



MEMBERS' NEWSLETTER: July 2026

On July 1 we will be enjoying our annual summer garden party instead of having a formal meeting. This simple information sheet replaces the general meeting agenda and minutes and its purpose is to

- confirm the arrangements for the Summer Party
- keep you updated with what is going on
- confirm our plans for the August meeting

SUMMER PARTY

- DATE: Wednesday July 1
- TIME: drinks from 6.30pm - food at 7.00pm
- PLACE: Yvonne's garden – 6 Auction Yard
- PARKING: Plenty of room at no 6. Double park if needed. Ask if you must leave and are blocked in Neighbours are friendly and we can find overflow space if needed
- PLEASE BRING: your own knife, fork, spoon and napkin. Nothing else needed!
- NO DRESS CODE: but please dress for summer with a hat if possible.
- SUN PROTECTION: We have gazebos and enough seating, but the garden is south facing, so remember sun cream and/or an umbrella to protect your skin if it is sunny.
- MALE GUESTS: currently 6 attending and they will be made to feel very welcome!
- IF IT RAINS: we'll get together indoors

FEEDBACK ON RECENT EVENTS

- June 3 general meeting: the illustrated birds and garden ecology talk by engaging speaker Robert, was very well prepared, informative and enjoyable.
- June 4: National (NFWI) AGM attended by Mandy via zoom. Her report is attached as a separate document if you are interested
- June 18: Trip to Helmingham Hall. 12 members and 4 guests enjoyed a self-guided tour of gardens with lunch afterwards in the courtyard provided by Nourish Café.
- June 20/21: Open Gardens. Jane participated in aid of a Leukaemia Charity and permitted our costume jewellery stall. Items donated by Mandy and Christine will report on funds raised at the August meeting. We have retained some sets of earrings in case any of you are interested in making a purchase
- June 24: Community CPR training with East Anglian Air ambulance arranged by Yvonne with support from Thirza Shaw attended by 25 Haughley residents including 4 Haughley WI ladies and 4 members' spouses. Voluntary donations collected – the amount raised for this worthy charity will be publicised

FUTURE PLANS

- 2026/27 programme planning – volunteer members invited to join the team. We hope to include a Craft evening and some competitions.
- Christmas lunch: venue to be agreed to enable early booking – we will go with the most popular choice
- Future trips
 - Oct or Nov 2026: Fudge Factory in Woolpit followed by lunch club - Need not attend both.
 - March 3, 2027 BSE evening walking tour with optional supper

AUGUST 5 MEETING 7.30pm in Village Hall

Speaker Keith Norman will talk all about China (Keith previously gave us an excellent talk about Japan)

Enjoy the party and raise a glass to absent friends!

Best wishes

Yvonne

Yvonne Hannan, your secretary