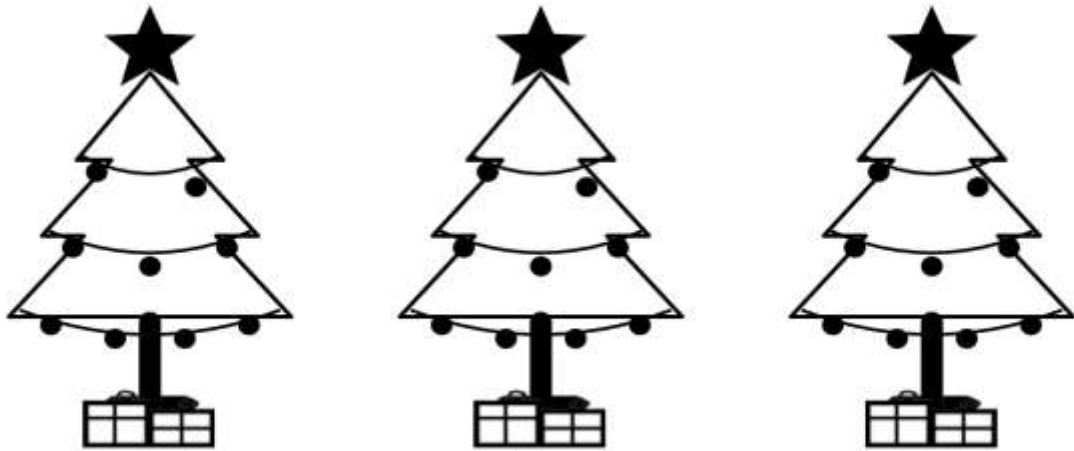


HAUGHLEY & WETHERDEN PARISH NEWS



CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTS SWITCH ON

**On Haughley Parish Green
Saturday 28th November 2026
Commencing 2.30pm**

**Come and enjoy refreshments, seasonal music,
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Santa will be in his Grotto during the afternoon

Everyone Welcome!

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WETHERDEN PARISH COUNCIL

Summary of Wetherden Parish Council meeting, 21 September 2026

The meeting focused on village maintenance, playground improvements, finances and arrangements for Bonfire Night.

Key decisions and updates

Council vacancy: Cllr Mike Collings resigned for personal reasons. Democratic Services have been informed, and a vacancy notice will follow.

Previous minutes: The minutes of 20 July 2026 were approved. No interests were declared.

Village sign: Liam, son of Tarby Davenport MBE, offered to arrange to design a traditional wooden replacement sign in her memory, in conjunction with Weird and Wonderful Wood. Cllr Perry would progress the proposal.

Playground: Replacement swings and have been installed. A replacement bin was installed in the seating area; a small bin inside the children's play area was removed because it was being used for dog-waste bags. Another cemented-in bin still needed removal.

Tree maintenance: Work to raise the canopy of the central village oak had already been arranged.

Outstanding actions

Report blocked drains and send a copy of the list to Cllr Stringer.

Follow up drainage problems at Haughley Park and Rectory Hill.

Cllr Stringer to address the weed-blocked fire hydrant drain at Park View.

Finances

The finance report and scheduled payments were approved. The recorded bank balance was £25,771.93 as at 7 September 2026. Listed income included the cleansing grant, county locality funding, wayleaves and the second half of the parish precept.

Wider reports

District updates covered a community fun day, a new 3G football pitch at Stowmarket High School and electric bikes in Stowmarket. The county report covered changes to Suffolk local-government reform plans, wildfire-related concerns and support for home heating and energy-efficiency improvements.

Upcoming dates

Bonfire Night: 7 November 2026. The bonfire will be reduced in size, with consideration being given to a run-off space beyond the football pitch markings. The event will be reviewed in light of the dry conditions experienced over the Summer in case these persist.

October: A walk exploring the common, followed by an outdoor church service; details to appear on social media.

Next council meeting: 16 November 2026.

WEDNESDAY 11th NOVEMBER



ARMISTICE DAY SILENCE & SIREN

As is tradition on Armistice Day, Wednesday 11th November 2026, Haughley will pause at 11 o'clock to remember all those who have fallen in Armed Conflict. The Parish Air Raid Siren will sound at 10.59 to indicate the approaching hour followed by the striking of the Church Clock at 11am. The Siren will then sound again at 11-02 to indicate the end of the Two Minutes; a short Service of Remembrance will be held and all are welcome to gather on the Village Green.

THE HAUGHLEY SOLDIER SILHOUETTES

The Haughley Soldier Silhouettes designed and installed by Kieron Palmer in 2019, will return to Haughley Village Green for the Season of Remembrance from the end of October to mid-November. Each Silhouette represents one of the 'Forty One Men of Haughley' whom left the village in the two World Wars to fight for our freedom and never returned. The Display of the Fallen will be in the window of Palmers Bakery.

