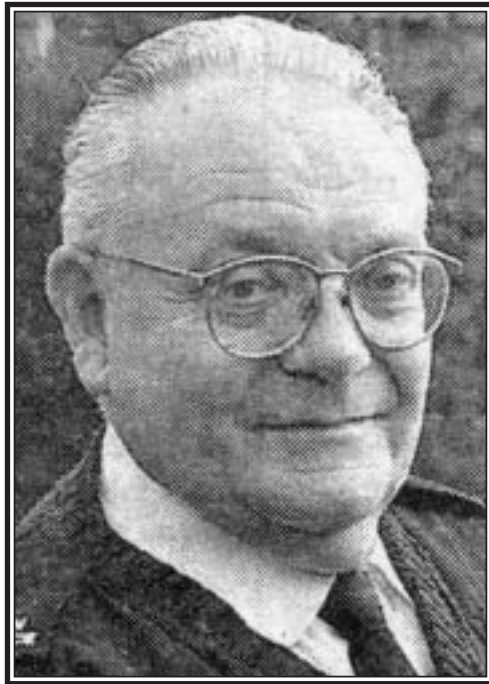


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## EDITORIAL

*I am delighted to be able to wish Geoff Gough many congratulations on the award of his M.B.E. See also pages 26,27 and 42.*

*Hagley Community Association is just one of the many groups to which Geoff devotes his time and commitment and we are very proud of him!*

*Note: I would like to offer an apology for the mis-spelling of the Lyttelton name in the July issue.*

*Anna Morley  
Editor*

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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor

Last Wednesday (22nd June) on a hot and sunny evening I experienced an unnerving incident whereby a group of youths fired their large watergun full of hard pellet balloons deliberately at me whilst I was driving my car down Church Street. When it happened I thought I had been shot as my car window was half open and the explosion that occurred caused me to do an emergency stop. The man driving behind nearly collided with my car – all in all quite a dangerous episode. The youths had lain in wait by the pathway entrance to the park and where it turns out, they also had easy access to a tap on the allotments! I managed to follow after the youths who ran off and gathered by the Doctors' Surgery. I tried to explain to them the consequences of their 'bit of fun' but was met with verbal abuse, swearing and jeering. Being a pensioner I was very shaken by the whole episode, but was lucky enough to contact family in the village who came to assist me. Despite ringing the Police straight away and though promises were made that a Police officer would attend, no officer was available until 3 days later, by which time of course the youths have continued having much more fun at the expense of innocent passers-by showing no respect for anyone else.

So with all the housing developments taking place all over the village and the growing number of badly behaved youths what is happening to the changing face of Hagley?

Name and address withheld

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The family of Mr Henry Brace would like to thank everyone who joined in his 100th birthday celebration on the 18th June 2005, and made his day so special. Also many thanks for donations given for Mary Stevens Hospice currently standing at £440.00.

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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor

### CHANGING FACE OF HAGLEY

In reply to Councillors Scurrall and Gall's letter re housing developments (June) issue, unfortunately we are still not reassured. It quotes "SPG10" moratorium is in place for Hagley now, but it does not explain sufficiently what this means. Especially when it states that it cannot be applied to safeguard housing developments "Underway". Can this term be explained in detail? Does this mean current Applications for planning permission or does it mean those housing developments being built? I point this out because I have just contacted the "In Touch" magazine for retirement apartments in Hagley being advertised by Pegasus Homes to be told it was a new development going to be built in Park Road! Well this had just been refused by Bromsgrove District Council but it has gone to appeal. So is it a foregone conclusion? Is it considered "underway"? We know what happens to appeals if the Hagley Sewage Farm development is anything to go by. It was recommended by Worcester C.C. to be refused but B.D.C. failed to lodge their objections in time and Government Inspectors overruled recommendations in any event. So how much weight does the "happy working relationship" carry between Worcs C.C. and B.D.C.?

There are now too many developments/apartments in the village. It has reached saturation point, evidenced by many that have not been sold.

Mrs. P Wilkins

Dear Editor,

The letter in the June issue of the Hagley Village News from District Councillors Chris Scurrall and Katie Gall is incorrect in so far as it states that Bromsgrove District Council rejected the application for residential development of the Sewage Farm site.

It is true that the developers went to appeal but reference to the Inspector's Appeal Decision shows that, and I quote, "The appeal is made under section 78 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 against a failure to give notice within the prescribed period of a decision on an application for outline planning permission."

One wonders why there was this failure by Bromsgrove District Council to give a decision on the application when not so very long before permission was granted by Bromsgrove District Council to themselves to develop the land surrounding the Sewage farm ie the cordon sanitaire. In point of fact this question, among others, was asked of Ms Sue Nixon, Chief Executive, Bromsgrove District Council more than 12 months ago but a reply has so far not been forthcoming.

With the Freedom of Information Act now operative maybe Councillors Scurrall and Gall will take this matter on board and provide the residents of this part of West Hagley with this long awaited reply.

