

**Minutes of Haughley WI General Meeting Haughley Village Hall
August 5, 2026 at 7.30pm**

Register signed by Members and guests on arrival

1	WELCOME especially to guest Marian Moulton (Mandy's sister-in-law. Buddy Paula) APOLOGIES: Irene, Pam, Venessa, Alex, Julia, Barbara, Anne A, Sue, Sally, Jane C
2	JERUSALEM: sung by the Members to open proceedings
3	BUSINESS 3.1 Minutes of the previous meeting June 3 circulated prior to meeting, agreed as an accurate record and signed by President. - all received July Newsletter 3.2 Matters arising – lead by Jane • Hostess rota for tonight: Veronica Partis, Mandy Watson • Feedback from June activities and July Summer party ○ June 18 Trip to Helmingham Hall: very enjoyable. Lovely sunny day walking round the gardens, followed by a tasty al fresco lunch in the Nourish Café Courtyard. ○ June 20/21 Open Gardens event. Jane participated and raised £588 which was rounded up to £600 and sent to Blood Cancer UK. In addition, the WI funds received a £112 boost thanks to sales generated by Mandy's generous jewellery donation. ○ June 24 CPR training organised by Yvonne H in collaboration with the playing field was attended by 25 Haughley residents, including some WI members and their partners and raised £185 for the East Anglian Air Ambulance. ○ July 1 Garden Party in Yvonne H's back garden was a lot of fun: good food drink, and company with lots of lively chatter and laughter, including from the 5 male partners who bravely joined us! • Lunch Club and Christmas meal options ○ The July lunch club at the Norton Dog, featured the usual good food and service and was enjoyed by a select group of 6. ○ August 27 lunch club being arranged at the Trowel and Hammer, Cotton: pre-orders being collected. Absent members to be contacted to see if they want to come, too. ○ September 24 lunch club being arranged at the Bacton Bull. Pre-orders being collected. Menu to be shared and list updated at the September meeting. ○ Options for Christmas meal discussed. Original preferred option was the King's Arms, but reports of inconsistent meal quality received. Members to consider the Norton Dog or White Horse at Stoke Ash as alternatives and make decision at September meeting. NOTE: show of hands indicated preference for evening dinner, if transport can be arranged (<i><u>please see separate treasurer's report</u></i>). • Birthdays x5: Irene, Venessa, Julia, Rosemary, Yvonne E: late, enthusiastic rendition of Happy Birthday for Yvonne and Rosemary during refreshments and cards delivered to absent friends • Calls for member participation

	○ Programme planning for 2027/28: <u>Paula has volunteered to join the team</u> – THANK YOU! To ask members again in September in case another member wants to participate ○ Group 7 (local WIs group): <u>Pam has volunteered to join Fiona</u> – THANK YOU – she will ask Marian Adams to copy all relevant and recent information to her ○ Funded on-line food hygiene course: <u>Pam has volunteered to do</u>. The course compliments the G7 role the support of cake stalls etc. To ask members again in September in case another member wants to do the course. Caroline will provide help if needed. • Proposed trips x2 – expressions of interest sought JT and/or ○ October 29: Woolpit Fudge factory free visit and optional lunch: members may choose to do visit, lunch or both but please note visit numbers limited to 10 ○ March 12, 2027: BSE £10 guided night-time walk and optional supper: need minimum 12: lots of interest with show of hands. Clipboard for September meeting 3.3 A detailed quarterly Treasurer's report was delivered by Christine Haughley WI is in good financial shape. We have sufficient funds in our current to meet our financial commitments to the end of the current financial year (end of March 2027) and we have in our savings account the advised funds to help mitigate against the impact of any future adverse situation. Christine's full report is attached.
4	WELCOME TO TONIGHT'S SPEAKER was welcomed by Jane • Speaker Keith Norman gave us a talk about China, with some ideas for the best and perhaps less known places to visit. The technology failed so unfortunately no projected illustrations, but the talk was nevertheless enjoyable and informative and included a little competition to guess the length of the great wall of China at the end – the prize of Adnams pink gin was won by Carol.... By the way it is 13,170.7 miles! • Vote of thanks was given by Jane
5	MEMBERS SOCIAL TIME with REFRESHMENTS was the usual lively affair
6	NEXT MEETING: September 2 at 7.30pm: Jon Neal, Suffolk Mind will present a talk about our mental health well-being and how to keep well.
7	CLOSE OF MEETING: 9.30pm

President

Date