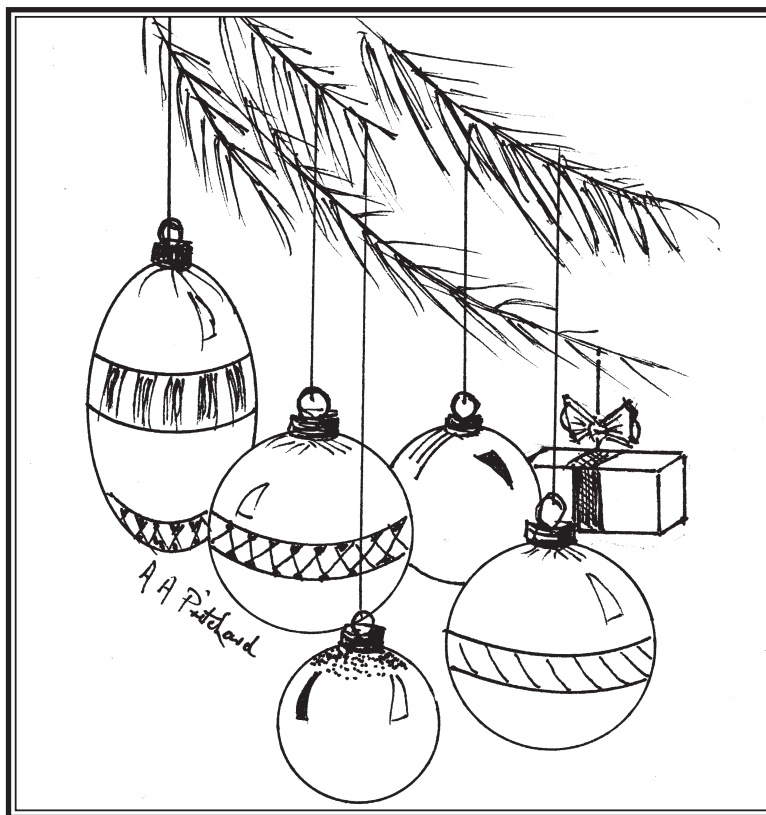




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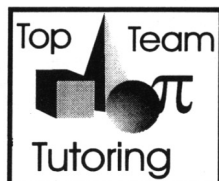


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## EDITORIAL

*Christmas is with us again, and we are by now busy shopping and preparing. Everywhere looks festive as the shops and trees are all decorated for the season. The Diary lists the many events in the village this month and the Church services are on page 33.*

**A VERY HAPPY CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR IS WISHED TO ALL.**

*Anna Morley  
Editor*



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### *Sound Familiar? A Female Lament For December*

*It's here again  
That time we dread,  
When everything turns  
"festive Red"*

*In late September  
You start to see  
The first emerging  
Christmas tree*

*There's gifts to buy  
AND sort, AND wrap.  
They soon become  
A huge great stack*

*With menus to sort,  
cards to write,  
(My list takes me  
Right through the night)*

*Then Christmas lunch...  
What shall we do?  
Our place? Their place?  
In-laws too?*

*We flap and fuss  
To no avail.  
We rush on down  
The Christmas trail.*

*Too soon it's here  
That special night...  
And once again  
It's turned out right.*



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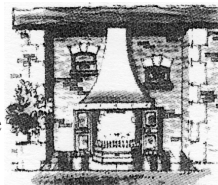
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The festive season is with us again and the lights and decorations will be going up any day now. We get many visitors to Hagley at this time of the year and many compliments about the lights. Thank you to all the shops and residents who add to the display.

We are also, however, still getting many complaints about the litter. This does spoil the look of the village. Please use the bins and encourage others to do so.

Hagley Parish Council would like to wish you all a very happy Christmas.

C. Humphries  
Clerk to the Council



## CLEN'T PARISH COUNCIL

Items of interest from the approved Minutes of the meeting held on Monday, 20th September 2004.

### PLANNING MATTERS

2004/1057 & 1064 - New dwellings - 33-39 Western Road. The Council again objected very strongly to these applications on the following grounds:-  
Back-land Development; Green Belt; Sub-division of plots; BDC Building Requirements are fulfilled to 2011; Sets a Precedent.  
2004/1127 - Ext - 23 Pinewoods Avenue – Council raised no objection.

