

**Minutes of Haughley WI General Meeting
March 6, 2024, 7.00pm, HAUGHLEY VILLAGE HALL**

1	<p>WELCOME and APOLOGIES: Special welcome extended to returning guests Sarah and Elaine and new guests: Julie, Lyn and Alex. Apologies received from Barbara W, Barbara D, Rachel, Brenda, Mandy and Shirley.</p>
2	<p>JERUSALEM was sung by Members to open proceedings.</p>
3	<p>HOSTESSES 3.1 Wendy, Sally and Venessa. 3.2 for next month: Lesley, Anne M, Irene</p>
4	<p>BIRTHDAY CARDS: for Wendy and Jane with hearty rendition of “Happy Birthday”</p>
5	<p>MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING February 7 : Circulated prior to meeting, agreed as an accurate record, signed by President and filed.</p>
6	<p>BUSINESS: MATTERS ARISING LAST GENERAL MEETING: Julia</p> <p>6.1 Evergreens update: Summer tea party will be on Tuesday August 20 for about 30 people. Liaising with other community groups. Funding applications update: HPC £250 agreed. Locality grant £500 promising. Elmswell bingo club and Stowmarket Lions outcomes awaited. Sell-out Abba night event managed by Tracey: excellent Raffle prizes secured and include three wonderful hampers prepared by Irene. Paul and Debbie Webster have offered to provide and fund a two-course Christmas lunch for up to 50 people (yes 50!). Ideas welcomed for a 2025 Spring event.</p> <p>6.2 Microphone usage being trialled with Village Hall equipment - cover of battery costs only is required by the VH. Feedback on impact of microphone welcomed.</p> <p>6.3 2024/25 New programme distributed. Many thanks to the excellent work by Programme Team: Rachel, Lesley and Mandy. There is a Programme Planning workshop May 1, in Ipswich 10am–1pm: attendance would be useful preparation for 2025/26. ? Consider rotating this key job to another team this year. Expressions of interest sought.</p> <p>6.4 Trips update: 6 options being considered – list available for expressions of interest – Clipboard available during social time. Committee to share responsibility for trips but would welcome members’ help. Jane organising the first trip – to Bressingham Gardens. Entrance fee expected to be £13.50 each with access to steam engines.</p> <p>6.5 Rosemary provided detailed feedback from the SEFWI March 5 annual meeting. The event was interesting, varied, enjoyable, well-presented and well-organised. Highlights</p>

	<p>included the entertaining opening address by the Mayor of Ipswich, Lynne Mortimer and the keynote speaker Jago Cooper, Director of the Sainsbury Centre for Visual Arts and Professor of Art and Archaeology at UEA. Jago spoke about his work, the childhood roots of his passion for archaeology and two of his current projects. For more information about what SEFWI is and what it does, use this link. https://sefwi.org.uk</p>
<p>7</p>	<p>BUSINESS: REMINDER OF FORTHCOMING EVENTS: Julia</p> <p>7.1 Walking Group report by Anne M: Planned walk was postponed due to the awful weather and will be re-arranged when the ground is a little firmer under foot.</p> <p>7.2 Lunch Club next outing arranged by Tracey: March 21, Four Horseshoes, Thornham Magna, 12.30 for 1.00pm. Clip board circulated for pre-orders. Car shares as usual</p> <p>7.3 April 6 Community café and cake stall. Tracey advised of help still required. Clipboard circulated with desired effect!</p> <p>7.4 April 13 Abba sell-out – see 6.1</p> <p>7.5 April 23 Gipping Valley Spring meeting is at 7.30 pm at Stowupland Village Hall. The first-choice speaker is confirmed as Diane Heasley: 'My Journey in Flowers'. The arrangements she makes will be used as raffle prizes and Creeting WI will provide 2 additional larger prizes. Tickets from Marian: £4 each include light refreshment and will be available at the April 3 meeting. This will be a car share event.</p>
<p>8</p>	<p>TREASURER'S REPORT: Christine</p> <p>8.1 Current Account: opening address £1,172.54p</p> <p>8.2 Abba evening ticket receipts form Tracey £840</p> <p>8.3 Deposit (Centenary) Account: £1,508.2p</p> <p>8.4 Subs for 2024/25 coming in steadily – thanks to those who have already paid. Payments due by the end of this month. BACS preferred.</p> <p>8.5 Card reading machine usage raised – to be discussed further</p>
<p>9</p>	<p>CORRESPONDENCE: Yvonne H</p> <p>9.1. Items circulated/delivered to Members prior to meeting: SEFWI Mag (events p10-11) NFWI Mag and access to Learning Hub. Links to Haughley WI webpages – SEFWI and Haughley Parish websites</p> <p>9.2 Available at meeting: Poster for Millinery workshop May 11 in Henley, Members to book own place if desired. Suffolk Active "Fit Villages Project" outlined – to be discussed further at Committee. Relevant information to be shared with Members if available.</p>

