HAUGHLEY & WETHERDEN
PARISH NEWS
MAY 2017

WOOLPIT STEAM
SAT. 3rd & SUN. 4th JUNE
WARREN FARM, WETHERDEN, IP43JX
An artist who has been living in Suffolk for the last 20 years. Now retired from her job as a school librarian she was born in Plymouth, Devon and spent her early years in the Midlands. As a mature student, she went to the Camberwell School of Arts and Crafts, now under the umbrella of The London Institute and obtained a degree in Graphic Design. She lived in Tenerife for three years and eight in France before returning to the UK and coming to live in Stowmarket. She speaks fluent French and rusty Spanish. She has one son and two grandchildren. She has had a chequered career from secretary to Tony Benn, to teaching English in France, to a School Librarian. She has been painting in watercolours for two years.

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Secretary: J W Rushbrook 01359-240118
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Minister: Revd Chris Wood 01449 678173
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Father David Finegan 01449 612946
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Health Centre, Woolpit 01359-240298
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Stowupland High School 01449-674827
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British Gas 0845-609-1122
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Wetherden Street lighting 0800 591055

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or Lee Forsdyke 01449 615579

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Bellringers Wetherden - practice Tues evening at church, Basil Hart 01359-241954
Bowls Club - at George V Playing Field Haughley, Tony Offord 01449-673289
Carpet Bowls – Weds evenings, Wetherden Village Hall, James Rand 01359-240397
Choir Haughley - practice Thurs evening, Janet Sheldrake 01449 737247
English Country Dance Group - Ron Coxall Hall 01449 672658 - Thursday Haughley Village Hall
Friday (except 2nd Friday) Wetherden Village
Hageneth Morris Men - practice Wed evening Oct to April, Dave Evans 01449-673518
H.A.T.S. Haughley Amateur Theatrical Society - Lindsey Philpot 01449 675703 / Lynne Mahon 01449 674085
Haughley in Bloom: Yvonne Hanman, 07531 774438
Haughley IT Squad: haughleyhitsquad@gmail.com
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Wetherden History Group - Pat Tuffin 01359 240396.
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Wetherden Tennis Club - wetherdentc@gmail.com, Tamara Hunt 07971 193433 or Sonia Jewers on 07700 272877
Wetherden Scramble Club 2nd Tuesday of each month
Maypole Pub Wetherden at 12 noon. 07740 596162
Whist Drive - monthly, Wetherden Village Hall, James Rand 01359-240397
W1 Haughley - 1st Wed in month, 7.30pm, in Haughley Village Hall, Mrs. Marian Adams 01449 674411

Haughley & Wetherden Parish News
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Wednesday 17th May 2017

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Dear Friends

I’m writing this on a busy morning, with, as always, a long list of other tasks awaiting my attention; a ‘normal’ day, like countless others over the past eight years. It’s hard to believe that, by the time you read it, I will no longer be your Vicar, and Kim and I will be on our way to the Parish of Pott Shrigley, in Cheshire.

I should be used to it by now. This will be our fifth time of moving from a community of people whom we love, from a place we unquestioningly think of as home: tearing up roots which have been firmly put down. But it catches me out every time, that shock of moving on. And, actually, so it should. The only way to be part of a community, or of a church, is to be 100% committed to it; not to hold back as someone who is ‘just visiting’, half an eye on the exit door. After all, in truth, all of us are ‘just visiting’; we are part of church or community for a time, but it was here before us, and will carry on after us. And, while we are here, God calls us to serve Him wholeheartedly.

One of the great privileges for parish clergy is that we are not just involved with the church, but with the whole community. So it has been my pleasure to work and share together with people of other faiths and none, and with those of all ages and backgrounds. I have also had the privilege of coming alongside some of you at a significant time in your life – whether in the sadness of illness or bereavement, or in the joy of new life and marriage. I have been enriched by all these encounters. But the heart of my role has been working together with the folk of our churches, and without them I couldn’t have functioned. Not only because they are the ones who fund me(!), and who maintain our church buildings and facilities, but because Christian Faith and ministry was never intended to be a solo activity. Faith is something to be shared, explored and lived in company with others: pilgrims together on the road. I’d like to pay tribute to these fellow-pilgrims and say, on their behalf, that there remains a very warm welcome to all to join them on that journey of faith.

Indeed, of all the thousands of happy memories of this place which I will take with me, the happiest are of those who have found faith, or found a deeper faith, during my time here – it’s what gladdens the heart of any vicar, and is ultimately why we do what we do. In fact, my parting shot (alongside huge thanks for the kindness and friendship of the past eight years) is to say that I pray that many more of the fine people of these wonderful parishes will find that same faith in Christ: even if it’s long after I’ve gone!

