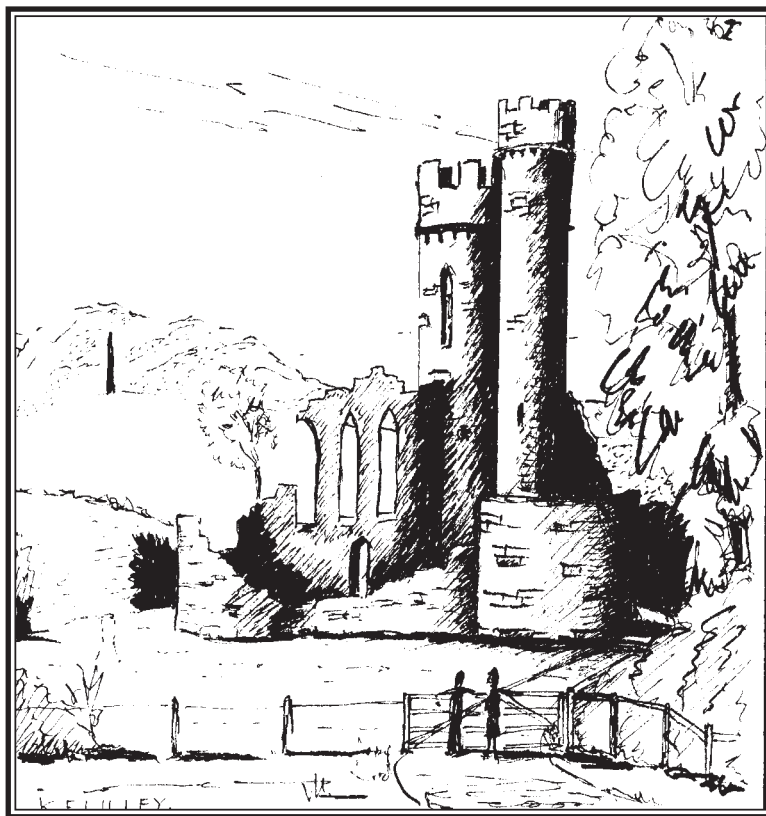


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EDITORIAL

Hope everyone is enjoying the summer! It will soon be holiday time, so take care with your arrangements for going away and keep an eye on your neighbours' homes too. Do read P.C. Lord's report on page 12, regarding valuables left on display in vehicles.

TO ALL CONTRIBUTORS: PLEASE REMEMBER, IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO BE INCLUDED IN THE DIARY, TO INCLUDE A PROGRAMME OF EVENTS WITH VENUE, DATE AND TIME.

Anna Morley
Editor

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor,

I have lived in this village for 30 years and have seen many changes. Over those years I have taken my sons for many healthy walks over Wychbury to help them grow up with an appreciation of the beauty of their surroundings.

During the last ten years of her life I was able to push my disabled mother's wheelchair as far as the woods where she could see the bluebells she so loved from her youth.

I find it such a shame that access to the hill and woods via Constitution Lane is now barred by a gate. I would imagine that many more people who are unable to manage the rough access by field or track must also be as disappointed as myself. I would like nothing more than to be able to create precious memories of walks in the bluebell woods with my grandchildren and help to develop their appreciation of nature.

Yours faithfully,
'Disappointed' of Hagley

Dear Editor,

I read with interest Mr Brace's letter headed "Grid locked Hagley" in the May edition of the Village News.

Your readers may be interested to learn that I have been corresponding with Worcestershire County Council who is the Highway Authority for all adopted roads in the West Hagley/Hagley area excluding A456 which is presently the responsibility of the Secretary of State for Transport, about the unsatisfactory traffic conditions and congestion.

My latest letter of 8th April to Mr Rob Sykes, Chief Executive of Worcestershire County Council, asked inter alia what his Council was proposing to do to alleviate the situation and I quote:-

"It is abundantly evident that urgent positive action is required by the Highway Authorities concerned to provide additional highway infrastructure to remove the through traffic from the trunk road A456 and also from the village shopping street B4187 in West Hagley. Such a new road together with certain local highway improvements would alleviate the present traffic congestion in the West Hagley/Hagley area resulting from planning expediency and mismanagement in North Worcestershire over a considerable number of years. In managing traffic problems what please are the proposals of your Council for alleviating the present traffic congestion in West Hagley?"

