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As the start of the new financial year, this month we have produced a short report on the recent events within the Community Association.

The new Committee is working well; all the new members undertook their various duties with enthusiasm, which is continuing so far! The changeover of the bookings system went smoothly and it is now well established.

Advertising continues well, with several new enquiries each month. Usually at this time, we lose some advertisers, for various reasons, but the revenue is still covering the costs of the Village News. We would be pleased to receive comments on the black and white format.

The revised Terms & Conditions for booking the Community Centre are printed on the back cover this month, and are accompanied by a revised hire charge system (speak to the Bookings Team for full details). The general trend has been a small increase; however this is to bring all the different charges in line with each other.

The Centre has seen some refurbishment recently: approximately £10,000 has been spent on improvements, including new curtains, sanding, sealing and polishing the hall floor, fire regulation requirements, and new heaters. We are also looking at a hearing loop system at a cost of about £1000. Some of these improvements are due to legal requirements, but generally to improve the facilities available and make them more accessible and pleasant to use.

A recent concern of some villagers has been that the Village News is to be lost, in favour of an on-line version. There is absolutely no question of this. The intention is to make the Village News a part of the new web site, www.hagleyvillage.org. This will be completely secure, as any adverts or articles will appear exactly as they do in the paper version. There will be no email addresses or web links, unless requested, so no one can access private information or personal PCs.

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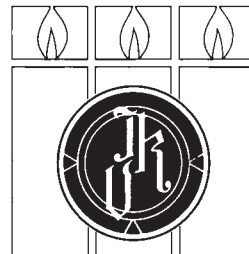


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It is the start of the advertising year and many of our advertisers have renewed their contracts for another season, thank you to them, and welcome to new advertisers. Many of us look to the Village News first for services and do try to use local companies.

Regular contributors often let me know they appreciate the voluntary work we do, and I was delighted recently to receive a special 'thank you' from one group. Much appreciated, thank you!

*Anna Morley
Editor*

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor,

Re: Policing in Hagley (article in March edition of Hagley Village News).

After reading PC Chris Lord's letter regarding parking in Hagley we are concerned, if not amused by the contractors who have been allowed to park transit vans, cars and even HGV vehicles on pavements and both sides of the road at the junction of Long Compton Drive and Worcester Road for the last 10 months.

These vehicles have caused difficulties for the disabled, elderly people and children when trying to go about their daily business. Surely this also needs the attention of both PC Lord and Traffic Warden Gibson? As in PC Lord's article, "our intention is not to persecute drivers but to educate people to park more considerately"

We have tried to contact PC Lord to discuss the matter with him, but to date are still waiting a reply, hopefully this matter may be resolved by the time next month's Village News is available.

Yours sincerely, Resident of Long Compton Drive.

Dear Editor

Sponsors and lady participants are needed for the Ladies Sponsored Icelandic Challenge.

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J. Smith

Dear Editor,

We are indeed fortunate to live in a village such as Hagley as recent global events have shown, eg the Tsunami and the situation in Iraq and Sudan.

I work as a doctor in Birmingham and often have to treat patients who have come from despot countries and suffered medically as a consequence of torture etc. Thus I thought people may be interested to know that I am running the London marathon on April 17th to raise money for the human rights organisation Amnesty International.

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Playing Fields

If your children play football on the playing field, please make sure that they do not take the mud from the field on to the car parks, pavements and roads. The field becomes very muddy, but with a little care this does not have to spread around the village. Drainage works are due to commence once the weather allows and the grass will be reseeded this spring.

Another reminder – please do not leave dog waste on the grass, use the appropriate bins. Hagley Parish Council Bye Law 10 specifies that dogs must be kept under control on the field. Throughout the village, there are incidences of dog waste on the pavements and verges. Please act responsibly regarding your dog.

There are plans for more CCTV around the playing field area, details later.

School Traffic

With the expansion of the Schools within the village, the traffic and parking is increasing. When parking near to the schools, please consider the local residents, other road users, and the safety of the children.

Worcester Road Enhancements

The bollards should have been repaired by now and the hanging baskets will be planted up in the next few weeks. We plan to have more planters in this busy street. Please do your bit to keep the village looking good. Don't drop that litter; use a bin or take it away.