Your friend David
# CHURCH SERVICES
in the Benefice of Haughley with Wetherden and Stowupland

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## Church Notices:

**Mere View and Thompson Court**

The service in May will be on Monday, 8th May at 2.30pm:
Songs of Praise
followed by Holy Communion

## Parish Registers Haughley and Wetherden

### Baptism

*We send love to the family, Godparents and friends of those who have been baptised recently*

2nd April Rory Diaper

### Funeral

*We send love and sympathy to the family and friends of those whose funerals have been held recently*

7 April Terry Hunt
News from around the villages

Stowmarket and District Camera Club
We welcomed Mike Cowling to the club on 13 February. Mike is a new judge to us, so we wondered what he would be like and if he would like our work. The answer to both of these questions was a resounding ‘yes’. He gave good and timely feedback as well as tips to improve. Our meeting on 27 February was a ‘club night’ and we watched the EAF portfolio CD. This is what we must aspire to – although not all images are to everyone’s taste!

On March 13 we welcomed another new judge, Mike Lloyd, and he did a very good job with his precise and helpful critique.

On March 27 we welcomed Terry Ward to the club to deliver his talk ‘Depth of Feeling’. He was like a breath of fresh air and totally unlike any other speaker we have had. He managed to renew our photographic passion with some of his novel ideas.

Next meetings:
Monday 10 April: Colin Stubly Shield (for portraiture) and A/V Trophy to be judged by Nigel Rea ARPS.
Monday 24 April: LAKENHEATH BATTLE at home. 10 prints and 10 PDIs per club to be judged by Robert Williams – another new judge to us.
Monday 8 May: AGM

New members are always very welcome at the club. All you need is a camera – any camera and a real interest in using it. Our members use DSLRs, mirrorless, compacts and bridge cameras.

Regular meetings are held at Stowmarket Community Centre, Hillside, Stowmarket, IP14 2BD, usually on the 2nd & 4th Monday of the month between September & June. We start arriving at around 7:00pm for a 7:30pm start. We’d love to see you there, so why not join us?

For more information see our web site www.stowmarketanddistrictcameraclub.onesuffolk.net

Wetherden Tennis
INTERESTED IN PLAYING?
Fun and fitness for all the family
on an all-weather court in an attractive location
If so, please email wetherdentc@gmail.com
or call Tamara Hunt on 07971 193433 or Sonia Jewers on 07900 272877

FEES FOR 2017/18
(Wetherden Residents)

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LTA Coaching available
Elmwell Art Club
are holding an exhibition & sale of art by local artists
at The Wesley Centre, School Road, Elmwell
on Saturday 6th May & Sunday 7th May
10 am to 4 pm. Admission Free, Raffle & Refreshments.
Everyone welcome.

"I know I should give it a try, rather than do nothing..!"

Haven't we all had those thoughts at some time - Yes of course..!

Could you do more and think positively about offering some of your spare time to the
HAUGHLEY VOLUNTARY SERVICE.
either has a driver, or to be on duty in our office for a couple of hours twice a month.

Our office in the Castle Room in Haughley Church is open on weekdays from 10am to 12 noon. It is where we receive requests for transport to help people get to and from their local hospital and medical appointments. You will be helping the Haughley community and making new friends as well.

Why not give it a try - telephone Reg Willsher on 01449 258846 - he will be very pleased to speak to you.

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News from Haughley Village Hall-May 2017

Apologies to Pearl Wade for inaccurately stating the length of time Pearl has spent on the VHMC. Pearl has been on the committee for 34 years in all but in 3 separate blocks of time. Thanks Pearl - missing you already!
Someone else had to cook the potatoes for the Quiz - and dish out the Chilli.
VHMC.

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OPEN
Sundays
April 30th and May 7th
2.00 to 5.30 pm

Haughley Park
Gardens and Bluebell Woods
Teas in Barn
Adult £4, U16 free (for Wetherden Parish Church)
Love the Lord Your God

We were in a supermarket queue when I noticed that the lady in front was wearing a UEA sweatshirt with ‘Physiotherapist’ blazoned across the back. I couldn’t resist catching her attention, and suggesting that, while we were waiting, she might care to have a look at my back as I was feeling a slight twinge. She looked at the large items that I was carrying, and suggested that, putting them down might just do the trick! *(don’t you just love conversations like this?!)*.

When she got to the front of the queue, the cashier asked her to bear with her for a moment, as she stood up and did some gentle exercises to ease her tightening back, to which the Physiotherapist, much to our amusement said: ‘Don’t you start as well!’. What she hadn’t taken into consideration was that her occupation was written across her back, not her front, and it was a pure coincidence that the cashier was easing her back pain in that moment! She laughed with us when we explained.

