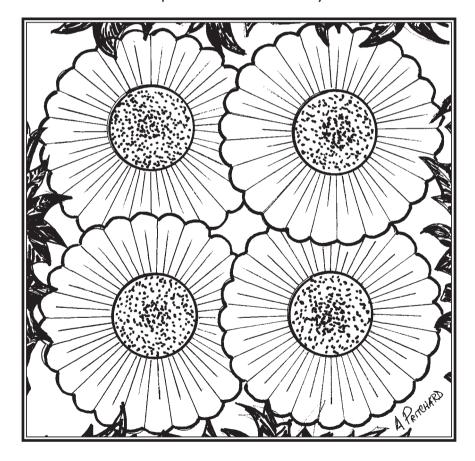


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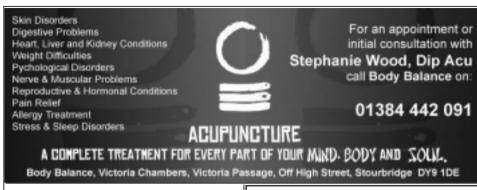
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The Easter services are on pages 37 and 41, have a happy and peaceful Easter.

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On completion of any recommended vaccines you will be provided with a patient record card and appropriate certification.

It's essential that appointments with the clinic are booked in good time and allow for busy times of year. You will not need to bring children under the age of 16 to the first consultation for travel advice, but please inform reception that their medical records will need to be made available for the practice nurse. If you have any queries our nurses will be pleased to help you.

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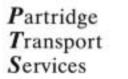




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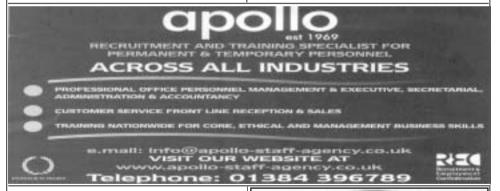
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Proposed development of 46 retirement dwellings at 25-29 Park Road

The Parish Council has objected most strongly to this proposal. We believe that such a development is not needed in the village and will have a detrimental impact on our roads and services.

Parking

A Traffic Warden has been visiting the village and tickets have been issued to cars parked on Worcester Road. **Once again, you have been warned.** Do not park in front of the bollards to Worcester Close. This is not a parking space and MUST be kept clear for emergency access.

Christmas window competition

1st Place – King's of Hagley; Joint runners-up - The Little Card and Gift Shop, The Co-op Pharmacy.

Councillors

Unfortunately, Geoff Gough has had to step down as a Councillor due to other commitments. We would like to thank him for all he has done and wish him all the best for the future. We need new Councillors. If you think you might be interested in joining the Parish Council please contact me at the office for more information.

Annual Parish Meeting

The Annual Parish Meeting of the Electors of Hagley will be on March 21st at 8.00 p.m. Please see notices for details of venue.

C. Humphries – Clerk to the Council



CLENT PARISH COUNCIL

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

FINANCE

It was agreed to give grants to the following:- Citizens Advice Bureau under Section 142 of the LGA 1972, Macmillan Nurses under Section 137 of the LGA 1972.

PLANNING MATTERS

Bromsgrove District Council made the following decisions:-

2004/1358 - Demolition of Garage etc. - Hawthorne Cottage, Stakenbridge Lane - granted.

The following application was considered by the Council:-

2004/1564 - Ext - 23 Pinewoods Avenue - no objection.

CENTENARY FIELD

Cricket Pitch - WCC has requested additional information regarding levels etc.

HIGHWAYS

A456 – a request has been made for the speed limit to be reduced from the existing 40mph at Hurrans Nurseries to beyond the Broome Lane/ Stoney Lane cross roads going towards Kidderminster. The Council has supported this request and the views of the Highways Agency and West Mercia Police are now awaited.

