

HAUGHLEY & WETHERDEN PARISH NEWS



Wetherden Bonfire & Fireworks

**At the Playing Field
On Saturday **7th**
November
Starts 5:30pm**

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

OCTOBER 2026

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Suffolk Honey, Free Range Eggs, Groceries & Local Produce.
Freshly Made Sandwiches & Filled Rolls - Hot Drinks & Bacon Rolls**

*Also at Stowmarket, Woolpit, Stanton and
Brett's Bakery Needham Market & Freshfills of Claydon*

*Seven Generations of Baking, Tradition & Service for Over 150 years
Through the Reigns of Seven Monarchs*

DATES FOR THE DIARY - 2026

OCTOBER

Sat 3rd	*Community Café, Haughley Village Hall	10.00am
Sat 3rd	*Film Nights - "Hamnet"	7.00pm
Sun 4th	*Harvest Festival, St Mary's Haughley	11.00am
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
Sun 11th	*Wild in Wetherden, Wetherden Church and Common	3.30pm
Tues 13th	Bingo, Haughley Pavilion	7.00pm
Wed 14th	*Haughley Singing for Wellbeing, Haughley Village Hall	7.30pm
Sun 18th	Haughley Hoofers Taster Session, Wetherden Village Hall	2.30pm
Sun 25	Haughley Hoofers Taster Session, Wetherden Village Hall	4.00pm
Wed 28th	*Haughley Singing for Wellbeing, Haughley Village Hall	7.30pm

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
Sun 8th	Remembrance Service, St Mary's Haughley	10.50am
Sun 8th	Haughley Hoofers Taster Session, Wetherden Village Hall	4.00pm
Tues 10th	Bingo, Haughley Pavilion	7.00pm
Wed 11th	Armistice Day, Service on the Village Green	10.55am
Sun 15th	Haughley Hoofers Taster Session, Wetherden Village Hall	4.00pm
Sun 22nd	Haughley Hoofers Taster Session, Wetherden Village Hall	4.00pm
Sat 28th	*Haughley Christmas Tree Lights Switch on	2.30pm
Sun 29th	Haughley Hoofers Taster Session, Wetherden Village Hall	4.00pm

DECEMBER

Sat 4th	*Community Café, Haughley Village Hall	10.00am
Sat 4th	*Film Nights - "Project Hail Mary," Haughley Village Hall	7.00pm
Sun 6th	Haughley Hoofers Taster Session, Wetherden Village Hall	4.00pm
Tues 8th	Bingo, Haughley Pavilion	7.00pm
Sat 12th	*Christmas Fair, St Mary's, Haughley	10.00am
Sun 13th	Haughley Hoofers Taster Session, Wetherden Village Hall	4.00pm

2027

JANUARY

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





CRAWFORD'S CofE PRIMARY SCHOOL

It has been wonderful to welcome the children back to school in September. We have returned to new decoration throughout the school. Research shows that muted colour palettes help to regulate emotions, so we have carried this through our corridors which are ready to display the children's proudest pieces of work. We have had so many lovely comments from visitors, so a very big 'thank you' to our dedicated decorators who worked over the Summer to make this possible.

The redecoration has continued with our kitchen renovation! We can now proudly say we are able to cook meals on site after a 4 year hiatus. It has been wonderful to smell the delicious food our cook, Sam has prepared for the children. Here are some of the things our children have had to share:

"I love the macaroni cheese!"

"I ate everything because it was yummy!"

"Spicy chicken wraps are my favourite!"

"I like Sam because he is kind and he remembers what I like."

Also, we continue to expand our Crawford's community! We have warmly welcomed new admissions since our return in September and are continuing to do so. If you believe our school would be a good fit for your family, please contact the school office (01449 673253) and book a viewing appointment with our Head Teacher, Sarah Lankester.

Best Wishes,
Crawford's CofE Primary School

HAUGHLEY UNITED FOOTBALL CLUB



Haughley United Football Club, Chairman, Shaun Wright and Club Fundraiser Colin Drewery handed over a cheque for £2,204.78 to St Elizabeth's Hospice.

A big thank you to everyone who came along and supported us on the day.





HAUGHLEY VILLAGE HALL COMMUNITY CAFÉ

Hosted by

**Royal British Legion
Haughley Branch**

**10am - 12 noon
Saturday 3rd October 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



Wild in Wetherden

Family Forest Church for All.
Worship where creation speaks.

***Sunday October 11th
at Wetherden Church and Common
3.30 - 4.30pm***

Fun and faith for all the Family.