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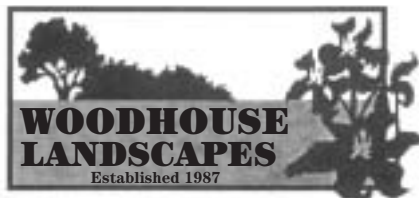
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## NOTICES



### HAGLEY PARISH COUNCIL

#### Playing Field

The drainage works are now complete and hopefully we will see an improvement in the condition of the bottom end of the field. The grass has also been reseeded.

#### Car Parking

the Council is investigating the use of a limited time parking scheme for the main car park, as all day parking is still a problem. Details to follow.

#### Summer Holidays

Now that the schools are closed for the summer, please be aware of what your children are doing. We are already experiencing an increase in anti-social behaviour in the village. It is everyone's responsibility to stop this, not just the Police and the Council.

Catherine Humphries  
Clerk to the Council



### CLENT PARISH COUNCIL

Items of interest from the approved Minutes of the meeting held on Monday, May 16th, 2005.

#### ELECTIONS/APPOINTMENTS

Councillor Ed Sheppard was re-elected Chairman for the coming year. Cll. Steven Malek is the Vice-Chairman and all appointments continue as 2004/05. A planning committee to be called as and when necessary.

#### COMMUNITY BEAT OFFICER

Vehicle crime continues to be a problem, particularly at Walton Hill Car Park. Visitors to the hills are reminded not to leave valuables on show in their cars.

#### FINANCE

Council approved the accounts for 2004/05, which will be submitted to the internal auditor prior to sending the annual return to the external auditors.

#### PLANNING MATTERS

2005/0183 – Ext. 24 Worcester Road - granted, BDC; 2005/0223 – Porch – 40 Newfield Road – granted, BDC; 2005/0402 – Conservatory – 6 Pinewoods Avenue – no objection.

#### HIGHWAYS

Western By-passes - resolved to write regarding the West Midlands Spatial Strategy Document to object to the proposal from the Black Country Consortium that there is a need for this route. Regeneration should be to the east of the conurbation.

#### CENTENARY FIELD

Proposed Cricket Pitch – a copy of the statement being presented at the planning meeting to be sent to all Councillors.

#### STREET LIGHTING

A further quotation is to be obtained from npower for a new lamp in Western Road.

Clerk to the Council, Tel: 886269



## NOTICES



# HAGLEY PARISH COUNCIL

## VANDALISM INCIDENT

During the last weekend in June, the new barrier in Victoria Passage and the Doctors' surgery car park was vandalised beyond repair. This was the worst of two acts of vandalism since it was installed in May.

The Parish Council wishes to express its anger and frustration over this and the rising number of anti-social behaviour incidents in recent months. However, it is also determined to introduce measures that will stop this type of mindless vandalism and will be working hard to get the full co-operation of the police, who will proceed with prosecutions, which will bring shame on the families of those involved.

The vandals are believed to be from Hagley and appear to take great pleasure in destroying their own local environment and bringing the quality of the area down.

The Parish Council has recently spent over £4,000 and many months of hard work ensuring that the surgery car park is kept free for doctors and those needing emergency services. It is now being considered whether to repair the barrier again or to adopt other alternatives that do not involve spending any more of the Council's budget.

In addition to the money spent on the barrier there is a further £35,000 expenditure on the installation of CCTV coverage in the village, £10,000 of which came from the Parish Council. However, this has not stopped anti-social behaviour where we would have expected more prosecutions being brought supported by CCTV evidence. We must question the value of this investment while vandalism, inconsiderate and illegal parking and littering continues.

The Parish Council has made these feelings known in the strongest possible terms to the West Mercia Police Authority and expects appropriate resources to be permanently committed.

If anyone does have information about the damage to the barrier or other incidents in the village please contact PC Lord on 08457 444 888 or on the Crime Stoppers number 0800 555 111. Please don't let the minority spoil it for the majority.

## PARISH PLAN

The Hagley Parish Plan is now available for public consultation. This is a significant milestone as it represents 18 months of hard work and commitment by the Parish Plan Committee and signals the final stages of what has been a very rewarding task.

Copies can be viewed either on line at [www.communityfirst.co.uk/prjects/parishplans/index](http://www.communityfirst.co.uk/prjects/parishplans/index) or there are copies available to view: in Hagley library; in the Hagley Parish office, or in the doctors surgery.

At each location there are facilities for comments to be recorded. Any comments made will be forwarded to the committee and considered before the final version is published. The deadline for consultation is the 15th August 2005. Please indicate clearly if you would like a response to your comment.

This is the final stage in the consultation process before the official launch therefore it is important that any final comments are received before we go to print. The committee believes that the major issues have been addressed and are covered in the overall plan. If you would like any further information or clarification please contact me on 882996.

Steve Colella.

## TRIBUTES TO GEOFF GOUGH M.B.E.

I cannot think of anyone better to receive an award in the recent Honours List than Geoff Gough. I am sure that everyone in Hagley is delighted that he has, been given true recognition for all of the voluntary work he has done.