STREET LIGHTING

A456/Pinewoods Avenue junction – a request has been made to improve the lighting at this junction. The Council has met with its contractor and for the time being the existing lamp in Pinewoods Avenue will be improved, but it was agreed that the installation of a new lamp should be delayed until the traffic calming measures are in place. The provision for a new lamp has been made in the Parish Council Budget for 2005/06. Unfortunately, the lamps along the A456 are the responsibilities of the County Council so are out of the control of the Parish, but they are aware of the problem.

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1 March 2005.



POLICING IN HAGLEY

IN PARTNESSHIP WITH THE COMMUNITY I would like to highlight the thorny issue of parking in Hagley. As we all know the amount

of traffic on the roads these days is high and people use their vehicles for the shortest of journeys, including the school run. There is also a desire to park as close to our destination as possible, sometimes with complete disregard for parking regulations and more importantly, pedestrians.

Drivers must take responsibility for parking their vehicle legally and in a position that does not cause danger to others. A lot of vehicles are now very large such as people carriers or the vehicle of the day, the 4 x 4. When these vehicles are parked indiscriminantly, particularly on footpaths, they are a hazard to the disabled, elderly people and children. Parking regulations are also placed in order to protect pedestrians and other road users.

I have asked Traffic Warden Gibson from Bromsgrove to visit Hagley on a regular basis in order to address these issues. I must stress that our intention is not to persecute drivers but to educate people to park more considerately. Mr Gibson will use his discretion so please support us by thinking about where you park.

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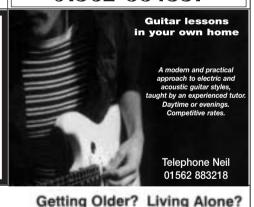
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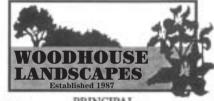
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GIRLGUIDING WALTON DISTRICT



February 22nd in Guiding is a very special day in two ways. First it is the day every member of the movement thinks of each other; all around the world. So this year Walton District guiding gathered together to think about the hundreds of sister guides worldwide and enjoy some fun and games with a candlelit renewal of our promise. Our thoughts went especially to the Guides of the countries devastated by the Tsunami and our thinking day collection this year will go to this fund.

Secondly the Guiding movement holds a Census. Every member is counted and we know whether the movement is still as popular. In Walton District our numbers of girls are up on last year especially in the Brownie section.... but what of Leaders?

Unfortunately we are sadly a long way below the numbers we need to maintain a place for all the girls wishing to join. Can you help us keep this worthwhile movement going in Hagley? **We need you.**

During the week March 14th to 17th every unit is holding an open evening where anyone can go along to join in many of the activities being held to experience the reward and fun it is to be a leader. To find out times and days please contact Sue Hemmings on 015620711120.

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Sue Hemmings District Commissioner



TREFOIL GUILD

The Annual Dinner, held this year at the Badger's Sett, was very pleasant and enjoyed by us all. 'Thank you', Kate for making the arrangements.

We have a speaker for our March meeting. Helen Keegan will be telling us about her work as an accupuncturist. This meeting on Thursday the 10th of March is in the Free Church Coffee Lounge at 7.45 p.m. Please come and give Helen your support.

Elizabeth Gingell

BOOK CLUB

Wednesday March 9th

A chance to indulge our taste as the topic is "My favourite book". It is so hard to refine it down to one (perhaps two?) Where do I start? Hopefully an enjoyable process. We meet at 8.00 p.m. at 9 Oldfields, Hagley.

Dinah Penman



HAGLEY FREE CHURCH FELLOWSHIP

Easter being early this year our season is slightly foreshortened and we finish with our A.G.M. on Thursday March 17th.

Some excellent speakers have attracted good attendances, and I thank the Committee for their hard work, the session seems to have flown by.

Our thanks also to all who have supported our meetings and we look forward to seeing you all again next October. It is hoped to arrange an outing to the Cotswolds on Friday June 17th, more information later.

Pat Waite

HAGLEY HELPLINE

A.G.M.

Helpline will be holding its Annual General Meeting in St Saviour's Church Centre on Wednesday, 9th March at 7.30 p.m.

