

Minutes of Haughley WI General Meeting, Haughley Village Hall

Wednesday October 1st at 7.30pm: Register signed by Members on arrival

1	<p>WELCOME: by Chair Mandy who gave a special welcome back to our President Julia APOLOGIES: received from Anne M, Alex, Carole and Sarah BOOKED SPEAKER: late cancellation so a hastily organised social evening convened instead GROUP PHOTO: Postponed until another date is confirmed</p>
2	<p>JERUSALEM: sung by the Members to open proceedings</p>
3	<p>BUSINESS</p> <p>3.1 Minutes of Aug 19 meeting: agreed to be accurate record and signed by chair for filing.</p> <p>3.2 Matters arising</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Hostesses rota for tonight: Barbara Duncombe, Caroline Lambert, Fiona Dearden• Updated rota: Nov, Dec and Jan 2026 (Veronica, Maureen, Sue) will be distributed with these minutes – allocated hostesses to advise if they cannot fulfil their allocated slot.• Birthdays: Cards and a hearty rendering of “<i>Happy Birthday</i>” for Anne Ardley and Maureen Patching• Update and feedback from September lunch club variable: menu had changed, so less choice than before but this popular social event was still enjoyed by 10 members• Feedback from September Open Meeting: Fiona – 38 tickets sold and £87 made on the raffle – about £200 raised after speaker costs covered. This was perhaps the most well-received and successful open evening we have ever hosted! <p>3.3 Diary dates and reminders – to be distributed as a separate list with these minutes</p> <p>3.3.1 October 4: WI hosted Parish Community café; Set up from 8.30</p> <p>3.3.2 October 26 to November 1 Centenary Celebrations update: due to unforeseen circumstances our free programme has been revised: see below</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The 2-day weekend exhibition deferred to later in the centenary year: more details will be shared when they are available• October 26 Church service 4.30pm (30 – 45mins) with refreshments in the church for the congregation, after the service. Beacon lighting cancelled.• October 30 Centenary meal and dinner 6.30 for 7.00pm meal. Licensed bar; meal as ordered with wine or a soft drink from the bar; celebration cake for dessert. Optional dancing afterwards to music by professional Swing Band – Caxton Swing. Dress to please yourself!• November 1: Unveiling of the Haughley WI Centenary memorial in the VH Garden during the RBL community café at around round 11.00 am <p>3.3.3 November 5: Haughley Annual General Meeting (AGM), with annual election of committee and president.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Outline of AGM procedures explained regarding the voting process for committee and President. Proxy voting possible: in your absence a named person can agree to vote on your behalf at the AGM. <i>Yvonne happy to help.</i>• Five members stepping down from the Committee at the AGM and two of our newer Members have answered the call to join. There is also a “no-obligation

	<p>observer” invitation for Members arrange to attend at a meeting: speak to any committee member to find out more.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The finalised list of Members putting themselves forward for election to your Committee at the AGM will be on the notice board at the AGM and distributed with the AGM Agenda. • Your elected President MUST be a Member who has been elected to the Committee. Voting will be by secret ballot • After formal proceedings - Refreshments by hostesses and a member activity run by Irene. <p>3.3.4 November 9: 10.45 am annual RBL remembrance service in the church. Julia will lay a WI wreath on our behalf</p> <p>3.3.5 November 29: Parish Christmas lights switch on, with a WI cake stall. There will be a call for bakers and helpers</p> <p>3.3.6 December 2: 12 for 12.30pm Evergreens Christmas lunch at the Kings Arms. Attendees to be finalised by Jullia, who will then ask for help as needed.</p> <p>3.3.7 December 3: Haughley WI Christmas party</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • seasonal refreshments served by your committee • Secret Santa: maximum value of gifts £6.00 • Entertainment and an optional sing along with Ipswich-based Ukelele band <p>3.3.8 December 17: 12 for 12.30pm Haughley WI Christmas lunch at the Kings Arms</p> <p>3.3.9 Other news:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Paul and Debbie leaving Haughley at year end: the pub’s future is unknown • Clocks go back Sunday Oct 26 and in line with our byelaw we will start our meetings at 7.00pm until the clocks go forward again • Maureen volunteered to take over magazine collection duties from Pat
5	<p>CLIPBOARDS CIRCULATED for NAMES and VOLUNTEERS</p> <p>5.1 for Nov 1: Names of those expecting to attend the Centenary Memorial unveiling: Julia 5.2 for Nov 29: Call for volunteers to support and help with the WI Christmas Cake stall: Jane 5.3 for Dec 17: Pre-orders for Christmas lunch in the Kings Arms: Fiona</p>
5	<p>MEMBERS SOCIAL TIME with QUIZ and REFRESHMENTS – was fun!</p>
6	<p>NEXT MEETING: AGM: November 5 at 7.00 pm (REMINDER: Clocks will have gone back)</p>
7	<p>CLOSE OF MEETING: 9.15 pm</p>

President

Date