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every

**2nd Tuesday of the
month**

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SEPTEMBER 2026

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DATES FOR THE DIARY - 2026

SEPTEMBER

Sat 5th	*Community Café, Haughley Village Hall	10.00am
Sat 5th	*Film Nights - "Mother's Pride", Haughley Village Hall	7.00pm
Tues 8th	*Pizza Church, St Mary's Haughley	5.00pm
Tues 8th	*Bingo, Haughley Pavilion	7.00pm
Tues 8th -	*Revisiting Past Times, St Mary's, Wetherden	10.00am
Wed 12th		
Wed 9th	*Haughley Singing for Wellbeing, Haughley Village Hall	7.30pm
Sat 13th	*Sponsored Ride & Stride	9.00am
Sat 19th	*RBL Quiz Night, Haughley Village Hall	7.00pm
Sun 20th	*Harvest Festival Service, St Mary's, Wetherden	11.00am
Wed 23rd	*Haughley Singing for Wellbeing, Haughley Village Hall	7.30pm
Sat 26th	*Parish Litter Pick	10.00am

OCTOBER

Sat 3rd	*Community Café, Haughley Village Hall	10.00am
Sat 3rd	*Film Nights - "Hamnet"	7.00pm
Mon 5th	People's Emergency Briefing, St Mary's, Haughley	7.00pm
Wed 7th	*WI, Open Evening, "An Audience with the King"	7.00pm
Sat 10th	*Quiz Night, Haughley Village Hall	7.30pm
Tues 13th	Bingo, Haughley Pavilion	7.00pm

NOVEMBER

Sat 7th	*Community Café, Haughley Village Hall	10.00am
Sat 7th	*Film Nights - "The Devil Wears Prada 2"	7.00pm
Sat 7th	*Councillor Surgery, Green Room, Haughley Village Hall	10.00am
Tues 10th	Bingo, Haughley Pavilion	7.00pm

DECEMBER

Sat 4th	*Community Café, Haughley Village Hall	10.00am
Sat 4th	*Film Nights - TBC	
Tues 8th	Bingo, Haughley Pavilion	7.00pm

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 brilliant talk on visiting the amazing country of China!



Keith Norman from Wendy Wu Tours (the UK's Number One China Tour Operator – who have over 25 years' experience) came along with a slide show presentation to give us a pictorial tour of China's highlights.

We started in Beijing, China's capital city and home to the Forbidden City, the Temple of Heaven and Tiananmen Square, and a gate way to the Great Wall of China (which you can't see from Space despite the myth!) and then on to the Xian – the origin of the Silk Road and home to the Terra Cotta Warriors. Here there are over 8,000 life sized clay sculptures. And amazingly no two statues have the same face!



One of the highlights of Keith's talk was when he told us all about visiting the Giant Panda breeding centre in Chengdu. This world-famous conservation centre is home to over 80 Giant Pandas, and this adorable creature is the national symbol of China and universally loved by all.

Keith continued with a trip to the modern city of Chongqing, where amazingly a modern train line runs right through the middle of a block of flats and has become a bit of an unlikely tourist attraction!

We then headed to the most amazing scenic city of Zhangjiajie in China's northwest Hunan province which is famous for the Zhangjiajie National Forest Park. Here you will find the Hallelujah Mountains with over a 1000 dramatic, mist shrouded limestone pillars, which featured in the film 'Avatar'. The Grand Canyon Glass Bridge was opened in 2016 and is the world's highest and longest glass bridge ever constructed!

After a quick trip down the Yangtze River in a sampan, we headed by a Maglev train (the world's first commercial high-speed magnetic levitation train) to Shanghai – China's biggest city and a global financial hub. Here China and the Western world collide in an explosion of gleaming skyscrapers!!



Keith finished his talk with a quiz – and asked us to guess the length of The Great Wall of China! The answer was an outstanding 13,000 miles!! Totally unbelievable!!

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



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
Registered No 219279



WANTED

Haughley & Wetherden Parish News

requires volunteers to deliver our
monthly magazine to properties in
Castle Rise and Grainge Way

Also, the new house builds in
Station Road will soon
require magazines delivered.