But then it got me thinking *(always a worrying sign)* – how do people spot a Christian when they’re out and about? Now I know that some wear clerical collars, t-shirts or sweatshirts; others might have a Christian symbol around their neck or on their clothing; some drivers have a fish sign at the back of the car – although judging by the driving of some I just hope that the car belonged to a previous owner ……

The Apostle Paul puts it quite bluntly: it’s our behaviour towards others that demonstrates where our allegiance lies. In his Letter to the Galatians he writes that anyone who behaves in an appalling manner *(offering examples of indecency, debauchery; idolatry; quarrels; a contentious temper, envy; selfish ambitions; jealousies and the like)* are not reflecting the values of the Kingdom of God. He then goes on to highlight those things that reflect the nature of God, which he refers to ‘the gifts of the Spirit’. These are: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, fidelity, gentleness, and self-control. Concluding that ‘those who belong to Christ Jesus have done away with their old nature and desires *(as in the first list)* and must let the Spirit direct the whole of our lives *(as demonstrated in the latter list - refer Galatians 5: 18ff)*.

That’s a tall order I know – and one that I’m sure we all wrestle with each and every day, but there’s no point saying we belong to Christ if others can’t see the difference that He makes in our daily living. Faith is not something that we express on a Sunday in worship, but must be evident in everything that we say, think and do. James in his Letter, touches on this subject when he writes: ‘What good is it, my friends, for someone to say they have faith when their actions do nothing to show it – let us prove our faith by our actions!* *(James 2: 14ff)*.

I was reminded recently that on the homes of Jewish families, there is something called the Mezuzah, which is a box that is placed on the door frame of their homes, and contains the words of the Book of Deuteronomy: ‘Hear, O Israel, the Lord is our God, the Lord our one God; and you must love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength’. The command of the Lord was for them to have the words on their doors and gates, as a constant reminder, as they went out and came in, that they were in a covenant relationship with God, which should by its very nature effect their behaviour, and determine who and what they are at all times *(faith revealed in action)*.

I believe that this is something that people of all faiths should adopt – the placing of a sign on the doorposts of homes; places of worship - wherever – as a constant reminder of our responsibility each day, not only to worship God with heart and mind and soul, but, just as importantly, to demonstrate that love through our relationship with others. Maybe it can also be extended to every street corner to prevent some of the awful atrocities that are seen through a misguided understanding of what God requires of his faithful people, for His sole purpose for all humankind is one of goodness, peace, restoration and reconciliation.

As Jesus Himself emphasised: ‘Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind. And love your neighbour as yourself’ *(ref Matthew 22: 36ff)*.

God Bless

*Chris*

*(Rev’d Chris Wood – minister of Stowmarket, villages and Debenham URCs)*
Firstly, a huge thank-you to everyone who came along to our Easter cake stall. We had a bounty of cakes and preserves supplied by our ladies and we sold out in 45 minutes which I think is a record! And we hope you all enjoyed the items you bought; they all certainly looked delicious.

The sculptor of the Bobby Robson and Alf Ramsey statues in Ipswich was our speaker at our April meeting and what an interesting and entertaining speaker he was. He told us how he started working in film and television and then moving onto sculpting. He brought some samples of his work and they were amazing likenesses.

We are looking forward to a couple of forthcoming trips; our annual pilgrimage to Felixstowe for fish and chips (indoors in a restaurant this year as they weather has not been kind the last few years) and a rose garden in Attleborough.

Our May meeting on Wednesday, 3rd will involve discussion on the two WI campaigns under consideration; one is alleviating loneliness and the other is keeping microplastic fibres out of our oceans. We will all have a bit of a thirst on after that so will enjoy wine and cheese afterwards.

If you are interested in what this all means, then do come and join us, you will be very welcome.
Flower Arrangements

The theme for Flower Arrangements this year is “Songs from Musicals”. Choose a song that inspires you; it could be anything from “Memory” from the musical Cats to “Maria” from West Side Story. There are literally hundreds of songs from which to choose! If you are interested in arranging a display please contact: Mary (01449 614485) or Cheryl (01449 673404) – they would welcome your call. If you have an idea but are a bit daunted by ‘flower arranging’ don’t be - we would love to help your ideas become a reality.

Memory Corner

Memory Corner has in recent years become a key feature of the Festival. It comprises a collection of beautiful flower arrangements, each arrangement being dedicated to, and in memory of a loved one. The arrangements are displayed throughout each of the three days of the Festival. If you feel that Memory Corner may be an appropriate way for you to remember your loved one(s) then please get in touch with Nanette (01449 673505).

Music for the Festival

Are you a musician? If so, and however young or old you are, what about doing a “turn” during the Festival? This will involve playing in the church for an agreed slot (half an hour or an hour) providing background music whilst Festival visitors walk around the church viewing the flower arrangements. This is an ideal opportunity to play to an audience but without the pressure associated with a concert performance. If you are interested and would like to explore possibilities, please contact David (01449 614113) or email d.j.fleetwood@btinternet.com
St Mary’s Post Office, Haughley: an appreciation

One of the first things I knew about Haughley was the story of the re-opening of the Post Office. It was back in August 2008, and Kim and I paid a visit (incognito) to the parish. After a short look around church and village, and a brief prayer, it was back on to the A14 and the long drive to Bradford. The very next morning I was listening to a Radio 4 programme entitled ‘The Last Post’, and what should I hear but the people of Haughley Church, explaining how they had recently bought the Post Office in order to re-open it for the good of the community!

