

**MINUTES of a HAUGHLEY WI MEETING held in HAUGHLEY VILLAGE HALL**

**DATE: May 3 2023. TIME: 7.30pm**

<b>1</b>	<b>WELCOME AND APOLOGIES:</b> Marian welcomed everyone to the Meeting. Apologies for absence from Yvonne T, Rachel, Sandra, Fiona, Barbara, Enid, Rita, Irene, Pat C, Veronica S
<b>2</b>	<b>JERUSALEM:</b> was sung.
<b>3</b>	<b>HOSTESSES for TONIGHT:</b> were lots of volunteers from the members present
<b>4</b>	<b>BIRTHDAY CARDS and GIFTS :</b> presented to Lesley. Marian will make delivery to Rachel
<b>5</b>	<b>MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:</b> previously e-mailed and circulated. Agreed to be accurate record and president to sign for filing and then for upload to our web page

<b>6</b>	<b>MATTERS ARISING from RECENT MEETINGS</b>	<b>ACTION</b>
	6.1 March lunch Club feedback from Julia. The 8 ladies who attended had a good time and chose the venue for the next outing which will be on May 25 at the Highwayman – Clipboard circulated.	<b>Julia</b>
	6.2 Feedback April 26 Gipping Valley Group Meeting from Pat B and Rosemary. An interesting evening with Talk “My Tutu has gone Missing” . Next meeting is planned to feature as speaker the “Kitchen Scientist”. More information to follow.	<b>Sandra</b>
	6.3 Haughley Facebook Page is now up and running thanks to Mandy. Will not have any personal photos or information uploaded unless requested and permissions given. Initial upload was of the successful “yellow- themed” raffle table. Further uploads will be made and members who access Facebook are asked to visit the site.	<b>Mandy</b>
	6.4 Further plea for volunteers to take on role of programme preparation for 2024/25. Done by Marian and Rosemary for 14 years then current programme led by Helene who is no longer a WI Member. Planning work needs to begin soon and is best done by 2 or 3 people.	<b>All</b>
	6.5 New Committee Members needed – observers welcome to help informed decision making. Members to contact Marian if interested.	<b>All</b>
<b>7</b>	<b>REMINDER OF FUTURE EVENTS</b>	
	7.1 May 25 : Lunch Club – see 6.1	<b>All</b>
	7.2 Saturday June 24 Siege of Haughley Castle 850 <sup>th</sup> anniversary event – Cake Stall selling small cakes and other bite-size treats. Clipboard for bakers and helpers.	<b>All</b>

	<p>7.3 Rosemary gave update on arrangements for optional future trips and our summer party and advised when payment was due. Costs are per person:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• July 5: Fish N Chip Supper Summer Party: £7.00</li> <li>• July 20: Cream Tea at Lavenham with car share: £22.50</li> <li>• Sept 4: Boat Trip River Deben with afternoon tea. Friends, spouses are welcome to join us: £35.25</li> </ul>	
<b>8</b>	<p><b>TREASURER'S REPORT</b></p> <p>8.1 There is £2,733.33p in the account to last us until the end of the financial year in April 2024 and we are advised to hold enough funds to at least cover an amount equal to last year's audited costs.</p> <p>8.2 A separate fund is being set up to save up for the Haughley WI 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary event and celebrations in 2025.</p>	<b>Rosemary</b>
<b>9</b>	<p><b>CORRESPONDENCE: further information available on demand</b></p> <p>9.1 Suffolk Mind has new on-line course - "Menopause and Me" Starts June 6</p> <p>9.2 Crafters invited to have stalls at Buxhall Show on August 5.</p> <p>9.3 Information on several up-coming trips in June with Dan's Coaches. Members to book direct if interested.</p>	<b>Veronica</b>
<b>10</b>	<p><b>HOSTESSES FOR NEXT MONTH</b></p> <p>Yvonne Edge and Jane Thompson</p>	
<b>11</b>	<p><b>ANY OTHER BUSINESS</b></p> <p>Comment has been received re our held funds – see response 8.1 and 8.2</p>	
<b>12</b>	<p><b>WELCOME TO GUEST SPEAKER</b> was made by Marian, who also thanked her at the end of her presentation</p>	
<b>13</b>	<p><b>GUEST SPEAKER</b></p> <p><b>Our own Sally Green guiding us through the adopted 2023 National Resolution and voting process.</b> The resolution was as originally supported by our WI concerns "Cleaning up our rivers." A vote after Sally's talk resulted in Haughley Members at the meeting giving the national resolution their unanimous support. This vote information will be forwarded to our local WIs Group representative.</p> <p><u>Key points from Sally's talk:</u></p> <p>The Resolution's Proposer wants the WI to work with authorities and the public to make parts of ANY river <i>DESIGNATED BATHING WATERS</i> as a way of improving water quality. Currently only 2 rivers in UK have this status.</p>	<b>Marian</b>

	<p>The problems:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sewage spillage: results in a chemical cocktail, worsened by storm water washing pollutants from the surrounding area into the rivers.</li> <li>• Main pollutants are caused by: Us (people); Farming (animal effluent and chemicals used to farm crops), plastics</li> <li>• Successive governments have not been assertive in their response to the issues.</li> <li>• There have been a lack of prosecutions or fines</li> </ul> <p>New Legislation is urgently needed “ All seems – too little being done too late”</p> <p>Possible solutions. For example: consider:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• collaborative work between national authorities/local authorities/existing groups</li> <li>• investigation into the work of local existing groups and collect/share data</li> <li>• the creation of a new WI Group to agree what we should do and <i>DO IT</i></li> </ul>	
14	<p><b>REFRESHMENTS AND MEMBERS SOCIAL TIME</b></p> <p>The usual lovely and friendly chatter was enriched by the sharing of cheese and biscuits platters and a variety of suitable beverages!</p>	
15	<p><b>NEXT MEETING:</b> Wednesday June7 – same time ; same place.</p>	
16	<p><b>CLOSE OF MEETING:</b> 9.40pm</p>	

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**PRESIDENT**

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