betts was coopted onto the Council** and welcomed by all. Another prospective Councillor was also in attendance.

A member of the public addressed the Council on matters relating to the construction works being undertaken at **Tothill Service Station**. Various matters of concern were raised, the responses to which would be considered when there is a further Planning Application.

**County Councillor Andrew Stringer** submitted a written report on County Council matters and emphasised various points, including **that Reform UK have a working majority at the Council**, members of whom were appointed to the positions of Leader, Chairman and members of the Cabinet. Following the Government's decision that it was minded to approve three unitary authorities in Suffolk with **elections for the "shadow" authorities next May** in 2027, the Reform UK leadership have announced that they have made a publicly funded legal challenge to the Government about this decision. Details of the challenge and reasoning have yet to be made public. Andrew has met with the community highways engineer to consider options for the informal/formal laybys along the former A45 and also a footway at Haughley Green, noting that highway projects are being reviewed under the new administration.

**District Councillors Janet Pearson and Dr Agnes Watson** submitted a written report including expected elections for "shadow" authorities next May. Stowmarket is to host celebrations on **Armed Forces Day 2026** which is a free event organised by Mid Suffolk District Council. Families in Mid Suffolk are encouraged to check if they are eligible for the **Healthy Start Scheme** which is a national programme providing financial support to pregnant women and families with young children. The next round of **Locality Grants** has begun. Residents who have not received the additional bins should email [recycling@baberghmidsuffolk.gov.uk](mailto:recycling@baberghmidsuffolk.gov.uk). A **consultation for the Joint Local Plan** is open until 31 July 2026, marking the beginning of an important planning document that will guide decisions on housing, jobs, infrastructure, town centres, the environment, transport and community facilities. [Joint Local Plan Scoping Consultation – Mid Suffolk District Council – babergh.gov.uk / midsuffolk.gov.uk](https://www.babergh.gov.uk/midsuffolk)

A local Chinese takeaway has been fined for food hygiene breaches.

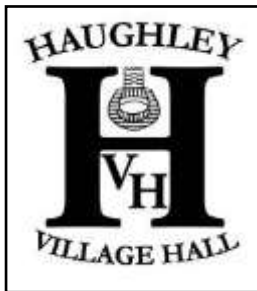
The Chairman reported that the church clock has been repaired and serviced. Progress is being made with the proposed pilgrimage route between Ipswich and the Cathedral in Bury St Edmunds with a significant feature to be in Haughley Church – launch planned for Easter time 2027. A written report was received on the Biodiversity and Wildlife Working Group meeting.

**Planning Application - DC/26/02110** - 46 Old Street Haughley.  
**Decisions - DC/26/00877** - 55 Old Street Haughley - Discharge of Conditions - Granted. **DC/26/01558** - New Bells House New Bells Lane Haughley Green for Listed Building Consent to remove front external concrete render and replace with lime plaster and other materials in keeping and other repairs as necessary. Granted.

**DC/25/05123** - Balfour House 20 Eve Balfour Way Haughley - Planning Application - Conversion into 4 self-contained flats for residential use (C3). Granted.  
**DC/26/00554** - Tothill Services Tot Hill Haughley - Construction of a new HGV forecourt and 1no ad-blue and 3no below-ground fuel storage tanks – application withdrawn.

The Council received an update on **the playing fields and pavilion regeneration project; Haughley Parish In Bloom** summer, and arrangements for the **Community Café on Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> September**. Finance matters were considered and payments for June agreed.

The next Parish Council meeting is scheduled for:  
**Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> July 2026 at 7.00pm**



## HAUGHLEY VILLAGE HALL AGM

Haughley Village Hall Management Committee AGM  
is to be held on

**Monday 20<sup>th</sup> July at 7pm**

in the Old Reading Room at the Village Hall.

The AGM is open to any members of the community  
wishing to attend.

### HAUGHLEY PLAYING FIELD 50/50 CLUB

The June Prize Draw of 2026

8.45pm, 16<sup>th</sup> June 2026 in the Village Hall  
Witnessed by Members of the Parish Council  
just after their meeting



First Prize won by Katie Harper, No 60

Second Prize won by June Paddy, No 72

Third Prize won by Alan Thompson, No 78

**CONGRATULATIONS to all our Winners!**

The next draw will be in September at the Parish Council meeting.

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

### ST MARY'S CHURCH, WETHERDEN

Linda cordially invites you all to a

*Good morning*

*Coffee get together*

On

**THURSDAY 27TH AUGUST**

From

**10.30am - noon**

Old School, Wetherden

There will be tea, coffee & biscuits  
A bring-and-buy table and raffle

Everybody is welcome:  
the more the merrier

 Like us on Face Book - Wetherden Church

## SUMMARY OF WETHERDEN PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

The Annual Parish Council Meeting was held on **18 May 2026**, chaired by **Cllr Duncan Perry**, who was re-elected as Chairman for the coming year. No Vice-Chairman was appointed at this stage.