Born in 1930, Geoff attended school at Bromsgrove Road, Hagley and Halesowen Secondary Modern. He left school at 14 and worked at Parkes of Quinton then at Austins. This was put on hold when he joined the Army (1st Battalion Worcestershire). After he was demobbed he continued at Austins and was promoted to Tool Commissioning Manager.

Geoff has many hobbies and interests. He spent ten years in the Territorial Army, enjoyed Ballroom Dancing and won a Bronze medal at competition level. He was also a keen Green Bowler where, I'm told, he met his future wife, Jean.

He was married in 1972 and, produced three wonderful boys, Stuart, Richard and Mark. He joined the Scouts movement in 1980 and St. John's Ambulance in 1981.

Geoff was made redundant in 1987 and tragically lost his son Stuart in 1988. He became a member of the Victim Support organisation and has been involved in helping many people who have also experienced tragic loss.

In 1988 he was employed at Whitford School. He later became President of Hagley Community Association, a Parish Councillor and continues to work hard for Hagley Heartstart.

In ending this short tribute to Geoff Gough M.B.E., one thing sums up his kindness and generosity of spirit. Each year Father Christmas employs many voluntary helpers throughout the world to distribute gifts to our children. Next time you take your children to meet Hagley's St Nicholas; look under that long white beard, you may be surprised!

Gordon Shaw

There always two words that come to mind when I meet Geoff, and they are courage and service. Geoff sets an example to us all with the courage he has shown since the tragic loss of his son Stuart, and the dedication of his life to his family and to the service of our community.

Many organisations including the Scouts, Victim Support, St. John's, the Community Association, the Parish Council and Heartstart have greatly benefited from his support over the years, and he always gives freely of his time and is willing to go to any lengths to help others.

Having worked with him on the latter two organisations, I have experienced first hand, the drive, dedication and leadership he displays. He is quite tireless.

As everyone who knows him will testify, you only have to pick up the phone and say 'Geoff, can you help' and the answer is known before it is even spoken. So I am absolutely delighted he has been given this award, which could not be more deserved by someone for his services to our community.

Jim Austin

## TRIBUTES TO GEOFF GOUGH M.B.E.

I first met Geoff in his role as Co-ordinator for Bromsgrove and District Heartstart when he advertised in the Village News for help running the group.

This was the start of a close, working friendship, which has grown through the last 5 years, and I now perform the job of secretary to the group.

Geoff is a most enthusiastic leader and he inspires all who are in contact with him. Through working with him, his enthusiasm spread to my husband who is now the treasurer of 'Heartstart'.

As we got to know Geoff more and more it was apparent that he was involved in many worthy causes giving his service to the community.

Through contact with St. John Ambulance Brigade, Scouts and Cubs in Hagley and district, Victims of Crime, Hagley Community Association, Parish Council and our M.P. Julie Kirkbride, it was with great pleasure that we were able to submit the recommendation for an award.

I can think of no other person who so deserves this honour and thank and congratulate him for all his work.

Judy Hancox  
(Secretary, Bromsgrove and  
District Heartstart)

We as a family got to know the Goughs in the late 1980s; our children and theirs attended the Hagley Schools together. Geoff Gough our new MBE, Jean his wife and their family always seem to have been part of our lives and Hagley's.

Anna our eldest daughter joined St John's and was trained and helped with her first aid by Geoff throughout. Ann my wife joined Hagley Rambler Cubs as Akela after transferring from Romsley Group and worked extensively for many years with Geoff who was Group Scout Leader, to make the Hagley Cubs the best pack in Bromsgrove District. Geoff attended many camps and the boys and leaders always welcomed his presence. Because of Ann & Geoff's involvement, 3 of our daughters became uniformed Cub leaders, Anna, Emma and Julie. All the girls think the world of Geoff (and Jean and the boys); his influence has played a large part in their lives.

I have worked with Geoff on many varied occasions. He masterminded the 2000 firework display, and has had major roles in Hagley Carnivals, Hagley Community Association, Heartstart, as well as Cub events. He also gives tirelessly to Victim support. Clearly a guy who is ALWAYS ALWAYS there for others genuinely deserves this award.

As a family we are over-joyed at his recognition, his honour is totally deserved, we are proud of him and his family and to be his friends.

Antony Homer and family

## CLUB REPORTS

### AFTERNOON W.I.



Members enjoyed the Food, Flower & Craft Day at Bewdley. Good speakers and wonderful entries in the competitive classes made this a day to remember! Eileen Raybould was congratulated on her 2nd place in the Cushion Class and other members thanked for their entries.

On 31st May Fish and Chips were served at the Community Centre. Members had coffee and biscuits, tried to find the quiz answers, then lunch, tea and cakes. A much enjoyed event to repeat in the future.

The June meeting included a report on the AGM by Vicki Waugh. The resolutions on Farmgate Milk Prices and Care of the Environment had been passed by large majorities. Miss Waugh was thanked and presented with a small gift.