### RECREATION AREA

Skateboard Ramp – Quotations being obtained.

### CENTENARY FIELD

Cricket pitch – WCC will visit site

### PARISH VERGES

Cross Keys - Contractor to attend to shrubs and hedges that require attention.

### HIGHWAYS

Pinewoods Avenue – traffic calming. Statutory Notices to be issued by WCC

### OUTSIDE BODIES

Cll. Mrs Margaret Sherrey will act as the Council's representative on the District Council's Community Strategy Forum.

### TRAINING

The Chairman, Ed Sheppard and two Councillors will attend the refresher course being organised by the Local Association

### PARISH PLAN STEERING COMMITTEE

The Committee has been appointed as a Committee of the Council.

### EXTRAORDINARY MEETING HELD ON SEPTEMBER 27TH 2004

### PARISH PLAN

The Council considered the proposed Questionnaire and suggested minor amendments.

### PLANNING MATTERS

2004/1154 - Ext. Genista, Broome Lane - no objections raised.  
2004/1173 - Installation of ATM Machine – Cross Keys Garage – no objection.  
2004/1186 - Triple Garage, Thicknall, Thicknall Lane - no objection  
2004/1190 - Ext. - 4 Ryefield Close - no objection.

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### Neighbourhood Watch

On behalf of Neighbourhood Watch may I wish all our members a very Happy Christmas. December is a very busy time of year, we all seem to be involved in preparing for the family seasonal celebrations. Many homes look even more inviting, decorations, festive lights, presents wrapped or homes left empty as others visit family or holiday away.

The thief is very busy too, opportunist theft, taking things left in cars, sneaking into property as cars are loaded and unloaded.

Keep a cool head, be aware of what you can do to make your home and contents secure. Continue to be a good neighbour. Look out for each other, especially as the daylight hours shorten and many people living alone can feel isolated and lonely.

If concerned or worried about anything that Neighbourhood Watch can help with please get in touch with your local co-ordinator or myself.

Kathryn Grocock  
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### Parish Plan

A visit was made by the Community First Worcester Rural Community Council to give guidance to the Committee on how to set up a Parish Plan. Particular guidance was given in relation to what should be included in the final publication and how best to achieve the objectives.

One area considered to be under represented is the views of the younger generation. The Committee will be addressing this in the coming weeks and will be looking for volunteers to join the Committee to represent the youth of Hagley. If you are interested contact Steve Colella (Vice Chairman on 882996).

However, one point that was not lost on the Committee was the importance of the final plan and how it should reflect the needs of the village in the future. This cannot be achieved successfully without the involvement of all the stakeholders in the community. If you feel that you have a particular concern or want to be sure that your comments on the future have been included contact me now, it is not too late.

Those visitors to the Farmers Market on the 30th October will have seen the progress made by the Committee and would probably have been asked for your views. Turn out was again very encouraging and we hope that the exhibition demonstrated the depth of opinion of the Hagley residents.

Watch this space for further updates in the New Year. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

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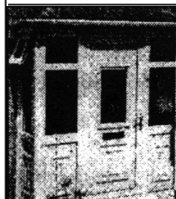
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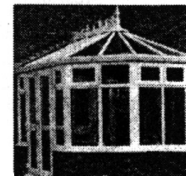
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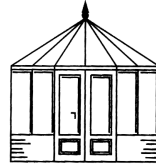
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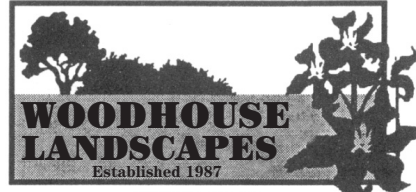


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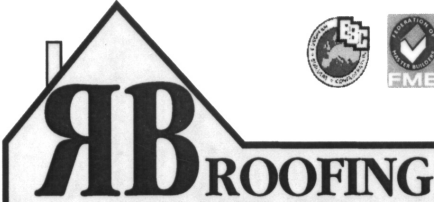
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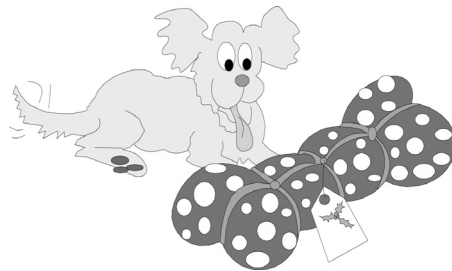
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## CLUB REPORTS