If you can help with either
of these delivery routes
please contact:

David Bryant on:

01449 774657 or

Email: dlbryant@btinternet.com

ST MARY'S CHURCH, WETHERDEN

Ann Cooke cordially invites everyone to a



On

THURSDAY 24TH SEPTEMBER

From

10.30am - noon

at

Barleyfields, 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



CHARITY QUIZ

September 25th

7:00 PM - 9:30 PM



Woolpit Village Hall, IP30 9QX



- Bring Your Own **DRINKS & NIBBLES**



- **£7** per head, maximum 6 people per table



- **RAFFLE** on the night

To book a table. chriswizrotary@gmail.com



Scan for more details

All proceeds for local charities



Could you be a friend to Haughley Village Hall?

Haughley Village Hall management committee are looking for people who are happy to give up some of their time to help with events such as the monthly Community Café and Film nights, annual Quiz nights and other community events.

If you are interested in becoming a friend, please contact
Lynne Mahon 07941116240

People's Emergency Briefing



on the climate and nature crisis

Haughley Church

Community screening of a film detailing the challenges presented by the climate crisis, followed by a discussion about how to respond together.

Tickets free please use the QR code to book



St Mary's Church Haughley
7 PM October 5th

www.nebriefing.org

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Suffolk Historic Churches Trust Sponsored Ride & Stride 2026 Saturday 12th 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.

HAUGHLEY VILLAGE HALL

At the Heart of the Community



Looking for the perfect venue to host your event?

Haughley Village Hall offers:

- An attractive flexible space for weddings, family celebrations/parties, classes, club meetings, business or community events.
- Large main hall – tables/chairs to seat 100, close audience 150. A fully equipped kitchen and access to attractive enclosed garden with picnic tables. Portable staging available.
- Green Room – tables/chairs to seat 40, french windows to garden and own kitchenette.
- The Old Reading Room – small meeting/club room to seat 30.
- Free Wifi
- Crockery/cutlery for 100 place settings

Central Village Location

Affordable hire rates

Friendly local venue

Enquiries to : Lynn Allum 07837 953 266

Or lynnallum@hotmail.com

WETHERDEN VILLAGE HALL



There were 8 tables in play at our monthly Whist Drive held on Friday 14th August.

The afternoon seemed to suit everyone a great deal, and our next Whist Drive is well and truly on the cards for

Friday 11th September at 2pm.

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

In addition, we held a Charity Whist Drive on Friday 31st July. Ten tables were in play, and a total of £250 was raised for East Anglian Air Ambulance

REMEMBER

The copy deadline for the October issue is:

Wednesday, September 16, 2026

Submit to:

The Editor,
Oulton Cottage,
The Folly, Haughley

or (preferably) by email:

haughleynews@btinternet.com



Community Café

5th September 2026 -
10am-12noon



Hosted by Haughley Parish Council

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

19th September 7pm for 7.30 start
RBL Quiz Night
(see separate ad for details)

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

Saturday 5th 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.

Saturday 3rd October – **'Hamnet'** produced by Steven Spielberg and Sam Mendes and starring Jessie Buckley and Paul Mescal. 2025 historical drama which imagines the 15th century family life of William Shakespeare in Stratford upon Avon, tracing his move to London, the tragic death of his 11 year old son Hamnet, and how this grief inspired Hamlet.

Saturday 7th November – **'The Devil Wears Prada 2'** starring Meryl Streep, Anne Hathaway, Emily Blunt and Stanley Tucci. Andy Sachs (Hathaway) returns to Runway magazine as the new features editor where she finds her formidable former boss Miranda (Streep) facing threats to her glossy print empire. Familiar frenemies and fresh faces join the catwalk in this stylish sequel.

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

WETHERDEN HISTORY GROUP

REVISITING PAST TIMES

A CHANCE TO LOOK AGAIN AT
SOME OF OUR PAST WORK AND
TO SEE SOME NEW ADDITIONS

Tue 8 Sep — Sat 12 Sep

10 am to 4.30 pm

St Mary's Church

**Come and browse our collections in your own
time Tea/Coffee & Biscuits—Wed & Sat
2.30 pm to 4.30 pm**

No charge but donations to the church welcome

For more information please contact Pat Tuffin

Tel: 07850 267537 OR email:

pattuffin@gmail.com

HAUGHLEY VILLAGE HALL COMMUNITY CAFE



10am - 12 noon
Saturday 5th September
Hosted by
Haughley Parish Council

VISION 2025

Display and information on proposed consultation document to seek views of residents of the Parish of Haughley in response the Mid Suffolk District Council's "Call for Sites"

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

Please come along; everyone welcome

MAXWELL CHARNLEY COMMUNITY ROOM

(Next to the Post Office)

POTTERY EXHIBITION



There is currently a pottery exhibition on display by local potter Geoffrey Kay in the Maxwell Charnley Community Room.