Jean Owen then talked on "A Visit to Japan". Mrs Owen was a delightful speaker who spoke eloquently on her experience of visiting Hiroshima, hilariously on her dislike of flying, and on the customs of Japanese people.

Five members walked to Brakemill on a beautiful afternoon when the area was full of wildlife. It was intended to retrace steps but this proved impossible – a swan was fiercely protective of its brood of cygnets!! A short walk became a long walk relieved at the President's home to enjoy tea and cake.

The COFFEE MORNING will be held at the Free Church on 6th August 10.30 a.m. Please come! Members are delighted to see new faces at meetings on the 2nd Monday in each month (except August) 2 p.m. at the Community Centre.

Megan Bury

### HAGLEY WIVES AND WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP



Our new year of entertainment begins on Tuesday 13th September with our Opening Service at St Saviour's Church at 8.00 p.m. This will be followed by registration for membership in the Hall. Membership will cost £10. Our new programme will be available then.

On Tuesday 27th September we welcome the return of Sue Morgan, who last year talked about her career as a pawnbroker and this time her talk will be entitled "I was the Boatswain's Mate". She will enlighten us on her life on board ship as the manageress of the Hair and Beauty salons on the Q.E.II. I feel sure this will be a lively and humorous evening. Please do join us.

We are always very happy to welcome visitors and new members as well as our regular members, so if any of our programme interests you during the year, do come along and join us.

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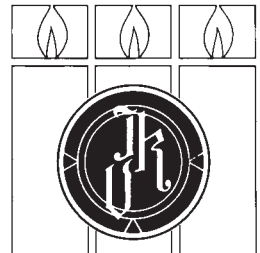
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## CLUB REPORTS

### EVENING W.I.

Incredibly, by the time this is read, our August break will, be nearly over and we shall be looking forward to the Autumn's activities!

However, before then, we have an interesting half-year to look back on, and much to look forward to.

At our June meeting we watched varied sandwiches being made (with tasters!). July gave us another "craft" - Embroidery by Mrs. Freeman, and on Wednesday September 21st, members will be holding their own evening and supper. On October 19th we shall have come full circle to our A.G.M.

In the meantime, a group of us met for an outing to Coughton Court; we thank Lilian Twells for opening her garden to raise funds for "Kemp Hospice" (we had been very moved by a talk referring to them earlier in the year); two meals (yes, we enjoy our food!), one at Ombersley Golf Club and another a BBQ at the home of Hazel & John Smith (our thanks, as always to them), and also County events; the A.G.M. at the Albert Hall, and a Garden Party celebrating the 90th Anniversary of W.I.

As always, plenty of varied activities. All, as ever, welcome.

Joan Ellis



### LADIES PROBUS CLUB

The meeting on June 23rd was held as usual at The Talbot, Chaddesley Corbett. There were 18 members present. This month there was no speaker as it was decided to have an open meeting as a purely social occasion. It was an opportunity for members to express any views, discuss points of interest and give any new ideas and suggest speakers. It became a very lively meeting enjoyed by all present and one member even suggested that we should do this more than just once a year.

The next event is our August outing, on the Severn Valley Railway, followed by a fish and chip supper.

Betty Long  
President



## CLUB REPORTS



HAGLEY ART CLUB

### ART CLUB

This month we have a demonstration by Geoff Kersey, *A Derbyshire Landscape*. The Club meets at 7.30 p.m. in St. Saviour's Church Hall and the date is FRIDAY EVENING 12TH AUGUST. Derbyshire is a picturesque county and provides much for the artist. If you have been following the David Dimpleby programme on television 'A Picture of Britain', every

county can inspire the artist.

September is our Annual Appraisal of Members' Work when we will be guided in our efforts by Michael Warr. Same venue, same time, 9th September. This is an opportunity to measure our abilities with the help of a professional artist.

Alan Pritchard  
(Hon. President)



### TREFOIL GUILD

Our June Barbecue was, as usual, a success – thanks to Chris and Ray who not only provided the venue but also a very stylish music quiz. Thank you both, very much.

There is no meeting in August but we must meet to plan the September Beetle Drive for which invitations have already been sent to four neighbouring Guilds. Guides, Guiders and friends are invited to join us on that evening – September 8th in St. Saviour's Church Hall at 7.30p.m. More details in September Newsletter.

Elizabeth Gingell

### STOURBRIDGE SPEAKERS' CLUB WANTS YOU!

This not-for-profit organisation helps people from all walks of life and of any age, become skilled at public speaking.

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For information look at the website [www.stourbridgeasc.org.uk](http://www.stourbridgeasc.org.uk) or call Melvin Evans for a chat on 01562 883104 or email him on [melvinevans@lineone.net](mailto:melvinevans@lineone.net).

Meetings are the second and fourth Monday of the month at the Talbot Hotel, Stourbridge 7.45 p.m. for 8.00 p.m. Guests are always welcome.