**Taking time outside together
Enjoying the natural world
Children's activities
Marshmallows and hot chocolate!**

***All Welcome
Contact Jo Ling on
hws.familyworker@gmail.com
for more details***

Find the sacred in the wild

WANTED

Haughley & Wetherden Parish News

requires a volunteer to deliver our
monthly magazine to 27
properties in Wood View
(off Fishponds Way).

If you would like to help
please contact:

David Bryant on:

01449 774657 or

Email: dlbryant@btinternet.com

ST MARY'S CHURCH, WETHERDEN

Linde cordially invites you all to a
Coffee Morning



On

THURSDAY 29TH OCTOBER

From

10.30am - 12 noon

at

1 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

St Mary's Church, WETHERDEN

During October we are supporting the

'Link to Hope' Christmas Shoebox Appeal

We will be filling shoeboxes with some basics and some
treats to go to the poorest people living in
Romania, Moldova, Ukraine & Bulgaria

Each shoebox will be for a FAMILY
or for an ELDERLY PERSON living alone

Information about this appeal will be available in the
Church during October

We then have until the end of October to fill our boxes





QUIZ NIGHT



In aid of St Mary's Church, Haughley

**SATURDAY OCTOBER 10
7.30PM**

**Haughley Village Hall
£5 per head - max. 6 per team**

Bring your own snacks
Tea and Coffee provided in the interval
To reserve a table for your team
or to book a seat and join a team on the night
please email



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

HAUGHLEY & WETHERDEN TWINNING ASSOCIATION



Thank you everyone who came along to our Community Café in July. Our plan is to use the money raised to help recruit new members. Our plans include trying out the game of Petanque. Chairman Richard Standen has recently had a lesson from a local Petanque coach. We will play amongst ourselves initially but if it works out, we will open it to other villagers. More news of Petanque in the next edition.

In May, we were pleased to welcome our French 'twins' to England and we were blessed with good weather throughout the weekend. On the Friday evening, we held a Reception for our guests at Haughley Pavilion and then had a private dinner. Saturday saw a sunny day in Norwich with a guided walk and lunch, plus an evening at Haughley Village Hall with Sea Shanty singers and a fish and chip supper. We gathered on Sunday morning at Wetherden Village Hall for brunch and to say our goodbyes. It was lovely to see adults and children alike chattering away and enjoying each other's company.

Next year, it is our turn to go to our twin village Noyelles-les-Seclins, near Lille in France.

Remember, you don't have to speak French to join us!
Julia Brook

HAUGHLEY PARISH COUNCIL
The Council held a meeting on Tuesday 15th September.

C Cllr Andrew Stringer presented a written report, referring to the wildfire at Dunwich Heath which identifies that additional equipment and methods will be required for fighting such fires especially in remoter areas. Alterations are to be made to the Leader's office at Endeavour House in Ipswich. Help is available to replace ageing heating systems and energy efficiency loans are available for certain home improvements. Extra support is to be made available for some businesses via a new High Street Matters programme. There is a public consultation running to 18 October on Cuts to the Healthy Child Service. The Government proposals to reform Local Government in Suffolk and elsewhere have been "withdrawn" so the current system is to be extended with alterations. Please report location of blocked roadside gullies using the SCC website reporting tool.

D Cllr Agnes Watson presented a written report, providing an update of Food Waste Collection, grants towards the cost of replacing old heating systems, a proposed 3G community football pitch and mini athletics track in Stowmarket. MSDC provided a closing statement to the enquiry into the proposed Norwich to Tilbury power line system. Residents with local connections to have increased priority when waiting for new affordable homes.

The Chairman referred to the invitation to attend a meeting with **Adrian Ramsey MP** in Haughley on 21 September. A liaison meeting is to be held with nearby parishes councils.

The Council considered planning applications **DC/26/03839** and **DC/26/03840** relating to the Installation of an air source heat pump at Bridge Farm, Haughley New Street. The Council supports the application. The Planning Inspection's decision to an Appeal relating **Bridge Field Paddock** was that the use was not lawful on 5 September 2023.

A written report on the **Playing Field and Pavilion** proposals was submitted. Quotes are being obtained to repair the skate park, etc. Pavilion Futures – the Sports' Infrastructure grant application is close to completion. Decisions have had to be made due to the updated costs. To enable the Green to be extended in conjunction with the extension, the Bowls club is committing extra funding and seeking a Bowls England loan, which if successful will enable the grant funded work to commence during Quarter1 of 2027. Proposed work includes electric heating and hot water, to start ideally before the end of November – quotes are being obtained. Alternative grant funding for the lift will be sought.