I have yet to receive an adequate response as Mr Sykes has decreed that his officers are not to correspond further with me. Albeit I have written again to Mr Sykes and await his reply.

Yours sincerely,
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Planning

The proposal by Pegasus to build 46 sheltered apartments at 25-29 Park Road has gone to appeal, having been turned down by Bromsgrove District Council. The Planning Inspectorate has advised us that there will be a Public Local Inquiry. I will keep you informed.

CCTV

The new cameras on the playing fields have been installed. They are real, and anyone caught engaging in acts of vandalism or other anti-social behaviour will be prosecuted.

Hope you are all enjoying the colourful flowers in the village.

Catherine Humphries
Clerk to the Council



CLENT PARISH COUNCIL

Items of interest from the approved Minutes of the meeting held on Monday, April 18th, 2005.

PARISH PLAN

The information from the Questionnaires has now been collated and is being arranged into a readable format.

PLANNING MATTERS

The following applications were granted by BDC
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2005/0087 – Ext./Garage – The Oaks, Broom Lane
2005/0134 – Ext. – 16 Pinewoods

The Council raised no objection to: 2005/0317 – Ext. – 16 South Road.

HIGHWAYS

Pinewoods Avenue Traffic Calming – the statutory notices have now been issued. Any comments should be forwarded to the Worcestershire County Council Highways partnership Unit based at The Council House, Bromsgrove.

A456 Speed Limit – The Highways Agency has advised that a traffic speed survey will be conducted along the length of the road from the M5 junction to Kidderminster. The results will be collated in 2006 when speed limits will be adjusted if necessary.

CENTENARY FIELD

There has been a delay by WCC for a full survey in case there might be a rare plant on site.

RECREATION AREA

RoSPA has advised that the new skateboard equipment should have handrails to comply with new legislation coming in shortly.

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For some time now we have been carrying out the Vulnerable Vehicle Scheme. It involves officers on patrol looking into cars for items of value on display.

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A large number of forms have been completed for Hagley suggesting people are not aware of the potential for theft. It takes seconds for a thief to smash a window or puncture a lock to remove property. They may park next to a vulnerable vehicle and while still in their own car, break into the target car. The passenger gets out, the offender's car is moved and the target is entered and property stolen.

We have seen computers, briefcases and bags of various descriptions, leather jackets, shopping (not groceries) and electrical items on display. We understand people leave things in their cars but we would like them to be placed out of sight and prior to parking if possible and when returning shopping, again if possible, put it in the boot.

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PC Chris Lord
Hagley Beat Manager

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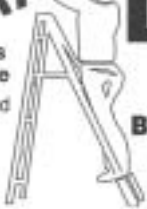
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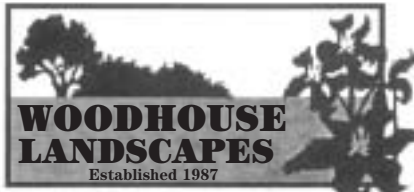
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CLUB REPORTS

AFTERNOON W.I.



The Members of Hagley Afternoon have enjoyed a busy time since the last issue of Village News. Resolutions on "Care of the Environment" and "Farmgate Milk Prices" were discussed in depth and voted upon at the May meeting. Following the discussion members recalled their wartime experiences and provided a display of memorabilia, as a Commemoration of the 60th Anniversary of VE Day. The meeting closed with President Pat Lane, telling some amusing anecdotes.

It had been decided that members would take part in national WI's 90th Anniversary "90 Mile Walk". A series of monthly walks devised by Irene Oliver commenced in April. The two walks, now completed, were blessed with good weather and were much enjoyed by those taking part.

A full coach took members and friends to Birmingham for an evening tour conducted by Michael Thompson MITG. The history of Birmingham was graphically illustrated while visiting the various areas. A most enlightening evening which showed how little members know of this famous city on our doorstep!

The Spring Rally was well supported and very much enjoyed, with creditable results being obtained in the competitive element of the day. Eileen Raybould was particularly congratulated on her second place in the cushion competition.

The annual coffee morning will be held at hagley free church on 6th august. Full details later but a date for your diary now!!

Meetings are held at Hagley Community Centre, 2pm on the 2nd Monday in each month. All ladies are welcome.

Megan Bury

EVENING W.I.