Sue Davies

## CLUB REPORTS



### HISTORICAL AND FIELD SOCIETY

On a fine June evening, a large audience welcomed Mr. A. Lounds who gave an illustrated talk on "Titanic - The Return of a Dream". Mr. Lounds described how, in 1908, the White Star Line had decided to build three super liners primarily to serve the lucrative immigrant trade to America but also to provide the highest standard of luxury for the rich. The ships were so large that the Harland and Wolfe shipyard in Belfast had to have special docks built accommodate the construction. The Titanic was launched in 1911; it was the largest liner in the world at over 46000 tons and was intended to be the flagship of the White Star Line. By April 1912 the ship was ready for its maiden voyage and on the 10th set sail from Southampton for New York. As it proceeded across the Atlantic the ship entered an unexpected ice field and at around midnight on Sunday April 14th sighted an iceberg, which it failed to avoid. The damage was such that it was inevitable that the ship would sink, consequently 1503 people lost their lives: only 705 survived due to the few lifeboats provided. This devastating event has held the public's interest ever since.

There is no August meeting of the Society; the next meeting is on Tuesday September 6th at which Mrs. Rae Fowler will talk about "Secrets of a Worcestershire Village (Burcot Uncovered)". 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

### THEATRE GROUP

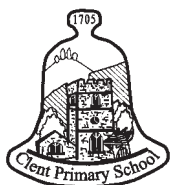


Rehearsals are now well under way for a production that sets a major landmark in the Theatre Group's history. This is the staging of our 200th production. To mark this achievement we will be performing the musical 'Annie' in the Community Centre in October.

This will be a combination of both youth and adult performers.

The Theatre Group first began in 1946 when Jo Adams was asked to produce a play for the Girl's Training Corps. The GTC was a war time organisation to give girls training in map reading, aircraft recognition etc before entering the forces. Further plays were staged and a club was formed. There will be more about that in the next issue of the Village News. It's time to give live theatre a chance. Put the dates for Annie in your diary, 13th, 14th, 15th October 2005, and come and be entertained. If you are interested in taking part in live theatre then we would be pleased to hear from you. If you would like tickets or are interested in any aspect of live theatre from acting, stage management, props, prompting or even running the bar then please contact our Chairman Paula Knight on 01384 894655.

Tony Forrest



## CLENT PRIMARY SCHOOL

As the term draws towards the summer holidays the children have experienced many exciting and varied activities. Year 6 spent a week camping at Acorn Adventure, and Year 5 linked up with Blakedown School for cycle training, sports activities and a nature trail at Sunfield. At our annual Sports Day, the older children participated in events such as a flat race, hurdles and relay.

We celebrated our school's 300th anniversary in July. We feel very fortunate to have had a school in our village of Clent for so many years as there cannot be many schools in the country that can make this claim. On our main celebration day the children came to school dressed in clothes from the 18th and 19th centuries, and parents joined us for an afternoon tea party. To mark this special occasion we have commissioned a commemorative stained glass window featuring the Clent Hills with bluebells and foxgloves. Sponsorship from the community for this would be much appreciated, and if you can help please contact the school office.

We are pleased to announce the appointment of a new Deputy Head, Miss Bond, who will take up her post in September.

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

## HAGLEY RC HIGH SCHOOL



Over the last few weeks the school has again been very successful in extra-curricular activities. At the end of April five boys: Lewis Farrant, John Franklin, Joe Lucas, William McAlister and Nicholas McBride, participated in a Gifted and Talented Entrepreneurs programme held at the University of Warwick. This prestigious event was sponsored by Goldman Sachs. Only twenty-seven schools from across the country were represented. We were the only Worcestershire school and the only school from the Archdiocese of Birmingham. Whilst we did not win the trophy, the National Academy for Gifted and Talented Youth praised the quality of the presentation made by the boys and commended them for their efforts.

In the sporting area I would like to highlight the success of Sam Maher in Year 10 who, whilst representing Stourport Rowing Club, won a gold medal in the recent National Youth Competition.

Many congratulations go to David Phillips, Year 10, who obtained a Merit Award in the United Kingdom Maths Olympiad. The following pupils won gold awards: Christopher Harler, Year 7, Philip Garfield, William Kerrigan, Nicholas McBride, James Dempster, Hannah Kinney, James Reid, Andrew Stilwell, and Anna Quinn, all Year 8 pupils.

During the Summer Term pupils are able to enjoy a variety of experiences including: a trip to Wimbledon, a Drayton Manor Park trip, a Geography fieldtrip, the Sixth Form Leavers' Ball at the Botanical Gardens, Sports Day, an Art Exhibition, two Snowdonia trips. The staff will also benefit from a residential retreat at a venue near Evesham.

V. Shaw



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## The Parish of Hagley St John the Baptist with St Saviour

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### **Annual Cricket Match followed by Songs of Praise Service**

Once again Clent and Hagley Parishes will be competing to win the Cobham Cricket Cup on Sunday 28 August, starting at 2.00 pm on the pitch adjacent to St John's Church. This match has been a traditional fixture for many years now and always provides good entertainment, an excellent tea for spectators and players alike and is followed by a Songs of Praise Service at St John's. This service features hymns which have been chosen and introduced by members of the congregation and everyone is very welcome to attend. The proceeds from the afternoon will go towards the Bishop Simeon Trust, which provides opportunities for people in South Africa.