Adrian Ramsey MP visited **Gallowsfield Wood** on 31 July. Progress is being made with Countryside Stewardship Scheme funding. The **Biodiversity and Wildlife Working Group** considered Haughley 2050 consultation, submitting suggestions. Water tests are being undertaken along parts of the River Gipping and tributaries. Quotes are being obtained to improve the fencing at the Allotments.

The Council hosted the September **Community Café**; thanks to all who attended. The proceeds will go towards a table with seating combination at **The Cricket** as a memorial to Rachel Eburne who supported Haughley so well.

Councillors are considering the Council's current involvement related the Climate Change, together with the Peoples Emergency Briefing, and how these may feed into the potential Master Plan proposed in the current **Haughley 2050 consultation**. Thanks to all who have completed the consultation questionnaire which remains open to 9 October. The results will be analysed and publicised through the Parish News. Haughley Parish Council is commissioning traffic counts in the Parish. Planning for the **Christmas Tree Lights Switch-on Event on Saturday 28th November** is progressing. The Council noted receipts and agreed payments for September.

The Council received updates on Haughley Parish In Bloom with thanks to the organisers and volunteers, plus certain traffic issues.

Next Parish Council meeting - Tuesday 20 October 2026 at 7.00pm

OUR VILLAGE – OUR FUTURE



We hope that you have responded to this consultation, but it is not too late to respond - this consultation remains open until Friday 9th October.

Whereas it seems that most parishioners would oppose additional development within the Parish, Mid Suffolk District Council has indicated that Haughley should expect at least 265 new dwellings for our Parish within a few years and additional housing thereafter. If any of this development is undertaken in the wrong location, to the wrong design or in the wrong order, it would be increasingly difficult to mitigate existing problems in the Parish, including traffic congestion.

We can influence what Haughley may look like in 2050.



DON'T FORGET

Clocks go back 1 hour
at 2 am on
Sunday, October 25

ELMSWELL GARDENING CLUB - OCTOBER 2026

I am writing this month's article to the sound of rain....yes rain! I had almost forgotten the soothing sound and fresh smell of a good downpour and it's a relief for the garden after a hot and dry summer. My garden is in its' second year of creation and it's limping along and in the main looking quite sad, it's been a real test of my patience, but I'm still be-leafing in its potential.

In July club members enjoyed two trips. The first was a re-visit to Porters Lodge Garden and Tea Rooms in Cavenham. The garden, created by Craig Wyncoll and Lionel Sturgess when they moved to Porters Lodge 38 years ago, covers 3 acres plus an 18-acre woodland and worth a visit.

The second trip was to Beth Chatto Garden, Elmstead Market, Essex, one of my favourite gardens to visit. Beth was a plantswoman, garden designer who loved unusual plants and was the original advocate for 'Right Plant, Right Place'. This means placing plants the environmental conditions that they grow in the wild, such as soil, moisture levels and aspect. The gardens she and her husband created are shaped by the land, with some areas being heavy clay and wet and some drier and sandy. Also, there are over 2000 varieties of plants for the sale too so you can take the inspiration home, which many members did.

I am now off to see if my water butts are full, pick some tomatoes and aubergines from the greenhouse and try to nurture some more life out of the rest of garden. I wonder if talking to the plants might help.....

Our speaker for October 20th is local gardener Chris Wiley 'Climate Resilient Gardening'. 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 or myself on 07748 442951.

