

**Minutes of Haughley WI General Meeting
May 1, 2024 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall**

Ladies asked to wear their Haughley WI badge and sign the register on arrival

1	WELCOME and APOLOGIES: All welcomed, especially our guests, one of whom has already decided to join us! Apologies received from Lynn Elliston, Rosemary, Sandra, Barbara D, Lesley, Jenny and Eileen
2	JERUSALEM: was sung by the Members to open proceedings
3	HOSTESSES 3.1 for tonight: Veronica, Evelyn, Pat B, with thanks to Jane for organising tonight's Cheese and Wine 3.2 for next month's open meeting: Mandy, Rosemary and Jenny
4	WELCOME TO TONIGHT'S SPEAKER 11.1 Speaker: Jane Riches TSB: Avoiding scams and fraud. A really interesting and helpful talk, with plenty of friendly advice, helpful tips and good responses to the end meeting questions. Jane does these talks for free and is happy for her contact details to be shared and her email address has therefore been added to the SFWI feedback form. 11.2 Vote of Thanks given by Marian
5	BIRTHDAY CARD: Lesley not at the meeting, so her card will be delivered by Yvonne H
6	MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING April 3,2024 Circulated prior to meeting, agreed as an accurate record and signed by President
7	News from groups and feedback from recent events 7.1 Walking group: Anne M reported that a group of 6 (including one non-member) enjoyed their first walk and that another will be scheduled for next week. She will contact those who have already expressed an interest to confirm arrangements, but Anne emphasised that more people are always welcome. 7.2 Singing for well-being group: Elaine reported that the group, led by experienced singer Isabel, will have their first twice monthly meeting in the Green Room at 7.30pm on May 8. All are welcome – cost £5.00 – Bring a drink and remember this is NOT a choir!

	<p>7.3 Lunch Club and next outing: Tracey reported that 17 people enjoyed lunch at the Crown, Stowupland April 18. The next outing is at the White Horse Stoke Ash, May 30, 12.00 for 12.30pm – usual informal car shares, but pre-orders NOT required</p> <p>7.4 April 6 Community Café was very successful: see Treasurer’s report</p> <p>7.5 April 13 “Abba Event” was very successful: see Treasurer’s report</p> <p>7.6 April 23 Gipping Valley Group Meeting: Marian reported that the evening was very enjoyable, with guest speaker Dianne Heasley creating wonderful (later to be raffled) flower displays, while she skilfully presented an informal stroll through her very interesting life and work. Now retired, Dianne largely spends her time between her Henley WI Treasurer’s job and her first love: floristry</p>
<p>8</p>	<p>FORTHCOMING EVENTS</p> <p>8.1 May 1: Programme 2025/6 Planning workshop: Yvonne H attended earlier today and this will help us plan our programme for next year. She will attend the SEFWI Speaker’s showcase event with A N Other and then begin the job of pulling a team together to plan the 2025/26 programme. Members will be consulted and will be warmly welcomed on the Planning Team.</p> <p>8.2 June 5: Open meeting <u>Overpaid, oversexed and over here: Dr Geoffrey Kay</u>: Julia updated us and advised tickets now available: free for members and £5 each for guests to purchase. All members encouraged to try and sell a ticket if they can: all proceeds to Haughley WI.</p> <p>8.3 June 8/9: Open Gardens and Flower Festival: Jane reported 19 gardens open including her own with Pimms on sale and Mandy running a stall. Jane will donate any profit she makes to our WI. Yvonne Edge is preparing a Haughley WI display for the church. £4.00 advance Open Gardens Tickets, which give access to all gardens are available from the post office. (£5.00 to purchase during the June 8/9 weekend.)</p> <p>8.4 July 3: Summer buffet party in the Kings Arms Garden. We can convene inside the pub , if the weather is inclement or if members prefer. Julia shared the excellent buffet menu with Members: £10.00 per head with optional £6.00 fruit punch jugs on the day, when of course the bar will also be open. Money being collected from Members now, because this will not be possible at the June open meeting. If you were not at this May meeting please get in touch, to be advised about payment.</p> <p>8.5 July 4: Bressingham trip: Jane advised that final numbers for the trip are being gathered. £13.50 payment on the day (includes steam train access), drivers have been volunteering and car shares will be organised.</p>
<p>9</p>	<p>TREASURER’S REPORT</p> <p>9.1 Current account £2,774.01p, which includes the Evergreens budget.</p> <p>9.1.1 Fund raising</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • WI: April Raffle £47.00 Community Café currently £217.75p but not yet finalised

