

Haughley WI General Meeting Haughley Village Hall: May 6, 2026 at 7.00pm

Register signed by Members on arrival

1	WELCOME by Jane
2	APOLOGIES: Alex Rivett, Yvonne Hannan, Yvonne Edge, Irene O'Hara, Maureen Patching, Anne Ardley, Sandra Lewis, Carol Barton and Hazel Weller
3	BUSINESS 3.1 Minutes of the previous meeting March 4 circulated prior to meeting, agreed as an accurate record and signed by President. Note no April minutes: Open meeting replaced by Newsletter 3.2 Matters arising: • Jane advised we have two new members – Carol Barton and Hazel Weller – neither are able to attend tonight's meeting. Membership is now at 30 ladies • Hostesses rota for tonight: Fiona Dearden, Anne Miles • Birthdays: Caroline Lambert and Carol Barton –(Fiona to deliver Carol's card) • Feedback: ○ April 1 Open meeting with Gary Powell, everyone agreed that our speaker Gary Powell was excellent. The meeting went very well with 21 tickets sold raising £155 plus the raffle made £89. ○ April 23 Lunch Club - everyone really enjoyed the lunch at the Kings Arms in Haughley. ○ April 30 Group 7 meeting: Haughley WI arranged the buffet for this meeting at Old Newton Village Hall. The speaker was Lucy Lewis and she is always a great speaker. The supper went well and Chris Robinson's fruit loaf was a highlight! ○ May 2 Community Café last Saturday was exceptionally busy and well attended – but hard work. Christine Smith advised that we made approx. £270 (after fees for credit card machine) 3.3 Diary dates and reminders • June 4 National AGM: Mandy Watson will be our voting delegate on line • June 18 Helmingham Hall: So far there are 15 of us going and we will be car sharing. Payments needed by our next meeting • June 24 7.30pm CPR training, is being arranged in the village. This will be run by a trainer from EAAA and is free to attend, but booking is essential. Donations to EAAA are voluntary. • July 3 Summer Party, Auction Yard: £4 each to cover food please 3.4 Other News: • Chris Robinson advised that the next lunch will be on Friday, May 22nd at the White Horse, Stoke Ash. • Chris carried out a straw poll to determine where we should have our Christmas meal this year – and the Kings Arms in Haughley is the most popular choice to date. Chris is emailing all members to seek their views. • Chris also mentioned that she had visited Yum Yum Fudge in Woolpit. They are happy to offer tours for up to 10 people with tastings. All agreed that this would be a lovely visit and perhaps in November ready for Christmas.

	- Jane advised that one of our former members, Sheila Crossman, has sadly passed away. Her funeral is on the 18th May at 2.30pm at Bury Crematorium. A few members will be attending. - On Irene O'Hara's behalf, Jane advised that the next Community Café on the 6th June is in aid of Alzheimers Research and that Irene would like us to donate a baking basket. All agreed that this would be a good idea. Sally Green to sort out a basket, Chris to sort out a recipe and an email will be sent out to co-ordinate items. - Paula Gozzett also asked if anyone would be willing to bake any cakes for this café too. - Julia Brook advised that on the 17th June there will be a painting evening in the Scout Hut by the Pavillion. This is aimed at beginners and experienced painters – the theme will be Harvest Mice. You are welcome to bring your own drink and a buffet will be provided. The cost is £32 per person and all proceeds are going towards the Pavillion refurbishment. 3.5 Treasurer's report for May, - Christine advised that all the subs have now been paid and that the current account stands at £2063.72. - We have been advised to keep £1000 in the business account as a buffer. - Petty cash remains at £22.41.
4	SOCIAL EVENING with refreshments and clipboards as needed Tonight's Games Evening was hosted by Sally Green and Veronica Partis. Sally told us that there were no rules or regulations and that we should just have fun! The range of games on offer was impressive – ranging from traditional games such as Snakes and Ladders, Ludo, Tiddly Winks, Connect 4, Noughts and Crosses, Dominoes, Pick Up Sticks, Scrabble, Cards, Jenga, Boggle, Pairs to guessing London Buildings by Emoji's! Needless to say there was much fun and laughter and we all had a brilliant time - aided by the lovely cheese platters and a glass of fizz
5	NEXT MEETING: June 3 Talk by Robert Kitchen from the British Trust for Ornithology on Garden Ecology. We will be discussing how our gardens have a value for wildlife and a role to play in conservation and biodiversity. Hostess rota will be distributed in May when YH back for holiday.
6	CLOSE OF MEETING: 9.40 pm

President

Date