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





HAUGHLEY CHURCH CHRISTMAS FAIR

Haughley Church
12th December, 10 till 1

~ If you would like a stall, please contact
Josephine.Gibson@talk21.com ~

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 UNITED FOOTBALL CLUB



On FRIDAY OCTOBER 23

We will be showing

**IPSWICH
V
NOTTINGHAM FOREST**

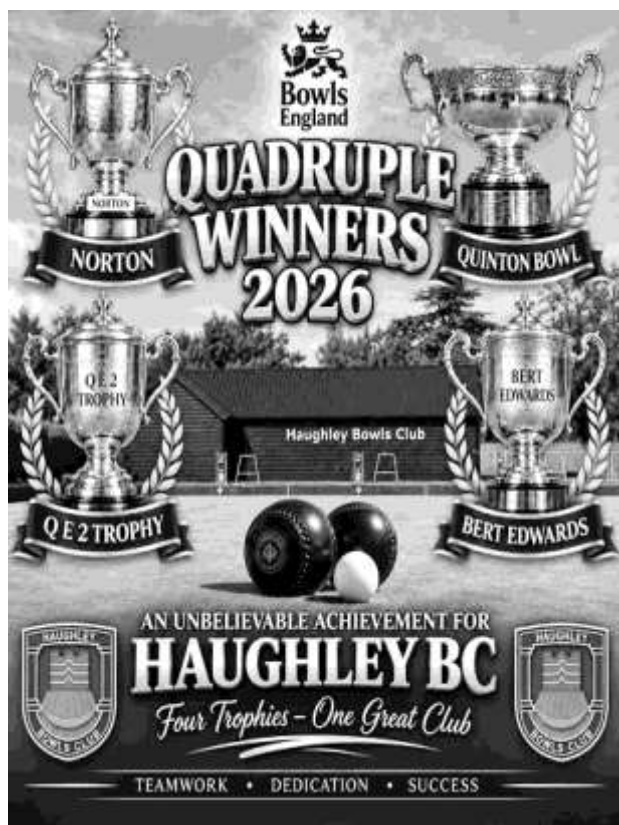
On Sky

The bar will be open from 7.00pm

Come and support your local football club

HAUGHLEY BOWLS CLUB

This has never been achieved in the history of Suffolk Bowls and shows what a strong club we are.



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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HAUGHLEY HOOFERS NORTH WEST MORRIS

Feel like some exercise?

Come and try some traditional street dance.

Free taster session:

Sunday 18 October 2026, 2.30 - 4.30 pm
Wetherden Village Hall, Park Road
Wetherden, IP14 3JS
(near Stowmarket)

Friendly group, good exercise and fun!

Open to all. No experience needed and no obligation.

Dancers and musicians welcome (portable acoustic instruments)

For more information: haughleyhoofers.nwclog@gmail.com

Find us on Facebook Haughley Hoofers official page

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**.

DISTRICT COUNCILLORS' REPORT

LGR decision for Suffolk withdrawn: On 7th September the government announced it had withdrawn its plans for local government reform in Suffolk to allow further review. Councillor Andy Mellon, leader of MSDC said at the following day's cabinet meeting "Yesterday's announcement by the Secretary of State for Local Government Angela Rayner, withdrew the decision made 6 months ago on reorganisation of Suffolk's councils. This is disappointing and deeply regrettable. Disappointing because it is another sudden change of course by this government, but without a clear direction of travel for the future. The decision to pause and review the process plunges us into a prolonged period of uncertainty, particularly for council staff, and for elected members as well."

So now we will have District Council elections next May. Council staff continue to work diligently to provide all our council services during this time.

Food Waste Collection update: Your food caddies are making a BIG difference! Since we launched our food waste collections in June, we've now collected over 2,040 tonnes of food waste from your caddies.

That's roughly equivalent to 340 large African elephants worth of food you've collectively diverted from the rubbish bin, to be recycled into biofuel and biofertiliser 🐘

Please make sure to put your caddy out - with the handle up - the night before collection, beside rather than on top of your other bin

Babergh and Mid Suffolk weekly food waste collection facts:

- ♻️ we have 16 dedicated food waste vehicles and crews
- ♻️ the crews travel around 9,000 miles a week
- ♻️ each vehicle is powered by either electric or low-emission hydrotreated vegetable oil
- ♻️ collectively, the food waste crews alone empty over 20,000 caddies a day and over 100,000 a week
- ♻️ your caddies are first emptied into a 'helper bin' which looks a bit like a normal waste bin, this is then hooked and loaded into the lorry
- ♻️ crews may leave your caddy on its side after collection to show it's been emptied
- ♻️ your caddy contents are turned into biofuel and a biofertiliser at these anaerobic digestion facilities Biogen in Halstead, Essex and BioteCH4 in March, Cambridgeshire.

Suffolk residents can get a free proposal to replace ageing heating systems with heat pumps: Suffolk replace ageing gas, oil or LPG boilers with a heat pump combining a £7,500 or £9,000 government grant, depending on current heating fuel, with group-buying savings on installation. Over the past few years, energy bills have been unpredictable, serving as a reminder of just how exposed household budgets can be to forces entirely outside our control. But now, Suffolk's public sector organisations are partnering with Switch Together, a community group-buying scheme, to help residents in Suffolk move away from ageing and inefficient heating systems.

