

Minutes of Haughley WI General Meeting

FEBRUARY 7, 2024, 7.00pm, HAUGHLEY VILLAGE HALL
A COMPETITION EVENING: Theme: Winter Scene Photos and Pictures

1	<p>WELCOME and APOLOGIES: 4 guests trying us out and considering joining. Apologies noted.</p> <p>REMINDER: Meeting competitions are just for FUN - small change invited on/next to favourite: max 20p, unless Members advised voting counters and small prize are available!</p>
2	<p>JERUSALEM sung by the Members to open proceedings.</p>
3	<p>HOSTESSES ROTA update given</p>
4	<p>BIRTHDAY CARD: Birthday girl not at meeting, so card will be delivered to her.</p>
5	<p>MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING January 3rd: Circulated prior to meeting, agreed as an accurate record, signed by President and filed.</p>
6	<p>BUSINESS: MATTERS ARISING</p> <p>6.1 Evergreens update: ABBA event April 13 “Fancy dress” encouraged. Seating and Tables available. Tickets £10 (11 left) payment due tonight.</p> <p>6.2 Resolutions ballot tonight after briefing. This the Haughley 2024 voting outcome, to be forwarded en bloc to SEFWI: Some ladies did not to vote, but 15 voted did. No voting papers were spoilt:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. <i>Dental Health Matters: 2 votes</i>2. <i>Impacts of poor housing conditions: 3 votes</i>3. <i>Say “no” to gambling advertising: 7 votes</i>4. <i>Improving outcomes for women on the criminal justice system: 3 votes</i> <p>6.3 Next Lunch Club Wednesday Feb 21, Whitehorse, Badwell Ash, 12.00 for 12.30. <i>Clipboard</i></p> <p>6.4 2024/25 Programme update given. Thanks to the Programme Team’s hard work good progress is being made and aiming for distribution at March 6th Meeting.</p>
7	<p>BUSINESS: REMINDER FORTHCOMING EVENTS</p> <p>7.1 March 5: SEFWI AGM: 3 Attendees.</p> <p>7.2 April 6: Community Café: our turn to host and will be combined with Easter cake stall. <i>Clipboard circulated for helpers and bakers.</i></p> <p>7.3 April 13: ABBA Evening hosted by Evergreen Project Team – see 6.1 above.</p>
8	<p>TREASURER’S REPORT:</p> <p>8.1 Subs for 2024/25: Letters given to Members: BACS Payment preferred: Fee £48.</p> <p>8.2 Current Account: £863.54.</p> <p>8.3 Deposit (2025 Centenary celebrations) Savings Account: £1,506.30.</p> <p>8.4 “Thank you” letter read out from ACWW regarding donation £40 from our Raffle proceeds.</p> <p>8.5 Charity status briefing given: We might need to register as a charity on our own right at year end, but this will not impact on Members. our SEFWI advisor will advise us.</p>
9	<p>CORRESPONDENCE:</p>

	<p>Correspondence received since last general meeting forwarded electronically to members with requests to share information. Paper copies on information table and/or on request.</p> <p>9.1 WI Life Magazine Nov/Dec: P39 Learning Hub: update will be circulated separately.</p> <p>9.2 Feb WI Life magazine. Also 2024 Membership booklet with access to free Draw</p> <p>9.3 Feb SEFWI magazine link distributed: hard copies available. See P10/P11 SEFWI events.</p> <p>9.4 Suffolk E. Be-well bus Info and Stowmarket Schedule. Any further info will be shared.</p> <p>9.5 Thank you note from David and Olga, Highwayman Pub re our Christmas Lunch. Our patronage and good humour was much appreciated!</p>
<p>10</p>	<p>ANY OTHER BUSINESS</p> <p>10.1 Various topics for discussion and requests for help:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fund Raising Team and Trips Team needed • Volunteer needed to take over Haughley WI archive. • Raffle prizes: Voluntary contribution/participation emphasised. • Microphone usage potential and alternatives discussed • Recruitment campaign being stepped up via facebook and Instagram. Members reminded to let us know if they don't want their image to be shared on any medium. • Anonymous suggestions box now available <p>10.2 Singing for well-being Group Idea discussion <u>No singing experience needed.</u> Idea well supported and to be pursued</p> <p>10.3 Walking Group Idea discussion. Idea well supported and to be pursued</p> <p>10.4 Trips ideas shared: ALL optional and with car share. Suggestions so far:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Banham Zoo • Owl Sanctuary, Stonham Barns • Lavenham Tea Room for savoury tea • Bressingham Gardens • Columbine Hall, Stowupland <p>NOTE: Trips can only happen if people come forward to share the organising task. BUT if help is received all the above and others could be offered up.</p>
<p>11</p>	<p>WELCOME TO TONIGHT'S SPEAKER – Hattie Bennet “My life in Music”</p> <p>This talented musician gave an interesting talk about her life illustrated by music from her trusty cello FRED, to include information about events and concerts she leads in her home town of Felixstowe, followed by a vote of thanks</p>
<p>12</p>	<p>REFRESHMENTS and MEMBERS SOCIAL TIME with invitation to visit the INFORMATION TABLE, especially the Resolutions Ballot and new Suggestions Box. Competition winner announced</p>
<p>13</p>	<p>CONFIRM NEXT MEETING: March 6 at 7.00pm</p>
<p>14</p>	<p>CLOSE OF MEETING 9.30pm AND RETURN of BADGES</p>

President

Date