We offer a warm welcome to all our supporters, volunteers and clients. We should be pleased to welcome new volunteers – we particularly need more volunteer drivers – so if you feel you could help in this valuable service do come along and meet the Committee and other members of Hagley Helpline.

If you are unable to come to this meeting but would still like to help us, please call in (Church Office at St Saviour's) or telephone on 886696 between 10 am and 12 pm any weekday.



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PLAYGROUP

We are in the midst of a very enjoyable term, and have just completed our topic "All about me", during which the children proudly displayed their baby photographs, and produced very memorable Family Trees!

We are currently involved in an exciting new library initiative "Melody Monkey's Marvellous Music Box" which will be running for the next few weeks, and will include all of the children. We will then begin our "Healthy Eating & Keeping Safe" topic.

There's always lots going on but if you would like to know more about us, please feel welcome to drop in at the Community Centre

(mornings only), or telephone Sharon Gould on 01562 882433.

CHESS CLUB

MATCHES

Dudley & District League Division Three (Reg Beasley – Captain)

January 7th - Lost 1½ - 2½ versus Stourbridge

A win for Martin Borley on Board 1, but unfortunately we lost to a good Stourbridge side.

January 20th - Drew 2-2 versus Warley Quinborn

Two excellent wins for Martin Borley (Board 1) and Greg Voskanian (Board 2) against very strong opposition gained a valuable draw for Hagley.

January 25th - Won 3-1 versus Mercia

Wins for Martin Borley, Tony Boyle and Michael Cooper (by default) secured a good win for Hagley

MEMBERSHIP

Coaching & New Recruits

The club offers coaching to all members, and would 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: Lowly Pawns all have the potential to win end games!

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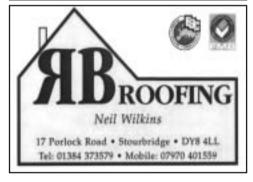
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AFTERNOON W.I.

At the January meeting Dr. Rosie Wynn - a member of Hagley Afternoon WI - gave an illustrated talk on how discarded spectacles are used to benefit the people of Ghana. Dr. Wynn's talk was much enjoyed because, as well as being informative on the spectacles use, she also gave information on the hospitals in Ghana and the daily lives of the people.

Members welcomed visitors to the February meeting when the speaker was William Farmer on "The Auctioneering Game". Mr Farmer appraised items brought to the meeting.

WI activities continue with the occasional Musical Afternoon. The first for 2005 was held on Monday 21st February. On Shrove Tuesday the annual Group Pancake Lunch was held at the Community Centre. Visits to the theatre are planned and a Fish and Chip Lunch is proposed. A number of members enjoy the events arranged at County level and are looking forward to attending a Pudding Day.

The March 14th meeting will also be open to visitors. The speaker is to be Mr G Hook on "Mother of Pearl". Mr Hook is an accomplished jeweller and an entertaining speaker. He will bring some of his beautiful jewellery which will be available for purchase so a cheque book or plenty of cash may be necessary!

Please join the members of Hagley Afternoon WI at the Community Centre, 2.00 p.m., 14th March to enjoy this excellent speaker, a cup of tea and good companionship.

Megan Bury

EVENING W.I.

A rather dreary, cold evening in January was greatly cheered by our first meeting of 2005, when members relaxed and enjoyed a lovely presentation of The Countryside and Nature, photographed and set to music by Mr. Ron Betts.

This was preceded by a short business meeting, when members were given advance notice of the Council Meeting at Malvern on 22nd march, and the Group Meeting at Romsley on 30th March.

All this, and our own monthly meetings covering a range of subjects – "A day in the life of a toastmaster", "Roy Castle", and a talk on the Birmingham Botaniacal Gardens. So why not come and sample all or any of these activities, and receive a warm welcome whilst doing so. Recent events included a handicraft morning, Pancake Day Lunch and a Skittles and Supper Evening.