### **Coffee Mornings at St John the Baptist**

Summer coffee mornings (held on the first Wednesday of the month) will take place at St John's Church on 3 August and 7 September. The format remains the same with organ music played from 10.30 am and speakers following on at 11.00 am, providing plenty of opportunity to meet up with friends. Everyone is very welcome to come along.

August's organist is Les Postlethwaite and the speaker is Alan Pritchard on "My Younger Life"; while on September 7 Michael Jones will be the organist and Ian Robinson (Robinson & Sproson Opticians) is the speaker on "My Life as an Optician".

### **Mothers' Union Coffee Morning – Thursday 18 August**

The Mothers' Union will be hosting their coffee morning and Bring and Buy following the Holy Communion service at 10.00 am in St Saviour's Church.

## **AUGUST SERVICES**

<b>Date</b>	<b>8.00 am</b>	<b>9.30 am</b>	<b>10.30 am</b>	<b>6.30 pm</b>
7 August Trinity 11		Morning Praise <b>St Saviour's</b>	Holy Communion <b>St John's</b>	Evening Prayer <b>St John's</b>
14 August Trinity 12	Holy Communion <b>St John's</b>		Morning Prayer <b>St John's</b> Holy Communion <b>St Saviour's</b>	Evening Prayer <b>St John's</b>
21 August Trinity 13	Holy Communion <b>St Saviour's</b>		Parish Family Communion <b>St John's</b>	Evening Prayer <b>St John's</b>
28 August Trinity 14	Holy Communion <b>St John's</b>		Parish Communion <b>St Saviour's</b>	Songs of Praise Service <b>St John's</b>



### ROTARACT CLUB

July started with a busy weekend, with our group being divided for marshalling at the Cars in the Park in Lichfield and the Sunfield Country Show. Then we ended the day with an evening of music and fireworks in Sanders Park, Bromsgrove. On the 8th we enjoyed a brilliant portrayal of Shakespeare's Hamlet outside in the Kenilworth Castle grounds. The next evening we helped Sunfield with bucket collecting at their Safari Proms at the West Midlands Safari Park. On the 16th our screams of joy (or fear) were heard around the county during our day trip to Drayton Manor Park. The next weekend we celebrated Derry's and Sue's birthdays with a meal at Ask and a dance at Liberty's. For the ones who were willing to get up the next day, there was a refreshing walk between Pedmore and Hagley.

On August's first weekend we are planning to find our buckets and spades and go to the seaside at Weston Super Mare. On the 13th there is a proposed cycle ride along the Tissington Trail in the Peak District. On the following weekend we have been invited to the Hagley Rotary BBQ. Then the month's finale is the Rotaract Banbury Camping Rally on the Bank holiday weekend where we will meet Rotaractors from around Britain.

If you would like to come along to a meeting contact Dave West on 07753 181600 or [hagley@rotaract.org.uk](mailto:hagley@rotaract.org.uk). We meet on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of every month at the Mount Hotel, Clent.

Katrina Attewell.

### GIRLGUIDING WALTON DISTRICT

The summer holidays are here and guiding takes a well-earned rest but not for all. One of our Young Leaders Kirsty Gormley is off on an adventure; she is joining a group of senior section guides on a "Jailbreak". This involves visiting five countries in two weeks on a strict budget with lots of tasks to perform. I am assured it is great fun, so we wish her well and look forward to hearing all about it on her return.

Before the summer holidays our Rainbows were all set for a day out to Hatton Country Park Warwick, along with 400 other Rainbows and leaders from around the County. But it was not to be. After five glorious days of sunshine the rains came and Warwick received one month's rainfall in one night. We set off on our journey and were nearly at our destination when the call came to turn back; the Park was flooded; even the Guinea Pigs were swimming! So with heavy hearts the coach turned around but in true guiding spirit the Rainbows rallied and decided the only thing to do was to eat their packed lunches. Let's hope next time we get to see the animals in drier conditions.

Sue Hemmings

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## CLUB REPORTS



### WEST HAGLEY FOOTBALL CLUB

The end of our most successful season ever saw us win the Worcestershire F.A. Club of the Year Award! Following on from receiving the F.A. Charter Standard Community Club Award, it now puts West Hagley F.C. firmly at the top of the tree within Junior Football.

It is a reflection on the tremendous work carried out by the club coaches, who ultimately give such a high level of commitment, as well as the management committee who do so much work behind the scenes – not forgetting our 450 players who are a credit to the club's current standing.

Finally, given our current position within the game, we are now looking to work alongside a club sponsor who will assist us in achieving our aims as we continue to push forward.

If anyone wants to join us in creating such a partnership, please do not hesitate to call, enabling me to explain our future expansion plans in more detail, on 07766 103781.

