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The Chairman and Officers of the Hagley Community Association would like to wish all the residents of Hagley and all the members of the Association a Very Happy New Year and to thank everyone for their valued support in the many activities and functions of the Association.

EDITORIAL.

Hagley Community Association has become a full member of The National Federation of Community Associations. This is the recognised national body of Community Associations. Its work is assisted by funds provided by the Ministry of Education and National Council of Social Service. Its affairs are managed democratically by its member organisations and a small but experienced staff helps to carry out promotional work and provide the services needed by its members.

Among the services the N.F.C.A. provides are, Advice and information on all aspects of Community Association work, Meetings and Conferences, Training Courses, Speakers at Meetings, Publication of Handbooks and Informations sheets, Publicity and public relations and liason with government departments and other statutory bodies and national voluntary organisations. The N.F.C.A. publishes a Community News Bulletin three times a year and a Year Book.

The Hagley Community Association has already received a great deal of help and information from the N.F.C.A. and will make full use of all the facilities offered by the Federation.

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Membership of the Hagley Community Association is of two types: Individual Membership (which are either Full, Junior or Associate Members) and Group Members (composed of Organisations in Hagley or Sections of the Association). Each Group Member is entitled to appoint two of its members as representatives on the Community Association Council. Any Organisation in Hagley wishing to learn more about the Association should contact the Membership Secretary, Mr. R.F.WILLIE. Individual Members are represented on the Association Council, the number of representatives depending on the number of Individual Members there are. A full copy of the Associations Constitution is posted on the Notice Board in the Public Library. Anyone wishing to become an Individual Member should complete and return the attached application. There is no charge for membership.

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HAGLEY COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION--AFFILIATED TO THE NATIONAL FEDERATION
OF COMMUNITY ASSOCIATIONS.

ORGANISATIONS REPRESENTED.

Anglican Young Peoples Association.	British Legion.
Hagley Coffee Club.	Hagley Conservative Association.
Conservatives, Ladies Section.	Hagley Hockey Club.
Hagley Infant Welfare Clinic.	Hagley Let's Do a Play Club.
Hagley & District Light Car Club.	Hagley Liberal Association.
Hagley Parish Council.	Hagley Parochial Church Council.
Hagley R.C.School.	Hagley Rambler Scouts.
Hagley Women's Institute.	Young Wives Group.
West Hagley Youth Association.	Worcestershire County Council.
West Hagley Cricket Club.	West Hagley Football Club.
United Nations Association (Local Branch).	

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GOING TO THE THEATRE.

The 'Let's Do a Play Club' staged the comedy, 'Fish out of Water' on the Thursday, Friday and Saturday of the week ending the 14th. of December. I would like as a constant attender to these plays, to show appreciation and admiration of the whole Group by telling the community of Hagley, especially the new members of the Village, (to whom we all extend our welcome and friendship) of the hard work and dedication which goes on behind the scenes. The Members of the Cast, the Producer, the Scenery Advisors, etc. allot two evenings of each week continually to rehearsals. Every Member leads an extremely busy life, but despite this each play which is enacted by them continues to give an excellence of performance and great pleasure to all onlookers. Each play is varied in choice, the theme either being a Thriller, a Comedy or as will be the forthcoming one, a 'Period' piece.

Great admiration was expressed by the audience of 'Fish out of Water' for the exquisite stage and scenery arrangements. This really surpassed itself. The members of the cast and many willing helpers erected this for our pleasure.

With the continued success of this Show, it is quite obvious that very shortly bookings will have to be made weeks ahead so that an extension of seating will be of some concern. Whilst being extremely grateful for the use of the present Hall this showed a great need for our new Community Centre, which mostly everyone is working so hard to obtain, when we hope a larger hall will allow for a greater seating capacity and therefore more residents will be able to enjoy such excellent evenings, and other activities, which can be arranged within 'The Community'.

Kay WILKINSON.