Joan Ellis



ROTARY CLUB

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HISTORICAL AND FIELD SOCIETY

The first meeting of 2005 was held on Tuesday 7th. Chairman Irene Oliver welcomed everyone and introduced our speaker for the evening, Mr Don Freeth. Don is a member of the society and keen member of the research section, within which he has, over several

years, carried out a project investigating the Hagley War Memorial; the subject of his talk.

Don first described how, in the early 1920's, the village council decided that Hagley should have it's own war memorial. Plans were drawn up and the memorial eventually built at a cost of £500, (mainly financed by public subscription). Then, with the aid of slides, Don went through the names on the memorial, giving the details he had uncovered on each man, including: the man's regiment, rank, and date and place of death. Also included, where possible, a photograph of the man, the names of his parents and where he had lived in Hagley. Information on three of the names had been impossible to find up to the present time.

The talk was a reminder to all of us of the sacrifices made by the young men of Britain in the two World Wars.

The next meeting of the Society is on Tuesday March 1st; at which Mr. Ralph Richardson will talk about The Sheldons of Beoley. All are welcome at St. Saviour's Church Hall at 8.00 p.m. Visitors £1.50 including refreshments.

Malcolm James



ROTARACT CLUB

February started with a DVD night at Helen's house where we had a great night watching scary movies and eating copious amounts of popcorn. On the 6th we had our annual district games music quiz at Sunfield School where Helen and Andy

organised a great quiz with some answers even I knew. The next weekend we combined two lots of exercise, ten-pin bowling and a Castle walk in Kenilworth. This was an enjoyable way of burning lots of calories in preparation for a lovely meal at the Dog in Harvington in the middle of the week and our charity pudding party on the following Saturday.

March will spring into action with a St Trinian's pub-crawl, on the 5th, around Stourbridge where we will for the first time enjoy wearing our school uniforms. The next weekend we are planning to see an art exhibition about the 1960s at Birmingham Art gallery. Another day trip is planned for the next Saturday to have a guided tour around Lichfield cathedral. On the 26th we are taking part in the swimathon for the McMillan nurses. Then on the Easter Bank Holiday Monday we are planning a children's Easter egg treasure hunt in Mary Steven's Park for this year's charity.

If you would like to come along to a meeting, please 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



ART CLUB

Our Programme Organiser, Mr Roger Noons balances the subjects for the years' activity with all kinds of media and this month it will be *Wildlife in Acrylic*, a demonstration by David Hydes. The evening will be on Friday 11th March, 7.30 p.m. in St Saviour's Church Hall.

In looking over the year 2004 we have had Pastels, Watercolour,

Oils, Acrylics with demonstrations and talks; the programme for 2005 likewise covers every aspect of art. There are two weekend workshops usually held at Churchill Vilage Hall, occasionally we gather at another venue of artistic interest to paint. The next workshop is on Saturday 9th April at Churchill Village Hall, near Blakedown, 10am to 4.00 p.m. with 'Creative Landscapes' in water-based paints. The Tutor will be Joan Baker who members will remember came to the Club in July last year.

If you are interested in attending this School, subject to it not being sold out, contact Mr Roger Noons on 01384 277683, the cost for the day is £16.00 with a strict limit in numbers attending to maximise tuition.

Looking ahead to Friday evening 8th April in St Saviour's Hall we have *The Psychology of Likeness* by the portraitist Hilary Baker.

Alan A Pritchard (Hon. President)

THEATRE GROUP



Make a date in your diary now as the adult section is staging two one act plays in May at the Community Centre in an evening of comedy we are promoting as Comedy-2-Nite. The two plays are about the trials and tribulations of amateur dramatic groups trying to stage a production. There is a distinct feeling of déjà vu at rehearsals. The

first of these is *Last Tango in Little Grimley* where an amateur group needs to take drastic measures to pull the audiences in. Suffer for your art or bare all for all art that is the question. The second, *Easy Stages*, examines the work of a little seen but vitally important back stage crew as they prepare for their next production. There is some strong language, so this production is not suitable for young children. The dates are Friday the 20th and Saturday the 21st of May. Tickets are available from our Ticket Secretary: Felicity Rudge on 01562 882233.