Catherine Humphries
Clerk to the Council



CLENT PARISH COUNCIL

Items of interest from the approved Minutes of the meeting held on Monday, January 17th 2005.

FINANCE

1. Budget & Precept 2005/06.

The Council resolved to precept upon the Bromsgrove district Council the sum of £40,700. The Council also resolved to 'ring fence' the sum of £78,000 in the Reserve Fund for the following:

- Uninsured Street Lighting Replacement
- One years expenditure
- Contingency (in case of Clerk's illness)
- Gratuity (as no Pension is in place)

2. BDC has notified the Council of an increase in allowances payable. Clent Parish Councillors do not claim allowances.

PLANNING

2004/1358 – Dem of Garage etc. – Hawthorne Cottage, Stakenbridge Lane – planning permission granted.

2004/1564 - Ext – 23 Pinewoods Avenue - Council raised no objection.

RECREATION AREA

A revised quotation is being obtained for the Skateboard Park.

CRICKET PITCH

Revised drawing requested by WCC.

STREET LIGHTING

An additional lamp will be considered for Pinewoods Avenue when the location of the traffic calming is known.

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Satisfaction under each heading ranged from 71% (doctors' knowledge of Complimentary Medicine, willingness to refer for second opinion) to 98% (comfort of the waiting room, overall satisfaction with the doctor or nurse, explanations provided). Our scores were in line with the national averages.

From the free text, we have chosen to concentrate on the recurring themes. Unsurprisingly, one of these was the time between booking an appointment and seeing the doctor. This is a perennial problem throughout the health service. Public Finance means it is not feasible just to "get more doctors". Although we have continued to improve access, particularly by offering more hours, we have just kept pace with the increase in demand over the last 5-10 years.

The second recurring theme is that our patients seem to value the services of individuals rather than the practice as a whole. Because none of us are full-time, this pressurises appointments with individuals.

We are keen to improve perception of the practice by improving, but also by explaining why some aspects of the service have come about. As space here is limited, if you have any questions, please write in to the Practice Manager, and we will endeavour to answer some of them in future articles.

We owe our sincere thanks to the PPG for performing this survey on our behalf.

T.R. Heywood.

HAGLEY PARISH PLAN

The Committee of the Hagley Parish Plan received a visit by Paul Crysell (Head of Local Plans at Bromsgrove District Council) who gave guidance and feedback on the latest draft of the Parish Plan.

His observations were very encouraging and the Committee is confident that we are well on target for distribution of the final draft for public consultation by early summer 2005. We will keep you informed on where copies can be found and how you can give your final views.

Paul's comments were very welcome and will be included in the plan as we approach the final stages of its development. It is important to have the support of the Parish Council, District Councillors and the Planning Department so that concerns raised by the residents are properly considered in future planning applications.

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Steve Colella



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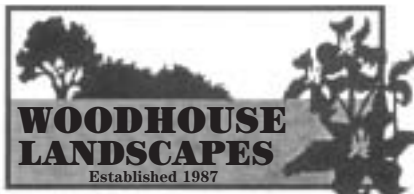
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AFTERNOON W.I.

William Farmer talking on "The Auctioneering Game" proved to be very entertaining and enjoyable at the March meeting. Mr Farmer is an accomplished speaker who talked on his particular antique and collectable interests, which began when he was a very young boy. His appraisal of items brought by members of the audience was most informative and in one case in particular gave a delightful surprise to the owner of the items in question!



The Pancake Lunch on Shrove Tuesday was much enjoyed by over twenty members of Hagley Afternoon WI, together with members from other Institutes in the Hagley Group of WIs. The talk after lunch was on "Cheltenham Racecourse" which gave an insight into the way the racecourse is run and the interesting characters associated with horse racing. Altogether this was an informative, humorous and enjoyable talk to follow a lovely lunch. The Group's thanks go to Anne Quinney for organising this excellent event.

On March the 14th Mr G. Hook spoke on "Mother of Pearl" and on April 11th Mike Oliver brings "A Horticultural Exercise" for members to enjoy.