Clive Rushton  
Chairman

### Playgroup

We finished the summer term with many exciting activities. We enjoyed visits from a local Doctor who talked to the children about all basic aspects of healthcare. We have also participated in a musical initiative organised by our local library, which was a great success with the children. Our thanks to the library staff for their time and effort.

We also had great fun along with our Teddies, on our Teddy Bears' Picnics, finally ending the term with Sports Day. We are now enjoying the remainder of the summer!

If you would like details of our Group, please ring Sharon Gould on 01562 882433.



## CLUB REPORTS



### GARDENERS' CLUB

Christine Peer shared her love of plants with us at our June meeting, bringing some lovely examples of the shrubs and flowers that bring pleasure at this time of year. She was disappointed that she couldn't show us more perennial flowers due to the dry weather but it was a very enjoyable evening.

Our second outing was a delight to us all. Our evening spent at Meadow Farm at Feckenham was warm and balmy and we were surrounded by the most wonderful plants displayed in a garden worthy of Chelsea. The nursery was a source of delight to MANY members, in fact I think many of thought we were in Aladdin's Cave.

August 24th will be an evening that many will be interested in and of course is as usual open to visitors. We are having something a little different from gardening. Mike George from BBC Hereford and Worcester is coming to entertain us with a look behind the scenes of the BBC Hereford and Worcester and tell us about his experiences.

3rd September VILLAGE SHOW. Enter your wonderful vegs, fruit, flowers, crafts and photographs. The more the better. Remember to come and support your own Show.

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. For information Tel: 01562 777014.

Judy Berrow



THE UNIVERSITY OF THE THIRD AGE

### UNIVERSITY OF THE THIRD AGE

Like other academic institutions the U3A ends its year with displays of work from the study groups, but with no degrees, awards or prizes to compete for it does not need to take the occasion too seriously. French? Get everybody to sing Frere Jacques in two part 'harmony'. Discussion? Argue the merits of supposed new Hagley by-laws insisting on the feeding of foxes to improve our natural habitat; or have public conveniences erected in the High Street to succour the aged and infirm. More serious fare came with a selection of poems from Gardening and Literature and readings on love, intemperance and age from Philosophy. Music demonstrated a continuum from rock to classical and we heard from Genealogy how the discovery of illegitimacy in one family tree led to a lost relative in New Zealand and links to a prosperous business in the west country. Painting and Digital Photography showed the results of their learning, while the party food and chat demonstrated the social value to all its members of this University.

Eileen Wormald



On behalf of Hagley Community Association, I would like to congratulate Geoff Gough on receiving an MBE for his outstanding work for the community of Hagley. Geoff has been our president for several years, in which time he has played an important part in the running of the Association. Geoff has always been willing to help in anyway that he can from liaising with the Parish Council to arranging maintenance work at the Community Centre. A well deserved accolade.

Simon Gould, Chairman, HCA.



## FROM ANOTHER TIME.... THE PUBS AND SHOPS OF VICTORIAN HAGLEY

'I trust that the beauties of Hagley', W.E. Gladstone observed, 'may be long illustrated by the conduct and character (as now) of its possessors'. Gladstone, eighty seven years old and only recently retired from the premiership when he wrote these words, had become a regular visitor to Hagley after the marriage of his wife's sister into the Lyttelton family in 1839. He always walked the eleven miles from new Street Station to Hagley. When trains first began stopping at Hagley in 1862, passengers found coaches waiting at the station to carry them on to their destinations. Gladstone would have been familiar with the landmarks of Victorian Hagley .... the Woodman, the Cross Keys and the Spencers Arms. The Woodman, which around the turn of the twentieth century, was run by W. Hackett, boasted that it was, "All lighted up with Electric Light"; George Cutler at the Cross Keys and G.H. Newman at the Spencers Arms both offered home brewed ales. Newman also provided accommodation for those who indulged in the late Victorian passion for cycling.

It is unlikely Gladstone visited any of these pubs or indeed the shops of late Victorian Hagley. Local people, however, could treat themselves to Huntley and Palmers biscuits and Mazawattee Ceylon Tea, which was 'generally regarded to be the finest in the world', at the grocery shop of Sutton S. Howe. G.E. Bradley was the baker, and claimed a particular talent in making sultana scones. Horses could be shod by the smith, William Griffiths, but Hagley gentlemen who wanted to do something about their receding hairlines had to travel into Stourbridge. Here George Bate traded in hair tonic under the slogan, 'Keep your hair on'.

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

## FORTHCOMING EVENTS



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## FORTHCOMING EVENTS

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# AUGUST DIARY

MONDAY 1

**Parish Council**

Community Centre, 7.00 p.m.  
General Meeting

TUESDAY 2

**Historical and Field Society**

Half-day outing

**Senior Citizens' Group**

Free Church Hall, 2.30 p.m.

FRIDAY 5

**Country Market**

Community Centre, 8.45 – 11.00 a.m.