It is great that some newcomers to our group will be taking part in the mayhem but we are keen to see even more new members. So come on give live theatre a chance. If you are interested in any aspect of theatre from acting, stage management, props, prompting or even running the bar, then please contact our Chairman Paula Knight on 01384 894655.

Tony Forrest

HAGLEY WIVES' AND WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP



Our meetings this month begin on March 8th when we welcome again John Hope who will on this occasion talk about his work as a Salvation Army Emergency Co-ordinator in the world's trouble spots.

Due to unforeseen circumstances, Ina Taylor was unable to join us in January but we are delighted to welcome at short notice Canon Geoffrey Brown who gave us a lovely evening, talking about his life working at the Church of St Martin's in the Fields, London and his home in Trafalgar Square. We greatly appreciated his coming to join us; his talk was most interesting. Ina Taylor hopes to join us to give her talk about the McDonald Sisters in May.

On March 22nd we welcome Notty Hornblower who will talk about her wonderful collection of Period Costumes and Accessories, she is often seen on pages of glossy magazines and on TV. Notty is one of our starred speakers, so do come and join us.

Please feel able to join us if any of the talks interest you, you do not have to be a member, but if you would like to join and take advantage of our house groups, you would be able to ask about this at any meeting or you can phone me on the number below. We meet twice a month at St Saviour's Hall at 8.00 p.m.

Toni Allison 884079

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The Ladies Probus Club is a luncheon club for retired professional and business ladies. We meet once a month on the fourth Thursday in a private room upstairs at the Talbot, Chaddesley Corbett at 12 noon for 12.30 p.m. Anyone who is interested in joining us can ring Mrs Betty Long, our Secretary, on 01527 570864 at least a week beforehand so that she can order your meal.

Dates for the Diary

March 24th: "Entertaining the Queen" - Joy Pinder

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Then on January 6th, Epiphany, we saw the church lit by candlelight for the last time this winter. This was for a free informal evening where members 'took to the stage'. The rector played music on the organ and with his son, Peter, played a lovely piano duet. Peter also played the oboe and members performed monologues, poems and story extracts. The Black Country Society gave their rendition of The Christmas Story. The evening was reminiscent of a large Victorian family gathering of spontaneous contributions. Mulled wine and mince pies concluded an evening we will have again in the future.

Please look out now for the April Music Festival and return of the coffee mornings every first Wednesday May to September. Mausic Festival information and tickets can be obtained from Mercian Travel. We look forward to your company.

Eva Corlett

MOTHER'S UNION

Our meeting this month is on Thursday 17th March, when our Diocesan President, Joyce Bush, will come to talk to us. She will also be enrolling our new members in a short service. Do come and support them.

An advance notice of the Diocesan Festival, which this year will be held on May 17th at 7.30 p.m. at St. Thomas with St Luke in Dudley. The Right Reverend Peter Selby will give the address. Further details will follow – watch this space!

Judy Plant



HAGLEY FREE CHURCH



We warmly invite you to share with our Easter Celebrations

March 6th Mothering Sunday	10.30 a.m.	Mothers and Toddlers	
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		Regional Baptist Minister	
	6.00 p.m.	Rev. gerald England	
March 20th Palm Sunday	10.30 a.m.	Rev. David Tennant	
	6.00 p.m.	Rev. David Tennant	
March 24th Maunday Thursday	8.00 p.m.	Combined Service at	
		St. Saviour's	
MArch 25th Good Friday	7.30 p.m.	Rev. Dr David Hewlett	
		Principal Queen's College	
March 27th Easter Day	8.30 a.m.	Early Communion followed	
·		by Easter Breakfast at 9.15 am	
	10.30 a.m.	Rev. Ernest Cruchley (with	
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Easter Invitation

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SCHOOL NEWS

HAGLEY PRIMARY SCHOOL

Our sale of duplicate and surplus Christmas presents held at the school on Thursday 20th January in aid of the Tsunami appeal was a huge success. We had an incredible response and would like to thank everyone who sent in gifts, made a donation or came to the sale on the day.