Exhibits can be purchased by letting Heather in the Post Office know.

We are also looking for more art exhibitors to provide displays of their work (optional to purchase).

Please contact David Bryant on:
01449 774657 or e-mail
dlbryant@btinternet.com



THE DEMENTIA EVENT

*Live well with dementia
with the right support.*



Are you worried about dementia or supporting someone living with dementia?



Hear Dr Peter Prinsley MP's keynote speech on dementia followed by a Q&A session.



Experience what it's like for someone living with dementia on our Dementia Virtual Tour Bus.



Engage in discussions with brilliant organisations, charities and businesses offering support for those living with dementia.

Join us at

The Dementia Event at Stowmarket Golf Club



Lower Road, Onehouse,
Stowmarket,
IP14 3DA



Friday, 9th October



11:00am - 3:30pm

FREE ENTRY

Kindly sponsored by

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Stowmarket Golf Club
at Finborough Park



CHAMPIONSHIP
VENUE



Together we can make a difference.

DISTRICT COUNCILLORS' REPORT - JULY 2026

Local Government Reform

The government has decided that there will be 3 unitary authorities in Suffolk. The now Reform led Suffolk County Council are pursuing a legal challenge to this. Work continues as MSDC to enable the detailed work on reorganisation to take place. 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. Timetable at present: 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 1st 2028. Until then, the existing County and District Councils will continue to deliver services as normal.

Locality Awards

The next round of grants has begun this year for funding for community organisations to apply. Locality Awards - Mid Suffolk District Council - babergh.gov.uk / midsuffolk.gov.uk

Pride in your Place Grants applications are now open. These grants are available for capital projects that enable community groups to enhance their local area and environment, explore local identity and heritage, and engage in activities such as community clean ups

All funding from MSDC can be accessed here:

Funding opportunities and support - Mid Suffolk District Council - babergh.gov.uk / midsuffolk.gov.uk

Better Recycling

We have now reached the end of Week 6 of Better Recycling and completed two full collection cycles under the new service arrangements. The service has now moved from implementation into normal operational management. 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

To check your next collection:

Check your collection day - Babergh District Council - babergh.gov.uk / midsuffolk.gov.uk

Residents should have received their new bins, if any streets/ houses have not received please email recycling@baberghmidsuffolk.gov.uk.

Stowmarket Innovation Gateway

Mid Suffolk District Council's Stowmarket Innovation Gateway is a collaboration between Freeport East and MSDC and officially opened on July 14th. It offers office spaces for high growth start-ups, collaboration and innovation areas, meeting rooms, a café and high-quality training spaces. This centre was designed with growing sectors such as the green economy and digital/AI technology in mind. The project has also been delivered in partnership with Universities of Suffolk and Essex, West Suffolk College, Suffolk New College and Colchester Institute who will be delivering a programme of professional development courses to address the region's skills gap.

Councillor Surgery

We will be holding a councillor surgery where you can meet both of us in Haughley to discuss any issues of concern in our ward. This will be on November 7th in The Green Room at Haughley Village Hall from 10am to 12pm (adjacent to the community café). No appointment necessary. Please drop in.

Cllr Janet Pearson
Janet.Pearson@midsuffolk.gov.uk
07928 512592

Cllr Agnes Watson
Agnes.Watson@midsuffolk.gov.uk
07599 828819

COUNCILLOR SURGERY

Meet your councillors

District Councillors Janet Pearson and Agnes Watson

County Councillor Andrew Stringer

Saturday November 7th 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



ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Haughley United Football Club would like to say a big thank you to everyone that supported our charity day or donated raffle prizes.

We managed to raise an amazing £2500 for St Elizabeth hospice.

HUFC



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



HAUGHLEY PLAYING FIELD AND PAVILION NEWS

King George's Field, Haughley charity No. 304761

September 50/50 This will be held at the Parish Council meeting on the 15th September 2026.

Painting Fundraiser 17th June 2026. This proved to be an enjoyable evening and most if not all said they would consider another one so we will look for another date in the Autumn.

CPR training session for 24th June. Well received and very informative. Excellent speaker who showed us all how to do CPR chest compressions on the 3 dummy devices he brought along and £185 raised for Air Ambulance.