Hagley Afternoon WI welcomes visitors and prospective members to all its meetings so, if you would like an afternoon with a good speaker, refreshments and friendship, why not come to the COMMUNITY CENTRE on the SECOND MONDAY in each MONTH (except August) at 2pm? Members would be delighted to welcome you.

Megan Bury

EVENING W.I.

In February, our President, Hazel Smith and Secretary, Liz Knight, took us swiftly through the business of the Meeting, and informed us of many forthcoming events at Institute, Group and County level.

After the coffee break, members settled down to hear our speaker, Mrs. Canning, on her life as a Toastmaster; she was absolutely superb, and held us enthralled for over an hour without our even noticing the time – highly recommended!

On the social side, several of us thoroughly enjoyed the "Pancake" lunch - not a pancake in sight – but nevertheless an excellent hot meal, and a good speaker. Also in February, 18 of us went skittling, and eating – yet again! Our thanks to Liz Hathaway for organising our games so efficiently.

In March we attended the Spring group Meeting at Romsley, and our speaker at our own meeting was Mr. Fletcher, on the life of Roy Castle.

April 4th is the date of the County Resolution Conference, and members at our meeting on Wednesday 20th, will hear a talk on The Birmingham, Botanical Gardens.

Looking further ahead, our May 18th Meeting will be on "Resolutions" – more about them in a later issue!

In conclusion, please remember that you can always try us out at any two of our meetings, without commitment.

Joan Ellis

CLUB REPORTS



HISTORICAL AND FIELD SOCIETY

On Tuesday February 1st Mr. Spencer Tricket gave a talk on Witley Court – The House & Garden. A former home of the Earls of Dudley: the house was damaged by fire in 1937, but most of the damage was inflicted by subsequent owners who ripped out anything of value. Narrowly escaping total destruction by the local council the house was made a listed building in 1972. Starting in the 1990s English Heritage has carried out extensive restoration work, in which Mr. Tricket has been involved. With the aid of slides he took us through a guided tour of the grounds and then a detailed examination of the ruined house. Pictures of the interior and exterior of the house, taken before 1914, were compared with contemporary photographs. A similar comparison was made with pictures of the two magnificent fountains, the Flora fountain and the Perseus & Andromeda fountain, for which the site is justly famous. Finally, Mr Tricket told us of the future restoration work they would like to carry out if the necessary funding can be obtained.

The next meeting of the Society is on Tuesday April 5th; at which Miss Mary Bodfish will talk about The History of Smethwick. Visitors and new members are all welcome at St. Saviour’s Church Hall at 8.00 p.m. Visitors £1.50 including refreshments.

Malcolm James



ROTARY CLUB

At the end of February, club members and their wives celebrated Paul Harris founding the Rotary movement in Chicago 100 years ago. We joined members of other local clubs from Kinver, Kidderminster, Stourport, Hasbury & Cradley and Bewdley. Also attending were local Mayors, Dr Richard Taylor the Independent MP and our District Governor. The dinner dance was held at the Ramada Hotel in Bewdley.

We’ve had some excellent speakers in the last few weeks talking on the following:- Magistrates, Horse Racing, Family History, Fire & Rescue Services and Action Heart. Future speakers will talk on:- the Newspaper Industry, Czech Republic, Education in Africa and Financial Services.

We’re all looking forward to the President’s long Weekend away with our wives in mid April. Often we stay in a good hotel by the seaside, but this year the President has chosen the Hotel de la Bere in Cheltenham, so it’s an easy journey.

If you are interested in finding out more about Rotary’s activities, give me a call on 07966 116612, then come and join us for a free dinner one Monday evening at the Stone Manor Hotel.

David Dewhirst

CLUB REPORTS



ROTARACT CLUB

March started with a charity pub crawl around Stourbridge on the 5th with the club dressed up in St Trinian's school uniforms which seemed to persuade lots of people to fill our collection buckets. The next weekend there was a District Barn dance held in Chaddesley Corbett where we spent the night away with the help of the dancing and the great local beers. On the 22nd we decided to drop one of our regular meetings to go ice-skating, which was a brilliant spontaneous event. On the 26th many of the group partook in the McMillan's nurses' swimathon; we raised a lot of money and lost a few pounds.

