

Minutes of Haughley WI General Meeting Haughley Village Hall:

FEBRUARY 4 2026 at 7.00pm

Register signed by Members and guests on arrival

1	WELCOME: by Jane, with a special welcome to Pam Ewen and Helene Cooke joining us for a taster session.
2	APOLOGIES: Marian Adams, Carol Barton, Rosemary Welburn, Yvonne Edge, Irene O'Hara, Sarah Swinge, Barbar Wilsher, Venessa Herbert, Pat Burrows, Evelyn Shave (10)
3	JERUSALEM: sung by the Members to open proceedings
4	BUSINESS: 4.1 Minutes of the previous meeting January 7, circulated prior to meeting, agreed as an accurate record and signed by President for filing 4.2 Matters arising 4.2.1 New committee roles and responsibilities have been agreed – circulated to members and displayed on notice board 4.2.2 Tonight's hostesses Barbara, Alex, Maureen. Invited to view next rota on notice board 4.2.3 The Raffle schedule has been revised. As a trial, this year to raise funds for our WI we will have themed raffles at our two open meetings <u>only</u> , plus our usual charitable ACWW raffle in the new year. 4.3 Sue Roman's Birthday was greeted by an enthusiastic rendition of Happy Birthday 4.4 Treasurers 1/4ly report by Christine S 4.4.1 Current account balance £1,789.75 4.4.2 Deposit account balance £ 450.98 4.4.3 Petty cash £22.41 4.4.4 ACWW donation: proceeds from January raffle. £63.00 4.4.5 2026/27 annual subs will be £54 to be collected next month. Allocations: Our WI £27.10 SEFWI (regional) £12.55 NFWI (national) £14.35 4.5 Other News and feedback from activities: 4.5.1 Exhibition plans: Jane advised that the original exhibition plans have been shelved for

	<p>the foreseeable future. Lots of material gathered, but some missing archive data and pulling everything together has been problematical. Plan is to save and document what we have as best we can and to produce and preserve a photographic catalogue of our centenary year.</p> <p>4.5.2 January lunch club at the Norton Dog was enjoyed by 14 Members. Organiser, Chris R advised her plans for the next two outings (see 4.6)</p> <p>4.6 Diary dates and reminders</p> <p>4.6.1 Feb 20 Lunch Club at the Bull, Woolpit. Being organised by Chris R. Pre- orders required.</p> <p>4.6.2 March 4 meeting:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2026/27 programme distribution, c • Collection of subs • April Open evening Guest tickets on sale: £5.00 each • April Open evening Raffle Prize donations invited: theme Spring and Easter <p>4.6.3 April 1 Open evening with guest speaker Gary Powell: <u>Doors open 7.00pm for 7.30pm start</u>. Tickets FREE for members, but please let us know as soon as you can and by at March meeting at the latest if you are coming</p> <p>4.6.4 April 30 Group 7 meeting 7.30pm, Old Newton VH: Speaker is Lucy Lewis. More information at our March meeting. NOTE: it is our turn to provide the catering - offers of help VERY welcome.</p> <p>4.6.5 May 2: Community Café: early warning call for helpers and bakers. Likely to have only one café allocated to us to host this year: to be confirmed.</p>
<p>5</p>	<p>TONIGHT’S BOOKED ENTERTAINER, Line Dance teacher Caroline Linney welcomed by Jane</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The <u>very basic</u> Line Dancing demonstration was well received by all present. Participation was optional, but all present joined in and everyone seemed to have a lot of fun with plenty of laughter, enthusiastic “yeehas” and sweater removals! • Vote of thanks was given by Fiona, who is exploring the idea of inviting Caroline back to entertain us at our July Summer Party.
<p>6</p>	<p>MEMBERS social time with RESOLUTIONS and voting opportunity:</p> <p>Jane had previously suggested it would be useful to look at the November/December copy of WI Life pp 21-25 before the next meeting. Several members had read the comprehensive cover of all 5 Resolutions and the issues they raise, before the meeting</p> <p>Alongside the usual refreshments provided by the hostesses, Jane and Sally provided an overview of the current proposed Resolutions, having last month attended a SEFWI provided study day to explore and discuss the five short-listed resolutions:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Accessibility of public toilet facilities to promote dignity, health and social inclusion 2. Action on Women’s homelessness 3. Nearer to Nature 4. Love your Vulva – self checking is your best defence against vulval cancer

	<p>5. Every Child needs a friend</p> <p><u>Outcome of the vote:</u> We have 29 paid up members. Some Members who were not present at the meeting had sent in their votes prior to the meeting and in all 21 votes were cast:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Accessibility of public toilet facilities ... 5 votes 2. Action on Women's homelessness ... 10 votes 3. Nearer to Nature ... 1 vote 4. Love your Vulva ... 4 votes 5. Every Child needs a friend ... 1 vote <p><u>Resolution 2: Action on Women's homelessness attracted almost 50% of the votes cast</u></p> <p>SEFWI advised of the outcome of the Haughley Members' vote and their preferred option by the February 6 deadline</p>
<p>7</p>	<p>NEXT MEETING: MARCH 4 at 7.00pm Speaker Sam Weller RNLI</p> <p><u>Note:</u> Planned March raffle cancelled, because we will have one at our April 1 Open Meeting</p>
<p>8</p>	<p>CLOSE OF MEETING: 9pm</p>

President

Date