HUFC Charity fun day 25th July. Fantastic launch for the Football Club's refurbished bar and an amazing sum raised for St Elizabeth Hospice. Approximately £2,500.00. Well done to the Football Club volunteers and their sponsor Harvey McSloy.

GENERAL NEWS

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 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 July, 11th August, 8th September, 13th October, 10th November, 8th Dec 2026.

Club Contacts: Are listed in the directory at the back of PN

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 Access to kitchen facilities

Scouts Hall or folding table & chairs – Richard Stacy 01449 673311.



QUIZ NIGHT



In aid of St Mary's Church, Haughley

**SATURDAY OCTOBER 10
7.30PM**

Haughley Village Hall

'Bring and Share' Supper

£5 per head - max. 6 per team

For further information or to reserve
a table please contact:

Email haughleyquiz@btinternet.com
(or call Jan or Gordon on 01449 737247)



WETHERDEN PARISH COUNCIL
Summarised minutes of the Parish Council Meeting
held on 20th July 2026

Attendance & Administration

- Apologies accepted from four councillors.
- No declarations of interest.
- Minutes from the May 2026 Annual Parish Council meeting were approved.

District & County Reports

District Council

- Suffolk County Council (now Reform-led) is challenging the previously agreed plan for three unitary councils.
- Better Recycling project has moved into normal operations.
- Joint Local Plan consultation is open.
- Stowmarket Innovation Gateway officially opened.
- “Pride in Your Place” grants now available for community environmental and heritage projects.

County Council

- Post-16 Travel Policy approved for 2026–27.
- £3m invested in 11 new fire engines.
- County Council pursuing legal action over Local Government Reform (cost up to £500k).
- £18k approved to remodel councillors’ office space.
- Highways visited ad hoc laybys on former A14; plastic bollards suggested as a Low-cost solution.
- Concerns raised about HGV turning issues linked to Lawn Farm development Wetherden PC should not bear signage costs.
- New SID post location on Stowmarket Road agreed.
- Drainage issues at Rectory Hill partly resolved; remaining blocked drains re-reported.

Finance

- Bank balance (13 July 2026): **£17,255.62**.
- Routine payments approved, including salaries, landscape work, litter picking, HMRC, and playground equipment.
- Income received from Locality Budget (£1,500), refund (£232.50), and Wetherden Charities (£1,000).

Projects & Updates

Playground Swing

- Deposit paid; delivery expected late summer.
- Thanks recorded to funders.
- Bramble and branch clearance to be scheduled.

Village Sign

- Old sign removed; new carved oak sign maker identified.
- Grants and quotations being pursued.
- Some residents suggest relocating the sign to the village centre near the bus stop.

Speed Indicator Device (SID)

- Quote received for solar□powered replacement.
- June–July traffic data shows:
 - **Incoming:** 80.86% at 30mph or below.
 - **Outgoing:** 64.25% at 30mph or below.

Data to be retained as evidence for Highways/Police.

Common & Playing Fields

- Request received to plant a memorial tree.
- Proposal for outdoor church services on the Common—Cllr Perry to progress.

Public Participation

- Football club has treated and seeded the playing field.
- Townlands Trust to be contacted about placing a “Protecting Your Open Spaces” banner.
- Rubbish dumped in ditch near the bridge.
- Small SID to be moved to village centre but must be removed when ANPR device is installed.

Other Matters

- The Maypole pub is in negotiations with a potential experienced landlord.

Next Meeting: 21 September 2026

CRAWFORD EDUCATIONAL TRUST, (WETHERDEN)

Registered Charity 310361

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

Residents of the Parish of Wetherden already involved in continuing education courses, or who are about to commence a course in Further or Higher education are invited to submit applications for the Academic Year 2026-2027. Applications should be submitted by November 30th for payment in January.

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

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

Application forms and further details may be obtained from:

Jan Tidmarsh (Awards Secretary)

Tel/Text: 07749809538

Email: crawfordtrust@outlook.com

(Note change of email address)

Completed application forms for the academic year should be returned to the Awards Secretary, by **30 November 2026**.



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.

Veterans service and lunch

Sunday 28th June saw the branch resurrect the Armed Forces Day service and lunch which hadn't happened since covid.

Rev Alison took an excellent service with 25 Legion members and some residents of Mere View in attendance. This was followed by an enjoyable lunch in the Mere View restaurant - our thanks to Julie.

It is proposed to continue the event in future years and hopefully numbers will increase.