The area is under 24 hour CCTV and Security Protection.

'WE WILL REMEMBER THEM'



HAUGHLEY PARISH COUNCIL

The Parish Council held a meeting on Tuesday 20th October. A verbal update was received regarding Eve Meadow.

C Cllr Andrew Stringer provided a written report and responded to questions, including local highway issues, a predicted overspend on the budget, the A14 and transport resilience involving not least housing and roads around Ipswich, funding for the fire service to consider results of extreme weather and use of the unofficial laybys at Haughley New Street and Tot Hill. D Cllrs **Janet Pearson** and **Dr Agnes Watson** provided a written report with a verbal update on the “Decent Homes Standard”, availability of various grant funding, new sports facilities open day in Stowmarket, a food summit 16 November, concern over changes resulting from the new National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF). A **Councillor surgery** in Green Room at Village Hall **Saturday 7 November** at same time as the Community Café. Progress has been made on several footpaths – funding still to be sourced.

The Chairman gave a brief update on aspect of the **new NPPF**, including some changed critical to Parish Councils. He had attended a SALC briefing on planning. **There are to be road closures in Station Road** during parts of November and December to facilitate connection of services and further traffic restrictions (traffic lights) probably in January to extend a footpath. Initial feedback from the **consultation Vision 2050** with approx. 120 responses – yet to be analysed. Quotations will be sort from master planners. There had been a meeting with Enforcement Officers regarding the **proposed junior football pitch** – the Council agreed that a letter be sent to the developers.

The Council considered the following applications. **DC/26/04144** - Ron Crascall Pavilion Green Road Haughley. Proposed single storey extensions to bowls clubhouse, football club house, fire escape staircase reconfiguration, bowls green extension and permeable overflow car parking and all associated works. Supported. **DC/26/04034** - Land East Of Bacton Road Bacton Road Haughley. Erection of 1no. self-build dwellinghouse, garage, Supported. **DC/26/04378** - Folly House The Folly Haughley. Notification of Works to Trees in a Conservation Area. Supported. **DC/26/04249** - Balfour House 20 Eve Balfour Way Haughley. Discharge of Condition. Officers’ decision. **DC/26/04499** - Outside Lynville Haughley Green Haughley Suffolk Development by a Statutory undertaker - Erection of a 9m pole. Supported. **DC/26/03207** - Storage Tothill Services Tot Hill Haughley IP14 3QQ. Lawful Development Certificate for an existing use. Existing containers and storage business. Officer’s decision - Was Lawful

Playing Fields Update. Cllr Thirza Shaw provided written update. Quotes are being obtained to repair the skate park. Thanks to Tony for arranging suitable fencing. The Chairman reported on the Eco-Church meeting on the **Peoples Emergency Briefing** and the follow up meeting which were well attended. The Parish Council has been leading on a range of such matters within the Parish for many years and has an existing Emergency Plan. There seems to be a considerable appetite within the parish for additional local actions, many of which can be initiated by individuals. The Council agreed to form an additional Working Group to consider additional resilience planning at Parish Council level.

The Council received a report on plans for **Christmas Tree Lights Switch-On Event (Saturday 28 November)**. Additional local business stalls welcome. **Vehicle count survey** equipment has been in place around the Parish. The analysis and report are yet to be received.

Water Quality testing has been undertaken on parts of River Gipping network including parts of Wetherden Stream in Haughley. The results include very high levels of contamination. The Environment Agency (EA) and Anglian Water are involved. A new storm drain is going in at the water treatment plant a new phosphorus removal system in due course.

Gallowsfield Wood and The Cricket - Suffolk Tree Wardens visit to Gallowsfield Wood for a Fungi Foray. There have been work parties at Gallowsfield Wood and The Cricket.

The Council considered matters of correspondence, including a twinning sign, overhaul of a pétanque piste and a National Campaign for Defibrillator Replacement.

The Council considered accepted in principle several **policy documents**.

Next meeting - Tuesday 17th November 2026 at 7.00pm at the Pavilion

All Souls Service



Sunday November 1st
Stowupland Church at 3pm
Haughley Church at 5pm

Over the years there are many people we have loved but have now died.
The All Souls service is a time to remember them.

You are very welcome to come to this service, it does not matter how long ago someone died or where their funeral took place.

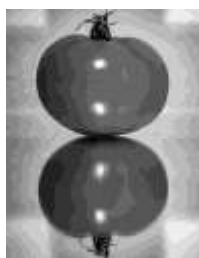
We hope you will be able to join us, together with other members of your family or with friends who would like to come. You will be welcome at either of the services, whichever one is most convenient for you.

