MINUTES of HAUGHLEY WI MEETING WEDNESDAY, 7th JUNE 2023 AT 7.30PM, HAUGHLEY VILLAGE HALL

1	WELCOME AND APOLOGIES: Apologies for absence from Yvonne H, Christine, Irene, Sandra, Veronica S, Lynn, Barbara, Eileen and Pat C.
2	JERUSALEM was sung.
3	HOSTESSES for TONIGHT were Jane and Yvonne E.
4	BIRTHDAYS: Cards and gifts given to Yvonne T, Sally, Pat B, Barbara, Veronica S and Anne.
5	MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING: previously circulated and agreed as an accurate record were signed by Marian and will be uploaded to our web page
6	GUEST SPEAKER: Emma and Claire joined us from The Green Lounge (hairdressing salon in Haughley) and gave us a run down on the services they offered and the wide range of vegan products that they use. They also demonstrated how to do a French plait on Sally and how to use straighteners to curl your hair on Tracey. We learnt lots!

7	MATTERS ARISING	ACTION
	7.1 Marian announced that after standing as Chair for the past 6 years she would like to step down in November. (She had also done 8 years as Secretary and been on the top table for the last 14 years!). She had advised the WI Committee at their last meeting of her intentions. Our WI is now a much larger group and the dynamics are changing. There is to be a further Committee meeting in the next couple of weeks to discuss options and she will keep all informed of any decisions/changes/updates. Everyone thanked her for her long service.	Committee
	7.2 Haughley Castle Competition – three entries received. Haughley Cedar Trees on Castle Mound Painting by Julia, Maid Marian doll by Anne and Haughley Castle Stained Glass Painting by Mandy. Winner was Mandy.	
	7.3 Baby Photo Competition – this will be held at a future date.	
	7.4 WI Lunch Club. Julia advised that 13 attended the last lunch at The Highwayman and they had look after us all well. The group of old and new members all had a fabulous time. The next lunch will be held on Thursday 22 nd June at the White Horse in Stoke Ash. Tracey is the organiser.	Tracey
	7.5 WI Resolution	Tracey
	At the AGM over 80% voted in favour of the clean river waters. Many thanks to Sally for her help in advising us on this issue.	
	7.6 Educational Trip. We had hoped to go to Colchester Castle this year but there was not enough support. So the Committee wondered if everyone would like to visit Banham Zoo and see all their conservation work. This was agreed and to be arranged for Spring 2024. The bursary that we had received will go towards this trip/coach.	Committee

	7.7 SEFWI Quiz is to be held on Monday 26 th June at Needham Market Community Centre. Sally, Veronica P, Sheila and Marian will take part.	
	7.8 Medieval Scarecrow Competition – Julia advised that our scarecrow is coming along well and will be 'unveiled' on Friday 16 th June in its usual spot by the entrance to Auction Yard. There is a team of 6 working hard on this project; Julia, Irene, Jane, Anne, Fiona and Mandy.	
	7.9 WI Programme – Lesley and Rachel have kindly volunteered to take on the arranging of next year's programme – April 2024 to March 2025. Mandy has offered to help with the design and printing.	Lesley,Rachel, Mandy
8	REMINDER FUTURE EVENTS	
	8.1 Cake stall at Haughley Castle event Saturday 24 th June selling small individual cakes – we will be asking for small cakes/scones etc. We also need at least 4 volunteers please to help run the stall. Cakes can be delivered on the Friday to Pat B if needed.	
	8.2 Summer Party at Haughley Village Hall on the 5 th July. Fish & Chips will cost £7.00 per person. Please remember to bring along your plate, glass, cutlery and a napkin. Pimms will be provided.	
	8.3 Lavenham Cream Tea is booked for the 20 th July. Rosemary needs payment now please - £22.50pp. Car share to be arranged.	
	8.4 River Deben Boat Trip on the 4 th September including afternoon tea. £35.25 per person. Coach will depart from Haughley Bus Shelter at 12.30pm. Friends/partners/husbands all welcome. Rosemary needs your deposit now.	
9	TREASURER'S REPORT.	
	9.1 There is £3164.33 in the bank account but we have to pay out for the Fish & Chips, Cream Tea and the boat trip. Rosemary also advised that £750 was going to be set aside in a separate account towards our 100 th Birthday Party in 2025. Marian is going to find out the exact date in due course.	Marian
	9.2 Rosemary then announced that she would like to stand down from the role of Treasurer at the end of 2024 as she has held this post on and off for the last 20 years. We are looking for a volunteer who can shadow Rosemary for her final year please. Everyone thanked her for her long service.	
10	CORRESPONDENCE	
	Veronica advised that there is to be Midsummer Music in the Park on Saturday 24th June – but that this clashes with the Haughley Castle event.	
11	HOSTESSES	
	Tracey and Jenny will be helping out at the Summer Party Fish & Chip supper.	Tracey, Jenny
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12	NEXT MEETING: Wednesday 5 th July 2023	
	Summer Party Fish & Chip supper.	
13	CLOSE OF MEETING: 9.30pm	

PRESIDENT	DATE