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 VILLAGE HALL COMMUNITY CAFE



Haughley Village Hall's Community Café was nominated in March by Tothill Services for a Heart of the Community Award donated by Making a Difference Locally Coop & NISA Wholesale.

The Community Café was selected as a winner and has since received an award of £1000.



Community Litter Pick

Saturday

26th September

Time 10.00am

MEET AT:

- Haughley New Street
- Haughley Green, Fir Tree Lane at the air raid shelter
- The Green outside the Coal House

Let us have a greener cleaner Parish



Haughley Needs You

Litter pickers and Hi Viz jackets provided

A chance to meet new people

Children supervised by an adult are very welcome!

Help improve your neighbourhood

Haughley Parish Council

Clerk: clerk@haughleypc.co.uk

Chairman: gerald.brown@haughleypc.co.uk



HAUGHLEY SINGING FOR WELLBEING

We're excited to be singing again after
our August break

Why not come and join us for a wonderful hour
of singing and laughter

Our next session dates are:

**September 9th and 23rd
October 14th and 28nd**

7.30 pm start in the Village Hall Green room

Bring a drink and £5 cash per session

For more information contact: Lynn: 07979832980

WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU!

St Mary's Church, WETHERDEN
HARVEST FESTIVAL SERVICE
Sunday 20th September
11.00 am

ALL WELCOME

Refreshments served afterwards

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

Stowmarket Foodbank
Supporting individuals and families in crisis

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



Haughley WI Open Evening

“An Audience with the King”

A talk by Good King Hal –
full of history & humour!!

(Performed by Mike Farley – the UK’s most
prominent King Henry VIII impersonator & actor)

Wednesday 7th October

Haughley Village Hall



7pm for 7.30pm start

Tickets £5 each– all are welcome

Tea/Coffee & Biscuits

Tickets are available from

Jane Thompson email: casaaljane@aol.com

or call 07815 143490

or from Heather at the Haughley Post Office





THE KINGS ARMS

Haughley's Friendly Village Pub

Great Food • Great Drinks • Great Company

Thank You 
★ **FOR YOUR SUPPORT!** ★

THE KINGS ARMS CHARITY SUMMER GARDEN PARTY

18TH JULY

We are delighted to announce that our
Charity Summer Garden Party Raffle
raised an amazing

£1,178.35

We are proud to donate



£600



to
**Alzheimer's
Society**

Together we are help & hope



£600



to
**Haughley
Primary School**
to help improve their
library facilities



A heartfelt thank you to everyone who
attended, donated prizes, purchased raffle
tickets, and supported the event.

*Your kindness and generosity
helped make the day such a
wonderful success.*



TOGETHER, WE'RE MAKING A POSITIVE DIFFERENCE IN OUR COMMUNITY.

OPENING HOURS

Mon to Thurs: 12:00 - 22:00
Fri & Sat: 12:00 - 23:30
Sun: 12:00 - 20:00

FOOD SERVED

Mon to Thu: 12:00 - 20:00
Fri & Sat: 12:00 - 20:30
Sun: 12:00 - 17:30



DOG-FRIENDLY PUB

Well-behaved dogs
welcome in
designated dining area



FAMILY GARDEN

Children's play equipment
Perfect for relaxing with family & friends

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

☎ 01449 404335

✉ haughleyka@gmail.com

🌐 www.kingsarmshaughley.co.uk



THE KINGS ARMS

Haughley's Friendly Village Pub

Great Food • Great Drinks • Great Company

GOLDEN YEARS MENU

served between
12 noon – 2.30pm
Monday – Thursday

..... ♥



**Smaller Meals with Smaller Prices
including Tea / Coffee**



MAINS

10.95

- Beer battered haddock, chips, peas, homemade tartare sauce
- Whitby breaded scampi, chips, peas, homemade tartare sauce
- Beef lasagne, chips, mixed salad
- Curry of the day, naan bread or poppadom, rice, mango chutney
- Hand carved honey & mustard roasted ham, egg, skin on fries (GF available)
- Sausage, mash, vegetables & onion gravy (V available)
- Prawn salad topped with Marie Rose sauce
- Warm chicken salad - panfried chicken, new potatoes, fine beans, tossed in our own garlic dressing (GF)
- Warm halloumi salad, new potatoes, fine beans, tossed in our own garlic dressing (V) (GF)

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DESSERTS

4.00

- Apple crumble served with cream, custard or ice cream
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- Premium gelato – 2 scoops (V) – please ask for today's selection

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HAUGHLEY PARISH COUNCIL

The Council held a meeting on 21 July 2026. Nilam Vora was coopted as a Parish Councillor and welcomed to the meeting.