April is planned to be the highlight of 2005 with our Silver Anniversary Ball on Saturday 2nd at the Pine Lodge in Bromsgrove. If any Hagley ex-Rotaractors or Rotary would like to join our celebrations, please call President Sue Munday for tickets on 07880 975354.

The next weekend we have booked a wine tasting trip around the Halfpenny Green Vineyards. On the 16th we are planning a Birmingham clubbing night. Then on 23rd we have a party to bring second hand clothes etc to fill aqua boxes. These are large containers that Hagley Rotary provides for us, and when full, they are sent to places where people need help.

If you would like to come along to a meeting, held on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of every month, contact Dave West on 07753 181600.

Katrina Attewell



GARDENERS' CLUB

Helen Hancox gave a delightful talk at our February meeting, introducing us to some of the many plants and herbs she nurtures in her garden. Her love of gardening and in particular her own patch induced enthusiasm in all of us.

Our next outing will be on June 11th to Bryans Ground and The Whimble Nursery and Garden in Herefordshire. Simon Dorrell and David Wheeler were the designers of Van Kampan Gardens (Hampton Court, Herefordshire) so it will be very interesting to explore their 8 acre garden. We have a few seats still available if anyone is interested in joining us. Please contact Judy Berrow for details. Tel: 01562 777014.

On April 27th we have a return visit from Toni and Ken Whittaker who are going to show us slides and entertain us with their 'Memories of Madeira'.

Annual Plant Fair on May 25th, please start propagating plants for this event.

New members are welcome and you don't have to be a gardener to enjoy our company and excellent talks. For information Tel: 01562 777014.

Judy Berrow

CLUB REPORTS

THEATRE GROUP



Rehearsals are now well under way for the “Comedy-2-Nite” evening we are staging on 20th and 21st May. The performance includes two plays about the trials and tribulations of amateur dramatic groups trying to stage productions (of course we have found it hard to see what all the fuss is about). The first, *Last Tango in Little Grimley*, is about an amateur group having 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 what should be the 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. Tickets £6.00 (£4.00 concessions) 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



ART CLUB

Something new this month, Portaiture. The April meeting is on Friday 8th at St Saviour’s Church Hall and the title for the evening is *The Psychology of Likeness* when our visitor will be portraitist Hilary Baker. Portrait painting does not get much support or interest in the amateur field. If you have visited the National Portrait Gallery in London you will realise that painted portraits were the only method of recording a likeness back in history before photography. Another aspect is that by an artistic interpretation, character and personality are reflected, not evident in a quick exposure in photography, which is at a moment in time.

Also in April, the club have been invited to put on a small exhibition in St. Saviour’s Hall as part of the Parish Music Festival. This exhibition is on Saturday 23rd April 11.00 a.m. – 2 p.m. and members that would like to display their pictures are asked to bring them on the morning of the day between 9-10 a.m. Pictures can be offered for sale if you wish but the exhibition is mainly in support of the Parish Music festival.

Looking to next month May 13th, the subject is *Art, My Ramble Through Everything* by Peter Heathcote.

A.A. Pritchard
(Hon. President)

CLUB REPORTS

Neighbourhood Watch

During the winter we have seen T.V. commercials that the Home Office have produced to highlight how some people make life easy for criminals, these were humorous but carry a message that we should be aware of how easy it is to be a victim of burglary, car crime and robbery.

Programmes have highlighted home security, we may think our homes are well protected but do we always use our security well? Check security, update where necessary. Look at your property through the eyes of the criminal – how would you get in, could you be easily observed?

Last autumn the Sustainable and Secure Buildings Act was passed. This enables the introduction of building regulations that will further the prevention and detection of crime.

The new Act should make it possible for all new homes to have good security e.g. door and window locks in place when they are built. Homes without security are on average nine times more likely to be burgled.

Locally we have had vandalism causing worry and distress to elderly residents; cars damaged, garden ornaments broken, plants uprooted and scattered over frontages.

Please report incidents to the Police and your local coordinator; if we are all vigilant we can help to stop an escalation of crime. The Watch holds meetings on the last Thursday of March, May, July. Come along – put forward your concerns. Contact me for details.

