

**Minutes of Haughley WI Annual General Meeting
November 6th at 7.00pm (earlier winter start time)**

Members signed in. Proposed byelaw and committee on Notice Board

1	WELCOME and APOLOGIES: Special welcome to guests Judith and Fiona, new member Chris and our SEFWI Advisor Jenny Pearson. Apologies noted from Sandra, Elaine, Sue, Yvonne Edge, Marion Wilson
2	JERUSALEM: sung by the Members to open proceedings
3	HOSTESSES 3.1 for tonight: Veronica, Fiona, Lynn and Pat 3.2 for next month: Jane, Rosemary and Jenny
4	BIRTHDAY CARDS and enthusiastic renderings of “Happy Birthday” for Victoria and Pat C. Long standing WI Member and friend Pat is leaving Haughley to start a new life nearer her daughter: she was presented with an orchid and card signed by all members and will be sorely missed.
5	MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING, October 2 5.1 One apology omitted from an otherwise accurate record of the meeting. Amended minutes to be signed later by President and then filed.
6	MATTERS ARISING AND FEEDBACK FROM MEMBER-LED GROUPS AND OTHER EVENTS 6.1 Update “start times” byelaw shared: Byelaw submitted to SEFWI and awaiting their response 6.2 The 2025/26 Programme Planning team are making good progress and will report back soon 6.3 Lunch Club: attended by 13 Members. Tracey reported that the company was good and the food was okay at the Highwayman, but disappointed by the landlord’s unwelcoming attitude. 6.3 Singing for well-being group: Lynn reported that 38 people, including parishioners and 7 new faces enjoyed the last gathering and may need to seek a bigger environment! 6.4 Walking Group: Anne reported on the much-enjoyed last walk around Wetherden with 4 Members, 3 husbands and a dog! 6.5 Gipping Valley Group 7 Meeting: only Marian attended from Haughley; she made a snowman. The next Group 7 event will be a fashion show. 6.6 Song-Sung- Blue concert at the Regal was enjoyed by a group of 10 Members
7	BUSINESS: REMINDER FORTHCOMING EVENTS AND SUPPORT BEING SOUGHT 7.1 November 10: All are welcome at the RBL Remembrance church service at 10.50: Julia to lay the Haughley WI wreath 7.2 Nov 30: Christmas lights switch on cake stall. Bakers needed, help on the day and assistance for Pat B’s “Guess Weight of the Cake” 7.3 Nov 30: 7.00pm to 11.00pm WI 70’s/80’ fund-raising disco – tickets £10 available from Julia and the post office. Two hampers donated by members; bottle donations sought for the 3rd hamper raffle prize 7.4 Dec 3: Evergreens Christmas Lunch, Kings Arms 12.00 for 12.30 with WI Members helping out with waitressing duties: tickets will soon be distributed. 7.5 Dec 4: Next general meeting with Cracker Making Workshop, Secret Santa (£5 limit), mulled

	<p>wine and mince pies.</p> <p>7.6 Dec 19: WI Members Christmas lunch, Bull Bacton 12.00 for 12.30 Deposits paid. Meals being pre-selected/outstanding balances paid – BACS preferred, but cash to Tracey</p> <p>7.7 National Consultation – changes to constitution – our response to be made by using on-line tool. Individual responses NOT accepted. Materials distributed to Members – Yvonne to collate and share any responses made, and complete our response by the November 19 deadline</p>
<p>Ordinary meeting closed and AGM opened</p>	
<p>9</p>	<p>AGM: helped by our SEFWI Advisor Jenny Pearson</p> <p>9.1 Jenny advised that we have two proxy voters who will be voting on behalf of two absentees</p> <p>9.2 Jenny introduced and she gave a short address about</p> <p>9.2.1 The NFWI Constitution consultation – see 7.7</p> <p>9.2.2 The SEFWI AGM in March 2025 at Trinity Park – WI delegate has free place</p> <p>9.2.3 The NFWI AGM in June 2025 – by zoom with plans to have E Anglia region shared event at the Theatre Royal in Norwich for Suffolk (E&W) and Norfolk delegates.</p> <p>More information about the two AGMs later information to follow President’s Report</p> <p>9.3 Treasurers report included the audited financial statement – given by Malcolm.</p> <p>9.3.1 Julia proposed acceptance of the financial statement, seconded by Rosemary</p> <p>9.3.2 Financial statement approved by Members’ show of hands</p> <p>9.4 Committee’s annual report given by Yvonne</p> <p>9.4.1 Julia proposed acceptance of the Committee’s annual report</p> <p>9.4.2 Committee’s annual report approved by Members’ show of hands</p> <p>9.5 Presidents address given by Julia who gave thanks for everyone’s support and participation during her inaugural year.</p> <p>9.6 Election of Committee- Current Members re-elected en bloc: approved by Members show of hands</p> <p>9.7 Election of President: A secret ballot conducted by Jenny Pearson resulted in the re-election of popular choice Julia Brook</p>
<p>10</p>	<p>NEXT MEETING</p> <p>December 4: Christmas Party Meeting with 7pm winter start time. See 7.5</p>
<p>11</p>	<p>REFRESHMENTS AND SOCIAL TIME</p> <p>Was enjoyed by all, with lots of chatter and laughter. Bingo and “play your cards right” games run by Irene and Anne A. Bingo prizes: A line (£10) won by Julia; Full house (£25) won by Sarah. Play your cards right (£10) won by Jenny Pearson. There was much fun, with wine courtesy of Barbara D and fruit cake made by Rosemary.</p>
<p>12</p>	<p>CLOSE OF MEETING: 9.15pm</p>

President

Date