







Newsletter of Haughley Royal British Legion



Did you know? Before I tell you I'll let you into a little secret. The reaction I get is of sighs, roll of the eyes or as my wife states..snoreville. Are there any blokes out there who get the same reaction as me? Oh! Ok then, don't all rush to agree with me then Steve Williams or Roy. So anyway the did you know I wanted to share with you was the 4th January is national trivia day! And there are over 300 languages spoken in England.

Christmas Fayre's

The Christmas fayres at Old Newton and Haughley village light switch on raised much needed funds of a combined total of £220 - Thank you for your support and to Amber and Woody for taking the reins at Old Newton.

Christmas Parties..

The December Branch Meeting was held at the football pavilion with a scrumptious buffet to say a 'big Thankyou' to Tim Hart and his poppy appeal collectors for all their hard work during the 2016 poppy appeal campaign. Mrs Kemp played the keyboard for the evening which was as usual, superb. Members attended the cedars for the annual Christmas dinner and quiz.

Let's take a look back..

They say January is a good time to reflect on the previous year's achievements. Let's be honest we achieved a lot. We began 2016 hitting the ground running with the organisation for the annual Suffolk County Rally. Just remember we organised and held the event on our own, with no help or support apart from Mr Williams who provided us a grant. The feedback was exceptional, which must be the reason we haven't been asked to hold it again any time soon.

In July we became affiliated to the village youth football team and the village pre school. The day was hot if you remember where we held a celebration afternoon with a BBQ, bouncy castle and children's races. I almost forgot and the adult races. May our relationship with the Scouts, football club and pre school long continue.

Two significant changes took place at the October AGM with Bernie becoming chairman, Tim as the vice chair and poppy appeal coordinator. I'm sure you would all agree they have settled into office well.

On the look out...

We are looking for guest speakers for our branch meetings. Do you or somebody you know have an interest or hobby you wish to speak about? If so please get in touch.

Holiday Accommodation in Northern France Historic, former coaching inn, built in 1724, sleeping up to 10 people in 5 bedrooms. Situated near St Omer, France; close to Calais, Dunkirk, Ypres and the Somme. Ideal for visiting war graves and museums in the region.

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Game's evening at Ixworth...

Ixworth challenged individual members from Haughley to domino's and darts at this month's games evening held on the 4th January at the Greyhound, Ixworth. The names of all those who wished to play were taken and selected at random; thus Sue John played Jacqui Turner at Dominoes and Bernie ended up playing Jacqui at darts.

So, subject to Peter's results Haughley RBL were wiped out at Dominoes. However, allowing not one of us had ever played dominoes before and we were up against people who had years of experience we fought bravely and stubbornly and they didn't cry when they lost.

Seriously though we must point out that the experienced players provided advice and guidance to us novices which was of course a great help.

The results

DOMINOES (Best of Three)

Sue John beat Jacqui Turner in the first round of but lost out in the next round. Tim Hart lost in his first round Eve Smith lost in her first round Bernie lost first round Peter Turner (unknown)

<u>Darts</u>

DARTS (Best of Three)

Sue John lost in her first round

Eve Smith lost in her first round
Peter Turner (unknown)
Bernie beat Jacqui Turner in round one but it was a close run 2nd game.
Tim Hart had to leave just as his name was called so will play his first game at the next session on the 19th January.

Next time around we will be playing pool, which is of course when will come into our own (hopefully).

Win or loose, a very enjoyable evening. We were made most welcome by the landlord of the Greyhound and all of the legion members.

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