STOWMARKET AND DISTRICT CAMERA CLUB

On Monday 14th September, we held our Michael & Helen Lang competition which was judging the best prints and P.D.I.s from last season to choose the "best of the best! Wayne Davey. ABPA, AWPf, BPE5*, DPAGB had a difficult task but Achieved the objective! Thanks Wayne!

He selected his three best prints and then his three best P.D.I.s before comparing the best print with the best P.D.I.

Congratulations to all but especially to Paula Irvine who came out on top with "Migraine!" It was well deserved. She had 5 images in the top 6 which is a fantastic feat.



Home Grown by
Colin Hardy

Monday 28th September. We held our annual Cracked Lens competition, judged by our members. The assignment for this competition was 'Reflections'. Some excellent work with images showing some imaginative work. Winners were, 1st Colin Hardy for his Home Grown. 2nd Brod Pooley for his Reflection of Time. 3rd John Seaman for his 'Hogwarts Magic'. Congratulation to all members who entered the competition.



Reflection of Time
by Brod Pooley

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.

VIOLETTE E. V. J. PALMER

We are delighted to announce the birth of Violette Emily Victoria Joyce Palmer, a daughter to Kieron Palmer and James who was born, Thursday 8th October, at 6.27pm, weighing 7lb 8oz. A sister to Alexandra & Harriet and third grandchild to Kenneth & Christine Palmer.

God's precious gift of a daughter.

We would like to thank everyone for their kind wishes, cards and gifts with our grateful appreciation.

Wetherden *at* Christmas

Saturday 5th December 2026



Santa Search

**Starting at the Baptist Chapel
10am – 12pm**

Children follow clues around the village
and get a chocolate gift at the end.

Price £2



Christmas Market at the Village Hall

Selling local crafts and gifts
from **10am – 3pm**



The Maypole Pub

Selling festive drinks
from **10am**



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: crawford.trust@outlook.com

*Please note: unfortunately the email address in previous issues was incorrect.
Please use the new address above.*

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

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 SINGING FOR WELLBEING

Have you read this advert before and wondered if you'd enjoy it?
We've welcomed 4 new singers in September who thought the same
and they've loved it!

It's an hour of singing and laughter why not give it a try?

Next sessions are:



Wednesday November 11th and 25th
7.30 start in the Village Hall Green Room
£5 cash per session
(Bring your own drink)



Come and see us sing at the Christmas Community Café!
Saturday December 5th!

Contact Lynn 07979832980 for more info

ST MARY'S CHURCH WETHERDEN



Elizabeth cordially invites you to a
Coffee Morning in aid of the



CHILDREN'S SOCIETY

www.childrenssociety.org.uk

On

Thursday 26th November
From
10.30am to noon

At

Pond House, Wetherden
(next to the Church)

There will be tea, coffee, mince pies, a bring-and-buy table, raffle and Christmas cards.

Everybody is welcome: the more the merrier



Like us on Facebook - Wetherden Church

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

Christmas 50/50 (normally December): will be drawn at the Christmas Lights Switch on Event 28th November 2026. We will be happy to take cash renewals of numbers for 2027 draws or sign-up new members.

We will also sell mulled wine during The Lights switch on event on 28th November, please come along and support this village event and your local charities and groups.

General news : For safety reasons we have fenced off the skate ramps until we can arrange the necessary repairs.

Quiz night 30th Jan 2027. More details in separate advert but please gather your fellow quizzers and book a space. Max of 6 in a team.

Pavilion regeneration project : We are still waiting to hear back on the planning application; no major conditions or issues have been raised so far; we are hopefully hear sometime in the coming weeks.

Application for the Sports Infrastructure Grant for the bowls club extension has been submitted to Mid Suffolk District Council, the Council have reviewed the application and they are supportive of our proposal; however, they require some more information before making a final decision; we are currently working on supplying the additional information required.

We are continuing to engage with a number of potential contractors for an environmentally sustainable heating and hot water solution to enable us to move away from oil, we have received several solutions and pricing. We are waiting on some additional information and pricing to come through, and we are looking into a number of grant applications to fund the work.

**CHRISTMAS 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: 10th November, 8th Dec 2026, 12th January 2027, 9th February, 9th March, 13th April, 11th May.

Club Contacts: can be found in the Directory.

Dogs are welcome at the playing field. Please keep them on their leads and pick up your dog's poo.

Ron Crascall Pavilion, King George's Field, Haughley

There are three rooms for hire at the Pavilion

Upstairs Function room

14m x 8m approx with 10 tables & 60 chairs

Contact Thirza Shaw – trinker@aol.com 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

HAUGHLEY VILLAGE HALL COMMUNITY CAFE



**Saturday 7th November 2026
10am - 12 noon**

****Tickets on sale for
Haughley Christmas Raffle***

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

Browse the stalls selling a variety of handmade items.