Very special thanks must go to Dawn Bradley, a teacher at our school, who had the original idea and took responsibility for the organisation of the event. She was helped by a large team of staff, parents, pupils and friends of Hagley Primary. Thank you all very much indeed.

All their efforts were so very worthwhile – the amazing sum of nearly £2,500 was raised from the sale of gifts and £450 was collected in the bucket on the door. Added to this, earlier in the week, children from Year 3 and children from Year 4 held their own separate sales of cakes and nearly new toys and both raised around £400 each. We must also mention the fact that several of our pupils raised money in their own time and using their own ideas. Very well done to everyone.

The money has already been sent to the Disaster Appeal Committee and, while we are warm and comfortable in our homes, we can rest in the knowledge that we have helped the people of South East Asia to rebuild their shattered lives.

Once again, many, many thanks to you all.

CLENT PRIMARY SCHOOL



The children of Clent School have been very moved by the plight of the Asian Earthquake victims and have organised various activities to raise money for the Emergency Fund. The events include a Bike ride in the Wyre Forest, a Cake and Book sale, and even a Remote Control car race. They are trying hard to do their bit to help.

During January we were visited by Penny and Juan Carlos from our link Church in Peru. Penny and Juan have visited us several times before, and in a very colourful way tell us about life in Peru including school, home life and the wild animals such as llamas.

Our extra curricular activities continue to be many and varied, with Judo, Football, Netball and Multi-sports all available after school. We also still hope to set up an After School Club in 2005 and will be holding an initial meeting in February. The musically talented also need a special mention as Clent School now has more than ten children who are members of the Hagley Pyramid Schools Orchestra, playing a selection of instruments including trumpet, violin and flute.

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 email address is enquiries@clentfirst.worcs.sch.uk

Bonnie Harvey

SCHOOL NEWS

HAGLEY RC HIGH SCHOOL

The start of term has been a very difficult period for the school. Mr Campbell's death has had a significant impact on the whole school community.

The school is grateful for the condolences and support which have been received. Mr Campbell worked tirelessly for the school and its pupils and we all have very fond memories of him.

A non-uniform day, arranged by Mr Campbell went ahead and the funds raised will be used to purchase a permanent memorial to him.

We have all been touched by the images of the devastation caused by the Indian Ocean Tsunami and have raised over £1,600 from a collection and a non-uniform day for CAFOD, to support their work in the affected areas.

Our application for Specialist School Status is still a major priority. We intend to submit our application to the DfES during March.

As parents know, we need to raise £50,000 and thanks to the generosity of many people, well over £30,000 has been secured. Coming up are three major fund-raising activities. The first is a Grand raffle. Tickets are available from the school office.

The Spring Term has many significant opportunities for pupils. The first ski trip and the music weekend to Ingestre Hall were very successful and enjoyed by all of the pupils. We have a Spring Disco for Years 7 & 8 pupils, a Spring Concert on 10 March and Prize Giving on 23 March.

Our caterers have recently won a national catering award, good news in our ongoing campaign to improve the food provided to pupils and staff.

V. Shaw

HAYBRIDGE HIGH SCHOOL



Haybridge students have been working hard since Christmas to collect money for the victims of the Asian Tsunami. Many students have independently organised charity collections within school by taking part in activities such as sponsored silences and selling raffle tickets. Last month the whole school community came together to collect money by having a non-uniform day, when all students were asked to wear an item of red clothing. On this day students were asked to make a contribution to the tsunami appeal and we collected over \$3,000. We were

overwhelmed by this response and all money has been donated to the national appeal.

Three of our year 10 students recently attended the Student Voice Conference in London. Hannah Dix, Harriet Conway and Olivia Bruton represented Haybridge at the event, which gave students from all over the country the opportunity to discuss issues relating to education and all aspects of school life. Haybridge is currently looking to explore other ways in which students can be more involved with the decision making of the school and have their views heard.