Our Meeting on Wednesday 18th May proved to be a very full evening. We were taken briefly through the business by the President Hazel Smith, to whom we must offer our congratulations on becoming Chairman of the Worcestershire Home Economics Committee – following which Joan Ellis, in her role of W.I. Adviser, took us through the Resolutions for this year, namely "Farmgate Milk Prices" and "Care of our Environment". There was much discussion on these subjects and members voted unanimously for both Resolutions.

After a short break for refreshments, we were given a talk by Mrs. Kitty Carter on her early days as a Policewoman.

There followed on Monday 23rd the Home Economics Rally at the Ramada Hotel, Bewdley, where we entered several classes. Our warmest congratulations go to Molly Greenwood who was "Highly Commended" for her chutney entry. Our thanks also go to Eileen Price for holding a Scrabble afternoon on Monday 16th.

Forthcoming Meetings and Events:

July 20th – "Embroidery" by Mrs. Freeman

July 1st – Outing to Coughton Court

July 18th – Dinner at Ombersley Golf Club

As always, visitors would be welcome at all or any of these events – you don't have to be a W.I. member, if you would like to try us out!

Joan Ellis

CLUB REPORTS

THEATRE GROUP



The Theatre group's Comedy-2-Nite production, performed at the Community Centre on the 20th and 21st may was a triumph for all those involved. Audiences, judging from the laughter and generous comments that we have received, appreciated the hard work that went into the two one act plays (Easy Stages and Last Tango in Little Grimley) that we performed. Of particular significance were the contributions made by newcomers to our club who considering their lack of, or no experience, complemented admirably those of us whose years of acting experience exceed the number of boards upon which we tread. We would like to thank all those who came to see the production and chose wisely to avoid the Eurovision Song Contest on the Saturday.

It is hoped that with the members that we now have, the adult section is in a resurgent position to stage more mainstream plays over the coming years. We now look forward to a major milestone in our history, the 200th Production which will be the musical Annie to be staged at the Community Centre, 13th - 15th October 2005 (more about that in the next issue of the Village News).

We are still keen to see more new members. If you are interested in any aspect of theatre from acting, stage management, props, prompting or running the bar even, then please contact our chairman, Paula Knight on 01384 894655.

Tony Forrest

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

LOOK OUT – BE AWARE

July, summer, holidays, relaxing in the garden, enjoying days out. This is the time of year we all look forward to. We try to relax, be less stressed, take things at a slower pace and enjoy what we hope will be long sunny fine days. BE AWARE – the thief/burglar does not take time off.

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2. Inform neighbours and ask them to keep an eye on your property.
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4. Check garden sheds/garages are locked when not in use.

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It is DISTRESSING to return to your car and find it has been broken into. This can be avoided; it just takes a few moments to put items out of sight.

Enjoy the summer. If you have concerns or worries about security contact your co-ordinator or myself. Neighbourhood Watch exists to help all in the community.

Kathryn Grocock
01562 720394

CLUB REPORTS



GARDENERS' CLUB

After a successful Plant Fair in May we are now preparing for the Annual Village Show on Saturday 3rd September at 2.30 p.m. at the Roman Catholic School. Make a note in your Diary to support your local event. Get involved and enter your plants, vegs, cooking, photography and crafts. More entries makes a better Show. Schedules are already available around the village. Join in the fun.

July 22nd we go for a trip to "The Valleys of Andorra" with Vick Aspland. A local garden expert and very involved with the Birmingham Botanical Gardens. Vick is a very popular speaker so don't miss it.

On July 30th we are going for the day to the Cotswolds. First to Luggars Hall in Broadway, then we spend the rest of the day at Sudeley Castle. the cost includes coffee and entrance fee at Luggars Hall and a ticket for Sudeley to cover house and gardens. Come and join us. Only a few seats left. Please contact Judy Berrow for details. Tel: 01562 777014.

Visitors always welcome to the Gardeners' Club. You don't have to be a gardener to enjoy our company and we have excellent talks and outings.

Judy Berrow

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We are a non-profit making organisation, part of an association of over 140 clubs in this country alone, whose aim is to support and guide people wishing to acquire and improve skills and techniques of effective speaking in public. People have many reasons to want to learn to speak confidently in front of an audience - for some it is an occupational necessity - for others a burning desire.

If you would like to learn to speak in public in a formal but friendly and constructive atmosphere come along to one of our meetings. Over the summer members and guests enjoy social events to keep in touch and the new season commences in September. The meetings follow a simple format; speaking followed by evaluation, all members take an active part whether they are speaking or not and guests, although encouraged to speak, will not be pressurised!