PLEASE COME ALONG - EVERYONE WELCOME!



HAUGHLEY PARISH IN BLOOM

Autumn 2026

Just to update you.....

All the planters have now been planted with autumn/winter plants and spring bulbs.

Haughley Parish In Bloom programme, currently, is to continue monitoring the older wooden planters then, hopefully, one or two can be replaced in our next budget for the spring/summer planting.

I would like to thank all the volunteers for their continued support. It's very much appreciated, especially during the hot summer that we have just encountered. The Parish would not have looked so well cared for if it were not for the volunteers, so a huge 'Thank You' to you all, including Jason, looking after the small barrel in Old Street, and Paula, looking after Haughley Green, who both joined us at the beginning of the summer planting. Thank you, as well, to all who have helped with dismantling, tidying and general maintenance of planters, removing the summer plants, and replacing with autumn/winter/spring plants and bulbs.

The plan for Summer 2027 is to re-think our planting, looking at drought resistant plants as our summers are getting warmer. We will be planting in May/June 2027.

The triangle outside the Post Office still has nobody looking after it. I am just keeping it tidy at the present time until someone comes forward. If anyone is interested in volunteering please do contact me.

Yvonne

Haughley Parish Councillor &

Haughley Parish In Bloom Co-ordinator

Email: yvonne.tricker@haughleyparishcouncil.gov.uk

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Suffolk Historic Churches Ride & Stride - A big thank you to those who cycled, those who sponsored participants, those who manned St Mary's Church Haughley, and thank you also to Haughley Choir who sang at four of our local churches on the day.

The money raised through the event is split between the Suffolk Historic Churches Trust and St Mary's Haughley.

The total amount raised was an excellent £1,078.

David Fleetwood (Ride & Stride Organiser for St Mary's Haughley)

Whats on at
your
Village Hall



Community Café

7th November 2026 - 10am-12noon

‘Coffee & Chat’ at the Green Room

Mondays from 10am - 12noon

FILM NIGHTS - Doors 7pm for 7.30pm start

Admission £5 including refreshments

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.

Saturday 9th January – ‘**Glenrothan**’ starring Brian Cox and Alan Cumming. Two brothers, one legacy, lots of spirit. After almost 40 years in Chicago, Donal (Cumming) reluctantly returns to the Scottish Highlands to make amends with his estranged older brother, Sandy (Cox). Sandy needs Donal to take over the family business – the Glen Nairn whisky distillery and secure the family’s legacy.

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



Chairman: Mr Tim Hart
Secretary: Vacant

Vice Chair : Mrs M Buttle
Email: acsargent48@gmail.com

Do you know of a veteran in the Haughley area who needs our help? We provide lifelong support for the Armed Forces community - serving men and women, veterans, and their families. If so please get in touch via our website or via the email above.

Remembrance Services for Haughley

Sunday 8th November 10.50am

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

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

ADRIAN RAMSEY, MP VISITS HAUGHLEY

On 29 September, Adrian Ramsey MP and members of his team held a meeting at the Village Hall. After a few introductions, he identified several leading topics that come his way as MP, including the lack of dentists, the need for good management against flooding and pollution, the need for regulation for social media especially as it interrelates to Special Educational Needs and Disability (SEND). Adrian has attended in Haughley on several occasions, including to consider HGV traffic through Haughley New Street and Wetherden and also work being undertaken at Gallowsfield Wood.

Adrian responded to a wide range of questions, including relating to the Ely and Haughley Junction railway upgrades and the current lack of Government funding; water problems with both flooding and significant shortage of water (drought) together with numerous wildfires which reveal the need for an integrated water policy. These indicate the need for climate resilience planning to include assessment of flooding and fire risks especially in rural areas; fewer than half councils have such plans. The benefits of porous driveway surfaces but there is lack of enforcement.

Social media is a significant issue – the definition of a young person includes people up to the age of 25 years. Concern was expressed about primary school care and the use of artificial intelligence (AI). The use of the social media X; Adrian has no plans yet as the site allows a wide range of people to communicate with their MP.

The Waveney Valley constituency includes 130 parishes including several that have no other affiliation to the Waveney Valley. The change of Green Party leadership at national level has resulted in some changes in direction but Green MPs are not subject to a party whip. Adrian stressed that he continues to support his constituents as at the time of election. MPs work with councillors and have funding for 5-6 staff to help with case work, policy, correspondence and research. Inquiries to MPs require a post code to identify that the inquirer is from the relevant constituency.

