

**Minutes of Haughley WI General Meeting.  
In HAUGHLEY VILLAGE HALL, Wednesday August 7, at 7.30pm:**

**A RAFFLE EVENING “theme SUMMER-TIME”**

**Members wore their Haughley WI badge and signed the register on arrival**

<b>1</b>	<b>WELCOME</b> by Julia and <b>APOLOGIES</b> from Barbara D, Irene, Fiona, Mandy, Sandra, and Lynn E. Guests Victoria, Sarah and Debbie given a special welcome as was Alex who has been missed!
<b>2</b>	<b>JERUSALEM:</b> sung by the Members to open proceedings
<b>3</b>	<b>HOSTESSES</b> 3.1 for tonight: Marian, Jenny and Jane 3.2 for next month: Wendy, Venessa and Barbara W
<b>4</b>	<b>BIRTHDAY CARDS</b> Jane prepared the 8 birthday cards for this month: Julia, Yvone E, Venessa, Irene, Elaine, Rosie, Carol, with a special happy 90 <sup>th</sup> Birthday to Barbara W. This was the first time our own bespoke Haughley WI Birthday card has been used – and very lovely it looked, too!
<b>5</b>	<b>WELCOME TO TONIGHT’S SPEAKER by Julia</b> 11.1 <b>SPEAKER</b> John Skoyes – EACH – East Anglia Children’s Hospices. A very interesting talk about the origins and work of the children’s hospice. 11.2 <b>VOTE OF THANKS</b> was given by Marian 11.3 There was no speaker’s fee. The Haughley WI donation to the charity was £40 and some members made an additional personal donation on the night.
<b>6</b>	<b>MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS formal MEETING May 1</b> Circulated prior to meeting, agreed as an accurate record and signed by President
<b>7</b>	<b>NEWS and MATTERS ARISING LAST GENERAL MEETING</b> 7.1 The July start-time ballot was inconclusive. Second round ballot held. Ladies not at the meeting to be contacted separately and given opportunity to take part. The ballot result to be shared at the September 4 meeting. 7.2 Call for Member participation 2025/26 Programme Planning Team: Elaine, Rosemary and Sarah

	<p>have agreed to help – THANK YOU!</p> <p>7.3 Call for Member participation 2025 Centenary Celebrations Working Group: has prepared an outline programme of events and made a first call for helpers for the 5 key workstreams.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Promotion and Marketing of events to be led by Sarah</li> <li>• Evening Dinner to be led by Yvonne H</li> <li>• Exhibition to be led by Julia and Sally (There will be a separate display of Art and Crafts.)</li> <li>• Book launch to be led by Julia and Jane</li> <li>• Permanent Commemoration to be led by Marian but ideas especially welcome</li> </ul>
<p><b>8</b></p>	<p><b>FORTHCOMING EVENTS</b></p> <p>8.1 Aug 20: Evergreens tea party: 12.00 to 5.30 – Call for “on the day” help by Julia</p> <p>8.2 Sept 5: Lavenham trip – start 2.00pm, payments and car share finalised. Only one payment outstanding – to be followed up by Yvonne</p> <p>8.3 Sept 7: Community café: Bakers sought/help needed on the day. Lots of helpers names gathered by Jane. Final arrangements to be advised at September 4 meeting.</p> <p>8.4 Oct 6: Regal Trip – Stephen Amer – Song Sung Blue – start 7.30pm. Group rate £14. 10 tickets requested by Members - to be booked by Yvonne H and take it from there.</p> <p>8.5 Oct 18: G7 Dabble Day – 10.00 – 14.30. . G7 is our local group of WIs who get together to hold joint meetings. Dabble Day is a showcase for local WI crafters. Marian invited expressions of interest. Members may attend whole event or may dip in and see what interests them. Light refreshments on arrival, but bring lunch if you intend to stay for the whole session. All materials supplied. More information and £5 tickets, to include raffle ticket at September Meeting</p> <p>8.6 Nov 6: AGM with Officer elections, Bingo (Irene will be caller); 99<sup>th</sup> Birthday cake; wine.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Current committee – willing to stand again.</li> <li>• Centenary Working Party participation will offer excellent insight into how the committee works and members are welcome as observers at Committee meetings.</li> <li>• Proxy votes – No interest expressed thus far. Contact Yvonne H if you will want another member to vote on your behalf. This must be formally pre-arranged – not on the night!</li> </ul> <p>8.7 Dec 19: Christmas Lunch - £5 deposits collected by Tracey, so that booking may be confirmed.</p>
<p><b>9</b></p>	<p><b>TREASURER’S REPORT</b></p> <p>9.1 Current account £3,283.73 (Evergreens £1,635.95; Haughley WI £1,647.78</p> <p>9.2 Centenary savings account: £500 transfer in of fundraising money made: Balance £2,016.53p</p> <p>9.3 Julia paid the Pub’s tip for our Meal, because we forgot to make a collection. Members who have not already contributed invited to make small donation £1 - £2 to help reimburse Julia’s costs.</p>
<p><b>10</b></p>	<p><b>ANY OTHER NEWS to include CORRESPONDENCE not already distributed</b></p> <p>10.1 Feedback from Member-led groups: Julia invited the leads to give updates</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Lunch Club – Tracey. Lunch at the Mill was very good and will stay on the venue list – next lunch will be at the Victoria, Thurston. 19<sup>th</sup> September. List for names and menu for pre-orders circulated at the meeting.</li> <li>• Singing for well-being group – Lyn. Julia reported in Lynn’s absence: About 30 people attend each. Membership about 50% WI Members/ 50% wider community: A great result!</li> <li>• Walking group – Anne. Group has been struggling against the weather – but Anne will keep going!</li> </ul> <p>10.2 Fit Villages - launch of Pilates in the Pavilion September 9 at 9.30. First taster class free; next 7 classes half price £5 and then, if viable, classes will be offered at full price £10 each.</p> <p>10.3 SEFWI Members Survey – envelopes distributed to Members. Some returned at end of evening. Deadline for all returns: September 4 Meeting for group mailing to SEFWI offices.</p> <p>10.4 Members invited to see notice board, during social time for other updates and news</p>
<p><b>11</b></p>	<p><b>MEMBERS SOCIAL TIME with REFRESHMENTS .</b></p> <p>11.1 Raffle Draw managed by Sue</p> <p>11.2 Updated notice board on view.</p>
<p><b>12</b></p>	<p><b>NEXT MEETING:</b> September 4, at 7.30 pm.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Speaker is SALLY – who needs a laptop and projector – the search is on!</li> <li>• Julia will be away on a much-needed break and Fiona will be in the chair,</li> </ul>
<p><b>13</b></p>	<p><b>CLOSE OF MEETING: 9.00pm</b></p>

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**President**

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