### AFTERNOON W.I.

Speaker at the October meeting was Lucy Wilkins on "Stress and Relaxation". Mrs Wilkins was very good and involved the audience with all aspects of her subject. The causes and ways of avoiding stress were discussed. One way is to belong to an organisation of like-minded people - the WI being a good example! To close Mrs Wilkins conducted a relaxation session which was enjoyed by members and gave an insight into how helpful such sessions could be.



Belonging to WI brings companionship, learning about all kinds of subjects, working together for many objects and, as was learnt from the speaker, helping to control stress! Do you belong to WI? If not and you think you might benefit from all that being a member can give why not come to a Hagley Afternoon meeting? We are happy and welcoming - I know as I moved to the area early in 2003, knowing no one but being made welcome when I went, alone, to my first meeting.

Perhaps you would like to come but would prefer to have someone meet and bring you. This can be arranged if you telephone Betty Gauntlet on 01384 396368.

Meetings are held on the 2nd Monday in each month, 2 p.m. in Hagley Community Centre. All ladies are welcome so why not join us for an afternoon of friendship, a speaker and tea and biscuits?

13th December meeting is a celebration of the Christmas Season - a lovely time to have your first experience of WI so please come along!

Megan Bury

### EVENING W.I.

At our AGM on Wednesday October 20th, W.I. Advisor, Mrs Greta Mitchell presided over the election of Mrs. Hazel Smith as President for the forthcoming year. Hazel has been a member of W.I. for several years and is also a member of the Worcestershire Federation Home Economics and Crafts Committee, and a W.I. Craft Judge.

The Committee went forward unopposed. We regret, however, that Eileen Price had decided to stand down after many years service in several capacities including that of President. She was thanked wholeheartedly by the retiring President Joan Ellis, and presented with a plant. Joan also thanked Secretary Pauline Harris for the years of service that she has given the Institute, and not least the opening up of the Hall, and putting out of chairs (an often overlooked but invaluable service). We are pleased to say that Pauline is remaining on the Committee, but standing down as secretary, in which capacity she has worked closely with Joan over the past three years.

Last but by no means least, we thank the Committee as a whole for all the hard work they quietly do to ensure that the Institute runs smoothly and happily as a source of friendship, fun, and education - the basic ethos of W.I.

An open invitation to join us is extended at all times. please note that the Christmas Meeting will be one week early on Wednesday December 8th at 7.30 p.m.

Joan Ellis

### HAGLEY WIVES' AND WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

Our meetings this year have been most enjoyable and very well received. We began our year in September when we had a superb evening with Michael Leach who gave us an illustrated talk about Wildlife photography and we have just had another TV celeb join us, Jago, an award winning dog for the disabled with his owner Diane Dodge an MS sufferer.

On December 14th we have our annual Christmas carol service at 8.00 p.m. followed by a shared supper with friends.

The New Year begins with more exciting talks, and if you have not managed to catch up with us yet, it is never too late for you to come along, enjoy an evening with us as a visitor and if you think you might gain something from membership, do join and meet lots of new people. We meet on 11th January 2005 at St Saviour's Hall at 8 p.m. for a talk given by Ina Taylor entitled The McDonald sisters. They lived very interesting lives so come along and hear more.

Lynda Kettle will be coming to give a talk about her life at the BBC as a costume and set designer on 25th January, at St Saviour's hall at 8.00 p.m.. Lots more interesting items coming up so watch this space!

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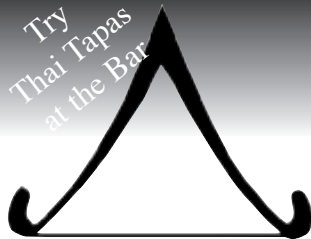
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### HISTORICAL AND FIELD SOCIETY

The 41st Annual General Meeting of the Society was held on Tuesday the 5th of October. Chairman Mrs Irene Oliver opened the meeting welcoming all members.