Fast forward to my arrival the following March, and it was time for me to learn the full story. I heard of the efforts of villagers to find a way of re-opening the Post Office, which had closed in September 2007. Then there was the legacy left by Maxwell Charnley to the Church, and the decision of the Church Council to use it to serve the village as a whole through purchasing the building. Then came the important process of preparation. First, substantial building work as the Post Office was brought up to current requirements. And then the creation of a ‘Community Room’ and a small upstairs flat.

Finally, in June 2009, the building was formally opened by our Bishop. And the rest is history. Now, it is taken for granted that Haughley has a Post Office: managed from day one by Postmaster Heather Cooper – valued by the whole community for her professionalism – it performs a vital service; whilst, next door, the Maxwell Charnley Room hosts everything from a regular art gallery, to meetings and groups of all kinds, from coffee mornings to soup lunches.

As I am now on my way from Haughley, I would very much like to pay tribute to Haughley Church and its ‘Post Office Committee’; not everyone realises that it is only through the ongoing substantial financial support of the church, and the hard work of the committee, that Haughley continues to have a Post Office. Please do continue to use it, to support it – and to appreciate it!


The Suffolk Walking Festival
13 May – 4 June 2017

This year, the Suffolk Walking Festival is celebrating its 10th anniversary and it promises to be bigger and better than ever before.

There really is something for everybody this year. Whether you’re a novice or expert, young or old, walking with your family or walking alone, you are bound to find a walk that tickles your fancy.

There are a range of short walks that are between one and four miles. There are a range of walks between five and ten miles. There are also walks that are over fifty miles long for those who really want to challenge themselves.

You can take part in any of these walks at your own pace, with a group or against the clock.

The Suffolk Walking Festival is the perfect way for people of all ages and abilities to get out and enjoy the Suffolk Coast and countryside. Walking is also great for our physical, mental and emotional well-being. So come on, let’s go for a walk!

Please visit www.suffolkwalkingfestival.co.uk for further details.
HAUGHLEY PARISH
NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

Wednesday, 17th May 2017
10.00 am – 4.00 pm
Ron Crasell Pavilion

The Neighbourhood Plan Committee have organised a day with a consultant covering the aims and vision for the Plan and the formation of a Character Assessment (what Haughley is like) of the Parish of Haughley.

The Neighbourhood Plan is important for everyone who lives in the Parish. If you would like to be involved in this day, you are welcome to attend starting at 10.00 am and closing around 4.00 pm. Please bring your own lunch and refreshments.

We also welcome anyone who is interested in joining the Neighbourhood Plan Committee.

Neighbourhood Plan Survey Questionnaire

An important part of the Neighbourhood Plan is the completion of a survey by every household in the Parish of Haughley covering all aspects of life in Haughley and any possible development. This will take place over a two week period in May and will involve the hand delivery and hand collection of the surveys. If you could possibly assist in this important task, you would be very welcome.

To book a place on 17th May, help with distributing the questionnaires or to join the Committee, please contact Marian Adams 01449 674411 or marian.adams88@gmail.com
Meditation and Mindfulness

Have you ever thought about Meditation and Mindfulness to bring about greater peace and tranquility into your life. It doesn't require special skills or study anything before you begin. If you can breathe you can meditate simple as that. The skills we learn are transferable to the rest of our lives. It provides us with our own personal first aid kit that we can use at any time and it's as simple as sitting or lying down for twenty minutes. It allows us to see who we are is much more than a fearful, envious or angry thought. We don't want to stop our thoughts but to change our relationship with them, feeling stronger and no longer at the mercy of our feelings. It teaches us gentleness within ourselves and the ability to forgive our mistakes and move on. As your mind withdraws from overthinking, fruitless worry and self-recrimination you feel a sense of refuge. We come to spot old habitual reactions that we may have held over many years unknowingly and make better choices as they happen. So welcome come sit for a while. Local classes starting in the summer

For more information
Janet 07951 714477
Email jhbrennan2902@gmail.com

PATIENT SERVICES AT WOOLPIT HEALTH CENTRE (Woolpit)

Recently, members of the Patient Participation Group (PPG) at Woolpit attended a meeting with doctors, to discuss changes to two services: Blood Tests (phlebotomy) and Leg Ulcer Care.

I am one of the members of the PPG, and am writing this to inform you of what is happening.

PHLEBOTOMY

WHC requires c14500 blood tests annually. Up till now, the practice itself undertook 3500 of these, 7000 were done at West Suffolk Hospital and the remainder, 4000 were done by the visiting phlebotomists, at their appointed time at Woolpit.

The service of the visiting phlebotomist has ended, with the withdrawal of the service as at April 1st 2017, and those 4000 blood tests will have to be performed at West Suffolk Hospital. The surgery itself can slightly increase the number of tests it carries out but inevitably, a lot of people will no longer be able to avoid going the hospital.

Every possible option as to how one might avoid the inconvenience this will cause to patients, has been considered, and under current funding, contractual and administrative constraints, the health centre cannot find a way around this.

