

Minutes of Haughley WI General Meeting in Haughley Village Hall

Date: August 6. Time: 7.30pm

The Register was signed by Members on arrival

1	<p>WELCOME: The Welcome was given by Yvonne H in Julia's absence. Julia is unwell and in hospital. We wish her well and a speedy recovery. In the meantime, with the knowledge and approval of our SEFWI advisor, Jen Pearson, the committee will pull together and keep everything on track. Members will be updated on the situation as and when it is appropriate to do so.</p> <p>and APOLOGIES: Julia, Christine S, Fiona, Anne A, Barbara D, Irene, Carol, Alex and Sue</p>
2	<p>JERUSALEM: was led by Jane and sung by the Members to open proceedings</p>
3	<p>BUSINESS</p> <p>3.1 Members advised that our booked speaker cancelled late this afternoon, but that we had secured an excellent last-minute speaker: <u>see item 4</u>.</p> <p>3.2 Minutes of the previous meeting June 4, circulated prior to meeting, agreed as an accurate record and signed for filing by Yvonne H on behalf of President Julia.</p> <p>3.3 Matters arising</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Birthdays: Cards prepared by Jane for Irene, Yvonne E, Rosemary, Barbara W, Venessa – Irene's card was posted through her letter box, and we sang to the 4 ladies present.• Hostesses: Marian; Venessa and Jane C. Rolling 3-month rota updated to circulate with these minutes. Please contact Yvonne H if hostess allocations cannot be fulfilled and offer an alternative date so a swap can be arranged• Lunch club update: 12 Members enjoyed the outing to the 4 Horseshoes. Mandy has gathered names of members who want to join the next outing (including absent friends).• Feedback July 24 Beth Chatto trip attended by 7 people. Member Venessa reported the gardens and café were lovely and everyone managed to dodge the afternoon showers.• Food Hygiene course: the first 4 members (Veronica, Christine S and Christine R and Caroline) who applied for the Haughley WI funded on-line course contacted by Sarah to enable enrolment and course access. We hope that other Members who regularly support WI food related events, will be able to do the course next year. <p>3.4 Centenary celebrations progress report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• PLEASE NOTE: <u>there is no charge at any time for Members.</u>• Flyers for our week-long Open Events prepared by Mandy for distribution at VJ event.• The Members' Programme will include all open events PLUS our exclusive (invitation ONLY) Oct. 30th dinner with invited guests and optional dancing to live music afterwards.• Marian gathered more information this evening<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ We must meet caterer's deadline for meal choices. Members attending Oct 30th event who have NOT advised pre-orders to be contacted as a matter of urgency.○ Live music arranged○ Bespoke professionally made cake for dessert ordered○ Free glass of wine or soft drink from the licensed bar included with meals. <p>3.5 Diary dates and reminders</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Aug 16: VJ day activities, WI stall WI hosted themed supper dance (BYO drinks); TICKETS are £15 from the Post Office or on-line via https://bit.ly/HWI-VJ80• Aug 28: Lunch Club: the White Horse, Stoke Ash 12.000 for 12.30 sit down and the usual care share. Select your meal on the day: pre-orders NOT needed.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sept 3: Open meeting with Lucy Lewis -TICKETS £5.00 for guests. Some raffle prizes donated - more prizes welcome on the night: theme “bottles” (NOTE: <u>need not be alcohol!</u>) <p>3.3 Oct 4: WI hosted community café: Names of volunteer bakers and helpers gathered by Jane. Good bakers’ response. 2 more helpers needed: contact Jane or Yvonne H if you can help out</p> <p>3.4 Treasurer’s report read by Yvonne H. Christine is making good progress after surgery, and we hope she will soon be well enough to be back with us.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Current Account: £2,824.16 (EG £1,212.61. (WI £1,611.55) • Deposit Account: £2,848.72 + £600 MSDC grant in pipeline • Petty Cash: £22.41 • Please note: Members Treasurer reports will now be 1/4ly, with annual report at Nov. AGM For more information on financial matters between these times please contact Christine. <p>3.5 Programme planning for next year will begin soon and Yvonne H and Sarah need a couple of Members to join them. What we need are your support, ideas and opinions. <u>No frequent or long meetings.</u> <u>Sarah will compile and present our final agreed programme.</u> <u>Interested?</u></p>
4	<p>WELCOME TONIGHT’S SPEAKER by Sarah. Keith Norman: A presentation about Japan. Our booked speaker withdrew very late. Keith came to our rescue with ONLY 3 hours notice!</p> <p>THE VOTE OF THANKS was given by Jane</p> <p>Keith is articulate, knowledgeable and personable and joined in with Jerusalem and a rousing happy birthday to our Birthday girls. His 45-minute presentation began with a very brief introduction to his company (WendyWu Tours) and ended with a short indication of the guided tours they offer. BUT, for 40 of the 45 minutes and just for a cup of tea and biscuit, Keith entertained us with a short introductory video about Japan, followed by an illustrated educational talk about Japanese culture, interesting places to see in Japan and what seasons offered the best of the natural environment. He also provided a very short, fun quiz at the end of his presentation. Mandy was the only one to get the all the answers right and won a very nice bottle of Japanese gin for being so attentive.</p>
5	<p>MEMBERS SOCIAL TIME with REFRESHMENTS.</p> <p>At the end of Keith’s presentation, we shared great cheese platters prepared by Sarah, with water and optional wine. Although our hostesses were ready to serve tea or coffee, I think that everyone, except our congenial speaker, preferred a glass of wine instead. The ladies certainly seemed to enjoy the evening and were in no rush to go home!</p>
6	<p>NEXT MEETING: Is an Open Meeting with speaker Lucy Lewis on September 3rd</p>
7	<p>CLOSE OF MEETING: 9.30pm</p>

President

Date