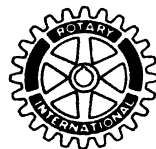
The secretary, Mr M. James, then read the minutes of the previous year's AGM followed by a report on the activities of the society's sections over the past year.

Mr A. Turner, treasurer, presented the accounts, which were unanimously approved by the members. Mrs. Oliver thanked the members of the committee for their work over the past year and thanked all those who had assisted them. Special thanks were given to Stan Bonas who was retiring from the committee after 13 years service. She pointed out that membership was still falling and hoped that we might recruit some new young members. Finally she looked forward to a successful 42nd year for the society.

Mr. Alan Rankin was then invited to be acting chairman to conduct the election of the committee, which he did with his usual amusing commentary. The present committee members all agreed to stand for re-election, all were duly elected. The AGM was then declared closed.

After coffee Olwyn Coventry gave a presentation of slides entitled "Hagley - Old and New". The next meeting of the Society is the Christmas Social evening on Tuesday December 7th, which will include a talk by Mr. E. Shore on "Living in Arizona and Travelling in Mexico". Admission is by ticket only.

Malcolm James



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Our Horse Race night in mid October was a most enjoyable evening, and we succeeded in raising £1,100 which will be donated to local charities. I will list these in next month's HVN.

On the two Saturdays, 11th and 18th December we will be out shaking the cans in the village, and will rely on your generous donations once again to our club's chosen local charities. We would like to take this opportunity of wishing everyone in the Hagley area a very happy Christmas and a peaceful New Year.

David Dewhirst

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### TREFOIL GUILD

The A.G.M. was well attended. Pauline was able to reassure us we were still solvent, then we went on to arrange the programme for the next twelve months.

Having dispatched the more structured aspects of the meeting, we then fell to chatting over the coffee-cups; this rounded off a friendly and productive evening.

The 9th December is the date of our Christmas party. We look forward to seeing each other at 28 South Road at 7.30 p.m., when we round off in style another enjoyable year together.

Elizabeth Gingell

### LADIES PROBUS CLUB

Hagley Ladies Probus Club is a luncheon club created for retired professional and business ladies. We meet once a month on the fourth Thursday in a private upstairs room at The Talbot, Chaddesley Corbett at 12 noon for a 12.30 lunch.

On October 28th we welcomed Maureen Martin who gave an interesting talk entitled 'Nutcrackers'. She brought small items to be sold in aid of Acorns Childrens Hospice and also provided the raffle prize.

On November 25th Peter Tomlinson spoke to us about Saga FM. On December 2nd - our Christmas Lunch Party which is usually a great success. The speaker will be Frank Townsend and his subject is 'Compliments of the Season'. If you have decided to come we look forward to seeing you.

#### Diary Notes for 2005

January 27th 'Cow Creamers' Michael and Betty Bird.

February 24th 'Companion to an Arabian Princess' Christine Ritchie.

March 24th 'Entertaining the Queen' Joy Pinder.

April 28th Annual General Meeting.

If you would like to come as a visitor we should be delighted to welcome you. Please ring Betty Long, our Hon. Secretary, on 01527 570864 about a week before the meeting so that your meal can be ordered.

Pat Higgs - President

## CLUB REPORTS

### ROTARACT CLUB



November saw the group in a landmark Trust monastery in Rome for our annual holiday. We had an amazing time visiting the local villas, catching trains into Rome to visit the breathtaking city and driving around the countryside determined to stop at every little café and bar on the way to soak up some Italian culture. On the 5th the rest of the group had a great night at the Bromsgrove firework display where the choreographed music was incredible. The weekend after, the group enjoyed a trip on the Black Country Beer Bus and then the following weekend we went to Bath to experience another side of English culture.

December is planned to include the Christmas festive sparkle. On the first weekend a daytrip is planned to Lincoln Christmas market where we hope we will be inspired to be more organised about presents than previous years. On the 11th a meal at Zorba's Greek restaurant will give us a break from the mountains of Christmas turkey we will already have consumed. Though the next weekend we will be returning to tradition with our annual Christmas party at the Hagley Harvester. Then Christmas day will be upon us and Hagley Rotaract wishes everybody a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

If you would like to come along to a meeting contact Dave West on 07753 181600 or hagley@rotaract.org.uk. We meet on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of every month at the Lyttleton Arms (Hagley Harvester).