Through the government's Boiler Upgrade Scheme, eligible homeowners in England can receive a grant of £7,500 toward an air source heat pump, or £9,000 for households currently heating with oil or LPG. The grant is applied for upfront by the installer, so residents do not need to claim it back or repay it. It is not means-tested, so there is no income threshold to qualify.

In Stowmarket:

Council delivering on new pitch and track: Work by Mid Suffolk District Council to create a brand new, state of the art 3G community football pitch and mini athletics track was completed last week.

Built in the grounds of Stowmarket High School, the 3G pitch and mini athletics track will be managed by Everyone Active and available for community use outside of school hours through a booking system. This is the latest addition to the council's investment in sports and wellbeing for Stowmarket

Electric bikes for hire: A new solar-powered pod containing two electric bikes has been installed at Mid Suffolk Leisure Centre, giving residents the chance to explore the town using a different, sustainable travel option. The pod generates its own electricity through an integrated solar panel, keeping the bikes charged.

Norwich To Tilbury: In a closing statement to National Grid's Norwich to Tilbury examination, Babergh and Mid Suffolk District Councils have restated their objection and again called for the plan to be halted – with questions remaining unanswered over the devastating impact of the scheme for local communities, businesses, environment, heritage and landscape.

It has been recently announced there will be a scheme for residents in the confirmed areas of the pylon route to entitle them to a £250 discount on electricity bills according to the national government.

Housing: Residents with a local connection to villages will now be given priority when waiting for new affordable homes. Mid Suffolk councillors unanimously agreed to change how the homes are allocated at a meeting of the authority's cabinet in August. But the council says it will continue to balance the new local connection requirement against someone's level of need. This means those assessed as having critical, urgent or serious needs will still be prioritised over someone with a local connection to a village but with a lesser housing need.

Summer Fun Day in Stowupland a great success: Delivered by Babergh and Mid Suffolk District Councils, this event took place on Wednesday 19 August. Families enjoyed taking part in a wide range of activities, including everything from bouncy castles and axe throwing to arts and crafts. The hula hooping and climbing wall were especially enjoyed! Alongside the free activities, local organisations and charities were on hand with information stalls. The organisation Fareshare provided free food for people to take home. Their mission is to prevent good food from going to waste by redistributing it to charities and community groups across East Anglia. Residents from all over attended with many coming from the village, comments were very positive including that they enjoyed every aspect, how friendly the event was, that it was free and the huge range of activities for all ages.

Useful links and funding

[Locality Awards - Mid Suffolk District Council - babergh.gov.uk / midsuffolk.gov.uk](#)

[Pride in your Place Grants applications are now open. Funding opportunities and support - Mid Suffolk District Council - babergh.gov.uk / midsuffolk.gov.uk](#)

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

[Stowmarket Innovation Gateway Skills Courses: Workshops & Skills Programmes | Stowmarket Innovation Gateway | Suffolk](#)

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Agnes.Watson@midsuffolk.gov.uk
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SAVE THE DATE

A PARISH EVENT

THE TRADITIONAL HAUGHLEY

'CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTS SWITCH ON'

**SATURDAY 28th NOVEMBER 2026
COMMENCING AT 2.30PM**

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

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

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

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

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

We look forward to seeing you there.

If anyone would like to volunteer to be part of this event or have a stall please contact:

nilam.vora@haughleyparishcouncil.gov.uk

or

bronwyn.betts@haughleyparishcouncil.gov.uk

Merry
Christmas
♥



HARVEST FESTIVAL

Haughley Church

Sunday

4th October, 11 a.m.

~ please bring food-bank items
and fresh produce
for us to sell for charity ~

STOWMARKET AND DISTRICT CAMERA CLUB



Needham Lake
by John Seaman

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 BPE5 DPAGB.

For further dates and information please see our website
www.stowmarketanddistrictcameraclub.onesuffolk.net

New members are very welcomed. You do not have to be an 'Expert Photographer' all you need is a camera – any camera and a real interest in using it. Our members use DSLRs, mirrorless, compacts and bridge cameras. If you are interested in becoming a member, please email Stowmarketcc@outlook.com or visit our website.



Fox by Geoff Walker



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.

Remembrance Services for Haughley

Sunday 8th November 10.50am

Royal British Legion's Annual Service of Remembrance 10.50am at St Mary's Church.

Those wishing to parade to church are requested to be at the post office no later than 10.30am

Wednesday 11th November Armistice Day

Service on the green 10.55

Mr Palmer will as usual sound the siren to start the 2 minute silence followed by a short service .

All are welcome.

