

**NOTES of a HAUGHLEY WI OPEN MEETING**  
**held in HAUGHLEY VILLAGE HALL**  
**October 4, 2023**

Doors opened at 7.00 pm for at the door sales. The talk began promptly at 7.30pm

This was an open meeting to showcase what we regularly do at our meetings, but without an agenda, name badges or Jerusalem. However, our newest member, Carol did receive a warm welcome and also her welcome pack on the night, which had been prepared by Marian.

The many Haughley WI members who attended, were joined by 27 members of the local community, who had each purchased a £5.00 ticket.

The illustrated talk on Dame Anne of Wetherden Hall was delivered by local historian and academic Sue Moore.

The formal welcome to the guest speaker and the end of talk vote of thanks was made by Marian and this overview was provided by Sue and she provided attendees with handouts to support her talk.

ANNE SULLYARD

Born Anne Andrews in Baylham in 1442, Anne went on to marry two powerful men, and raised five children who became linked to other powerful families across East Anglia.

But, study of Anne's Last Will & Testament of 1519 reveals the concerns and faith of a staunchly Catholic widow as she negotiated the pre-Reformation turmoil of England under Henry VIII.

Five hundred years on, her list of charitable bequests, and the light-filled manner of her planned leaving of "this Vale of Misery", also shed light on life at Wetherden Hall as it became the focus of 'The Manor of Haughley with its Members' until the late sixteenth century.

Sue Moore, B.A., M.Res. (Guest Speaker)

The 50 minute talk was well-researched and was well-received by the audience, most of whom stayed on afterwards to enjoy the light refreshments provided.

The obligatory WI raffle had a theme of Halloween. It was well supported by donated prizes and raffle ticket purchases. Profits from the meeting were handed over to the Treasurer to bank and help towards keeping our accounts healthy. The meeting closed at around 9.30 pm

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