Adrian produces one or two Newsletters per month for the area; you can sign up to these via <https://www.adrianramsay.org.uk> › newsletter

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Haughley & Wetherden Parish News

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

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David Bryant on:
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**HAUGHLEY UNITED
FOOTBALL CLUB**

PRESENTS
"AN EVENING WITH ELVIS"
With Andy Otley



Saturday, January 9th 2027

£5 per ticket Bar open from 7.00pm,
Bar is card only

Come and support your local football club and have
a great night out!

Ron Crascall Pavilion, Green Road, Haughley IP14 3RA

For queries contact:
Colin: 07708062435
colin.drewery@btinternet.com

**HAUGHLEY VILLAGE HALL
CHRISTMAS COMMUNITY CAFÉ**

SATURDAY 5TH DECEMBER
10AM - 1PM



Mulled Wine and Mince Pies as well as our usual
fare. We also have a variety of stalls selling
gifts for all.

Haughley Singing for Wellbeing Group will be
joining us again to sing a selection of well-known
and festive songs from 11am-11.30am

To be followed by the draw for
Haughley Christmas Raffle

*Join us for our
Festive Community Café!*



**HAUGHLEY HOOFERS
NORTH WEST MORRIS**

Like music? Like dancing?
Why not try something a bit different?
Friendly group, good exercise and fun!
No experience needed and no obligation.
New dancers and musicians welcome
(portable acoustic instruments).

Practice sessions from 27th September 4 – 6 pm
Wetherden Village Hall, near Stowmarket IP14 3JS

For more information
haughleyhoofers.nwclog@gmail.com

Find us on Facebook Haughley Hoofers official page



HAUGHLEY VILLAGE HALL CHRISTMAS RAFFLE

1st prize - £100
2nd prize - £50
3rd prize - Christmas Hamper
4th prize - Festive Drinks Hamper

TICKETS ON SALE
At Haughley Post Office from
2nd November 2026 and
November's Community Cafe



Draw to take place at the
Christmas Community Café
On Saturday 5th December 2026

Raising Funds for the Village Hall
Registered Charity No. 30760

King George V Playing Field Committee

? Quiz Night ?

Saturday, 30th January 2027

7pm for 7.30pm start



At Haughley Pavilion



£6 per head, Max 6 people in a team

Raffle Bar open (card only)
Bring your own food/nibbles

To book a table please contact
Thirza Shaw 07786375441
Email trinker@aol.com



Funds in aid of King George V Playing Field, Haughley

ST MARY'S HAUGHLEY AND ST MARY'S WETHERDEN

Rector: Revd Andy Buttress Tel. 07749265571

Curate: Revd Alison Roberts Tel. 01449 613037

<https://www.achurchnearyou.com/church/2082/>

<https://www.achurchnearyou.com/church/1938/>

Bums and Bucks

It is a common thought that two of the main things a church tries to do is get as many bums on seats (to reverse the alleged decline in church attendance), and get as much money from its parishioners as it can (to repair the roof, organ or whatever else is in danger of collapse)! Whilst we would, of course, love to see you we would also love to change this perception of bums and bucks.

To help reverse this, we no longer pass a collection plate around during a service. We don't want people to feel awkward when they come and we don't want people to feel we are always asking for their money. Now the reality is that at St Mary's Haughley we need £600 per week to break even and at St Mary's Wetherden, £400. And we do have a weekly shortfall in both churches. Donations and giving to the church are therefore gratefully received! But bums and bucks must never be the priority.

Rather, if people come to church, we want them to know that they are not a number or a £ sign but a VIP (very important person). We want people to feel they are part of a warm and welcoming community where it is natural and safe to explore faith and do life together - where people are valued not according to their bank balance but their own self. So welcome to our churches for no other reason than simply who you are.

Now that November is upon us, you are particularly welcome to join our special Memorial Service at Haughley (5pm) on November 1st, remembering our loved ones who have died in recent years. Then on November 8th it is Remembrance Sunday when we remember those who have suffered or died in conflict. These events are good examples of what churches should be prioritising in a community.

Have a great November,

All the very best,

Revd Andy

PRAYER: As I reflect this November on family and friends who have died, help me to draw comfort from you Jesus for you have defeated death. Amen.

WINNER OF HAUGHLEY CHURCH'S MONTHLY £40 DRAW

Richard Coe

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

Phone : 01449 774657 if you would like a ticket:
£15 for the whole year.