LEG ULCER CLINIC

Patients suffering from leg ulcers are currently treated at the Health Centre’s excellent leg ulcer clinic, however, Woolpit has been advised that this service is also to stop at Woolpit, with the treatment being undertaken by Suffolk Community Healthcare, at a location yet to be decided. The service is scheduled to stop on October 1st 2017.

Patients will be treated at first for 6 weeks at Woolpit, and then be referred to the new treatment under Suffolk Community Healthcare. Woolpit is concerned that there can potentially be a long waiting time between the end of its management of the patients problems and obtaining ongoing treatment under SCH.

In both the case of phlebotomy and leg ulcer care, it is inevitable that patients will have to travel further some perhaps with debilitating problems to receive care, which was previously provided in Woolpit.

Alex Jarrett
On behalf of the Woolpit Health Centre Patient Participation Group
alexpat@apjarrett.plus.com
Haughey Playing Field and Pavilion News

Sadly there has been some vandalism in the form of graffiti and drug related rubbish. I would like to thank those who dealt with this swiftly, by taking steps to report it, paint over it and tidy up. I hope this is a one off and short lived. The wooden benches have also collapsed through excessive, as well as misuse. Pip Faiers has offered to reuse what wood he can to create other types of seating. We are due to get the shelter sometime over the next term so this will also provide some additional seating to fill the void.

On a more positive note it has been good to see lots of children at the play area enjoying the sunny weather during the Easter holidays.

We have a new dance fitness class starting on Monday nights in the function room. Loren intends to start on the 19th June 2017 7pm.
For more information contact loren.fuell@gmail.com.

Our next meeting is Tuesday 6th June at 7pm.

There are three rooms for hire at the Pavilion – The contact details are; Function room – Dale Sanders – 07731 536773 or dalesanders28@hotmail.com, Haughley Football club – Ian Wilkinson 01449 773399, Scouts Hut, table and chairs – Richard Stacy 01449 673311.

Regular activities – Indoor Bowls Monday afternoons Sept to March. Salsa class Wednesday evenings, Zumba class Thursday evenings, Royal British Legion monthly meeting.

Thirza Shaw - Chairman, Playing Field Committee.
Email trtinker@aol.com Phone 01449 672295

Usual reminders – May I respectfully remind dog owners to clear up after their dogs. There are poo bins near each entrance to playing field. Also dogs should be kept on a lead on and around the playing field. Thank you.

MY PROJECT FOR 2017

I have felt for some time that it would be of great benefit to have a Candle Prayer Stand in our lovely St. Mary's Church in Wetherden. It seems that I am not the only person who would like the opportunity to light a candle in memory of a loved one or someone who is ill or in need. With the help of Mike Tuffin, our Churchwarden, the prayer stand illustrated has been selected. It is made of metal, is fairly lightweight and has a lockable donation box. I will personally care for this and make sure there are plenty of candles available.

The cost of this is £455.00 and this example falls within the economy range.

My aim is to raise this money over the course of the year hoping that we can have it in place before Christmas. If you are sympathetic to this cause I would appreciate ideas for some fund raising events. Donations will, of course, also be very gratefully received. Cheques should be made payable to Wetherden PCC. Cash is also most welcome. A verifiable written record of all donations and donors will be kept.

Maureen Davis Tel: 01359 241033 email: modavis6@gmail.com

WETHERDEN VILLAGE HALL

It’s not too well known that April is International Guitar Month, celebrating and promoting interest in guitar playing! We decided to hold our Monthly Whist Drive on Thursday 13th April, and this seemed to strike just the right chord with people, as we had just under nine tables in play! There was no need for us to fret at all, or indeed be highly strung beforehand, as everyone seemed to be very happy. The evening would just not have been complete though, without drawing our Monthly Lottery, with the following tickets being “plucked” from our Lottery Drum:-

1st Kerry Bradley £30
2nd Ann Sutton £20
3rd Mike Tuffin £11.25

PLEASE NOTE:- Our next Whist Drive will be held at Wetherden Village Hall on FRIDAY 12th MAY commencing at 7.30pm - admission price only £1, Why not....“string along with us”???? Whether you are a regular player, haven't played for years or have always wanted to play Whist, you will be made very welcome in a warm and friendly atmosphere!
By the time you all read this report we will be once again into the 2017 Outdoor bowling season. The green was opened on Sunday April 9th, with the first league matches played on Monday 24th the Stowmarket Wed. team were at home to Gipping Valley in a rearranged match. The Stow ‘A’ team had an away game at Rookery to open their campaign. With the Tuesday afternoon ‘A’ side away at Stanton ‘A’ and the ‘B’ team home to Stanton ‘B’ on the 25th. The ‘new’ B.E. team opened their season with a match against the Suffolk B.E. Executive on Friday 21st April. 18th April saw the Monday Stow ‘A’ team play Stow ‘B’ with ‘B’ getting a narrow victory.