Katrina Attewell

### MOTHER'S UNION

A reminder about the Aids Vigil on Wednesday, 1st December at St Saviour's Church. Do drop in anytime between 7.30 p.m. and 9.30 p.m.

On Thursday, 16th December we are holding a Christmas lunch for our members. Please arrive by 12.30 p.m. for lunch at 12.45 p.m. This will be followed by a Carol Service in the Church at approximately 2.15 p.m. We will finish with mulled wine & mince pies served in the Hall, and look forward to seeing you.

May we take this opportunity to wish everyone a very Happy Christmas and all our very best wishes for 2005.

Jayne, Dorothy & Judy

### STOURBRIDGE SPEAKERS CLUB

This month's meetings covered themes of 'old age' and 'changes'. For the first, chaired by Sue Craddock, members gave speeches which used the evening's theme and helped them develop as speakers. This week Sue Davies spoke about her 'new age' and Kaz Palmer of the significance of dreams. Darrell Smith gave an impassioned critique of the Miles Davis album 'Witches Brew' inspiring many members to go and listen to it. For the topics session, chaired and chosen by Brian Craddock, 2 minute impromptu speeches followed old times, old wines and old soldiers amongst others.

The second October meeting covered 'changes' and a theme of concerns with climate change was soon apparent. A sobering food for thought speech about global warming by Brian Craddock was followed by a more optimistic one from Roy Lunn and finally a poignant reflection by Bruce Moy.

Topics chosen by Neil lauder proved a greater challenge than ever as participants were forced to pick their own subjects from a list that included changing jobs, changing of the guard but happily not changing your socks.

Further information can be obtained from: [www.stourbridgeasc.org.uk](http://www.stourbridgeasc.org.uk), Brian Micklethwaite on 01562 851102 or [brian.micklethwaite@lineone.net](mailto:brian.micklethwaite@lineone.net). See calendar for next meeting.

Sue Davies

## SCHOOL NEWS



### CLENT FIRST SCHOOL

School life has settled down as we race towards all the exciting Christmas activities and the end of the Autumn Term.

The Shakespeare workshop was a great success and installed great enthusiasm in the children who attended (as shown by the eight year olds quoting Macbeth on their return home!). White boards for all classrooms were installed in November and all the building work is now completed. Landscaping work in the school grounds is now taking place.

The PTFA have been busy organising plenty of activities. The highlight is the school Christmas Fayre to be held on Saturday 4th December from 4 - 6 p.m. Here, as well as all the normal fun events, beautiful craft items will be available which have been 'hand made' by our dedicated team of skilled ladies. Your support for this community event would be much appreciated.

If you would like more information on our school at Clent please ring 01562 730668 for a prospectus and/or an appointment with the Headteacher, Mrs Barbara Turner. Our e-mail address is [enquiries@clentfirst.worcs.sch.uk](mailto:enquiries@clentfirst.worcs.sch.uk)

#### Broome Nursery (in the grounds of Clent School)

If anyone is interested in joining or visiting our nursery you will be made most welcome. Please contact us on 01562 731667.

Bonnie Harvey

### Playgroup

We are in the midst of the busiest term of the year, and probably the most exciting, as our children have the opportunity of performing for their families in our Christmas Nativity. We are very much looking forward to this, and also our Christmas Party on the last day of term, which is always a wonderful end to the year.

May we wish all our children, their families, and all readers a very Happy Christmas.





## SCHOOL NEWS

### HAGLEY RC HIGH SCHOOL



The County Schools Trampoline Championships were held at the Abbey Stadium in Redditch on Saturday 16 October. Our PE department had great cause for celebration with successes in every category.

The Under 13 girls entered four teams who came first, second, third and fourth with Olivia Garcia coming second as an individual competitor. The Under 13 boys came first in their event.

The Under 15 girls' team also came first with Helena Whild coming first as an individual. The Under 19 Open category saw Laura Westwood and Stephanie Burgess come second and third despite being amongst the youngest competitors in their age group.