### Key Reports

- ◆ **District Council update (Cllr Agnes Watson):**
  - ◆ Local government reorganisation is progressing, with three new unitary councils expected by **April 2028**.
  - ◆ Grants of up to **£20,000** are available to help parish councils prepare or review Neighbourhood Development Plans.
  - ◆ Mid Suffolk's share of council tax will increase by **2.99%**.
  - ◆ New environmental grants ranging from **£2,000 to £50,000** are available for projects such as tree planting and habitat creation.
  - ◆ **County Council update (Cllr Andrew Stringer, in absence):**
  - ◆ Discussion of devolution and local government reform.
  - ◆ Suffolk County Council plans a **4.99% council tax increase**.
- Suffolk's road maintenance performance was rated **Red (lowest category)** under the government's highways assessment system.

### Finance

- ◆ The finance report was approved.
- ◆ Bank balance on **14 May 2026** stood at **£19,148.31**.
- ◆ Major expenditures included insurance (£1,722.86), HMRC (£521.67), SALC subscription (£308.48), auditor fees (£305.45), and grounds maintenance.
- ◆ Income included **£7,090** from the half-yearly precept payment.

### Governance

The **Annual Governance and Accountability Return (AGAR) 2025–26** was approved and signed.

The auditor's report was accepted, with recommendations to be noted.

### Village Projects and Maintenance

- ◆ A quotation will be obtained for a new **dog waste/litter bin** near the play area.
- ◆ Concerns were raised about overflowing dog waste bins not being emptied by Mid Suffolk District Council.
- Unsafe swings in the play area need replacing.
- \* Funding support has been secured:
  - ◇ £1,500 from Cllr Watson's locality budget
  - ◇ £1,000 from Wetherden School Trust
  - ◇ £1,000 from Cllr Stringer is pending

Weed-control issues on barked areas of the play area will be addressed.

### Public Concerns Raised

Residents highlighted:

- ◆ Flooding caused by blocked drains and gullies.
- ◆ Tree maintenance, including raising the canopy of the oak tree at the crossroads.
- ◆ Replacement of the deteriorated village sign.
- ◆ Concerns about roadside weed-spraying chemicals.
- ◆ Purchase and siting of a new speed indicator device.

Lack of consultation regarding a container and skip placed at Park View for council works.

**Next Meeting:** The next Parish Council meeting is scheduled for **20 July 2026**.  
Duncan Perry, Chairman Wetherden Parish Council



# COMMUNITY CAFÉ



**4<sup>th</sup> July Hosted by  
Haughley and Wetherden Twinning Association  
1<sup>st</sup> August Hosted by HVH**

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**'Coffee & Chat' at the Green Room  
Mondays from 19am-12noon**

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

**Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> 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.

**Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> August** – **'Esio Trot'** starring Dame Judi Dench and Dustin Hoffman. Richard Curtis uplifting adaptation of Roald Dahl's classic tale of true love and tortoises.

**Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> September** – **'Mother's Pride'** starring Martin Clunes, Mark Addy, James Buckley. From the team behind 'Finding Your Feet' and 'Fisherman's Friends' a British Comedy about a family coming together to save their pub and village through the art of beer-brewing.

**\*To find out more about 'What's On' at Haughley Village Hall  
visit our webpage at [Haughley.org.uk](http://Haughley.org.uk)**

## DISTRICT COUNCILLORS' REPORT - JUNE 2026

**Local Government Reform** : The government has decided that there will be 3 unitary authorities in Suffolk. The 3 new unitary councils have provisionally been called Central and East Suffolk, Ipswich and South Suffolk and West Suffolk. A new website developed by all the Suffolk councils detailing the proposed boundaries, names and warding with an interactive map has been developed. [Home - Future Suffolk](#) Residents can ask questions through the website and make comments.

As part of the transition, three joint committees of existing councillors will be created; one for each new unitary council area. The role of each joint committee is to help prepare for the new councils alongside the Implementation Board of officers. Elections to the new 'shadow' unitary authorities will take place in May 2027. The unitary councils will take over formal responsibilities on vesting day April 1<sup>st</sup> 2028. Until then, the existing County and District Councils will continue to deliver services as normal. This transition period is to enable detailed work on reorganisation to take place

**Armed Forces Day**: Stowmarket will play host to Suffolk's 2026 Armed Forces Day celebrations, with military fanfare and a full day of family fun to recognise and celebrate the contribution of the armed forces community.

