

Minutes of Haughley WI General Meeting

April 3, 7.30pm in the Village Hall

Raffle evening: theme Spring Cleaning, Showers and Flowers

Members asked to wear their badges and sign the Register on arrival

Booked Guest Speaker cancelled at very short notice – Peter Partis – Husband of one of our long standing Committee Members was a very well received and excellent replacement

Peter spoke first, so the agenda was adjusted and the social time extended

1	WARM WELCOME extended to all APOLOGIES: Marian, Sandra, Sarah, Sally,
2	JERUSALEM: sung by the Members to open proceedings
3	HOSTESSES 3.1 for tonight: Lesley, Anne M, Anne A. 3.2 for next month: Veronica, Evelyn, Mandy:
4	WELCOME TO TONIGHT'S SPEAKER 4.1 SPEAKER: Peter Partis: My life in the Far East and Africa. Peter gave a brief overview of some of his experiences of working and living in the Far East and Africa, sometimes with his wife and family. Peter Illustrated his very fascinating talk with some interesting African artefacts and some very entertaining and often amusing anecdotes. He left us wanting to know more! 4.2 VOTE OF THANKS: given by Fiona
5	BIRTHDAY CARDS: Christine, Mandy and Sandra 5.1 Haughley WI Bespoke Birthday Card Idea explained by Fiona who is working with Mandy and who is inviting Member participation in designing a Haughley card.
6	MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING MARCH 7 Circulated prior to meeting, agreed as an accurate record and signed by President
7	NEWS and MATTERS ARISING from the LAST GENERAL MEETING

	<p>6.1 Walking Group hope to meet Wednesday April 24th under Anne M's leadership</p> <p>6.2 Singing for well-being Group – fingers crossed that we are a step nearer to this great idea becoming a reality: Lynn continues to champion this initiative</p> <p>6.3 Lunch Club: next outing at the Crown Stowupland, April 18. Tracey organising meal as members sorting their own car share arrangements as usual</p> <p>6.4 At a recent SEFWI study day our Advisor, Jenny Pearson confirmed changes to our constitution and our long-established meeting start times, requires a majority supported by-law. As we welcome the lighter summer evenings, we look forward to a formal secret ballot regarding start times probably in August</p>
<p>8</p>	<p>FORTHCOMING EVENTS</p> <p>8.1 April 6 Community Café and fund-raising cake drop off times 8.30 – 09.00 on Saturday or can go to Pat B on Friday in the second hand Shop, Old Street</p> <p>8.2 April 13th: “Abba sell-out event”</p> <p>8.3 April 23: 7.30pm Gipping Valley Group meeting, Stowupland Village Hall – Speaker Diane Heasley - 'My Journey in Flowers' Raffle prizes to be ththree completed flower a arrangements. <u>Tickets £4: 7 Sold tonight – car share arrangements being confirmed</u></p> <p>8.4 June 5: Open meeting: <u>Overpaid,oversexed and over here: Dr Geoffrey Kay</u>: Flyers are ready to be laminated and displayed (Julia) Tickets template ready for scanning and printing: 100 needed (Yvonne H). Members tickets free. Guest <u>Tickets £5</u>: all – urged to try and sell a ticket each! Refreshments yet to be organised</p> <p>8.5 June 8/9: Open Gardens and Flower Festival: details on notice board. Yvonne E will Lead preparation of a WI display if plants in a basket are allowed, but seeks help. Several members' gardens will be open and others making individual contributions to the festival.</p>
<p>9</p>	<p>TREASURER'S REPORT</p> <p>9.1 Current account £2,882 (included Evergreens funds and total subs collected, so not a true reflection of our disposable income. To be kept under review.</p> <p>9.2 Deposit (centenary account) £1,509.63 for our 2025 centenary celebrations – we will need to raise more funds to enable a healthy budget capable of making this a truly memorable occasion for everyone.</p> <p>9.3 Petty cash £8.86</p> <p>9.4 Extra financial item: We will have less naturally occurring fund raising opportunities this year than in previous years, but our retained portion of the subs will only cover about 50% of our predicted costs. Subs income, fund raising and fund raising ideas discussed. Member participation welcomed. To be kept under review</p>
<p>10</p>	<p>CORRESPONDENCE</p> <p>10. 1 Magazines circulated as usual with information on NFWI and SEFWI courses and events</p> <p>10.2 All electronic correspondence received since last general meeting forwarded to members with request to share information with WI friends not on email. Paper copies on notice board and available on request</p> <p>10.3 Members invited to see new notice board for Spring Bulbs and local events/offers and</p>

	advised clipboards to invite member participation in events and trips circulating during social time
11	<p>OTHER NEWS</p> <p>11.1 Village Hall Committee feedback from Veronica – new hand dryers to be installed soon</p> <p>11.2 Update on Trips</p> <p>11.2.1 July 4 Bressingham: Organiser Jane – carshare and cost to include steam train Costs and “on-the -day” arrangements TBC.</p> <p>11.2.2 September 5 Lavenham Vintage Tea Rooms: Organiser Yvonne H – Car Share, maximum numbers, menu and its cost TBC. 16 expressions of interest so far. May need to limit numbers – to be revisited as/if required.</p> <p>11.2.3 Further TRIPS – discussion led by Julia – Members’ help WILL be essential if more trips are to be planned</p> <p>11.3 A bit of forward planning: Next years’ programme – Team needed to join Yvonne H:</p> <p>11.3.1 May 1: Programme Planning workshop 10-1pm</p> <p>11.3.2 June 27: Speakers showcase full day from 10.00 £4 tea/coffee provided <i>BOTH the above EVENTS at Orford St, Ipswich</i></p> <p>11.4. Active Villages: Collaborative venture: led by Julia WI and Chair of the Playing Field Committee</p> <p>11.4.1 Members invited to participate in survey of desires and wants by Julia – QR code provided, Deadline April 12</p> <p>11.5 General meetings organisation discussed. Speakers to be offered choice to make their presentation/contribution before “Business”. To be kept under review</p>
12	<p>MEMBERS SOCIAL TIME with REFRESHMENTS</p> <p>With an invitation to review current news and updates and to book their place on events. Note: this evening included a RAFFLE PRIZE DRAW. A Big Thanks to the Raffles Team and to everyone who contributed prizes and bought tickets.</p>
13	<p>NEXT MEETING: (Rosemary gives her apologies)</p> <p><i><u>May 1 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall</u></i></p>
14	<p>CLOSE OF MEETING: 9.15 pm</p>

President

Date