Fund raising to support our bid for Specialist Arts Status has been an impressive feature of the Autumn Term. The sponsored walk, held on Friday 1 October, was a huge success. £15,000 was raised by 1,000 pupils walking 15 kilometres of paths behind the school. It was an expertly organised event which gave the students the chance to experience and enjoy the beauties of our countryside.

Nearly £1,000 was also raised from a most enjoyable Quiz Evening where staff, governors and parents competed for prizes while savouring a delicious chilli prepared by our kitchen staff.

The school is also producing a CD and selling Christmas cards. These give pupils the opportunity to use their talents in art and music to support the school.

V. Shaw

### HAYBRIDGE HIGH SCHOOL



We recently held our annual Prizegiving ceremony when Haybridge students past and present return to celebrate the achievements of the last academic year. Given that last year's results were our best ever, there was a great deal of which the students could be proud and it was a busy but memorable evening remembering their accomplishments. It was also a great pleasure for staff to welcome back students who have now left us to start university courses and jobs all over the country.

Last month the English Department took 20 sixth form students to Slimbridge, Gloucestershire, on a creative writing course. The group are all studying English Language in year 12 and the work they produced will be submitted as part of their coursework. Indeed, they produced some truly inspirational writing and the calm, peaceful environment of Slimbridge allowed them to really let their creative spirits run free. All involved found the trip to be greatly enjoyable, despite the weather, which was more suitable for the many ducks with whom we shared our time at Slimbridge.

Finally, preparations are now well underway for the Christmas pantomime, which all students in the school will have the chance to watch in the run up to the end of term. The exact details of the performance are still a closely guarded secret but all will be revealed in due course and all proceeds will go to charity as usual.

Ed Mayell

## CLUB REPORTS



### GARDENERS' CLUB

#### HAPPY CHRISTMAS

from all the committee

The members were transported to Zermott in October to see the wonderful flowers on the surrounding mountains accompanied by a talk by Dr Tony Hughes. How could one spend a better evening on such a wet and miserable night?

No meeting in December.

26th January Social - Our annual dinner will be a hot meal this year, followed by a talk and demonstration given by Harry Grove - 'Ring out Wild Bells'.

Numbers are limited so book early. Telephone: Pauline Harris 882875, Judy Perkins 883568 or Margaret Wigley 884437. 7.15 for 7.45 Dinner at St Saviour's Hall, West Hagley. By ticket only.

Judy Berrow  
01563 777014

### Chess Club

#### Matches:

**Worcestershire County League Division Two (Greg Voskanian - Captain).** The season started with a tough home match against local rivals Halesowen, who fielded a very strong side; we just lost 2-3, a very creditable performance, Keith Dodd had a wonderful win on Board 2, and Peter Keate (Board 1) & Martin Borley (Board 3) both drew in well-fought matches – showing that Hagley can look forward to some tense matches in this strong league.

**Dudley & District League Division Three (Reg Beasley - Captain).** The new season started in September, our first match was versus Boldmere St. Michael's, a team we had more than held our own against last year, however, we were beaten 0-4, very disappointing - obviously we had yet to stir from our Summer hibernation. A month later we had the return away leg, improving significantly, drawing 2-2, Martin Borley (Board 1) and Bill Sitch (Board 4) winning for Hagley. The home match against Halesowen was lost 1-3, with Reg Beasley winning on board 2.

#### Membership

We welcome a new member, Tony Boyle, from Bromsgrove.

#### Coaching and New Recruits

The club offers coaching to all members, and would certainly welcome both beginners and experienced players of all ages. New recruits: contact Martin Borley or come along on a Friday night to the Free Church Committee Rooms 7.00 p.m. onwards.

**Tip of the Month:** watch out for sneaky Bishops!

**Merry Christmas to all chessmen, both young and old!**

Martin Borley

### Hagley Free Church

Bring your toddlers to our weekly meeting each Wednesday in the Church Hall. From 10.00 - 11.30 a.m. Telephone 883460 for further details.