The free event, organised by Mid Suffolk District Council in partnership with Stowmarket Town Council, will take place at the Recreation Ground on Saturday 27 June and brings together service personnel, veterans, families and the wider community for a day of both fun and reflection.

**Healthy Start Support** : Families across Mid Suffolk are being encouraged to check if they are eligible for the Healthy Start Scheme – with a recent increase in payment levels putting even more money into the hands of those who need it most.

Healthy Start is a national programme which provides vital financial support to pregnant women and families with young children to help them access healthy food, milk and vitamins. The payments are added to a prepaid Healthy Start card every four weeks and can be spent in a wide range of shops, including supermarkets, convenience stores and market stalls.

Each eligible family can receive around £1,000 over the first four years of a child's life, helping to cover the cost of essentials such as milk, fruit, vegetables, pulses and infant formula. The scheme is open to those who are at least 10 weeks pregnant or have a child under four, and who are receiving certain benefits. [Get help to buy food and milk \(Healthy Start\)](#)

**Locality Awards**: The next round of grants has begun this year for funding for community organisations to apply for. [Locality Awards - Mid Suffolk District Council - \[babergh.gov.uk\]\(http://babergh.gov.uk\) / \[midsuffolk.gov.uk\]\(http://midsuffolk.gov.uk\)](#)

All funding from MSDC can be accessed here:

[Funding opportunities and support - Mid Suffolk District Council - \[babergh.gov.uk\]\(http://babergh.gov.uk\) / \[midsuffolk.gov.uk\]\(http://midsuffolk.gov.uk\)](#)

**Better Recycling**: The new collections have started and are generally working well but it will inevitably take some time for residents and crews to learn the new changes and routine. Food scheme participation rate and yield seem positive (initial estimates around 50-60%).

If you have a missed collection you can report here

[My bin hasn't been emptied - Babergh District Council - babergh.gov.uk / midsuffolk.gov.uk](http://babergh.gov.uk)

To check your next collection:

[Check your collection day - Babergh District Council - babergh.gov.uk / midsuffolk.gov.uk](http://babergh.gov.uk)

Residents should have received their new bins, if any streets/ houses have not received please email [recycling@baberghmidsuffolk.gov.uk](mailto:recycling@baberghmidsuffolk.gov.uk)

**Mid Suffolk Youth Council:** The Mid Suffolk Youth Council is taking shape following the election of its first members. Debenham High School was the first to elect members to the Youth Council with Stowupland High School following closely behind with three of their students also having been elected.

Launched this year by Mid Suffolk District Council, the Youth Council is designed to give young people a chance to have their voice heard and get involved in local politics and is open to all secondary schools in the area. The initiative was driven by research showing the disconnect between young people and politics, with almost three quarters of those asked believing that politics should be taught more in schools or colleges.

**Joint Local Plan Consultation opens:** Residents, businesses, community groups and stakeholders are being invited to help shape the future of Babergh and Mid Suffolk as the councils launch the first stage of consultation on their new Joint Local Plan. The Scoping Consultation is now open until 31 July 2026 and marks the beginning of an important conversation about how the districts should grow and change over the coming years.

The Joint Local Plan is an important planning document that will guide decisions on housing, jobs, infrastructure, town centres, the environment, transport and community facilities, helping to ensure that Babergh and Mid Suffolk remain attractive, sustainable and thriving places to live, work and visit.

We want to hear from as many people as possible about what they value most about where they live, the challenges they see ahead and the opportunities they want us to explore. The views we receive now will help guide the development of a new Joint Local Plan that reflects local priorities and aspirations.

[Joint Local Plan Scoping Consultation - Mid Suffolk District Council - babergh.gov.uk / midsuffolk.gov.uk](http://babergh.gov.uk)

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

## STOWMARKET AND DISTRICT CAMERA CLUB



Swan Lake

Monday 11<sup>th</sup> May. The club held it's AGM in which committee members were elected for the year 2025-26. The chairman reported that the club continue to grow and flourish. A good number of new members joining during the 2025/26 season. The quality of images in monochrome, colour prints and Projected Digital Prints continue to improve. A big thank you to all members who make the camera club an enjoyable experience.



Dragon Fly

After the AGM, a mini competition was held to select an image for our Facebook page. Thanks to all who took part.

For further dates and information please see our website  
[www.stowmarketanddistrictcameraclub.onesuffolk.net](http://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](mailto:Stowmarketcc@outlook.com) or visit our website.



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11am: Haughley Youth match, come and watch the next generation of footballers.