Although not a Parish Council event, the Chairman thanked all who were involved with the **Open Gardens Day**. Progress is being made with a parish consultation following the MSDC Call for Sites. The Council received a **notification for tree works** at The Elms, The Folly (DC/26/03025) and supported the application.

There was to be an **Open Day at the Playing Fields** the following Saturday. It was suspected that there was **inappropriate drug use** at the playing field and that there is an online reporting tool to report suspected activity of this nature. Alternative arrangements are being made for formal play equipment inspections.

Considerable work has been undertaken at **Gallowsfield Wood**, including grass cutting, repairs to several bench seats and a forest school visit with residents from a care home. Despite a large notice banning fires, there had been an **unauthorised fire** in the fire pit area which was left in a hazardous state. Fires, especially during a drought, are extremely dangerous. The Council agreed to the working group's proposal to apply for grant funding under the Rural Payment Scheme.

The Council received an update from **the Allotments**, including that advice about the hose pipe ban had been shared with allotment holders. Sections of the fencing are deteriorating, not least with broken and damaged posts. A Councillor had attended "**The Gipping Way of the Cross**" presentation at the Cathedral in Bury St Edmunds. The presentation which was lead by Rev Andy Buttress and Dr Mike Walker, both from Haughley, is to reinstate the pilgrimage route between Ipswich and the Cathedral. The proposal was well received.

D.Cllr Pearson had arranged for a District Council officer to attend at the proposed junior football pitch to consider the way forward. A working group was agreed to organise the annual **Christmas Tree Lights Switch-on Event** – last Saturday in November (28th). The Council received an update on **Haughley Parish in Bloom** and thanks were offered to the organisers and volunteers. The displays are much appreciated. Information on the use of speed detection equipment and traffic calming measures was received.

Financial information was received and payments for July agreed. A proposal for new email addresses for Councillors was put forward. Information was provided on on-line safeguarding tutorials.

Haughley Parish Council held an **additional meeting on 13 August**, primarily to consider Planning Application DC/26/03207 for a Lawful Development Certificate for **container storage at Tot Hill Service Station**. It was noted that the area for this application differs from the recent withdrawn Planning Application also at Tot Hill Service Station.

Arrangements for running the Community Café on Saturday 5th September were considered. Financial information was received and payments for August agreed. The Council consented to the proposal for parcel collection equipment to be mounted on part of the Pavilion building as part of fund raising for Youth Football and the Scouts in Haughley.

Councillors considered a draft consultation document which will seek views from residents in the Parish of Haughley on ways Haughley could develop over the next 25 years. It is proposed to provide related information at the Community Café in September.

The Council received a copy of a communication from a resident to the developers of the current development site off Station Road about the **loss of trees and sections of hedging**. This is being addressed by the developers. The Council has obtained advance warning that construction of **a new footpath** to a section of **Station Road** will involve traffic light control, whilst **installation of services** for the current development will involve a **road closure**. Relevant dates are not yet available but October and November were mentioned. Further information will be included in the Village News when available.

Mid Suffolk District Council and our District Councillor have offered grant funding towards the cost of the Haughley Neighbourhood Plan Review subject to the new plan including provision to accommodate additional housing which will be allocated by MSDC as part of their new Local Plan.

Next meetings: Community Café - Saturday 5th September
Council meeting - Tuesday 15th September
Parish Litter Pick - Saturday 26th September

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Forest Church is not just "taking church outside". It is playing, learning, being still, and being active in God's awe-inspiring and fascinating creation.

Sessions will be led by Jo Ling once a month at 3.30pm on the 2nd Sunday of each month - starting on October 11th.

From Wetherden church we will go out to explore the surrounding areas with activities and experiences that we hope will engage children and adults alike.