HOME FIXTURES FOR MAY

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Have you ever thought of taking up playing bowls yourself, the new 2017 outdoor season is now upon us, whether ‘young’ or even the ‘not so young’ you will always be made most welcome. Now that the evening are getting warmer why not come along and give us a visit on match days or Thursday evenings @ 6.30pm, we are at the top of the playing field by the Ron Crascall Pavilion. All you need is a pair of flat soled shoes, or why not give our secretary Tony Offord a call on 01449 673289 to find out more.

Visit our new website @ http://www.haughleybowlsclub.co.uk/
Were also on facebook - Haughley Playing Field Bowls Club
The Woolpit Festival 2017 Programme

Thursday 8th June ~ The Keld ensemble ~ works by Britten, Elgar and Dvorak

Friday 9th June ~ Suffolk’s Charlie Haylock ~ the story of spoken English

Saturday 10th June ~ A Family Ceilidh with local band ‘Skylarking’

Sunday 11th June ~ Paul Higgs and friends ~ ‘Pavane’ ~ atmospheric jazz

Thursday 15th June ~ The English National Opera baritone Mark Saberton and pianist ~ opera, Broadway musical pieces and English folk

Friday 16th June ~ Vagaband ~ an original mix of blues, Americana, and rock

Saturday 17th June ~ The St Edmundsbury Male Voice Choir ~ singing a selection from their wide repertoire

All at venues in Woolpit. Ticket price range £9 ~ £15

For more information and tickets please contact the Box Office on 01359 240866, email info@woolpit-festival.com or visit our website at www.woolpit-festival.com
Dennis Spink recorded many stories from his long life and this is just an extract. He made it clear to Sue that he was happy for these accounts to be published in this way. Dennis died on June 11th 2014.

Please contact Sue, Sally or myself if you think you have a story to tell. Less confident writers might prefer to have their stories tape recorded and transcribed; we would be pleased to help. Keep them coming!

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Dennis Spink – A schoolboy in the 1920s and 30s

Dennis Spink served with the 12th Yorkshire Parachute Regiment during WW2, and was well known for his carpentry skills, even working for some years at St Edmundsbury Cathedral. In a lengthy interview he discussed his military service and his working life, but he mostly focused on what it was like to grow up in Haughley almost 100 years ago.

I was born in the village in 1922, and we lived round the Folly. There’s a big horse chestnut tree, and our small cottage was up that drive. We had seven in the family – myself, three brothers, my sister and our parents, William and Christine. [The children were Donald, the eldest; Enid, mother of Maxwell Charnley; Lennie; and twins Harold and Dennis, the youngest] There were only two bedrooms, so we five children had to sleep head to toe in one bed. We lived there until the 1930s when we moved up to St Mary’s Avenue. My father had, at different times, worked as a groom at Plashwood, a process worker for ICI, and as a poultry dealer.

There were no flushing toilets in those days – the soil cart came once a week at night to collect waste. We hadn’t got electric lights – we’d got oil lamps and candles until getting on for the Thirties. They wanted twelve and six [12s.6d. = 62½p] to have three lights and one plug put in your house. We had six rooms. So you had to choose which rooms you wanted them put in. [His parents decided not to sign up to start with] It was through my mother that we had electric. My father disagreed with it – ‘Can’t afford to pay that!’ We had a light in the living room, a light in the “best room”, and my mother had a light upstairs in her room – so that’s the three lights gone. We still had to use candles in our bedroom. The “best room” was the front room, kept aside and used on special occasions. We hadn’t got a lot of elaborate furniture but it was real nice.

I started school [Haughley Crawfords] when I was 5 years old. The school then consisted of four classrooms. The toilets were outside. We didn’t have no flush toilets, of course. You had to run across the playground to reach the toilets. The toilets had to be emptied once a week by the caretaker. What he did with it I don’t know! The playground was then covered with gravel and, of course, you realise when you have rain you’re up to your neck in gravel, kind of thing. You couldn’t fall over – you’d get smothered in mud, and you used to have to try and scrape the mud off the best you can.

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In the Infants’ Class they had long tables about 5 foot long, and we sat down with small chairs. We had slates to write on, on which we practised doing the numbers...and the alphabet, and you built up to Standard 1...’cause then you were allowed to have paper and pencils, then later on you'd do exams. Most of the lessons were taught from the blackboard. The teacher would write up the subject, and you learned it from the blackboard. And also the times tables, like ‘once two is two, twice two is four’ – you went right through to twelve. You learned to do adding up, and take away, multiplying and division – all this was learned from the blackboard, which was the main way of teaching children in the school.

We had a small sort of library in the class, and the teacher, Mrs Plummer, would select a book they thought you could read, and you’d have to read it through. And then she would say to you, 'I'm going to ask you what you've been reading – can you tell me?' You had to find some way of answering that, even if you didn't like it very much. I wasn't a very good pupil I don’t think. I didn’t do very much reading. One of the highlights was on a Friday afternoon. She used to read us a story which was something to look forward to. We used to do a little history, geography, but I wasn’t too good with that.

