

# Haughton

## Best Kept Village Newsletter

April 2017



### The “Spirit of Best Kept Village” Competition

This competition is open to people aged over eighteen, whose village has entered the BKV competition. Entries are invited on the theme “The Spirit of Best Kept Village” and awards will be made in two categories, Painting and Sketches, and Photographs. Entries will be judged by the sponsors, David and Jim Owen and representatives from the BKV Working Group. Results will be announced at the BKV Presentation evening in early August. Entries should be submitted by 1<sup>st</sup> June 2017. Entry forms, with submission address, are available on the BKV 2017 page of the village website, or from Cllr Derek Warbrick (780592).

### The War Memorial

The war memorial was cleaned and re-pointed in the autumn, restoring it to something like its condition in 1920 when it was first erected. The inscriptions can now be read much more easily. The bed of soil which surrounded the memorial was removed on advice and replaced by matching stone chippings, to help improve drainage and to keep the lower sections clean.

### Tidy-ups

*Dates for May/early June are:*

Wednesday 3rd May

Wednesday 10th May

Thursday 18th May

Thursday 25th May

Thursday 1st June

We meet at the Village Hall at 6.30pm. Litter-pickers, bags and vests will be provided.

Please bring your own tools if you prefer to edge grass, weed or sweep up.

***Everyone welcome***



### Wildlife-friendly areas

The vegetation which was disturbed on the banks of Grassy Lane is regenerating, with nettles, celandine, dock, dandelions and cow parsley springing up. Birds are singing and nesting, and a squirrel has been spotted. The nettles in the copse at the east end of the playing field are also growing well. A polite reminder to dog-walkers – Grassy Lane is a public footpath and part of the village, so all evidence of dog-fouling should be removed and disposed of in the usual way.



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