CHURCH SERVICES FOR NOVEMBER 2026

The Churches of Haughley with Wetherden and Stowupland

(For more information please contact:

Revd Andy Buttress: email revandybuttress@gmail.com)

Morning Prayer & Praise – an informal 30-minute service on a Wednesday with refreshments

Date	Stowupland	Wetherden	Haughley
Sunday 1st	3.00pm Memorial Service	11.00am Benefice Communion	5.00pm Memorial Service
Wednesday 4th	10.00am Morning Prayer and Praise		
Sunday 8th	10.50am Remembrance Service	10.50am Remembrance Service 3.30pm Forest Church	10.50am Remembrance Service
Monday 9th	11.00am Service at Steeple View		2.00pm Service at Mere View
Tuesday 10 th			5.00pm Pizza Church
Wednesday 11 th			11.00am Armistice Service – The Green
Sunday 15th	9.30am Morning Worship	11.00am Sunday Praise	11.00am Joint Service with URC
Wednesday 18th		10.00am Morning Prayer and Praise	
Sunday 22nd	4.00pm Evening Service	11.00am Communion Service	9.30am BCP Communion
Wednesday 25th			10.00am Morning Advent Prayer and Praise
Sunday 29 th			11.00am Benefice Communion

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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- 2.30 pm:** Event to open – St Mary's Bells will be rung by the Bellringers followed by festive music.
- 2.45 to 3.00 pm:** Santa will arrive at his Grotto on the village green to meet with the Children (children up to 12 years of age).
Santa will be at his Grotto until 4.30 pm.
- 3.00 pm:** Dancing by Haughley Hoofers (outside the Post Office).
- 3.20 pm:** Traditional Carols and songs sung by St Mary's Choir & Ukulele Group.
- 3.40 pm:** Dancing Emily Grace Dance Studios (outside the Post Office).
- 4.00 pm:** Ensemble Haughley Hooters Brass Band.
- 4.45 pm:** Our 'Guest of Honour' to switch on the Christmas Tree Lights.
- 4.50 pm to Close:** St Mary's Bells will be rung by the Bellringers.



*We look forward to
seeing you there!*



DISTRICT COUNCILLORS' REPORT - OCTOBER 2026

Regulator publishes findings of councils' housing services inspection

It has awarded both councils the C2 rating - the second tier on a scale of Consumer grades which is from C1-C4, with C1 being the target grade for all social landlords. The regulator is assured both councils have accurate, up-to-date information about the condition of its homes. However, it notes that at the time of the inspection, 16% of Babergh District Council's homes, and 13% of Mid Suffolk District Council's homes, did not meet the Decent Homes Standard - a set of minimum conditions covering safety, repair, services, and insulation. MSDC has transformed its housing service since 2023, listened carefully to tenants throughout and developed a tenant board, and invested a significant amount to cut the repairs backlog in the last few years. It continues to improve and aims to meet the C1 standard by next year.

Living Well in Winter Grants open

The Living Well in Winter Grants for 2026/27 have now opened for applications, until 22nd November. This exists to help local VCFSE (voluntary, community, faith and social enterprise) organisations deliver accessible, inclusive spaces and affordable activities during the colder months.

Eligible projects might include lunch clubs, after-school clubs, low-cost sports sessions, community cafes, or any other initiative that brings people together during a time of year where many may feel isolated. Up to £2,000 can be applied for.

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

New sports facilities hosting community fun day 27th October

The community fun day, being run by Mid Suffolk District Council and award-winning operator Everyone Active, will take place at the recently completed 3G pitch and running track in the grounds of Stowmarket High School.

Taking place on Tuesday 27 October from 11am-4pm, the day will have a number of free sessions run by local sports groups, giving members of the community the chance to take part in different activities and try out the facilities.

All activities will be open sessions, allowing people to join in at any point throughout the day. There is no need to book a space on the session.

Food summit 16th November

The Suffolk Food Summit run by MSDC is returning to the Food Museum in Stowmarket this November to celebrate local food and drink production and its impact on the region's economy.

The event has been organised by Mid Suffolk District Council and will bring together a range of people from across the food and drink sector for workshops and panel discussions. The event is open for anyone interested in local food and drink sector but in particular, farmers and food producers, retail and catering businesses, campaigners, educators and community organisations.

Free to attend: [Suffolk Food Summit 2026 Tickets, Monday 16 November • 9 AM - 3:30 PM | Eventbrite](#)

Concern over new planning reforms

Mid Suffolk councillors have hit out at Government planning reforms, warning they could leave local communities with less say over new developments.

Council Stringer put this in a motion at the September MSDC meeting and this was unanimously supported. As a result the district council is to write to the Government to raise concerns over changes to Neighbourhood Plans, green spaces and the way planning applications are decided. The council is particularly concerned about the withdrawal of national funding for Neighbourhood Plans and new rules which will reduce councillors' ability to call planning applications in their wards before a committee. In addition changes in the new NPPF mean the rules relating to development in and around settlements have changed which may impact on current green pockets of space within communities.

Mid Suffolk District Council are providing funding for parishes to help with their Neighbourhood plans since the government money was withdrawn.

Our next councillor surgery

This will be in Haughley in the Green Room at the village hall on Saturday November 7th 10am – 12pm. The community café will be running alongside so grab a cuppa and come and talk to us.