Meetings are on the 2nd and 4th Monday of the month at 7.45 p.m. for 8.00 p.m. in the Talbot Hotel, High Street, Stourbridge (see club page for dates). Further information can be obtained from our website at www.stourbridgeasc.org.uk.

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Sue Davis

CLUB REPORTS



ROTARACT CLUB

June excelled itself like the weather. We started with a clubbing night in Worcester followed by a brilliant Hagley District Games with a school sports day theme. In an authentic school playground all the teams' childhood skills came flooding back with wheelbarrow races and tug of war. The next success was finding our great new meeting place, the Mount Hotel, Clent where we also held a brilliant 2004/2005 AGM. On the 11th we had a lovely day trip to Ludlow where we ambled through the quaint streets. Our next event was the Aqua Box party where we did what we do best, having lots of fun while helping charities. On the 25th we went to Coventry's Pub Quiz district games where we were in the right place to drown our sorrows.

At the start of July we are planning to indulge in some classic cars with marshalling in the car park at Lichfield's Cars in the Park. Then on the 8th we are going to see Hamlet in its rightful surroundings of Kenilworth Castle. On the 16th we are going to shift the gears of thrill seeking with a day trip to Drayton manor Park. Other planned events in July are ten-pin bowling, laser quest tournament and a walk around Hagley.

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 Mount Hotel, Clent.

K. Attewell



HAGLEY ART CLUB

ART CLUB

The year rolls on and we will soon be half way through our programme for 2005/2006. With July the subject for the meeting on Friday 8th is *My Approach to Watercolour*, a demonstration by Catherine Brennand, a Wolverhampton artist, who has a large private commission which will take her some time to complete. Usual time 7.30 p.m. and place, St

Saviour's Church Hall. Visitors are welcome to join us for a small charge.

Looking ahead to August, there is a demonstration by Geoff Kersey on *A Derbyshire Landscape* in St Saviour's Church Hall, Hagley, August 12th.

Alan Pritchard
(Hon. President)

BOOK CLUB

Wednesday 13th July

An old favourite for some gentle summertime reading – Anthony Trollope. Maybe a chance to revisit Barchester (remember that wonderful TV serial? Wouldn't mind a repeat of that!) Or try one of his many other settings for a story. We meet at 8.00p.m. at 43 Sweetpool Lane. Tel. 884469 for details.

Dinah Penman

CLUB REPORTS

HAGLEY WIVES AND WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP



Our year of friendship and entertainment comes to an end for this session on 12th July when we will hold our AGM at St Saviour's Hall at 8.00 p.m.. On this evening we will reflect upon our past year; we have had some very excellent speakers, thanks to Sheila Munden and Judy Law who put the programme together.

Do join us again on 13th September at 8.00 p.m. for our Opening Service and registration evening at St Saviour's Church and afterwards in the Hall. The service is informal and interdenominational so everyone is welcome to join us.

A warm welcome awaits you and will be under the new leadership of Pat Porter.

Toni Allison

LADIES PROBUS CLUB

Our May meeting took place, as usual, at the Talbot, Chaddesley Corbett. After a most pleasant lunch we were entertained by Mrs. Pat Boyd whose talk was entitled "And the Bride Wore". This was a most entertaining exploration into the traditions, history of customs and symbols of British weddings. It caused much audience participation and due to the ages of the audience, much discussion on the changing of contemporary and former traditional weddings.

If you want to know more about Hagley Ladies Probus or are interested in joining us please phone the secretary Katy Fletcher on 01384 378182.

In July Michael Hall will talk to us about Quinton and in August we will be going on the Severn Valley Railway for a fish and chip supper.

B.H. Long


President

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The Wyre Forest Symphony Orchestra, currently celebrating its 30th year, will be performing at the Safari park, Bewdley, on 9th July at 7.30 p.m., in an outdoor concert of popular classics including "Last Night of the Proms" favourites and a fireworks finale. The concert is in aid of Sunfield Home, Clent. For tickets please phone 01384 453383.