Contact: Jo hws.familyworker@gmail.com

PARISH CHURCH SERVICES FOR SEPTEMBER 2026

Benefice of Haughley with Wetherden and Stowupland
(For more information please contact Revd Andy Buttress:
email revandybuttress@gmail.com)

<u>Date</u>	Stowupland	Wetherden	Haughley
Wednesday 2nd	10.00 am Mid-week Prayer and Praise		
Sunday 6th	9.30am Communion Service	11.00 am Morning Worship	11.00am Sunday Praise
Tuesday 8th			5.00pm Pizza Church
Wednesday 9th			10.00am Midweek Prayer and Praise
Sunday 13th	9.30am Sunday Praise	11.00am Morning Worship	11.00am Communion Service
Monday 14 th	11am Service at Steeple View		2pm Service at Mere View
Wednesday 16th		10am Midweek Prayer and Praise	
Sunday 20th	9.30am Harvest Service	11.00am Sunday Praise/Harvest	11.00am Joint Service with URC
Wednesday 23rd			10.00am Midweek Communion-at the vicarage
Sunday 27th	6.30pm Evening Service	11.00am Communion Service	9.30am BCP Communion
Wednesday 30 th			10am Dwelling in the word – Maxwell Charnley Room

PC = Parish Communion (a service of with worship, prayer, a talk and communion)
BCP = Book of Common Prayer (a traditional service)

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It's scary going to church

I don't know about you but I struggle going to new places I am not familiar with. A few years ago, having never been in a bookies, I decided to go to Ladbrokes in Ipswich to put a couple of quid on a horse, just to feel again what it is like to go to somewhere alien to me. I will tell you about it one day as it was a very interesting experience!

For many people going to church either for the first time or after a long period of time, it is equally scary. You can feel an outsider, out of place, out of your depth and sometimes alone.

Which is why we want to make it just that little bit easier for you to come to our churches.

You might want to try our *Sunday Praise* service at Haughley which is at 11.00am on the 1st Sunday of the month and the 3rd Sunday of the month at Wetherden. Here are 5 promises which we will make for anyone who comes.

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You might also want to try our harvest services. At Haughley the harvest service is going to be on Sunday October 4th. At Wetherden the harvest service will be on September 20th. Both these services are at 11.00am.

Unfortunately we are not on Trip Advisor but if you do come to church we would love your feedback. Do let us know what you think of the services and whether you would come again.

Oh, and by the way, we are planning a brand new service for children and families in Wetherden this autumn so watch this space.

All the best,
Revd Andy

PRAYER: Lord Jesus, please give me your strength to go to new places and meet new people this month. Amen.

STOWMARKET AND DISTRICT CAMERA CLUB



Paul Fly Face

We held our annual photoshoot on Sunday 22nd June. This year's location was Flatford Mill, which was well attended by members of the club. It's always nice to get together on location where the more experienced members help the newer photographers of the group. This year was no exception, with some excellent images taken.



Paula

With the summer close season coming to an end, our members are busy taking their final photographs for the forthcoming 2026/27 campaign. Our first meeting will be held on 14th September at the Community Centre at 19:30 hours. The Michael & Helen Lang Trophy for the best image from last season will be judged by Wayne Davey AWPB BPES DPAGB.

For further dates and information please see our website
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2026-27 Autumn / Winter Flu and COVID Vaccination Campaign

In line with government guidance, the main 2026-27 autumn / winter flu and COVID vaccination campaign commences on 1st October.

Eligibility for a Flu Vaccination

- Aged 65 years and over;
- 18 – 64 years at clinical risk;
- Those in long stay residential care homes;
- Carers of elderly or disabled persons;
- Close contacts of immunocompromised individuals;
- Frontline workers in a health and social care setting.

Eligibility for a COVID Booster

- Residents in a care home for older adults;
- All adults aged 75 years and over;
- Patients aged 6 months and over who are immunosuppressed.

At Woolpit Health Centre we will kick off the campaign with two large clinics as follows:

Saturday 3rd October – COVID and Flu for patients over the age of 75 years ONLY

Wednesday 7th October – Flu ONLY for eligible patients under the age of 75 years

We will then plan smaller clinics for patients unable to make these dates.

Eligible patients will receive an invitation via a mobile phone text or by letter, depending on how they have consented for us to make contact. There may be occasions where patients of the same household have different appointment times. In this event patients can attend together at either time, without the need to inform us.

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

During this busy time, we try hard to minimise disruption to our core primary care services, protecting our Care Navigators so they can remain focused on supporting patients who need triaging into urgent and routine appointments. During the season our small, dedicated vaccination team handle large numbers of telephone and email enquiries.

Request to Patients

1. Please **wait** for your invitation.
2. Upon receipt please only contact the team if you need to change your appointment or cannot use the mobile phone booking link.
3. Our preference is for email contact as this keeps the phone line free and is an efficient way to communicate. Please email: **woolpit.covid19queries@nhs.net**
4. If you need to phone our dedicated vaccine line, the number is **01359 243933**.
5. **Finally, we ask you please to be patient, whichever way you contact us we will get back to you. There is no need to leave multiple messages, this only slows down our responses. Be reassured, we have plenty of vaccine and plenty of appointments.**

We look forward to another successful vaccination season.