12:45pm - 2:30pm Picnic in the Park. Bring along your favourite picnic while listening to live music by Shaun Solo Vocalist.

1pm: Face Painting.

3pm: The main event - MCI XI  
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(Haughley united football club)

Then stay and spend the evening with us.  
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We invite you, all our neighbours in the parish, to join us for a guided tour of the site starting at 3.15 pm. Afterwards, you will be able to meet some of the volunteers who help run the centre, over tea and cakes, and ask any questions about the site or the Vipassana meditation technique taught here.

All are welcome and admission is free.

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**I've recently had to give up work due to a back injury and I'm worried about how I'm going to cope with the drop in income. I'm not sure what benefits I can get - where should I start?**

Lots of people miss out on benefits they're entitled to, so it's worth checking what you can get.

Claiming benefits also means you can get access to other financial help like cost-of-living payments and discounts on energy and transport.

To get started, you can use an online benefits calculator. For the most accurate answer, you'll need information about your savings, income, pension, childcare payments and any existing benefits for you and your partner, if you have one. You can use the Entitledto benefits calculator (<https://www.entitledto.co.uk/>) or Policy in Practice version (<https://www.betteroffcalculator.co.uk/login>) for a detailed overview. The Turn2us online tool (<https://benefits-calculator.turn2us.org.uk/>) can provide a quick idea of what benefits and other financial help you might be eligible for.

The main benefit available for most people of working age is Universal Credit. You should check if you can get Universal Credit if you're over 18 and under State Pension age you can check your State Pension age on the government website (<https://www.gov.uk/state-pension-age>), and if you have less than £16,000 in savings or other investments. You can check if you're eligible on the Citizens Advice website.

If you're finding it difficult to work because of your injury, you might get more Universal Credit or not have to look for work. You'll need to inform the Department for Work and Pensions that you have a health condition when you claim Universal Credit and, if possible, submit a fit note. You can find out more on the Citizens Advice website.

You might be entitled to other benefits depending on your situation, like your age, if you're disabled or if you have a child. Some people can claim more than one benefit - for example, disability benefits such as Personal Independence Payment (if you're under pension age) or Attendance Allowance (if you're over pension age) and Universal Credit. These disability benefits aren't means-tested and can often be claimed in addition to other benefits like Universal Credit. Look at our website for more details.

If your medical condition makes it difficult to work, you may also be entitled to the new-style Employment and Support Allowance (ESA). Check if you can claim ESA on our website.

If you pay council tax, you might be able to get a reduction in your bill. You can check if you can pay less council tax on the Citizens Advice website.

There is also help available if you don't have enough money to live on. You might be able to get extra money from the government, your local council or a charity. Find out more about the support you can get with the cost of living on the Citizens Advice website.

If you're still not sure, remember you don't have to face this alone. Our advisers can help to check what benefits and financial support you might be entitled to and help you find a way forward.

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](http://midsuffolkcab.org.uk/contact-us). Opening hours are Monday-Thursday 9.30am – 3.30pm and Friday 9.30am – 12.30pm.



### **Nature-based Traditional Skills at Orchard Barn**

Orchard Barn is a small community project rooted in gardening, nature connection and environmental education. Over the last 18 years volunteers have helped restore the historic barn, reinstate a 1580 timber frame long house, and create spaces in the old orchard for people to learn, grow and make together.

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## ELMSWELL HISTORY GROUP

Our June talk on ‘*The History of West Suffolk Hospital*’ by Bury Guide Terry O’Donoghue gave us a superb insight into the establishment of this vital part of our county’s medical provision, right up to the present day’s continued trials and tribulations of our beloved NHS.

Before that, at our AGM meeting, members voted in a viable committee, so we are good-to-go for another year of monthly meetings. Starting on 10<sup>th</sup> September with a talk on ‘*Stowmarket’s 1871 Gun Cotton Explosion*’, our new season’s Programme of Talks, 2026-7, will be sent out to all members and detailed on our website by the end of August. More details of that talk will be in September’s magazine.

Meanwhile, our next meeting at the **Wesley Hall** (School Rd, IP30 9EE) will be on **SATURDAY 11<sup>th</sup> July**, 2pm to 4pm, and will be an **Exhibition on the History of English Women’s Football since WW1**. The experienced curator of this exhibition, Steve Bolton, will be in attendance throughout the afternoon to talk through his displays and answer any questions. As a precursor to this event, we’d highly recommend watching the excellent documentary on BBC4, shown on 19<sup>th</sup> May, about a Manchester Ladies Football Team from 1949, called “*The Corinthians – We Were the Champions*”, available on the iPlayer.