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June saw a cause for celebrations as this branch of the U3A was 5 years old and our Chair, Valerie Godfrey, whose energy, ideas and enthusiasm have been the mainspring of its success, reached a milestone birthday. In order to maintain, what was surely a myth, that the latter was either not known or to be ignored, the meeting followed the usual pattern of a speaker, in this case one of our members, John Mason, speaking learnedly (but deliberately briefly) about the history of the Magistracy in Stourbridge. Some of the cases aroused our curiosity – why was it unlawful to ‘Angle in day time’ – while it was intriguing to know that when the national censors gave the film Snow White an A certificate, Stourbridge liberally awarded it a U. Then the talents of other members were shown, as a tribute to Valerie was made in a song using the tune Daisy, Daisy and, after presentations of a cake, flowers and a garden statue, a poem explained the idea behind the latter as Horace exchanged for Horatio (sorry - an in joke too complicated to explain in a brief report). No biscuits with tea this time – birthday cake for us all thanks to our splendid committee!

Eileen Wormald

MOTHERS' UNION

On 6th July, the Diocesan Council Meeting will be held at 7.00 p.m. at St. Saviour's, Hagley. The speaker will be Daphne Cook. We would love to see you there.

Our monthly meeting will be a talk by Judy & Dorothy entitled “Healing Hands” at 2.30 p.m. at St. Saviour's on Thursday 21st July.

On 1st August we are having a trip to St Mary Magdalene Church at Woodstock. Do come with us to this lovely historic church. The cost will be £8 including tea. The coach will leave the Community Centre car park at 1.15 p.m. returning from Woodstock at 4.30 p.m. (approximately 6 p.m. back at the Community Centre). Contact Judy on 882467 if you would like to join us.

We celebrate Mary Summer Day at Amblecote Parish Church at 7.30 p.m. on August 9th with a special service.

We are holding a coffee morning after the 10.00 a.m. Communion at St. Saviour's on Thursday 18th August. There will be a Bring & Buy stall including cakes and a raffle.

In May we had a very successful meeting with Jean Swift talking about her trip to Peru, giving us a good insight into the work the Mothers' Union are doing out there.

Judy Plant

CLUB REPORTS

GIRLGUIDING WALTON DISTRICT



Congratulations to eight guiders on their long service awards which they received at the annual celebration A.G.M. Amongst these were two twenty year awards that were presented to Diane Field and Jayne Mottershead. We thank them and all our guiders of Walton District for their dedication and hard work in keeping guiding in Hagley alive.

Sue Hemmings



TREFOIL GUILD

In May we very much enjoyed an evening at the Birmingham Symphony Hall. The Russian Symphony Orchestra gave a simply wonderful concert. Thank you so much, Pat, for making the arrangements. Following that would be thought to be difficult, but we managed it – a group of us went to a Birthday Party given by Halesowen Trefoil to mark their 50th Birthday. And great fun it was, too. Licky Valley Trefoil have invited us to a Barbecue and Craft Evening on July 13th. We've not been told the nature of the craft: maybe iron work; to construct the barbecue first! We shall see.

For our own July meeting we decided to have a French Evening, for no better reason than it fell on the 14th and someone's diary said it was Bastille Day. It may well be that a string of onions, some french bread, a beret or two and some wine is as much "Frenchness" as we can muster. Time will tell. Kate has the planning in hand. We are inviting friends and look forward to a convivial evening.

Elizabeth Gingell

Playgroup

As many of you may already know, we recently lost our very dear friend and colleague Jill Knowlton, after a long battle with cancer.

Jill always remained very positive and cheerful throughout her illness and has left us with some wonderful memories of her time with the children.

Jill will be sadly missed by us all, and our thoughts are with her family at this very difficult time.

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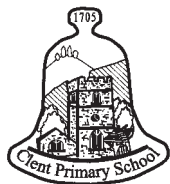
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The end of the school year is fast approaching, and at Hagley Primary School, we seem to have achieved so much when we look back. In June the children enjoyed dressing in red, white and blue to celebrate the end of World War II by holding a Victory Party. Our "Walk to School" week, albeit later than planned, took place also in June and showed how, with a bit of thought, we can cut down on the congestion outside school. Thank you.

Mr Bailey returned from China after his 12 day stay there and already the children are learning some basic Mandarin which we hope to extend in the new academic year when Chinese assistants visit Worcestershire. The playground equipment should be in place by the time the children return to school in September. They had great fun designing the layout and also contributing to what equipment they would enjoy most.

With this term ending on Thursday 21st July, we hope everyone has an enjoyable break and is ready for action on Wednesday 7th September!