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



Community Café



3rd October 2026 - 10am-12noon
Hosted by Royal British Legion –
Haughley Branch

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

Saturday, 10th October 7.30pm
Quiz Night in aid of St. Mary’s Church, Haughley
(see separate ad for details)

FILM NIGHTS - Doors 7pm for 7.30pm start

Admission £5 including refreshments

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.

Saturday 5th December – ‘**Project Hail Mary**’ starring Ryan Gosling as a science teacher who wakes up on a spaceship light years from home with no recollection of who he is or how he got there. As his memory returns, he begins to uncover his mission: solve the riddle of the mysterious substance causing the sun to die out. He must call on his scientific knowledge and unorthodox ideas to save the Earth from extinction ... but an unexpected friendship means he may not have to do it alone.

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

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

We are aware the skate ramps need some repairs again and we are working to get quotes and allocate funding. The field is looking green again after the recent rain and we are expecting a busy football season with lots of grassroots games for spectators to watch as well as those involved in the various teams. Do come along and support your local teams whenever you get the chance. The various scouting groups will be back for the new term. If you can help in any way, please get in contact with them. Contact details below.

Pavilion regeneration project

Quotations for the bowls club extension have been received; these are to support the Sports Infrastructure Grant application which is due to be submitted 29th September.

We are continuing to engage with a number of potential contractors for an environmentally sustainable heating and hot water solution, proposed solutions and pricing has started to come for solar energy solutions, which will enable us to move away from oil.

Full planning application for all the proposed work to the pavilion had been submitted to the planning office.

CHRISTMAS – ‘OH NO’ I hear you say but, like all things we need to plan. We will sell mulled wine The Lights switch on event on 28th November so please add the date to your diary.

Quiz night 30th Jan 2027 I will do a separate advert for November and December Parish Magazine, the planned date is 30th January 2027. Sadly the 2026 quiz was cancelled due to the seasonal virus and several teams including me (quiz master), were unable to make it. Fingers crossed all are well for this January.

CHRISTMAS SHOPPING ONLINE - THE PERFECT OPPORTUNITY TO SUPPORT US WITH NO COST TO YOU.

<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/kinggeorgefldhaughley/>

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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: 8th September, 13th October, 10th November, 8th Dec 2026, 12th January 2027, 9th February, 9th March.

Club Contacts: can be found in Directory

Thirza Shaw, Chairman & 50/50 Club Administrator, Email trtinker@aol.com or Thirza.shaw@haughleyparishcouncil.gov.uk Phone 07786375441

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Ron Crascall Pavilion, King George's Field, Haughley

There are three rooms for hire at the Pavilion

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Contact Ian Wilkinson 01449 773399

Access to kitchen facilities

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HAUGHLEY PLAYING FIELD 50/50 CLUB

The September Prize Draw of 2026



First Prize won by P Welburn No 41

Second Prize won by I O'Hara/P Cornwall No 31

Third Prize won by J Berry/T Downing No. 50

CONGRATULATIONS to all our Winners!

The next draw will take place at the
Christmas Lights Switch on.

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

WETHERDEN VILLAGE HALL

There were 8 tables in play at our
monthly Whist Drive held
on Friday 11th September

The afternoon seemed to suit everyone
a great deal, and our next Whist Drive
is well and truly on the cards for
Friday 9th October at 2pm.

Why not be ahead of the pack,
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Wednesday 7th October

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We do hope you will be able to join us on 1st November at Coddendam Community Centre, IP6 9PS. Doors open at 13.30 and we kick off with two session tunes at 14.00.

We look forward to seeing you. Jan Robinson

GALLOWSFIELD WOOD UPDATE

The last update on Gallowsfeld Wood was in February and was a little bit gloomy as the Wood at that time was looking at its worst, after the harvest. We now know that the Parish received an income of almost £5,000 from the harvest which will be re-invested in a separate Parish Council account to pay for future expenses at Gallowsfeld.

The article ended on a hopeful note by saying “there is every reason to believe the Wood will look really good in a few months with new growth to coppice stools and the understorey” and I am pleased to say that the Wood seems to have recovered quickly, perhaps beyond the expectations of those who were very critical. In particular, the coppiced Sweet Chestnut area (near the back of the Travelodge) has already grown vigorously to a good height.

The working group has met regularly over the Winter and Spring and even into the early summer and we have been joined by some new members with a variety of skills. These were put to good use in refurbishing the original picnic benches; a task which has been on the “pending list” for many years. It was pleasing to receive a “Thank you” from Lindsey Harvey, who uses Gallowsfeld for occasional Foxglove Nursery Forest School sessions. In July she complimented “the maintenance of the picnic benches and all the strimming and mowing” and felt it was now suitable for her to host a session at Gallowsfeld for some residents of Chilton Court care home.