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Yet, when we slow down, something unexpected happens. We notice more. We learn from one another. We value skills handed down through generations and take greater care, not just of the task in hand, but of the people alongside us. Perhaps slowing down isn't really about doing less. Perhaps it's about noticing more.

If that thought resonates with you, why not come and experience it for yourself? We welcome volunteers every **Wednesday and Friday, 9am–1pm**, for traditional carpentry and greenwood work, and every **Thursday, 9am–1pm**, to help care for the orchard, gardens and wildlife.

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To enquire – contact Sarah Partridge on 07766054042 or email sarah.orchardbarn@gmail.com





I hired a company to install concrete fencing and a gate in my back garden. The quality of the work is poor, some wooden panels are loose, and the gate doesn't shut properly. I paid before I inspected the work. What can I do?

When you put your trust in a trader and they don't meet your expectations it can be frustrating.

When there's a problem caused by a trader, you should be able to get it fixed or get some money back. Evidence is important - take photos and make notes about what happened and when, including times and dates, and keep hold of receipts or other proof of payment.

People can experience different types of problems with traders, and there's specific advice available on our website depending on what the issue is. In your situation, it's important to note if a trader hasn't done a good job with 'reasonable care and skill', the Consumer Rights Act 2015 entitles you to ask for the problem to be fixed or for a refund.

This is something you can mention when you take the problem up with the trader and cite your evidence. They should fix the problem within a reasonable amount of time, without causing you too much inconvenience. The law doesn't say what counts as reasonable, so you'll have to agree on it with them.

If they can't or won't fix the problem, you can ask for a partial or full refund, depending on how bad the problem is. You'll have to come to an agreement about how much you should get. It's a good idea to start by suggesting a figure and explaining why you think it's reasonable, then take it from there. Once you've agreed on the amount with the trader the law says you should get your refund within 14 days.

If you can't come to an agreement, or they refuse to fix the problem or give you a refund, there are other steps you could take - including complaining to your card provider if you paid by card.

You can check if the trader is a member of a trade association or quality scheme. If they are, they might have to follow certain rules, and if they've broken them, you could get help to take your complaint further. They might be part of an alternative dispute resolution (ADR) scheme - a way of solving disagreements with a trader without going to court - or they might agree to use one.

If the trader isn't part of an ADR scheme, and you've already complained to your card provider and the complaint isn't resolved, you may be able to complain to the Financial Ombudsman Service.

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.

ELMSWELL HISTORY GROUP

Our July exhibition on the *History of English Women's Football* went very well with young and not-so-young football enthusiasts attending from near and far to view the extensive displays put together by curator, Steve Bolton, whose grandmother was an early-era footballer. Some of the many surprises from this exhibition were to learn that women's football was banned by the F.A. in 1902 and then again in 1932 but, at that time, their crowds were bigger than for the men's game! Also, to see and feel the old, very heavy leather balls, and the most uncomfortable-looking boots, amongst the many artefacts on show that afternoon.

Heritage Open Days - this year's annual event runs from 11-20th September, so now's the time to select your event or tour in East Anglia, some of which need to be pre-booked.

For more details, click onto this link - <https://www.heritageopendays.org.uk/whats-on/printable-area-lists/region-eastern.html>. Every September thousands of volunteers across England organise events to celebrate our fantastic history and culture. It's your chance to see hidden places and try out new experiences – all of which are FREE to explore, and some of which are not normally open to the general public.

East Anglian Traditional Music Day, Sat 19th September - a celebration of music, dance, and song, taking place all over Stowmarket, with a free pre-festival session to get you started on Fri 18th September, hosted by Rosewood with early guest arrivals. Get in touch on tmd@eatmt.org.uk if you have any questions before booking. Events as part of Traditional Music Day happen in multiple venues around Stowmarket – please check the programme (coming soon) to find out where individual events are taking place!

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We look forward to welcoming Darren Dordoy for his talk on *Stowmarket's 1871 Gun Cotton Explosion*. As Stowmarket's Mayor and Chairman of Stowmarket History Group, Darren is extremely well placed to give us detailed information on this catastrophic event in the town's Victorian history, so do join us then to find out 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



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