It’s only £2pp entry to our exhibition (cash only please) and free of charge for the under-16’s. Everyone welcome, so do join us then to find out much more, and there’ll be a good variety of refreshments available all afternoon at the Wesley’s on-site Café and adjacent Tavern.

**For further information about our History Group, please visit our website – [www.elmswell-history.org.uk](http://www.elmswell-history.org.uk) – or contact our Secretary, on 01359-242601**



Ladies Football Team



Women’s Football

## PARISH CHURCH SERVICES FOR JULY 2026

Benefice of Haughley with Wetherden and Stowupland

(For more information please contact

Revd Andy Buttres: email [revandybuttres@gmail.com](mailto:revandybuttres@gmail.com))

<b>Date</b>	<b>Stowupland</b>	<b>Wetherden</b>	<b>Haughley</b>
Wednesday 1st	10.00 am Morning Prayer and Praise		
Sunday 5th	9.30am Parish Communion	11.00 am Morning Worship	11.00am Sunday Praise
Wednesday 8th			10.00 am Morning Prayer and Praise
Sunday 12th	9.30am Worship for All	11.00am Morning Worship	11.00am Parish Communion
Monday 13th	11.00am Service at Steeple View		2.00pm Service at Mere View
Tuesday 14th			5.00pm Pizza Church
Wednesday 15th		10.00am Morning Prayer and Praise	
Sunday 19th	9.30am Morning Worship	11.00am Worship for All	11.00am URC/ Anglican Service
Wednesday 24th			10.00am Morning Prayer & Praise – Communion (Vicarage)
Sunday 26th	6.30pm Evening Service - Celtic	11.00am Parish Communion	9.30am BCP Said Communion
Wednesday 29th	10.00am Morning Praise and Prayer (Maxwell Charnley Room)		

PC = Parish Communion (a service of with worship, prayer, a talk and communion)

BCP = Book of Common Prayer (a traditional service)

**PARISH CHURCH SERVICES FOR AUGUST 2026**

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<b>Date</b>	<b>Stowupland</b>	<b>Wetherden</b>	<b>Haughley</b>
Sunday 2nd	9.30am Parish Communion	11.00 am Morning Worship	11.00am Sunday Praise
Wednesday 5th	10.00am Morning Prayer & Praise		
Sunday 9th	9.30am Worship for All	11.00am Morning Worship	11.00am Parish Communion
Monday 10th	11.00am Service at Steeple View		2.00pm Service at Mere View
Wednesday 12th			10.00am Morning Prayer & Praise
Sunday 16th	9.30am Morning Worship	11.00am Worship for All	11.00am URC/ Anglican Service
Wednesday 19th		10.00am Morning Prayer & Praise	
Sunday 23rd	6.30pm Evensong	11.00am Parish Communion	9.30am BCP Said Communion
Wednesday 26th	10.00am Prayer & Praise – Communion		
Sunday 30th	11.00am Benefice Service with Communion		

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**REMEMBER**



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### Football and Faith

Okay, I realise that not everyone is into football but even my wife will watch the World Cup if England get to the final stages! So please read on even if football is not your thing.

Here is a question for you.

The following footballers *Gabriel Jesus, Jurrien Timber, Bukayo Saka, Eberechi Eze, Cristian Mosquera, Noni Madueke, Piero Hincapie, and Gabriel Magalhaes*, all have at least three things in common: what are they?

- They are all part of Arsenal's squad who have won the Premier League this year.
- They are all representing their countries in the World Cup.
- They are all Christians unafraid to declare their faith in Jesus.

When I was younger, being a Christian and playing football didn't seem to go together. It almost felt awkward and embarrassing! Now it is different. Whether it's on Instagram or on the pitch this new breed of footballer declares their faith in Jesus through online posts, tattoos, messages on base layer shirts, crossing themselves before and during games, post-match interviews and goal celebrations.

And it goes beyond this. As an expression of his faith Eberechi Eze has set up the Eze Foundation in London supporting school children through career opportunities, internships and an annual free football tournament.

Having a faith is perfectly and actively encouraged by managers. Mikel Arteta, Arsenal's manager has said. "I love it because I think that connects them more. The fact that some of them have the same, strong beliefs helps their well-being and mental strength. I think it is phenomenal".

Of course, I personally, don't believe God is on anyone's particular side – and neither would the professionals – but to operate at the top of your sport with a deep sense of gratitude and recognition that you are blessed to perform at the highest level, is great to see.

Though not an Arsenal supporter I was glad to see them lift the Premier League trophy this year and I will be even gladder if the England players, Saka, Eze and Madueke lift the World Cup! You never know football might be coming home but I'm not betting my house on it!

Revd Andy

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