**SPECIAL NOTICE:** Christmas Tree festival – December 10 and 11 in the Church. Mums come and see our beautiful tree.

## The Parish of Hagley

### St John the Baptist with St Saviour

DECEMBER 2004

#### A CHRISTMAS MESSAGE

People often remark to me that the months seem to fly by every year, and they can't believe where the time goes. By the beginning of July, it's hard to think that it's almost summer holiday time already – "Where has the first half of the year gone?" Now that we're entering December once more, and looking forward to celebrating Christmas, it seems amazing that it can be twelve months since we were singing carols and keeping the festive season last time.

And yet, so much really has happened. In our own lives, if we think back to the end of 2003, there will be plenty of memories, both bad and good. In the national and international news that we've watched, or listened to, day after day, the stream of bad news has often seemed relentless. There's seldom been any break to the catalogue of war, disasters, bombs, famines, and the like. Peace and goodwill appear further away than ever.

Christmas is a timely reminder that there is another way of embracing and engaging in life. In the birth of Jesus, Christmas tells us the beginning of a story in which the living God turns the world's way upside-down. The festive season is an opportunity to focus on that different way of living and being – the way of God's love, the true means to peace, and the hope of reconciliation. It's a story that really is Good News – not just for the end of another year, but for all the year, every year.

Richard Newton

#### DECEMBER SERVICES

Date	8.00 am	9.30 am	10.30 am	6.30 pm
5 December Advent 2		Morning Praise <b>St Saviour's</b>	Holy Communion <b>St John's</b>	Evening Prayer <b>St Saviour's</b>
12 December Advent 3	Holy Communion <b>St John's</b>		Morning Prayer <b>St John's</b> Holy Communion <b>St Saviour's</b>	Evening Prayer <b>St Saviour's</b>
19 December Advent 4	Holy Communion <b>St Saviour's</b>		Nine Lessons & Carols <b>St John's</b>	Carol Service <b>St Saviour's</b>
24 December Christmas Eve			Crib Service <b>St Saviour's</b> 5.00 pm	Midnight Eucharist <b>St John's,</b> 11.30 pm
25 December Christmas Day	Holy Communion <b>St John's</b>		Parish Family Communion <b>St Saviour's</b>	
26 December St Stephen			Parish Communion <b>St Saviour's</b>	

## CLUB REPORTS

### RUACH KARATE CLUB

#### Stratford Competition: Didn't they do well!

Hagley Ruach Karate Club did their Sensei and the village proud by walking away with the majority of the medals at the Annual Competition held at Stratford Leisure Centre on Saturday 2nd October.

The Winners were:

- Stewart Halligan – Senior Kata
- Samuel Halligan – Junior Kata ad Team Kata
- Jack Tattersall – Junior Kumite and Team Kata
- Mac Tattersall – Senior Kumite
- James Hanson – Junior Team Kata

## Congratulations



Congratulations! Why not be part of this winning team? We meet every Monday 7.00 p.m. at Haybridge Sports Centre.

Richard Bache



### WEST HAGLEY FOOTBALL CLUB

#### Christmas Break

With Christmas fast approaching, I would like to inform all the junior players who train on Hagley Park that there will be **no football** on Saturday 18th & 25th December or on Saturday 1st January. (We resume training on Saturday 8th January).

#### Club Call

I would like to remind everyone of the **club call number (01562 882767)**. This gives pitch information from 8.30 a.m. every Saturday morning. Please use this service if you are in any doubt about the weather conditions affecting play.

#### Clothing

Please ensure that you dress your child appropriately for the weather conditions, a vest and t-shirt under the football jersey, drill top, hat and gloves are strongly recommended (especially for the younger players).

#### Punctuality

Could I please remind everyone that coaching starts at 9.30 a.m. (girls coaching at 11.30 a.m. PLEASE ENSURE THAT YOU ARRIVE AT LEAST 5 MINUTES BEFORE TRAINING STARTS (i.e. 9.25 a.m. for the boys and 11.25 a.m. for the girls). Each session starts punctually with a register.

Finally I would like to take this opportunity to wish all our coaches, managers, players and parents a Happy Christmas and prosperous new Year.