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WYRE FOREST HEART SUPPORT GROUP

“The April meeting is one of the highlights of our annual programme, proving very popular with Wyre Forest Heart patients and their families. It is a chance for a number of them to hear Mr Graham, the consultant who performed their operations. The connection with Mr Graham has been temporarily severed, as since mid November, all new heart patient referrals in Wyre Forest have been directed to Walsgrave Hospital on the east side of Coventry.

Mr Tim Graham is a Cardio-Thoracic Surgeon at the Queen Elizabeth Hospital, Birmingham and he will be accompanied by Dr David Pitcher who is the Cardiologist at Worcester Royal Hospital. They haven't indicated a title for their evening double act yet but we can all guess the general subject.

Mr Graham requested a date change and this necessitated a change of venue also. The date is now **Wednesday 20th April at 7.30 p.m. in the Education Centre, which is on the third floor of the new Diagnostic Treatment Centre at Kidderminster Hospital.** It is expected that car parking at the hospital will be free for those attending and there will be someone at Main reception to direct the way to the Education Centre. Admission as usual is £2.00 and light refreshments will be provided but there will be **no smoking.**

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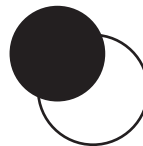
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HAGLEY WIVES' AND WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP



On the 12th April we welcome the return visit of Ed Shore who will talk about Living in Arizona and travelling in Mexico. His last talk was hilarious so do come and be cheered up.

Sylvia Everitt will be coming to entertain us on 26th April with a talk about Staffordshire Millennium Tapestry. This piece of work has been on show around the country and Sylvia won an MBE for this wonderful item of craft. Sylvia is another of our extra special speakers.

Coming up in May is our Annual Church visit. This year we are going to the Salvation Army Citadel in Kidderminster, it should be a very interesting evening so if you would like to join us, do let us know.

You are all welcome to attend any of our meetings; we meet on the second and fourth Tuesday in the month at St Saviour's Hall at 8 p.m.

Toni Allison

LADIES PROBUS CLUB

We should have been a 'full house' at our February meeting but because of adverse weather conditions many members cried off. Nevertheless we had a very lively meeting enhanced by an excellent speaker – Ms Christine Ritchie who enlightened us with her year as companion to an Arabian princess. On March 24th Mrs Joy Pinder spoke on 'entertaining the Queen'.

Dates for the diary:

April 28th – There is no speaker this month as we hold our A.G.M.

May 26th – Mrs P. Boyd – 'And the bride wore'

June 23rd – Members' open meeting. venue to be arranged.

July 28th – Mr Michael Hall – 'Quinton'

The Ladies Probus Club is a luncheon club for retired business and professional ladies. We meet once a month on the fourth Thursday in a private upstairs room at The Talbot, Chaddesley Corbett at 12 noon for 12.30 p.m. We enjoy a leisurely lunch and then we are entertained by a speaker. If you would like to join us initially as a visitor please telephone our Secretary, Mrs Betty Long on 01527 570864 at least a week beforehand so that she can order your meal. We shall be delighted to welcome you.

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After our recruitment week in March we hope we now have some new Leaders to carry on the Girl Guiding movement in Hagley.

My five-year term of office as District Commissioner ends this month so I take this opportunity to thank all the members of Walton District Girl guiding, especially the Leaders for their support and dedication. I wish my successor every success.

Sue Hemmings D.C.



TREFOIL GUILD

In last month's Village News, Sue our District Commissioner, explained how important February 22nd, "Thinking Day", was in the Guiding Calendar. Worcestershire Trefoil Guild members met at Droitwich for a service, taken this year by Worcester Trefoil. With twelve guilds in the county we can't escape this duty for much longer. Perhaps we'll surprise ourselves when the time comes.

Our members meeting of the 10th February was to the play "Joking Apart" at the Swan Theatre in Worcester. We prolonged the evening's entertainment by a very pleasant birthday treat of refreshments at the home of one of our members, on our return to Hagley.

On April 14th we meet for a walk to be arranged by Marjorie. She asks us to meet at No4 Cavendish Drive at 7.00 p.m. Friends are welcome to join us. Should the earlier time of starting not be convenient, or you do not wish to walk, Marjorie invites you to join us for refreshments at 8.15 p.m.