Useful links and funding We still have plenty of money to allocate from our locality award budget so please contact us and apply:

- [Locality Awards - Mid Suffolk District Council - babergh.gov.uk / midsuffolk.gov.uk](http://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](http://babergh.gov.uk/midsuffolk.gov.uk)
- [My bin hasn't been emptied - Babergh District Council - babergh.gov.uk / midsuffolk.gov.uk](http://babergh.gov.uk/midsuffolk.gov.uk)
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WETHERDEN VILLAGE HALL

There were just over 10 tables in play at our monthly Whist Drive held on Friday 9th October.

The afternoon seemed to suit everyone a great deal, and our next Whist Drive is well and truly on the cards for **Friday 13th November at 2pm**

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



REMEMBER

The copy deadline for the December/January (double issue) is:



**Wednesday,
November 18th**

Submit to: The Editor,
Oulton Cottage, The Folly,
Haughley

or (preferably) by email:
haughleynews@btinternet.com

HAUGHLEY & WETHERDEN TWINNING ASSOCIATION



12 members of the Association took part in Petanque coaching at Bardwell. It was a most successful evening. Members are excited that the game is played locally at Meadlands as well as Bardwell, so there are plenty of opportunities to play. An interesting discovery is that there is a disused court at Wetherden and that is now being renovated too.

We are hoping to hold our first ever stall at the Haughley Christmas Lights Switch-on, so please look out for us!

It's our turn to go to France this year but remember you don't have to speak French to join us!

Julia Brook.



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Your recall may continue to be slightly earlier or later in the year than usual whilst this process continues.

You might be contacted by telephone, email, text message or letter.



WHY ARE WE DOING THIS?

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Complete a health questionnaire

HOW YOU CAN HELP US:

Respond to recall messages

Ensure your contact details and preferences are up to date

Contact the surgery if you need accommodations to attend appointments

Speak to your local pharmacist or contact the surgery if you have concerns about your health and medicines

WHAT IF MY MEDICATION/ CONDITION NEEDS MONITORING MORE FREQUENTLY?

You will continue to be contacted by the surgery for your regular monitoring at more frequent intervals



WHO DO I CONTACT IF I HAVE CONCERNS?

The medication review process happens automatically so the surgery will contact you when this is due.

Please be aware there are currently some delays due to a backlog of non-responsive patients who are requiring extended follow-ups.

If you believe you are overdue a review you can speak with your local pharmacist or contact the surgery via Anima/our reception team.



WETHERDEN BONFIRE & FIREWORKS



At the Playing Field
Saturday 7th November - Starts: 5.30pm

We're looking forward to welcoming everybody to another Wetherden bonfire and fireworks display this year.

As ever, we have a few pointers for everyone who's planning to come along, to help make the evening fun, safe, and allow us to keep it running for years to come:

Parking is very limited in our village and the roads can snarl up very quickly. If you want to avoid this frustration, it's best to walk here if you can (Haughley and Elmswell are only about 1 mile away) or car share otherwise. If you need to come by car, please park considerately and try to be patient with other drivers!

We cannot allow any sparklers. The village playing field is used by children, by the local football teams, and by dogs and their owners, and falling on the metal spike of a discarded sparkler could cause serious injury to any of them. Please don't bring any sparklers with you.

We ask everyone who attends to make a cash donation into the red buckets at the gates as they come in. This is how we fund the event. We're completely dependent on this to be able to pay for the fireworks and insurance etc to keep it running. Please give generously.

We will have burgers, drinks, donuts and glow sticks available for sale. Once again, please bring cash with you if you want to buy these.

The event is planned for November 7th at the playing field behind Wetherden village hall. The start time will be 5.30pm, and we will aim for bonfire lighting around 6pm and fireworks around 6.30pm.

For any last minute information about the event, please check the Wetherden village Facebook page.



We hope to see you there!



SMALL ADS

Deadline for the December
(double issue) is Wednesday
November 18

There are no small ads this month

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Please note that the 'Small Ads' service has been introduced for the benefit of Haughley and Wetherden residents. Commercial advertisers may advertise in this section on payment of a fee, only if there is no advertising space available elsewhere in the Parish News.

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November is a time of remembrance and reflection, providing an opportunity to recognise and remember those who have served, and continue to serve, in the Armed Forces.

It is also important to recognise their families, and those who provide care and support to them. This period gives everyone a chance to reflect on their service, commitment and on occasion sacrifice, and to ensure that their contributions are remembered and valued.

At Mid Suffolk Citizens Advice, we are proud of our strong connection with the Armed Forces community and recognise the importance of continuing to support those who have served, and those who remain connected to the Armed Forces.