SATURDAY 6

**Afternoon W.I.**

Free Church, 10.30 a.m.

Coffee Morning

FRIDAY 12

**Country Market**

Community Centre, 8.45 - 11.00 a.m.

**Art Club**

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

'A Derbyshire Landscape'

FRIDAY 19

**Country Market**

Community Centre 8.45 – 11.00a.m.

SATURDAY 20

**Ladies Probus Club**

'An Outing on the Severn Valley Railway'

WEDNESDAY 24

**Gardeners' Club**

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

'Behind the Scenes of BBC Hereford & Worcester'

## Community Centre Bookings

It is now 6 months since our team took over the bookings for the community centre. We feel that it is accessed by all areas of the community and is a great asset to Hagley. The hall is busy and we do regret that we have to turn people away on occasions; however there are still a few slots free. To ensure the hall's ongoing success we would like to remind you of how to book.

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PROBUS CLUB: Paul Fellows, 6 Oldfields	883541
RAMBLER SCOUTS: M H C Radford, 14 Newfield Road	882362
RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION: D B Pearson, 17 Worcester Road	883312
ROTARACT: Susan Munday, 43 Milton Road, Catshill, Bromsgrove	07880 975354
ROTARY CLUB: David Dewhirst, 6 Trehernes Drive, Pedmore	885499
ROYAL BRITISH LEGION: Mr A A Pritchard, 5 Milestone Drive	882973
RUACH KARATE CLUB: Richard Bache, 4 Oldfields	883244
SENIOR CITIZENS' GROUP: Mrs C Millington, 10 Hagley Close	882844
STOURBRIDGE SPEAKERS' CLUB: Brian Micklethwaite, 15 Highfield Road, Kidderminster	851102
TAEKWONDO SCHOOLS: John Swift, 47 Land Oak Drive, Kidderminster	827437
TAKE HEART: Brenda Jones, 114 Kidderminster Road South	882990
UNIVERSITY OF THIRD AGE: Valerie Godfrey, 17 Brookland Road	884335
WEA (WORKERS EDUCATIONAL ASSOC.): Mrs J Buckle, 2 Kidderminster Road	720268
WEST HAGLEY CRICKET CLUB: Andrew Long, 14 Station Road	885622
WEST HAGLEY FOOTBALL CLUB: Karen Hanson, 144 Worcester Road	882767
WESTGLEN CANINE CENTRE: Mr Ken Sidaway, Saltbrook Road, Halesowen	01384 637085
WI MARKETS: Mrs J Waine, 32 Lychgate Avenue, Pedmore	882255
WYRE FOREST NATIONAL TRUST: Mrs M Fernihough	883460
WYRE FOREST SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA: Jill Sparke, 15 Station Road, Hagley	885200

ST. JOHN'S & ST. SAVIOUR'S: Rev, R. Newton	882442
HAGLEY PARISH COUNCIL CLERK: Mrs C Humphries, 74a Worcester Road	881727
LOCAL M.P.: Julie Kirkbride - Constituency Office	01527 872135
HAGLEY (& FURLONGS) COUNTY COUNCILLOR: P Fallows	883985
HAGLEY POLICE STATION:	08457 444888
CRIME STOPPER LINE (CONFIDENTIAL)	Freephone 0800 555111
HAGLEY LIBRARY:	883441
HAGLEY SPORTS CENTRE:	(after 6pm) 882790 Fitness Suite 887622
HAGLEY MEDICAL PRACTICE: Fax Line 887185	881700
PETSEARCH:	883997

# HAGLEY COMMUNITY CENTRE

## Standard Conditions of Hire

- ❖ Payment to be made on receipt of invoice
- ❖ Hire will not be permitted unless signed agreement to conditions of hire has been returned and payment has been received
- ❖ Maximum numbers of people allowed
  - seated no more than 210
  - dances and discos no more than 175 to be admitted
- ❖ It is the responsibility of the hirer that the sale of alcoholic drink is authorised by licence issued by the appropriate licensing authority
- ❖ Keys can be collected prior to hire and returned as soon as possible on conclusion of hire
- ❖ Hirer to familiarise themselves with the fire exits and location of fire extinguishers and to make sure that all people using the hall whilst they are hiring it are aware of these
- ❖ Centre to be vacated promptly on completion of hire and left in a clean, tidy and orderly condition after use.
  - Chairs stacked correctly
  - Tables stacked correctly
  - Floor swept
  - Toilets and kitchen to be left in a clean and orderly condition
  - All rubbish to be taken away with you

An extra charge may be made for cleaning if these conditions are not met

- ❖ Any breakages or damage should be reported to 07891 365290 as soon as possible, there may be an extra charge to cover these
- ❖ Before you leave please ensure that you
  - Close and lock all windows and shutters
  - Turn off all heating controls
  - Close all internal doors
  - Turn off all the lights (including car park lights)
  - Lock all the outside doors
  - Dispose of all your rubbish
- ❖ Hagley Community Association reserve the right to withdraw or cancel bookings without prior notice