The various heatwaves over the last few months have not had a significant adverse impact on the Wood and recent rain has greened-up the brown grassed areas. The “new ride” near the mound, which appeared after the harvest has now got a dead-hedge to define the track and it seems to have been well used. The track has a small raised bank and we have planted cowslips, oxlips and primroses along this which should look attractive in the Spring.

Gallowsfeld now has a large secure shipping container for storing various pieces of kit which has been kindly donated by Portable Space of Bacton.

Our Woodland maintenance work will begin again on 1st October, and we will also meet the following week on 8th October and at regular dates from then on. All sessions start at 10am. If you would like to be involved in the work at Gallowsfeld Wood please join our group and contact me as below.

David Evans

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CHURCH SERVICES FOR OCTOBER 2026

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

Date	Stowupland	Wetherden	Haughley
Sunday 4 th	10.30am Harvest Service at the URC	11.00am Morning Worship	11.00am Harvest Festival
Wednesday 7 th	10.00am Morning Prayer and Praise		
Sunday 11 th	9.30am Sunday Praise	11.00am Morning Worship 3.30pm Forest Church	11.00am Communion Service
Monday 12 th	11.00am Service at Steepleview		2.00pm Service at Mere View
Tuesday 13 th			5.00pm Pizza Church
Wednesday 14 th			10.00am Morning Prayer and Praise
Sunday 18 th	9.30am Morning Worship	11.00am Sunday Praise	11.00am Joint Service with URC
Wednesday 21 st		10.00am Morning Prayer and Praise	
Sunday 25 th	4.00pm Evening Service	11.00am Communion Service	9.30am BCP Communion
Wednesday 28 th			10.00am Midweek Communion-at the Vicarage

- Morning Prayer & Praise – an informal 30-minute service on a Wednesday with refreshments
- Sunday Praise – an informal service of up to 45 minutes with refreshments for all the family
- Evening Service – a varied format which may include Celtic, Ecological or Pilgrimage themes
- Communion Service – a service of worship, teaching and the celebration Jesus' death and resurrection
- Morning Worship - a service of worship, teaching and prayer
- Forest Church – a service for all the family, outdoors and in.

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It's scary going to church (Part 2)

In September's edition, I admitted that I struggle going to new places I am not familiar with. I mentioned that 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. Here is what happened.

First, I had no idea how to fill in a betting slip. That was a bit unsettling! But it gave me an understanding how people who are not used to church can easily feel anxious about not knowing what's going on, what page they are on or even what planet we are on!

Second, when I did speak to the cashier and told him it was my first time in placing a bet he said to me 'Don't do it!' I didn't expect that. He told me to think carefully as it was a slippery slope. I then told him I was a vicar and was doing it to understand how scary it is for people to go into new places.

At which point a man behind me interrupted us as he was wanting to put a bet on a horse before the next race started. He then confessed to me he had lost over £1000 in the last month on the horses!

By the way the horse I chose didn't win (I think it came third) and you will be glad to know I haven't put a bet on a horse since. But the occasion did show me how people can easily become addicted to betting. The companies say 'bet responsibly' but I genuinely think the better option is not to bet at all as the only real winners are the betting companies.

As for going to new places and feeling a bit anxious, I left with the determination that I would try and help people feel welcome, at home and at ease, in any churches I would lead in the future.

Have a good October,

All the best,

Andy

Revd Andy

PRAYER: Lord Jesus, please give me your strength to resist things which could lead to addiction. Amen.

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Julie Hart

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

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ELMSWELL HISTORY GROUP

On 10th September, the first meeting of our 2026-7 season welcomed Darren Dordoy (ably assisted by Hannah) for their talk on *Stowmarket's 1871 Gun Cotton Explosion*. This was a tragic event in the town's Victorian history, resulting in 28 fatalities (12 adults and 16 children aged from just 9 years old), most of whom lived very near the factory and in surrounding villages. This large factory on the banks of the River Gipping, was owned and run by the Prentice family, and we learnt all about the complicated procedure of making this product, which included lots of washing and drying of the components and adding of dangerous acids and other chemicals. In fact, there were two explosions on that fateful day, about 30 minutes apart, the sound of which was heard as far as 30 miles away in Southwold. The shockwaves caused serious damage to many buildings in the town as well as surrounding villages, all of which was reported in the national newspapers of the day including the London Times. An inquest was held when evidence was gone over in detail, and a Home Office report concluded that this accident occurred because of unsafe procedures, untrained workers and children, and no specific instructions from the government of the day as to how to deal with such dangerous chemicals. Although no time was lost in rebuilding the factory in 1872, perhaps the only good thing to come from this dramatic event was various new Acts of Parliament such as the 1875 Explosives Act (banning children under 16), and the subsequent 1923 Act (banning those under 18). Stowmarket Local History Group have erected a timely memorial in the town's cemetery to those who perished on that fateful day.

