

**Minutes of Haughley WI General Meeting Haughley Village Hall
June 3, 2026 at 7.30pm**

Register signed by Members on arrival

1	WELCOME by Jane APOLOGIES from: Anne A, Jane C, Barbara, Sally, Paula, Venessa, Irene, Alex, Sandra.
2	JERUSALEM: sung by the Members to open proceedings
3	BUSINESS 3.1 Minutes of the previous meeting May 6: Circulated prior to meeting, agreed as an accurate record and signed by President 3.2 Matters arising • Hostesses for tonight: Pam, Maureen, Caroline • Birthdays x5: Pat, Yvonne H, Anne M (cards given at meeting). Barbara (card given before she went to France). Sally (Jane T will deliver) • Feedback from recent events: ○ May 6 Games evening with Refreshments and Fizz – went well – there was plenty of laughter although some cheating was reported! Thanks given to organisers Veronica and Sally and Pat who helped with the cheese and biscuits supper. ○ May 23 lunch club at the White Horse Stoke Ash, was enjoyable as usual. One person said she had an upset tummy afterwards, but no problem was reported by another attendee who had the same meal. 3.3 Diary dates and reminders • June 4: NFWI ZOOM annual meeting – MW is our WI group voting delegate • June 6: Community Café in VH in aid of Alzheimer's Research – Our WI has donated to the raffle a <u>baking basket</u> with Chris's recipe, nicely decorated by Mandy and ingredients provided by Chris, Jane & Sally. Please support this worthy charity if you can. • June 18: Helmingham Hall Trip with car share – meet at the Stable Shop, Helmingham Hall at 10.00am to collect tickets and maps from "Billie" - café table booked midday for optional individual purchases of light lunch. • June 20/21: Open Gardens: JT participating 1-5pm on both days. 1. Sale freshly made Pimms (leukaemia research): 2. Sale of costume jewellery (Haughley WI: courtesy of MW) Committee supporting as able – more help sought: <u>Clipboard circulated</u> • June 24: EAAA CPR training 7.30pm in pavilion: 26 participants booked so far, just a few places left, flyer on post office notice board. • June 25: Lunch Club outing: Table booked at the Chestnut Horse Great Finborough, Stowmarket IP14 3AT. <u>NOTE: 12.30 start.</u> Being organised by Chris as usual. • July 1: Summer garden party 6 Auction Yard with Pimms, prosecco and cordials as provided by your WI: ○ £5 contributions per person for buffet please ○ partners and pals welcome ○ No formal agenda or minutes! – but you will get a newsletter

	○ Sub committee June 22, 10.30am at YH's to finalise plans. Members, volunteering to help in any way are invited to attend the planning meeting. Just turn up: you will be very welcome 3.4 Other news and any correspondence not distributed prior to meeting • Ex member Janet Gill has passed away. Janet has been ill for several years and was fondly remembered by several long-standing members. • See your latest SEFWI Magazine for optional events and NFWI on-line offerings for a wide variety of (mainly free) courses • Early heads up re next G7 group meeting on October 1. Special thanks given to Marian who will be stepping down as our Group 7 rep after the October. Meeting. Fiona is taking over as the rep from the Committee, but a second rep is required from the Membership. More information about being a rep and the October meeting later!
4	WELCOME TO TONIGHT'S SPEAKER Robert Kitchen: a British Trust for Ornithology Volunteer, whose talk was about garden ecology • Welcome: Yvonne H • Vote of thanks: Fiona We were entertained by an excellent, informative and well-prepared illustrated talk presented by this very engaging novice speaker, who we would recommend to other WIs. Robert was supported during the talk by Haughley PC chair Gerald who had helped Robert by providing a projector and a pre-meeting to instruct in the set up and operation of the equipment.
5	MEMBERS SOCIAL TIME with REFRESHMENTS, lots of lively chatter and <u>clipboards-a-plenty!</u>
6	NEXT MEETING: July 1 Summer garden party • 6 Auction Yard: garden gate open at 6.30pm. (front door if it is raining!) • Reminders will be sent out with any further information and your July newsletter nearer the date. • Members not at tonight's meeting will be contacted to make sure that they and their optional +1 can participate if desired.
7	CLOSE OF MEETING: 9.35pm

President

Date