Finally, it is almost time for the school's annual production. This year it will be a performance of the musical 'Oliver!' in which students from every year of the school, on both sites, will be involved. The play will be performed in the school hall on the 16th, 17th and 18th March and tickets are available from the school office.

Ed Mayell

CLUB REPORTS

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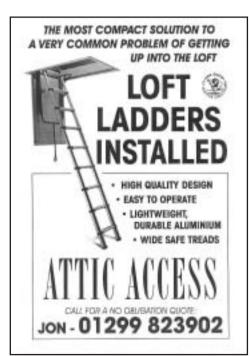
January, even a mild one, seems an appropriate time

to learn about weather in which water left outside in a plastic

bottle rapidly boils. This was the experience of our member, Ted Holmes, who told us about his Sahara Safari when, for 28 days, baths and showers were unheard of and a cup, or, at best, a small bowl was all the washing water allowed. Water is, of course, the dominant need in desert areas and the wells and pipelines which supplied it was were a feature of his splendid slides.

Sand, unsurprisingly, was the other focus and he and his companions were seen swaddled in lengths of cloth which still, we heard, did not keep out the relentless grains from hair, skin and clothes. Not exactly a holiday, but an adventure, he conceded to fainteharted questions. Appropriately next month the talk is about global warming but there will be no report from me as I shall be sun-seeking in less demanding conditions than Ted's.

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MARCH 2005

Hagley Parish Music Festival - Wednesday 20 to Sunday 24 April Postal bookings are now being taken at Mercian Travel. Telephone bookings from 2! March. Leaflets are available in Mercian Travel and at both Churches.

Armonico Consort's Choral Concert (Wednesday 20 April) includes madrigals, folk songs and music from Victoria's Requiem, while local schoolchildren will perform music from Battle Sounds from Battle Grounds. The Staffordshire Brass Band (Thursday 21 April) will focus on entertainment with folk, jazz, musicals, pop, opera, film and classical music. Tasmin Little and Wayne Marshall (Friday 22 April)

A performance which brings together two world-class musicians and includes violin sonatas by Back and Grieg, music by Cole Porter, Gershwin, Lloyd-Webber and Kreisler and organ improvisation.

The Midlands Fretted Orchestra and The Haybridge Soul Band (Saturday 23 April) A lively Saturday lunchtime concert. Free admission.

Mark Bebbington –(Saturday 23 April) Classical favourites, featuring music by Schubert, Chopin and Liszt.

Choral Concert – (Sunday 24 April) including Zadok the Priest, Bach Magnificat, Albinoni Adagio and Parry I Was Glad.

MARCH SERVICES

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Date	8.00 am	9.30 am	10.30 am	6.30 pm
6 March		Morning Praise	Holy Communion	Evening Prayer
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Sunday		ľ		
	Holy		Morning Prayer	
13 March	Communion		St John's	Evening Prayer
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	Holy			Palm Sunday
20 March	Communion		Parish Communion	Youth Service
Palm Sunday	St John's		St Saviour's	St Saviour's
Thursday		10.00 am		
24 March		Holy		8.00 pm
Maundy		Communion		Holy Communion
Thursday		St Saviour's		St Saviour's
Friday 25	9.00 am	10.00 am	2.00 pm	
March	Hot Cross Bun	Family Service	Good Friday	
Good Friday	Breakfast,	St Saviour's	Liturgy	
	St Saviour's		St John's	
Saturday 26				8.00 pm
March				Easter Liturgy
Easter Eve	ļ			St John's
Sunday 27	Holy		Parish Family	Festival Evensong
March	Communion		Communion	St John's
Easter Day	St Saviour's		St John's	-

CLUB REPORTS

WEST HAGLEY FOOTBALL CLUB

The current season is proving to be one of the most successful yet for the club. We currently have at least one team at U8s, U9s, U10s and U11s who are all at the top of their respective leagues.

Within our youth section, our U12s are playing in the premier division of the Central Warwick's League, as are our U13s. With two strong teams at both U14s and U15s the stage is certainly set for a fantastic end to the season.