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Evergreens: Disco about £1,000 raised but profits not yet finalised. A £500 Locality Grant has been awarded to assist with publicity and the purchase of “branding” materials and specified sundry items. <p>9.2 Deposit (centenary account) £1,511.35p – centenary fund – planning team to be set up soon – Members input, ideas and participation welcome for our November 2025 Birthday event.</p> <p>9.3 Petty cash £32.62p</p>
<p>10</p>	<p>CORRESPONDENCE</p> <p>All electronic correspondence received since last general meeting forwarded to members with a request to share information with friends not on email. Paper copies of correspondence on notice board and available on request.</p> <p>10.1 SEFWI Bulb Offer being finalised. Payments collected from Members today to enable our order to be placed and for our WI to be invoiced. The value of the total combined order is £124.00</p> <p>10.2 WI Life magazine Audio version is now available for eligible Members – see Jane for more information</p>
<p>11</p>	<p>OTHER NEWS</p> <p>11.1 Update Lavenham Tea Rooms Trip September 5 at 2.00pm: Sweet and savoury menu agreed: There will be 5 tea stands and 3 savoury platters to share with individual tea/coffee orders on the day. Cost around £21.00 per head, but will depend on final numbers. Payments will be collected in August. Car share to be agreed. This is a small venue so after discussion with the owner, numbers were limited to 14 and our event will be on a day when the Tea Rooms are usually closed. The event is several months away, so a reserve list has been started in case anyone on the current list drops out.</p> <p>11.2 Active Villages survey feedback: what next? Julia reports that Pilates is identified as a popular activity, so work is under way for it to be provided at the pavilion. This is in addition to walking, so that is good news for Anne’s group!</p> <p>11.3 Fund raising ideas for our WI:</p> <p>11.3.1 Julia confirms the following are booked:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 70s/80s Disco for November 30, 2024; • Elvis night for April 12, 2025 (maybe split profits with Evergreens); <p>11.3.2 Haughley WI Polo shirts under consideration and more ideas are always welcome</p> <p>11.4 Haughley WI Bespoke Birthday Card Idea: Fiona and Mandy report no progress as yet.</p> <p>11.5 Members’ ideas for Christmas lunch venue being sought and a suggestion box opened by Julia. We need to find a venue large enough venue to accommodate everyone and then have a Members’ vote on where we book. Cost will be a factor, too and we need to book early to get what we want! If you were not at the meeting, but have some ideas please get in touch!</p> <p>11.6 There will be no formal agenda or minutes for our planned June 5 or July 3 meetings. A newsletter with hard copies as requested will be made available in June and July to help keep everyone up to date with all that is going on!</p>

	<p>11.7 The National WI AGM Is on June 5 and includes a 2024 NFWI Resolution debate.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Background</p> <p>Nationally, WI members cast 95,000 votes and the most popular resolution was "Dental Health Matters" and this was subsequently adopted. This year, <u>Haughley's</u> voting delegate Is Tricia Cole, from Old Newton WI, who has discretion to act according to the debate on the day and the right to vote on our behalf. Dental Health was not our preferred resolution earlier in the year, but at our meeting and by an overwhelming show of hands it was agreed that our WI will support it.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Dental Health Matters – The 2024 Resolution</p> <p><i>There is a chronic shortage of NHS Dentists and people are suffering health issues as a result. The NFWI calls on the Government to increase investment in the training and retention of dentists and to review the current inadequate NHS contracts in order to ensure everyone can access an NHS dentist wherever they live.</i></p> <p>For more information about NFWI and its activities log into MyWI and/or see the new national podcast www.thewi.org.uk.</p>
12	<p>MEMBERS SOCIAL TIME</p> <p>with cheese and wine/soft drinks to share, June 5 Open Meeting ticket distribution, Collection of money as due and with lots of information sharing and lively informal chats.</p>
13	<p>OPEN MEETING: June 5th <u>Overpaid, oversexed and over here: Dr Geoffrey Kay:</u></p> <p>13.1 no formal agenda or minutes: Newsletter to be distributed instead</p> <p>13.2 doors open at 7.00pm for 7.30 start</p> <p>13.3 pre-ordered tickets for collection, or for collection and payment, will be available on the door</p>
14	<p>CLOSE OF MEETING: 9.45pm</p>

President

Date