Our commitment is summed up in our motto: “You served us. Now we are here for you.” Since 2025, through our Veteran Connect Project, we have been committed to ensuring that members of the Armed Forces community know that support is available and that they do not have to navigate challenges alone. During this time, we have had the privilege of working with individuals from a wide range of backgrounds and experiences.

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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.

ORCHARD BARN



What happens to all *the twigs*? At Orchard Barn, we are very fond of materials that other people might call waste. Small branches pruned from hedges and trees are a perfect example. They are too small for firewood, too useful to burn and far too good to cart away.

Instead, we turn them into **deadwood screens**.

Built between upright posts, layers of twiggy branches gradually become surprisingly substantial screens. They give us somewhere useful to put our prunings, provide valuable habitat for insects and other small creatures, and mean that a material grown at Orchard Barn stays at Orchard Barn. Very little needs to leave the site — and we don't have to buy a fence!

On **Saturday 28 November, 10am–1pm**, we'll be building more deadwood screens and you're very welcome to come and have a go. No previous experience is needed; we'll show you the basic skills and work together.

It's also a chance to discover more about our community-run project and volunteering at Orchard Barn.

Please pre-book your free volunteer place:
sarah.orchardbarn@gmail.com

ELMSWELL GARDENING CLUB - NOVEMBER 2026

With a last-minute change to our speaker, September's meeting saw a welcome return from Geoff Hodge, educating us on how to keep our houseplants happy.

Just as with plants in the garden, house plants also need consideration of the 'Right Plant, Right Place' or in this case 'Right Windowsill', so checking a plant label is the first step to good health. Generally, houseplants like a humid environment but most of our homes are not ideal being too hot and dry, with great variation in temperatures which plants do not like.

Geoff's top tips to keeping houseplants happy are watering when needed with less watering needed in winter months, and water using tepid tap water only, as rain water can contain pathogens and fungi. Grouping plants together, standing them on trays of gravel and regular misting can help overcome our dry home environment.

Feeding is also a common killer; too much is as bad as too little, because it can be toxic to the roots and finally, he recommended not repotting plants too often as this can damage the roots.

Our final meeting of the year will be on 17th November with our AGM and also a quiz (gardening related of course). The meeting starts at 7.30pm in Wesley Chapel, School Road.

Wendy

For Information contact elmswellgcadmin@btinternet.com
or myself on 07748 442951.

ELMSWELL HISTORY GROUP

On 8th October, we welcomed Grant Bage for his talk on *Sir Alf Ramsey, Ipswich & England Football Legend*. With some wonderful archive images, we learnt how the social and political attitudes of the 1960-70s have changed within football, but how Alf rose above those prejudices to be such a successful and empathetic manager of Ipswich and England. Although his life started from a very poor background, he worked his way up from playing Sunday football to achieve every football manager's dream, albeit always in his quiet and understated manner.

Our next talk, "**Suffolk Regiment's WW2 Prisoners of War**" by renowned local military historian, **Taff Gillingham**, will be on Thursday **12th November**, 7.30pm at Elmswell's Wesley Hall (School Rd, IP30 9EE). Born in Ipswich with a huge interest in British Military history since his teens, Taff's interest in the Suffolk Regiment comes from his uncle, who completed his National Service with the 1st Battalion in Cyprus. His involvement with the Suffolk Regiment began in the late 1980s when he became involved with the Ipswich Branch of the Old Comrades Association, of which he later became Chairman. Amongst other things, Taff is a Trustee of the Suffolk Regiment Museum, the creation of the Regimental Gallery at Moyses Hall in 1999, and the re-organisation of the Regimental Museum in 2004. Co-author of the book "*The Old Dozen - A Century of Photographs*", he has been most active in ensuring that Ipswich War Memorial had the names of the fallen of WW2 added to it in 2005, and that in 2017, a memorial to Sidney Day VC was finally erected in his hometown of Norwich.



It is now over 80 years since VJ Day, and WW2 will soon have slipped from living memory. Many of the campaigns and battles of 1939-45 are firmly etched into the national conscious, but the story of the war in the Far East and, in particular, the disastrous campaign in Malaya, are not so well known. The suffering of those who were captured at Singapore in February 1942, and the cruelty endured by them in captivity, should be much more widely known. Many service personnel and civilians were captured after the Fall of Singapore, but East Anglia suffered disproportionately, so it is appropriate that the story is told through a Suffolk perspective. With anecdotes and artefacts from many of the Far East's Prisoners of War that he knew, Taff will tell their stories and remind us why we must not forget. Many local people will have relatives who served with the 4th or 5th Suffolks, 1st or 2nd Cambridgeshires or the other units of the 18th Division.

Do join us then to find out much more – everyone welcome, doors open at 6.45pm. Admission: Members £4, Visitors £6, Under-18s £2 – cash or cheque only please (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



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