Our senior reserve side narrowly failed to reach the final of the Worcester Cup but remain top of Division 2 in the Birmingham AFA, and congratulations must go to Matt Hubble for another tremendous season so far. Our first team are also bidding for promotion within the Midlands Combination, and are playing some superb football of late.

Meanwhile those Hagley players currently with academy sides are all performing exceptionally well. Byron Boxer at Birmingham together with Richard Peniket at Wolves, are all playing well and scoring regularly. Whilst Ryan Brunt has notched up 14 goals in 15 games for Birmingham, including two in the 2-2 draw with Aston Villa last week.

Finally, if any players in the U5s to U10s bracket wish to join the club, please ring Karen Hanson, our club administrator, on 01562 882767.

Clive Rushton

RUACH KARATE CLUB

The Village News is going onto the Internet and so too is Ruach Karate Club.

Our web site is to be found on www.karate-training.co.uk. This most interesting web site also has a feature on women's self-defence, which is well worth looking at.

We have yet to discuss our content on the village web site with the Editor and the Community Association, but we are eager to participate and have plenty of material; photos, videos etc, which would make interesting content.

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R. Bache

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Wednesday March 9th 2005, at 7.30 p.m.

Baxter College, Habberley Road Kidderminster.

Annual General Meeting

followed by "In Anticipation", an illustrated presentation on forthcoming outings by Eric Greenwood

MARCH DIARY

TUESDAY 1

Historical and Field Society

St. Saviour's Hall 8.00 p.m.

'The Sheldons of Beoley'

WEDNESDAY 2

U3A

St. Saviour's Hall, 2.00 p.m.

THURSDAY 3

Free Church Fellowship

Free Church Hall 8.00 p.m.

"Where to Next?"

Clent Hills Singers

St. John's Church 7.30 p.m.

FRIDAY 4

Country Market

Community Centre 8.45 - 11.00 a.m.

Chess Club

Free Church Hall 7.00 p.m.

MONDAY 7

Playgroup

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.

Area Competition

TUESDAY 8

Hagley Wives and Women's Fellowship

St. Saviour's Hall 7.45 p.m.

"John Hope, Salvation Army"

WEDNESDAY 9

Wyre Forest & District Centre

Baxter College, Habberley Road, 7.30 p.m.

A.G.M. and "In Anticipation"

Book Club

9 Oldfields, 8.00 p.m.

"My Favourite Book"

Hagley Helpline

St. Saviour's Hall, 7.30 p.m.

A.G.M.

THURSDAY 10

Free Church Fellowship Free Church Hall, 8.00 p.m.

"Movies Stars of Yesteryear"

Clent Hills Singers

St. John's Church, 7.30 p.m.

FRIDAY 11

Country Market

Community Centre 8.45 - 11.00 a.m.

Chess Club

Free Church Hall 7.00 p.m.

Art Club

St. Saviour's Hall, 7.30 p.m.

"Wildlife in Acrylics"

WEDNESDAY 16

Evening W.I.

St. Saviour's Hall, 7.30 p.m.

'Roy Castle'

THURSDAY 17

Free Church Fellowship

Free Church Hall 8.00 p.m.

A.G.M.

Clent Hills Singers

St. John's Church 7.30 p.m.

FRIDAY 18

Country Market

Community Centre, 8.45 - 11.00 a.m.

Chess Club

Free Church Hall, 7.00 p.m.

MONDAY 21

Parish Council

Community Centre, 8.00 p.m.

Annual Parish Meeting

Stourbridge Speakers' Club

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

TUESDAY 22

Hagley Wives & Women's Fellowship

St. Saviour's Hall, 7.45 p.m.

"Notty Hornblower, Period Costumes & Accessories"

THURSDAY 24

Ladies Probus Club

The Talbot, Chaddesley Corbett, 12 noon

"Entertaining the Queen"

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Community Centre, 7.15 for 8.00 p.m.

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