

**Minutes of Haughley WI General Meeting**  
**HAUGHLEY VILLAGE HALL, September 4 at 7.30pm**

<b>1</b>	<p><b>WELCOME</b> by Fiona, Vice president. Special welcome to Victoria, who joined us this evening and two visitors Pat Chinery and Marina Wilson.</p> <p><b>APOLOGIES:</b> Julia, Mandy, Sandra, Carol, Alex, Lynn Edgington</p>
<b>2</b>	<p><b>JERUSALEM:</b> sung by the Members to open proceedings</p>
<b>3</b>	<p><b>HOSTESSES</b></p> <p>3.1 for tonight: Wendy, Venessa, Barbara and a few others!</p> <p>3.2 for next month: to be confirmed</p>
<b>4</b>	<p><b>BIRTHDAY CARDS:</b> Fiona and Sarah</p>
<b>5</b>	<p><b>MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING August 7,</b>  Circulated prior to meeting, agreed as an accurate record and signed by Vice President</p>
<b>6</b>	<p><b>NEWS and MATTERS ARISING LAST GENERAL MEETING</b></p> <p>6.1 Change of general meetings Start Time Consultation</p> <p>6.1.1 2<sup>nd</sup> round Ballot outcome.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <u>29 Members (90.6% participated)</u>. The two preferred “start-time” options were offered up.</li> <li>• Option 1: 7.00pm all year - <u>12 votes (41.5%)</u></li> <li>• Option 2: 7.00pm during Greenwich Meantime; 7.30pm during British Summer Time. Start-times CHANGE at first meeting AFTER the clocks change - <u>17 votes (58.5%)</u></li> </ul> <p>6.1.2 Next steps</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 2nd round ballot outcome overwhelmingly endorsed by the 26 Members present</li> <li>• Committee to write and present to SEFWI a Haughley Start-time byelaw to reflect the ballot outcomes, with a request for them to approve it</li> <li>• If approved by SEFWI our new Start-time byelaw will formally come into force with the launch of the 2025/26 Programme.</li> <li>• In the meantime, we will stop our 7.30pm BST start-time at time after the clocks go back this year, when we will begin our 7.00pm GMT start-time. Members WILL be reminded!</li> </ul> <p>6.2 Outstanding SEFWI surveys for onward posting - YH – further completed surveys collected. 21 completed surveys (65.6% of the membership ) posted to SEFWI.</p> <p>6.3 Evergreens Afternoons Tea August 20, in the village hall. Report by Christine, with sharing of several thank you notes and thanks from Julia: <i>“Thanks again to the team of helpers who made it work so well. There was some excellent feedback, especially for the smiles of the helpers, the presentation, the entertainment and of course, the food.”</i></p> <p>6.4 Feedback from various groups and activities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Singing for well-being Group – Lyn Elliston – Group starts again on Wednesday September 11. Please note the earlier WINTER start time – 7.15 arrival for a 7.30 start.</li> <li>• Walking Group – Anne M will contact regulars by email. Hopes to stride out next week</li> <li>• Lunch Club – Tracey R - Sept 19: Lunch Club – The Victoria, Thurston. 19 have pre-ordered. Original booking: table for 14 – Tracey will advise pub. Usual car share.</li> </ul>
<b>7</b>	<p><b>FORTHCOMING EVENTS</b></p>

	<p>7.1 Sept 5: Lavenham Tea Rooms Trip – 15 going. Car share</p> <p>7.2 Sept 7: Community Café. Enough bakers and helpers. Tracey in charge, supported by Jenny</p> <p>7.3 Sept 9: Pilates launch 9.30am in the Pavilion with free taster session - on notice board</p> <p>7.4 Sept 17: Memories Focus Group, Green Room, Village Hall. Refreshments. Please come</p> <p>7.5 Sept 19: Lunch Club – The Victoria, Thurston – see 6.4</p> <p>7.6 Oct 6: Song Sung Blue Outing at the Regal – 10 going/pre-paid/tickets collected – Jane has</p> <p>7.7 Oct 18: G7 Dabble day, Stowupland VH – Group 7 (G7: our local association of WIs.) Tickets on sale tonight and at October meeting. Poster on Notice Board and see Marian Adams</p>
<b>8</b>	<p><b>TREASURER'S REPORT</b></p> <p>8.1 August General meeting: raffle £45. EACH donation £107.63 (thank you letter shared)</p> <p>8.2 WI Current Account including Evergreens £3604.75</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Evergreens Income £2825.00; expenditure £971.54; balance =£1853.46</li> <li>• WI funds is minus Evergreens Total £1853.46. = £1751.29</li> </ul> <p>8.3 Petty cash £32.62</p> <p>8.4 WI Deposit Account (for 2025 Centenary celebrations) = £2018.88</p> <p>8.5 Elmswell Bingo Fund donated £500 for Evergreens</p>
<b>9</b>	<p><b>ANY OTHER NEWS to include CORRESPONDENCE not already distributed</b></p> <p>9.1 Free “Demystifying the Menopause” Oct 8, 18.30, Ipswich Hospital. Info on Notice Board</p> <p>9.2 Programme Planning Team (Fiona, Rosemary, Sarah, Yvonne)making good progress. Diverse programme being developed for 2025/26 - aim to widely share outline draft before Christmas!</p> <p>9.3 Feedback VH committee via veronica</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Request to promote Savannah Love Evening, October 12. – See Parish Mag</li> <li>• Plans are being developed to upgrade the rest room facilities</li> </ul> <p>9.4 Pavilion Refurbishment disco organised for Sept 13 – ALL welcome – See Parish Mag.</p> <p>9.5 Booked speaker for October meeting cancelled: Replacement – Margo and her hearing dog</p>
<b>10</b>	<p><b>TONIGHT'S SPEAKER:</b> Sally Green – Every Picture tells a Story</p> <p>10.1 Welcome by Fiona and vote of thanks, with flowers – Marian</p> <p>10.2 Excellent talk by Sally, ably supported by Technical Director Sarah: Wonderful, eclectic thought provoking eclectic mix of artwork with clear and interesting insights into their meaning.</p>
<b>11</b>	<p><b>MEMBERS SOCIAL TIME with REFRESHMENTS.</b></p>
<b>12</b>	<p><b>NEXT MEETING</b> With Margo and her hearing dog Linus: October 2, 7.30pm</p>
<b>13</b>	<p><b>CLOSE OF MEETING:</b> 9.25pm</p>

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