MOTHER'S UNION

We had a successful AGM preceded by a thought provoking pilgrimage around the Church. Our next meeting is on Thursday 21st April at 2.30 p.m. at St. Saviour's Church Hall. Our speaker will be Ingrid Chestnutt whose talk is entitled "Families in Verse". Hope to see you all there!

BOOK CLUB

Wednesday April 13th

We pay homage to local author Francis Brett Young in our reading this month. Nice to find our local landscape and towns, albeit with changed names, in some of his novels.

We meet at 8.00 p.m. at 11 Middlefield Lane.

Dinah Penman

SCHOOL NEWS

On this month's cover and below are badges designed by the 3rd Hagley Brownies, for Neighbourhood Watch, as part of a crime prevention topic. All to a very high standard as well!

Editor



PLAYGROUP

We are looking forward to enjoying some sunny, warm weather so that we can begin our outdoor activities, which the children always enjoy. We are currently involved in an exciting new musical initiative "Melody Monkey's Marvellous Music Box", kindly organised by our local library, which will be running for the next few weeks.

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.

SCHOOL NEWS

HAGLEY RC HIGH SCHOOL



Hagley RC High was chosen to pilot a thinking skills programme for Key Stage 4. This focussed on National Curriculum Thinking Skills and was based on ten teaching strategies. It took a cross-curricular approach with English technology and Science teachers working together to plan, observe and review each other's lessons. It was so successful that our school, together with one on Tyneside, was chosen to be filmed for a video to be used in teacher training. The filming was carried out on Friday 4 February and the excellent work of staff and pupils was commended by Nigel Kent, Teaching and Learning Inspector for North Worcestershire and Julien Kramer, Director of Educational Services for Worcestershire.

Congratulations are also due to Year 10 pupils, Matthew Davies, Boromeus Wanengkirtyo, Carrig Suleman and Patrick Hill, who have won the Staffordshire Area Audi Innovation Award. They now go forward to a national final in either London or Manchester.

The final congratulations need to go to Oliver Preston in Year 13 who has won a national History essay writing competition. The prize for the essay competition is £150 for Oliver, a visit to the Palace of Westminster, £100 worth of books for the school and a year's subscription to an historical journal. Oliver was invited to a presentation at the House of Commons on Monday 14 March 2005.

Veronica Shaw

HAYBRIDGE HIGH SCHOOL



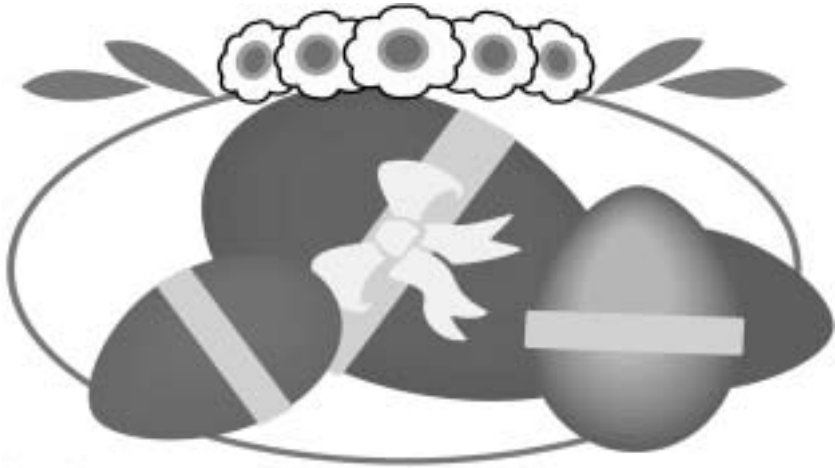
The new building programme at Haybridge High School is now underway and we are confident that, once completed, the school will provide a superb learning environment for all of our students. The timetable for construction has changed and we are now looking to open the new buildings in September 2007. This will mean that Haybridge will continue to operate as a split-site school until then, with Years 7 and 8 on the Park Road site. Students have already seen the plans in assembly and they will be publicly unveiled at an Information evening in the near future.

