



MEMBERS' NEWSLETTER

To replace the usual agenda and minutes at our summer social meeting and your buffet payments replace the register, so no need to sign in.

JULY 3, 2024, HAUGHLEY WI SUMMER PARTY, THE KING'S ARMS

1. 6.30pm: arrive for pre-dinner drink purchased from the bar if desired
2. 7.00pm: Buffet with fruit punch in the garden if weather is fine
3. Buffet in doors if weather inclement
4. If preferred, bring your own folding chair rather than use the pub's picnic tables

Next year's Centenary Celebrations:

A working party will organise our 2025 centenary celebration. The entire Committee are participating in Centenary planning and preparations, but at least two Members are invited to join them. If you want to be involved in any aspect of our special event, or wish to share your ideas, please contact Julia:

Members' ballot at the July summer party:

YOUR chance to vote for your PREFERRED general meeting START TIME:

You will be invited 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 *after* 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.

Feedback from June events:

June 5: National WI AGM: Tricia Cole, Old Newton WI, report distributed digitally. The supported Resolution for this year is: Dental Health Matters. Contact Yvonne H if you want a paper copy of report

June 5: Our Open evening: Speaker, Dr Geoffrey Kay. 72 people enjoyed this well-supported evening. The audience included 9 guests from nearby Wis. The total ticket sales made £230, the raffle made £78 and after expenses paid this resulted in a good boost to our bank account.

June 8/9: Haughley Open Gardens/Flower Festival was a triumph, despite the unsettled weather. Special thanks go to Jane and Fiona who opened their gardens and for the floral displays exhibited in the church by Yvonne E, on behalf of Haughley WI and Julia's Art and Crafts group. We also value the WI Members who backed the event on the day and Jane's generous donation of £200 made from Pimm's sales profits to our WI.

Up-coming Diary Dates

July 4: Bressingham Trip: Unfortunately, will not go ahead. Due to the cancellation of several places a group ticket was no longer available.

Sept 5: Lavenham Trip fully booked: cost per person to be confirmed, (about £21.00) and car share to be arranged. Pre-payments due in August. More information about the final cost as soon as possible after the July 3 party.

Oct 18: Group 7 - Christmas themed dabble day with a raffle, Stowupland Village Hall, which has ample parking. £5 including tea/coffee and biscuits on arrival. This is a 10.00 am to 2.30 pm drop in OR you may stay for the whole thing and take own packed lunch. For more information contact Marian.

Nov 6: Haughley WI Annual General Meeting and 99th birthday, with our SEFWI Advisor, Jenny Pearson in attendance. If you will not be at the AGM and want to authorise someone to vote on your behalf by proxy, please contact Yvonne H as soon as you can.

Our three friendly Member-led groups are thriving

If you are not already a participant, why not consider joining one or more of these groups? You will be made very welcome.

- The Lunch Club's next outing, Thursday July 25, 12.00 for 12.30pm at the Mill, Stowmarket. Clipboard to be circulated at the summer party. For more information contact Tracey:
- The Singing for Well Being Group next meet on July 12th & 24th and NO SINGING IN AUGUST. For more information contact Lynn:
- The Walking Group had a lovely walk to Haughley Green, with 6 WI members on Wednesday, June 19. They hope to have a Wetherden walk in July: date to be decided. For more information contact Anne M:

The Evergreens

At the outset, a 2024 target was set to attract 30 eligible parishioners to become Evergreens Members. The Membership now stands at 30 and plans for the August 20 Tea Party in the Village Hall are well-advanced. Help is being sought from Members to lend a hand with preparing and serving the tea, and then afterwards to assist with the washing up. Clipboard to be circulated at the August 7 General meeting.

2024 Christmas Lunch Venue:

Your preferred choice for this year, **The Bacton Bull**, can accommodate all of us. A booking has been made for December 19. More information to follow later in the year when we have a menu.

Yvonne Hannan
Secretary, Haughley WI