Jane Pitt



CLENT PRIMARY SCHOOL

This year is very important for us as we celebrate the 300th birthday of Clent Parochial Primary School. In order to mark this very special occasion we have lots of activities and events planned. The children's work will reflect the school's history in a cross curricular way and each class will be finding out about their school and village particularly through history, geography and art. We will have an 'artist in residence', Adrian Higgins who will carry out an art class with each class in turn, the theme being the history of our school. Later in the month we will be continuing the celebrations by involving many members of our community, holding a tea party and coming to school dressed as children from yesteryear. An important guest during this time will be John Partington who was the headmaster of Clent School for 30 years, and who oversaw the transfer of the school to the current premises.

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.

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

SCHOOL NEWS

HAGLEY RC HIGH SCHOOL



Despite the pressure of examinations the school community has been able to participate in a variety of activities during the Summer Term.

In May a group of sixty Year Seven pupils enjoyed a retreat at Alton Castle in Staffordshire where they were able to experience a range of outdoor activities together with spiritual enrichment and celebration of their faith.

The Art Department took one hundred Year Ten students to Worcester cathedral as part of their GCSE Art examination preparation. This was hugely successful and beneficial. There will be an Art Exhibition of pupils' work in July.

The year group have also benefitted from mock interviews as part of their careers guidance and the opportunity to take part in a Geography Fieldtrip to Church Stretton in Shropshire.

As the Sixth Form complete their final examinations they are looking forward to their Leavers' Ball to be held at the Botanical Gardens in July. This is a grand and memorable occasion to celebrate the completion of their education and to thank God for all the opportunities which they have received.

V. Shaw

HAYBRIDGE HIGH SCHOOL



Recently we have had our annual Activities Week and students in years 7,8 and 9 have been offered a range of opportunities both inside and outside of school to add to their learning experiences. For example, the Performing Arts faculty ran a 3 day expressive arts workshop allowing the students to work on a project involving English, Art, Music and Drama., Elsewhere, year 9 students took part in an Enterprise Week in which they worked on product design, marketing and manufacture. These activities give students a chance to develop new skills, benefit from the expertise of others and take learning outside the classroom.

During this week Mr. Pollard took a group of 48 year 9 students to the Ardeche in France for an adventure break. The students took part in such activities as climbing, canoeing, camping and white-water rafting. This culminated in a descent of the Ardeche gorge with students and staff spending the nights in bivouacs. All had a great time and this popular trip is becoming a mainstay of the school calendar.

Finally, it is the time of year when we say farewell to students leaving Haybridge to move on to further education and employment. Year 11 departed for study leave and this event was marked by this year's Prom, held at the Heath in Bewdley, which was a wonderful event enjoyed by students and staff alike. While many of these students will return for sixth form, our year 13 leavers are gone for good and we wish them all the very best in their future study and work.

Ed Mayell



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The Parish of Hagley St John the Baptist with St Saviour

JULY 2005

Clues from the Past – The History of Hagley's Churches

Exhibitions will be held on Saturday 16 July (11.00 am to 5.00 pm) and Sunday 17 July (2.00 pm to 5.00 pm) at all three of Hagley's Churches, the Free Church, St John's and St Saviour's.

Members of the **Free Church** in Worcester Road celebrate their centenary this year and will be displaying their history from written records and a splendid pictorial archive. **St Saviour's Church** is nearing its centenary in 2008 and will be showing how and why the decisions were made to meet the needs of a growing population at the beginning of the twentieth century. **St John's Church** has served the parish since Saxon times and displays based on archives from the Parish Chest will show how people have made their mark on local affairs down the ages. Guided tours are planned to explain the developments of the buildings from the Normans through medieval times to the 19th century neo-gothic work. Refreshments will be available. Do come along and visit.

Ordination of Sue Oliver – Sunday 3 July

Sue Oliver will be ordained at a service in Worcester Cathedral, 10.30 am on Sunday 3 July. Sue has been a church member in Hagley for many years. Following recommendation from the national church that she be trained for the ordained ministry, she has been studying at the Queen's Foundation in Birmingham for the past two years. Many of her friends from Hagley will be in Worcester to support her on this special day, and to wish her well for her curacy in several rural parishes near Pershore.