HAGLEY LIBERAL ASSOCIATION.

A highly successful Whist Drive was held by Mrs. GEE and the Committee at 37, Western Road on Wednesday December 11th. January 8th, 1964. The Annual General Meeting will be held at 37, Western Road, West Hagley at 8pm., when new Officers for the year will be elected. All Liberals welcome. January 17th, 1964. (Friday) at 11.00am a Bring and Buy Coffee Morning at 108, Worcester Road, West Hagley.

HAGLEY RAMBLER SCOUTS.

In addition to the normal weekly Meetings, the Scout Troop, during the past month has continued their extra activities with a very successful evening Hike from the Bell Heath across Calcot Hill, Walton Hill and Clent Hills to Hagley. We are grateful to the parents who gave the wholesale lift by cars to the Starting Point.

The Stourbridge Scouts and Guides 'Gang Show' was produced at the Town Hall in early December and we are pleased to report that one Hagley Patrol Leader played a very Active part in the Show itself and that the other Patrol Leaders, together with the Scouters and Rovers, were very busy in various capacities, back stage.

Five ambitious members of the Troop climbed the Wrekin by the steepest south eastern approach on the Night of Saturday December 14th. Unfortunately the night was rather misty, but the discovery of snow on higher slopes gave some light to an otherwise rather black view. After the descent by another route and a hike around the district, the remainder of the night (or morning) was spent in a wooden hut at the foot of the Wrekin, by kind permission of the Shropshire Scouts.

Our traditional Boxing Day Hike, this being the 36th., will this year take place over Brown Clee Hills and the day will be completed by the equally traditional evening meal, prepared by a small group of parents.

HAGLEY PARISH COUNCIL.

Sewage Disposal Plant. The Council hope to call a Public Meeting early in the New Year so that the report of the Consultant Engineers of the Bromsgrove R.D.C. may be explained to the residents. Unfortunately this Meeting cannot be arranged for the 20th January as reported in the Press.

It is again emphasised by the Ministry of Transport that Lighting Authorities, who have kept their street Lights on all night during the Christmas Period have made a valuable contribution to Road Safety. The Council have therefore agreed that the street lamps in the Main Roads should be kept lighted all night from the 23rd December to the end January, inclusive.

The Council are investigating the possibility of extending the Pavillion in the Playing Fields by removing the stores to another building and to take in the present store space to make an addition to the Changing Room with a connecting door.

HAGLEY HISTORICAL AND FIELD SOCIETY.

Meeting on December 11th. The Society was greatly entertained by most amusing extracts from the Parish Records of Beoley, near Redditch, selected and read by the Rector, The Rev. E.N.JUDGE. The Extracts were taken from the Account Books of the Church Wardens, Overseer, and Petty Constable between the years 1566 and 1788. The details given gave a vivid picture of the life of Beoley at that time, and were a stimulus to the Society to try to recreate the past in Hagley.

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The Coffee Morning and Bring and Buy.

The Coffee Morning held at the home of Mr. AKERMAN and run by the members of the Social Sub-Committee was very well attended. It was a most enjoyable morning and Christmas Gifts and Decorations were on sale. The sum of £13 raised was for the Building Fund.

The Carol Singers.

The Community Association Carol Singers Group visited many houses in the Village during the evenings of Friday 20th and Monday 23rd December, by invitation and were found to be a very good voice. No doubt this will be a very popular activity in future.

The New Years Eve Dance.

At the time of going to press all arrangements have been completed and this should make a good start to 1964.

The Twelfth Night Dinner Dance.

All tickets for the dinner dance at the Lyttelton Hotel were sold very quickly and this promises to be an excellent evening.

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APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

Mr./Mrs./Miss

Address

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Age (If under 18 yrs.)

I wish to be enrolled as an INDIVIDUAL / JUNIOR Member,

Signed.....

(Please return to R.F.WILLIE, 38, Woodland Avenue, West Hagley.)