



Members' Newsletter June 5, 2024, Haughley WI Open Meeting, in the Village Hall

This newsletter replaces the usual agenda and minutes for this open meeting and your uptake of tickets replaces the register.

Next year's Centenary Celebrations:

A working party is needed to organise our 2025 centenary celebration. Please contact Julia if you want to be involved in the planning of our special event, or to share your ideas.

June dates for your diaries:

June 5: National WI AGM: our group's voting delegate for 2024, Tricia Cole, Old Newton WI, will provide us with a report. June 8/9: Haughley Open Gardens/Flower Festival. Some of our ladies have contributed. Please support them if you can.

July 3: 6.30pm Buffet Summer Party in the KING's Arms:

Members' £10 pre-payments all received. THANK YOU! Arrive at around 6.00pm if you want to buy a pre-buffet drink from the bar. A register is not needed. We know who is coming by who has paid!

Members' ballot at the July summer party:

This will be your opportunity vote for your preferred general meeting start time: You will be asked to select **ONE** of these options:

- 1. RETAIN the current 7.30pm start time all year
- 2. ADOPT a new 7.00pm start time all year
- 3. CHANGE the start time <u>after</u> the weekend the clocks change:
 - a) in SPRING the clocks go forward on the last weekend in March and meetings to start at 7.30pm.
 - b) in AUTUMN the clocks go back on the last weekend in October and meetings to start at 7.00pm

If you're not coming to the July 3 Party and want to vote, please let me know.

Up-coming Diary Dates

July 4: optional Bressingham Trip: car share and pay on the day

Sept 5: optional Lavenham Trip: care share and pre-pay. Fully booked. More information at July Party, payment August.

Nov 6: Haughley WI Annual General Meeting and 99th birthday. Advisor Jenny Pearson in attendance. If you want to vote in Officer Elections, but will not be at the AGM, please get in touch as soon as possible.

Our three Member-led groups are thriving:

If you are not already a participant, please consider trying out one or more of the groups. You will be most welcome.

- <u>The Lunch Club</u>'s last outing was at the White Horse, Stoke Ash, May 30, where a lovely meal was enjoyed. There is no June outing, but it is intended to organise one for July. For more information contact Tracey.
- <u>The Singing for Well Being Group</u> have had a good start and aim to continue meeting on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of each month in the Green Room in the Village Hall. For more information contact Lynn.
- <u>The Walking Group</u> managed to dodge the rain on May 4 when 4 members and one non-member had an enjoyable walk to Shelland Church. Rain stopped play May 22, but this hardy and cheerful group will try to get out and about in June! For more information contact Anne.

The Evergreens

The Membership continues to grow steadily and everyone is looking forward to the Tea Party in the Village Hall, August 20.

2024 Christmas Lunch Venue: Members have been consulted.

The three venues supported via the suggestions box were considered by the committee. <u>The Bull at Bacton</u> was the most popular, so it has been booked for December 19. More information to follow later.

Yvonne Hannan Secretary *Haughley WI*