JULY SERVICES

Date	8.00 am	9.30 am	10.30 am	6.30 pm
3 July St Thomas		Morning Praise St Saviour's	Holy Communion St John's	Evening Prayer St John's
10 July Trinity 7	Holy Communion St John's		Morning Prayer St John's Holy Communion St Saviour's	Evening Prayer St John's
17 July Trinity 8	Holy Communion St Saviour's		Parish Family Communion St John's	Evening Prayer St John's
24 July Trinity 9	Holy Communion St John's		Parish Communion St Saviour's	Wollaston Patronal Festival Tea at 5.30 pm
31 July Trinity 10	Holy Communion St John's		Parish Communion St Saviour's	Evening Prayer St John's

CLUB REPORTS

RUACH KARATE CLUB

Apologies, again, for missing last month's Village News. Yes I have been reading that Karate magazine again! The author tells of the challenges which face all Karate students like those who meet at Haybridge High School, Hagley on a Monday night.

The main challenge is to obtain the coveted black belt which he attributes to be akin to climbing a mountain. At the outset we take our first step (white belt) and then step by step we set out to conquer the mountain.

Reaching the top of the first mountain, gaining the coveted Black Belt or first Dan is an awesome and exhilarating experience of which you can feel truly proud.

We then can either stand still, go down the mountain or move on to another higher peak – to the joy of teaching new students, learning new Katas and Karate techniques for the 2nd Dan.

Ben Mitchell, Mac Tattersal and Paul Wright, newly awarded Black Belts will accept that challenge. Congratulations from everyone at Ruach Karate Haybridge we wish you all well.

www.karate-training.co.uk for further details or come along to Haybridge High School Sports Centre, Monday nights, 7 o'clock.

R. Bache.



FROM ANOTHER TIME..... BROOME C.1850 - C.1920

'If ever we take up the clerical profession', observed a Victorian writer, 'commend us to Broome'. Nothing seemed to happen in Broome in 1850, and it was all the better for it. In the fields, mostly owned by the Earl of Dudley, wheat and barley grew. In the school, which no one had remembered to name, only 25 children were educated. In the church, built of brick in 1780, the Revd. J.G. Bourne could fit the whole village of 100 or so people. He could happily believe he fully earned his £320 a year – no one went to rival chapels, complaints about church rates were genteel. Broome House, now a care home, was built in the late 18th century. A nearby farm is of similar style and may possibly have been built around the same time. With its pool – alas now without its island – and carefully laid out gardens, Broome House is an attractive, tranquil place. A photograph from the early twentieth century shows a shooting party standing by the front entrance of the house. This was taken during the time the house was owned by Sir John Holder. Always immaculately dressed, Holder was a car enthusiast, often appearing at the Brooklands race track. He built a miniature railway in the grounds of Broome House, but this has long since been dismantled.

Stephen Roberts is Head of Humanities
at Hagley R.C. High School

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Country Market

Community Centre 8.45 – 11.00 a.m.

MONDAY 4

Playgroup

Community Centre 9.00 a.m. – 12 noon
Every Monday to Friday (not Thursdays)

Parish Council

Community Centre, 7.00 p.m.

TUESDAY 5

Senior Citizens Club

Free Church Hall, 2.30 p.m.

Historical and Field Society

St. Saviour's Hall 8.00 p.m.

"Woven in Kidderminster"

WEDNESDAY 6

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

THURSDAY 7

Clent Hills Singers

Free Church, 7.30 p.m.

FRIDAY 8

Country Market

Community Centre 8.45 – 11.00 a.m.

Art Club

'My Approach to Watercolour'

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

SATURDAY 9

Wyre Forest Symphony Orchestra

West Midlands Safari Park, 7.30 p.m.

MONDAY 11

Afternoon W.I.

Community Centre, 2.00 p.m.

"Old Radio Times"

TUESDAY 12

Hagley Wives & Women's Fellowship

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

A.G.M.

WEDNESDAY 13

Book Club

43 Sweetpool Lane, 8.00 p.m.

'Anthony Trollope'

THURSDAY 14

Clent Hills Singers

Free Church, 7.30 p.m.

A.G.M.

FRIDAY 15

Country Market

Community Centre 8.45 - 11.00 a.m.

MONDAY 18

Parish Council

Community Centre, 7.00 p.m.

TUESDAY 19

Senior Citizens Club

Free Church Hall, 2.30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY 20

Evening W.I.

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

"Embroidery"

FRIDAY 22

Country Market

Community Centre 8.45 - 11.00 p.m.

WEDNESDAY 27

Gardeners' Club

St. Saviour's Hall, 8.00 p.m.

"The Valley of Andorra"

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"Quinton"

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