Karen Hanson - Club Administrator



### Wyre Forest National Trust



Tuesday 7th December 7.30 p.m. – Blakedown Parish Rooms

Wine Coffee and Mince Pies, followed by –

*“From Blood and Sawdust to Lycra - 200 years of Art and Design in Plastics”*

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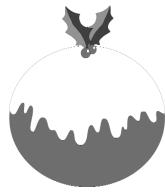
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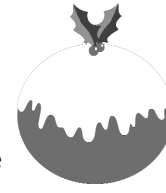
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## FORTHCOMING EVENTS



### Hagley Country Market formerly WI Market



If you are looking for good quality seasonal items come to our Christmas Market at Hagley Free Church on Saturday 4th December, 10.00 a.m. – 12 noon.

There will be unusual chutneys and pickles, mince pies, Christmas cakes and puddings, marmalade, decorations, gifts, cards, crafts and much more.

We may have changed our name but we still have the same cooks and producers. Everything continues to be produced to very high standards and the quality is excellent.

If you would like to send a gift hamper to a friend or relative anywhere in England or Wales please ask for further details on 01562 882255.

We will be open at Hagley Community Centre on Fridays 10th and 17th December 8.45 - 11.00 a.m. But closed on 3rd, 24th and 31st December. We will re-open on Friday 28th January 2005.

Season's greetings to all our customers.

### HAGLEY FREE CHURCH WORCESTER ROAD

## *Christmas Tree Fair*

**Friday and Saturday  
10 and 11 December 2004  
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### Stour Valley Cat Rescue



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We look forward to seeing you all, and thank you  
for supporting the Stour Valley Cat Rescue



# DECEMBER DIARY

## WEDNESDAY 1

### U3A

Christmas Party  
St. Saviour's Hall 1.00 p.m.

## THURSDAY 2

### Free Church Fellowship

Free Church Hall 8.00 p.m.

### 'Mother of Pearl'

### Clent Hills Singers

Free Church 7.30 p.m.

### Ladies Probus Club

The Talbot, Chaddesley Corbett, 12 noon

## FRIDAY 3

### Shoppers' Coffee

Free Church Hall 10.00 a.m. - 12 noon

### Chess Club

Free Church Hall 7.00 p.m.

## SATURDAY 4

### Christmas Country Market

Free Church 10.00 a.m. - 12 noon

### Clent Hills Singers

Free Church 7.30 p.m.

### Concert

### Clent Parochial School

Christmas Fayre 4.00 - 6.00 p.m.

## MONDAY 6

### Playgroup

Monday to Friday (not Thursday)  
Community Centre 9.00 a.m. - 12 noon

### Parish Council

Community Centre 7.00 p.m.

### Stourbridge Speakers' Club

Talbot Hotel, High Street, Stourbridge 7.45 p.m.

## TUESDAY 7

### Historical and Field Society

St. Saviour's Hall 8.00 p.m.  
Christmas Social Evening, 'Living in Arizona,  
travelling in Mexico'

## Wyre Forest and District Centre

Blakedown Parish Rooms 7.30 p.m.  
'From Blood and Sawdust to Lycra'

### Senior Citizens' Club

Free Church Hall 2.30 p.m.  
Christmas Party

## THURSDAY 9

### Free Church Fellowship

Free Church Hall 8.00 p.m.  
Christmas Party & Black Country Humour

### Clent Hills Singers

Free Church Hall 7.30 p.m.

## FRIDAY 10

### Country Market

Community Centre 8.45 - 11.00 a.m.

### Shoppers' Coffee

Free Church Hall 10.00 a.m. - 12 noon

### Chess Club

Free Church Hall 7.00 p.m.

### Art Club

St. Saviour's Hall  
Christmas Social Evening

## TUESDAY 14

### Hagley Wives & Women's Fellowship

St. Saviour's Hall 7.45 p.m.  
Carol Service and Supper

### Rotaract

Lyttleton Arms 8.00 p.m.

## THURSDAY 16

### Clent Hills Singers

Free Church 7.30 p.m.

## FRIDAY 17TH

### Country Market

Community Centre 8.45 - 11.00 a.m.

### Shoppers' Coffee

Free Church Hall 10.00 a.m. - 12 noon

### Chess Club

Free Church Hall 7.00 p.m.

## MONDAY 20

### Parish Council

Community Centre 7.00 p.m.

### Stourbridge Speakers' Club

Talbot Hotel, High Street, Stourbridge, 7.45 p.m.

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