As the years went on I was in Mr. Rowles’ class – he was the Headmaster. That was quite good, really, ‘cause you were allowed to take woodwork – I liked that. And the girls used to do cookery and washing. If you reached Mr. Rowles’ class you were then getting towards the end of your time, you would be about 12 or 14 years old, and you used to do woodwork all day Tuesday, which was good, and then you’d do it on Thursday mornings: especially learning how to use a plane and saw, and all that kind of thing.

If you were naughty they used to send you to the Headmaster. He'd say, ‘What are you here for?’ You’d tell him. And he'd say, ‘Ah well, you know the rules.’ He’d get the cane and gi’you a clip across the hand – four times, sometimes. And they’d record it in the book. There were governors who sometimes used to come round and inspect. You’d have to stand up and say, ‘Morning, Sir’, that kind of thing. The policeman used to come to school sometimes, look round, and if any boys had been naughty around the village he used to say, ‘I want to speak to you!’ That was Mr. Allum. If he'd seen you being naughty, cheeking somebody, he used to call out the names – ‘I want to speak to you!’ – dress ‘em down in the school. The policeman had a lot more sway in those days. I suppose we took it for granted they should do things like that.

[Other visitors included Mr Jackson, the dentist, and the doctor. These were times when few people had transport, public or private.]

We had to clear one of the classrooms and you could come and have an inspection. We all had a card that would say what you wanted done – tooth out, drill – and you took it home and your parents had to sign it, and Mr Jackson would come back perhaps a month afterwards and we had to clear the classroom and use it as a surgery. They used to use the room next to the Infants’ cloakroom. We’d hear the children crying and think, ‘This is a rough do!’ – that sort of unnerved you! They’d call your name out. Some of the mothers used to come, some didn’t. And then the school doctor used to come too and they’d make room for examinations. It was all done at the school. That must have been about 1937, two years before WW2.

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**Dates for Your Diary**

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**Acknowledgements**

**Lent Soup Lunches** - These have been more popular than ever this year, with a mouth-watering choice of soups each week ... the Maxwell Charnley Room has been packed every Tuesday lunchtime during Lent, sometimes with standing room only! Through the generosity of those enjoying the soups a record total of £448 has been raised for Christian Aid. A big thank you to those who made and served the soups and to all who have supported the lunches. **David Fleetwood**

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### FOR SALE

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**For Sale**

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*All small Ads, max 20 words, should be sent to: Sally Green, 22 Old Street, Haughley IP14 3NX.*

*Please note that the ‘Small Ads’ service has been introduced for the benefit of Haughley and Wetherden residents. Commercial advertisers may advertise in this section on payment of a fee, only if there is no advertising space available elsewhere in the Parish News.*
April's meeting was held on the 13th April at the football club with 24 members present. That's a 14% increase on last month! Chairman Bernie John welcomed everybody to the meeting and gave the exhortation and silent tribute. Following branch matters Bernie jumped into the hot seat and hosted a music and picture quiz.

We are planning a coach trip to the National Arboretum on the 30th September 2017. Located in mature woodland in Staffordshire this will be a memorial visit you wouldn't want to miss. We are getting ideas of numbers, if you would like to express an interest in this trip please do so by contacting Margaret Buttle on 01449 707353 or by emailing acsargent48@gmail.com. To view the website visit www.thenma.org.uk

There is a myth that to join the Legion you need to have served within the Armed forces which is incorrect. In actual fact anybody can join from the age of 12 as a youth member, or as an adult from 17! Interested? Check Out our website.

Do you know of a veteran in the Haughley area who needs our help? We provide lifelong support for the Armed Forces community - serving men and women, veterans, and their families. If so please get in touch via our website.

Alan Hollocks, branch standard bearer, hasn't been very well lately; we would like to wish him a speedy recovery.

I saw this recently in another magazine and it made me chuckle. Hopefully it will you too. Barny was at school and in a lesson the teacher asked ‘if you think you're silly or stupid, then stand up’. All the students sat there in silence. Barny stood up and the teacher asked ‘So Barny do you think you're silly or stupid’? Barny replied ‘No miss’. ‘So why are you standing?’ Barny replied ‘I didn’t want you standing there all alone’!

Our next meeting will be held on the 11th May at the football club at 7.45pm with guest speaker Mr James Lowe on a talk on Alzheimer's.

Looking ahead. June 8th's meeting we shall welcome guest speaker and branch member Kevin Havelock on Strokes, Insect Bites & Stings and related matters. Why not pop along to see what the branch has to offer, we challenge you!

To view our latest newsletter or our full calendar of events go to our website: www.britishlegion.org/branches/Haughley Or search Haughley Royal British Legion
Haughley Parish Council – Annual Parish Council Meeting

19th April saw the Annual Parish Council meeting being held at the Pavilion. Dave Walker, our chairman, gave a roundup of the year’s activities of which the following are highlights.