The school's production of 'Oliver!' took place over 3 nights this month and was a huge success, with great responses from audiences each night. This was a testament to the hard work of all the students and staff who put in so much time and effort in the months leading up to the performances.

A large number of Haybridge students have now gained membership of the National Academy for Gifted and Talented Youth (NAGTY), based at Warwick University. We currently have 36 members, although this is sure to increase, and many of these students will participate in Summer Schools this year designed to offer new learning opportunities and complement the school curriculum.

The school's annual Spring Spectacular music concert will take place on Thursday 21st April and Head of Music Mr Estell has promised that the evening will be as varied and enjoyable as ever. Tickets are available from the school office.

Ed Mayell



Happy Easter

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APRIL 2005

Hagley Parish Music Festival, Wednesday 20 to Sunday 24 April.

Book now: Mercian Travel, Worcester Road, Hagley, telephone 01562 884216.

Armonico Consort's Choral Concert (Wednesday 20 April) includes madrigals, folk songs and music from Victoria's Requiem.

The Staffordshire Brass Band (Thursday 21 April) an entertaining evening including folk, jazz, musicals, pop, opera, film and classical music.

Tasmin Little and Wayne Marshall (Friday 22 April) These two world-class musicians will perform violin sonatas by Back and Grieg, music by Cole Porter, Gershwin, Lloyd-Webber and Kreisler and feature organ improvisation.

The Midlands Fretted Orchestra and The Haybridge Soul Band (Saturday 23 April, from 11.30 am at St Saviour's). Free admission.

International pianist, **Mark Bebbington** will play classical favourites, featuring music by Schubert, Chopin and Liszt. (Saturday 23 April, 7.30 pm)

Choral Concert including Zadok the Priest, Bach Magnificat, Albinoni Adagio and Parry I Was Glad. (Sunday 24 April, 7.30 pm)

Parish AGM – Sunday 17 April

The Parish AGM will take place at 11.45 am, at St John's Church, after Parish Family Communion on Sunday 17 April. Everyone welcome.

Make Poverty History 10-16 April

Beginning with Sunday services on 10 April, we shall be linking into this national campaign, including a hunger lunch in St Saviour's Church Hall on Monday 11.

APRIL SERVICES

Date	8.00 am	9.30 am	10.30 am	6.30 pm
3 April Easter 2		Morning Praise St Saviour's	Holy Communion St John's	Evening Prayer St John's
10 April "Make Poverty History"	Holy Communion St John's		Morning Prayer St John's Holy Communion St Saviour's	Evening Prayer St John's
17 April Easter 4	Holy Communion St Saviour's		Parish Family Communion St John's	Evening Prayer St John's
24 April	Holy Communion St John's		Parish Communion St Saviour's	Music Festival Choral Concert St John's, 7.30 pm
1 May Saints Philip and James		Morning Praise St Saviour's	Parish Family Communion St John's	Evening Prayer St John's

CLUB REPORTS



WEST HAGLEY FOOTBALL CLUB

A big welcome to our new age group who joined us in February. Amongst the 54 U5s who started playing last month, no doubt some will be first team players in twelve years time!

One of the successes of our club is that we have over 80% retention rate of players who stay throughout the junior and youth sections, a period of around ten years.

Meanwhile two of our girl's teams played Cadbury Athletic in what turned out to be hard fought games last week. Our younger side (U9s) went down 1-2 but played very well, whilst the older girls (U11s) beat Cadbury 3-2 with the winner coming in the last minute! Anna Dyson, Georgia Oakley and Pippa Price all played very well with Elspeth Webb being the undoubted star of the show, with her constant running and passing ability causing Cadbury constant problems.

If any girls are interested in joining our club (from U6s to U11s) then please contact Karen Hanson on 01562 882767, who will find a place for you.

Finally, many congratulations to John Malanaphy's U11s team who reached their first cup final by beating P.S. Boys in the semis with the whole side playing well.