<p>10</p>	<p>ANY OTHER BUSINESS</p> <p>10.1 Update singing group idea by Lynne – lots of interest still but not yet found an affordable singing leader and remains work in progress until help specified by Lynne secured.</p> <p>10.2 Member input and help needed to work on Haughley WI archive documents to gather facts for the Haughley Women booklet and hopefully to develop a display for our Centenary year celebrations next year. Will require a trip to Ipswich archive as well as use of locally held materials to pull something together. To be revisited and idea further explored.</p> <p>10.3 Birthday cards: Sandra has sufficient cards until June. To explore a Haughley WI Birthday Card idea as presented by Fiona – to be explored further – Member’s ideas and input welcomed.</p> <p>10.4 Jane advised that badges will be held by Members and no longer distributed and collected at meetings. Replacement badges will still be provided with lanyards or for clip on as wanted.</p> <p>10.5 Start time for Haughley meetings raised. Haughley WI Meetings opened at 7.30pm on the first Wednesday of each month for many years. The current 7.00pm meeting start time experiment was intended to cover the dark winter months and ends this evening. Following committee discussion, it was agreed that start times will be linked to GMT clock changes, for the duration of the agreed and funded 2024/25 programme, which had to be printed and distributed to Members tonight.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Please refer to your Programme for 2024/25</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • GMT daylight saving (British Summer Time) starts March 31, 2024. Our Wednesday evening meetings from April 3 until October 2 will start at 7.30pm. • GMT standard time starts at the end of October. Our Wednesday evening meetings from November 6 until March 5 will start at 7.00pm <p>Addendum: request in suggestions box for the start time to go to a whole group vote</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Julia advises that our exploration of meeting start times is work in progress. Members will be invited to vote on meeting start-time options later in the year.</p> <p>10.6 Fiona stated that we now have an Instagram page: @Haughley_WI_Suffolk She has also provided the linktree below. This web address contains both the Haughley WI facebook and the Haughley WI Instagram links: https://linktr.ee/haughleywi?utm_source=linktree_admin_share</p>
<p>11</p>	<p>TONIGHT’S SPEAKER was Liza Jones: talk entitled The Painted Face</p> <p>11.1 Liza provides a range of talks as part of her work to raise funds for the Air Ambulance Service.</p>

	<p>11.2 The talk was an illustrated walk through the history of the sometimes dangerous cosmetics, which have been used since ancient times. Liza has lots of samples with her. We were invited to open any of the samples with the exception of the ones labelled “DO NOT OPEN” - This is because their contents were poisonous, even though they had been used by many women over time!</p> <p>11.3 The Vote of Thanks was given by Marian and Liza invited Members to make donations into her bucket towards the air ambulance if they wanted.</p>
12	<p>REFRESHMENTS and MEMBERS SOCIAL TIME.</p> <p>Invitation to visit the INFORMATION TABLE and sign up to participate/help at events</p>
13	<p>CONFIRMATION NEXT MEETING</p> <p>April 3 at 7.30pm. A Raffle evening. Speaker will be Shepherdess Sheila Innes</p>
14	<p>CLOSE OF MEETING 9.20pm</p>

President

Date