Planning
We have received 21 planning applications for work in the parish of which 17 were supported. We objected to four but these were nevertheless approved by MSDC. There are two ongoing issues, that of the Bridge Field paddock and development of the field adjacent to the Pavilion and your council is monitoring progress in each case.
Other issues related to planning include the Neighbourhood Plan (each household will be hit by a survey in May) and traffic issues in which the recently installed speed signs in Haughley Green will provide invaluable volume and speed data. We also hope to see a 7.5 ton limit established in Windgap Lane and Station Road to limit the volume of heavy vehicles entering the village.

Lighting
You will have seen new street lighting in parts of the parish. This work will overcome the inherent unreliability of the old lighting system and also save over £2700 per annum in electricity costs.

Network Rail
The threat of closure of the Haughley Green pedestrian crossing has gone away this year but watch this space as it may rear its head again in the future.

Vacancies on PC
The PC has room for 11 councillors and we are one short following the resignation over the last year of past year by Alan Shaw and Robin Renton, both of whom having served on the Council for many years. Now is your opportunity to influence what goes on in the Parish.

Gallowsfield Wood
The wood has been sponsored by Bosch who have undertaken considerable experimental machinery work on the site. We encourage use of the wood for events and look forward to its use for a wedding later in the year.

Devolution
You will have seen mention of devolution in the press. There has been much discussion between Government and Suffolk CC and our neighbouring county councils but so many issues remain unresolved that the process is being delayed.

Haughley in Bloom
With the arrival of spring, the tubs and sleeper boxes are all colourful, enhancing all parts of the Parish. Haughley in Bloom, along with the work of our litter picker and handyman, all serve to make the place attractive and a pleasure to live in.

Website
www.haughley.org.uk is the official website of the parish and is growing. Our plan is for it to become the first place that you should search if you want to know what is going on. This is an invitation for all societies and clubs to let the webmaster know what your club is doing.

Footpaths
The big advance this year was the opening of the footpath up Fishponds Way to Tot Hill. This has greatly improved safety for pedestrians and also makes the walk far more pleasant.

Playing Field, Pavilion and the “Cricket”
The emergency lighting at the pavilion has been completely revised and now complies fully with safety regulations. The playing field and its equipment have suffered bouts of vandalism and the police informed. The pond at the “Cricket” has been dug out and will now be a fine location for wildlife – and the owl box is occupied by a family of barn owls.

Finance
We have reviewed our financial code of conduct and standing orders to be compliant with Government regulations. Our employees have been offered a pension scheme in compliance with recent extensions of employment pension schemes. And grants have been made to the Village Hall, HATS and the PCC.

Conclusion
In all it has been a “regular” year for the Council. There have been times of frustration when we feel we have been forgotten or disregarded by Police or councils higher up the chain but equally we feel there have been some successes. We always welcome people to attend council meetings – and don’t forget, there is a space for one more person of the Council.
News from your District Councillor

Mid Suffolk District Council – Governance: By the time you read this it is expected that Mid Suffolk will have revised the constitution to adopt a “Leader-Cabinet” model of governance – as per the system used by Suffolk County Council. There are proposed to be up to 10 councillors in the Cabinet (out of a total of 40 members of the Council) and they will make key strategic decisions and be responsible for implementing policy.

Neighbourhood Plans: The Joint Scrutiny Committee for Babergh and Mid Suffolk District Councils (of which I am joint-Chair) recently set up a Task and Finish Group to look into the level and type of support that the Councils gave to developing Neighbourhood Plans. Given Government’s focus on this and the current initiatives for more local decision making, it is important that the Councils fully support local communities. After researching how other councils do this, five recommendations have been made. These are to review in-house officer support with a view to building this up, develop a memorandum of understanding with community groups, add information to the Councils’ website, provide training for councillors and review support for small parishes that feel a Neighbourhood Plan is not for them.

Network Rail – crossing closures: Network Rail has published plans for the “Anglia Level Crossing Proposals” and public consultation closes on 5 May 2017. These plans include proposals for the future of several pedestrian crossings in our locality (on the Ipswich to Bury St Edmunds line). The Haughley Green crossing is now not earmarked for potential closure although this could still be looked at in the future.

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St Mary’s Haughley
4pm Concerts

Sat 27th May – ‘Barnabas’
A Musical by Roger Jones performed by Stowmarket Combined Churches Choir

Sun 28th May – ‘Songs from the Shows’
performed by Haughley Choir

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Wednesday – Thorpe Morieux V/H – 6.45 pm

Please feel free to contact Bethany on 07930 199582.

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**The Maypole Inn**

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On Sunday the 7th of May the kitchen will be closed.

Our apologies for any inconvenience this may cause. We will return to business as usual.

- We are still looking for secondary teams for pool and darts.
- We are currently looking for more ladies to join a Monday night darts team ready for the winter season.
- Don’t forget our monthly quiz on the last Friday of every month. Eyes down for 8pm. All welcome.

**Family and dog friendly.**

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