Our next talk, "***Ipswich Football Legend, Sir Alf Ramsey***" by Grant Bage, will be on Thursday **8th October**, 7.30pm at the Wesley Hall (School Rd, IP10 9EE). This talk will shine a new light on Sir Alf Ramsey, an Ipswich Town and England legend, who became a national hero in 1966, when he managed the England's men's football team to World Cup success. He was a Suffolk hero too, thanks to his triple league-winning leadership of Ipswich Town from 1955 to 1963, and remaining in Suffolk for the rest of his life. Grant Bage is an author, educator and Honorary Fellow of the Historical Association, and he will have copies of his latest book "*The Unseen Sir Alf: A Different Kind of Hero*" available for sale that evening. Do join us then to find out much more – everyone welcome, doors open at 6.45pm. Members £4, Visitors £6, Under-18s £2 – cash or cheque (payable to "Elmswell History Group"), sorry no cards.

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



From Waste to Wonderful – Compost at Orchard Barn

Autumn is a wonderful time for transformation at Orchard Barn. As we scythe the old orchard, the final cuttings of the year will join weeds, garden waste and other organic material to make our last compost heap of 2026.

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That matters more than ever during increasingly dry summers. At Orchard Barn we harvest rainwater and use it sparingly for both our gardens and earth building. Healthy, compost-rich soil holds onto that water for longer, helping plants through periods of drought.

Come and learn by doing at our informal **Compost Making Session, Thursday 22 October, 10am–1pm.**

We also welcome volunteers **Wednesdays and Fridays, 9am–1pm** for traditional carpentry and greenwood work, and **Thursdays, 9am–1pm** for orchard, garden and wildlife care.

To enquire: Sarah Partridge – 07766 054042 or sarah.orchardbarn@gmail.com.
Orchard Barn, IP14 2LY is on the far SW side of Batisford.





Mid Suffolk

I finished school in the summer and since then I've applied for countless jobs, but I'm not having any luck - most companies don't even bother getting back to me. It's really getting me down - what can I do to be more successful?

Navigating your first steps into the world of work can be really daunting. If you're struggling to find a job, you're not alone. Nearly one million young people aged 16 to 24 in the UK are not in education, employment or training. Clearly, there are some big structural and economic issues that are making it hard for young people to find work, but there are still things you can do.

When you're applying for a job, it's vital to do your homework. Make sure you've done your research about both the role and the employer and adjust your CV to fit the position you're applying for. Employers will usually want to know why you're interested in working for them specifically, so take some time to look into who they are and their values as an organisation. Then discuss how they align with what you're looking for in a role in your application.

Be cautious about using AI. When you're feeling the pressure to get out as many applications as possible, it can be tempting to turn to AI to help you write your CV, cover letter or application form. But employers can usually tell when you've used AI, and some may use AI detection tools when screening your application. It might put them off wanting to progress your application, so it's best to always use your own words.

If you're worried about your lack of experience, one way to make your CV stand out from the crowd is to try volunteering. Not only will you gain vital skills and work experience but also make a positive difference to people's lives. For example, volunteering in your local Citizens Advice service can give you office experience and customer service skills - you can find out more about opportunities in your area on our website.

If you're struggling financially, you should check what benefits you're able to get. If you're over 18 (or in some cases 16 or 17), not in education or training, and you have less than £16,000 in savings or other investments, you may be eligible for Universal Credit. You might also be able to get 'new style' Jobseeker's Allowance for up to six months while you look for a job. You can check what benefits you can get on the Citizens Advice website.

And lastly, job hunting can take a real toll on your mental wellbeing. Endless applications, back-to-back rejections or being ghosted entirely can all chip away at your self-esteem and affect your mental health. If you're finding it tough, there's help and support available. You can reach out to organisations like StudentMinds, try YoungMinds or get in touch with Mind - you don't have to face it alone.

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.

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REMEMBER

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