Clive Rushton – Chairman

CHESS CLUB

WORCESTERSHIRE COUNTY LEAGUE DIVISION TWO (GREG VOSKANIAN - CAPTAIN)

22nd February - Away versus Redditch – Won ½ - 4½

A marvellous win against top of the table Redditch. Despite being significantly out graded on over board, Hagley thrashed a surprised Redditch team. Peter Keate, Kevin Ryder, Tony Boyle, and Martin Borley all won; Captain Greg Voskanian maintained an unbeaten evening by drawing. This was by far the best result for Hagley this season. Peter Keate later said that he had been working on a new defence but had opted for a tried and trusted method against an opponent 30 grades above him.

28th February – Away versus Stourbridge – Lost 1½ - 3½

Unfortunately Hagley were unable to repeat their Redditch form, with Peter Keate winning and Greg Voskanian drawing, the only two positives.

DUDLEY & DISTRICT LEAGUE DIVISION THREE (REG BEASLEY - CAPTAIN)

4th February - Home versus Warley Quinborne – lost ½ - 3½

Tony Boyle was the only player to gain anything from this encounter, lossess for Martin Borley, Greg Voskanian, and Captain Reg Beasley meant a bad night at the office for Hagley.

MEMBERSHIP

We would welcome anyone wishing to know more about this great game.

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: When the knives are out, forks can be deadly!

Martin Borley – 884399

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Hagley & District Ladies Circle

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Hagley W.E.A

Westerns and Musicals

Following the success of the ten-week course 'A Century of Warfare', Hagley W.E.A. have invited film enthusiast Siddique Hussain back to deliver a half-day presentation on 'Music in the Movies' and the Hollywood western.

The venue is St. Saviour's Church Hall, Hagley, at 2.30 - 5.00 p.m. on Saturday 30 April. The entry cost will be £5.00 and includes a break for refreshments. For further enquiries, please contact Maureen Baker, 01384 440471.

APRIL DIARY

FRIDAY 1

Country Market

Community Centre 8.45 – 11.00 a.m.

Chess Club

Free Church Hall 7.00 p.m.

MONDAY 4

Playgroup

Community Centre 9.00 a.m. – 12 noon

Mondays to Fridays (not Thursdays)

Parish Council

Community Centre 7.00 p.m.

Stourbridge Speakers' Club

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

TUESDAY 5

Historical and Field Society

St Saviour's Hall 8.00 p.m.

"The History of Smethwick"

WEDNESDAY 6

U3A

St Saviour's Hall 2.00 p.m.

THURSDAY 7

Wyre Forest & District Centre

Community Centre 8.00 p.m.

"Dabbling in Design"

Clent Hills Singers

St. John's Church 7.30 p.m.

FRIDAY 8

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.

"The Psychology of Likeness"

SATURDAY 9

Art Club Spring Workshop

"Creative Colour"

TUESDAY 12

Hagley Wives & Women's Fellowship

St Saviour's Hall, 7.45 p.m.

"Living in Arizona and travelling in Mexico"

WEDNESDAY 13

Book Club

11 Middlefield Lane, 8.00 p.m.

"Francis Brett Young"

THURSDAY 14

Clent Hills Singers

St John's Church 7.30 p.m.

FRIDAY 15

Country Market

Community Centre 8.45 - 11.00 a.m.

Chess Club

Free Church Hall 7.00 p.m.

MONDAY 18

Parish Council

Community Centre 7.00 p.m.

Stourbridge Speakers' Club

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

WEDNESDAY 20

Evening W.I.

St. Saviour's Hall 7.30 p.m.

"Botanical Gardens"

FRIDAY 22

Country Market

Community Centre 8.45 - 11.00 a.m.

Chess Club

Free Church Hall 7.00 p.m.

SATURDAY 23

Historical and Field Society

Day Outing

SUNDAY 24

Clent Hills Singers

Festival Choral Concert

St John's Church

TUESDAY 26

Hagley Wives & Womens' Fellowship

St Saviour's Hall 7.45 p.m.

"The Staffordshire Millennium Tapestry"

WEDNESDAY 27

Gardeners' Club

St Saviour's Hall 8.00 p.m.

"Memories of Madeira"

THURSDAY 28

Ladies Probus Club

The Talbot, Chaddesley Corbett, 12 noon

FRIDAY 29

Country Market

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Chess Club

Free Church Hall 7.00 p.m.



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