

**Minutes of Haughley WI General Meeting Haughley Village Hall:  
An ACWW Raffle evening**

**JANUARY 7 2026 at 7.00pm**

**Register signed by Members and guests on arrival**

<b>1</b>	<b>WELCOME:</b> by Jane
<b>2</b>	<b>APOLOGIES:</b> Sarah Swinge, Alex Rivett, Venessa Herbert, Evelyn Shave, Sally Green, Yvonne Hannan, Marian Adams, Sue Roman.
<b>3</b>	<b>JERUSALEM:</b> sung by the Members to open proceedings
<b>4</b>	<b>BUSINESS:</b>  4.1 No minutes of previous meeting: December 3 Christmas party - Newsletter distributed and filed 4.2 Matters arising <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Tonight's raffle: proceeds to ACWW charity</li><li>• Hostess rota<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ January hostesses: Rosemary Wellburn, Irene O'Hara, Chris Robinson</li><li>○ Draft rota for the next 3 months (Feb – Apri). Please see if your turn is coming up.</li></ul></li><li>• Birthdays: Evelyn Shave – Pat B to deliver card</li><li>• Christmas Party feedback – everyone really enjoyed the party and the Ukelele Band of Felixstowe were excellent fun!</li><li>• Christmas Lunch feedback – everyone agreed that it was a really nice meal at The Kings Arms, but the lunch had a difficult ending as Barbara Willsher was taken so ill.</li><li>• 2026 annual subscriptions as set by NFWI will be rising by £3 to £54 and due in April.</li></ul> 4.3 Diary dates and reminders <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• January 22: Lunch Club, The Norton Dog. Chris advised that 14 members are currently booked in for this – and a possible trip to the pub in Woolpit for Feb TBA.</li><li>• March 3: SEFWI meeting at Trinity Park: Jane will be our voting delegate. A further 5 tickets have been requested: £10 payment per ticket at Feb Meeting. This will be after we have been notified of our allocation.</li></ul> 4.4 Other News: Thanks to your many and varied suggestions the 2026/27 monthly programme which is almost complete and will be ready for distribution in March. Outings will be arranged separately. (We still owe Dan's Coaches a trip!) Columbine Hall in Stowupland was highly recommended. The other suggestion was a visit to Snape Maltings. <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Sandra Lewis has agreed to return to the WI committee in a special role – as our suggestion box didn't seem to work very well, so now if you have any feedback/suggestions/concerns etc. you can now go direct to Sandra.</li><li>• Jane gave an update on Venessa Herbert who sadly remains in hospital in Ipswich following another stroke and bleeds. WE all wish her a very speedy recovery.</li></ul>
<b>5</b>	<b>WELCOME TO TONIGHT'S SPEAKER</b>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Speaker: Peter Partis – a return visit by popular demand. Peter’s talk on his adventures of living in South Africa, Indonesia and West Africa was fabulous as always. We were all enthralled by his talk on guns, voodoo dolls and hippos to name but a few things. We all loved every minute of hearing about his exploits and told him that he needs to write a book!</li> <li>• Vote of thanks – we all thanked Peter for his brilliant talk.</li> </ul>
<b>6</b>	<b>MEMBERS social time:</b> with refreshments and ACWW Raffle Draw .
<b>7</b>	<p><b>NEXT MEETING:</b></p> <p>February 4 at 7.00pm - with an overview of Resolutions:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Accessibility of public toilet facilities to promote dignity, health and social inclusion</li> <li>2. Action on Women’s homelessness</li> <li>3. Nearer to Nature</li> <li>4. Love your Vulva – self checking is your best defence against vulval cancer</li> <li>5. Every Child needs a friend</li> </ol> <p>This summary will then be followed by a Line Dancing demonstration with optional participation.</p> <p>Jane suggested it would be useful to look at the November/December copy of WI Life before the next meeting.</p> <p>There is very comprehensive cover of all 5 Resolutions and the issues they raise.</p>
<b>8</b>	<b>CLOSE OF MEETING: 9pm</b>

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**President**

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