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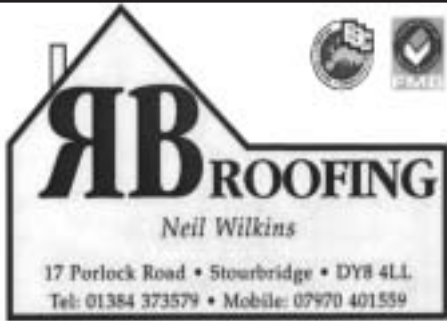
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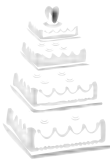
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*This issue is packed with reports and events in the village. Thank you to John Luxton for his tribute to Betty on page 25.*

*The HCA would also like to thank the Hagley A456 group for their recent kind donation.*

*Would affiliates please check the contact details are correct on page 47 and that you have sent a copy of your dates for entry in the Diary?*

*Have a happy and peaceful Christmas.*

*Anna Morley  
Editor*

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Dear Editor

### **Hagley Library**

Most of the regular users of Hagley Library will know by now that I have left Hagley Library after 15 years service. I have chosen to take up a new job share post at Droitwich Library.

I would like to say a heartfelt 'thank you' for the many cars, gifts, flowers, and good wishes I received during my last two weeks at the Library.

I have had some very happy years at Hagley Library, and I am sorry to leave such a welcoming and friendly community. I have enjoyed helping you all with choosing books and associated questions, assisting with homework enquiries (anything from what did a pirate wear to what did an ancient Egyptian eat?) to solving quizzes or crossword puzzles, then answering something as simple as 'what time does the post office close?'!!

I have been exceptionally lucky to work there, as I feel I have been among friends. Thank you all again, and I wish my successor (as yet unchosen) the same happiness in working at Hagley Library.

Sherry Bird



### **Ron Grimley**

Following the untimely death of Ron on September 26th 2005, Penny and her children, Rachel, Ben and Kezia would like to thank their friends, neighbours and colleagues for all the messages, cards and kind deeds which have helped us so much at this sad time.



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Best wishes for Christmas and the New Year to all our clients.



## CLENT PARISH COUNCIL

**Items of interest from the approved Minutes of the meeting held on Monday, September 19th, 2005.**

### PLANNING MATTERS

Following applications were discussed:-

2005/0673 - Formation of Fishery with Car Parking Provision for 30 Cars – Field 0763, off Broome Lane. Parish Council objected most strongly as the hard standing and toilet facilities were inappropriate for the Green Belt and that the original application 2001/1221, for the pool, was granted with the condition that the pool should not be used as a commercial fishery.

### RECREATION AREA

Skateboard facility – unfortunately this facility is not covered by the insurance for the use of BMX bikes.

### FOOTPATHS

The use of Footpath 597 (48), as a bridleway will be discussed at the next meeting of the Clent Hills Advisory Committee. The path follows the perimeter of Sunfield Children's Home and has been used as a bridleway for many years.

### HIGHWAYS

Pinewoods Avenue Traffic Calming measures – Worcestershire County Council has advised that the Parish Council will not be asked to contribute additional funding although the change of contractor will entail additional cost.

### STREET LIGHTING

Council approved the expenditure for a new lamp in Brookland Road for the financial year 2006/07. New lamp Western Road - approval was given for this to proceed.

### PARISH PLAN

Draft copy of finished document was received and discussed. All agreed that it was excellent and a credit to the committee. A copy will now be submitted to Head of Local Plans at Bromsgrove District for his comments.

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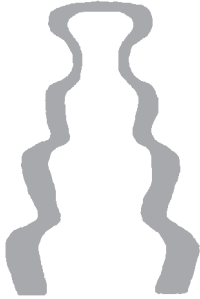


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Other reasons are to present a united front in applying for funding from Sport England which, I believe, has access to National Lottery Funding.

Ruach Karate Club itself, recently joined the World Karate Academy or KA as they are also known. The WKA held their 1st national Championship in November at the Crystal Leisure Centre Stourbridge.

Look in the next issue for any National Champions from the Hagley Dojo (Dojo means training hall). Now wouldn't that be something!!

Once again, just to note that new members of whatever age will, always, be made to feel welcome at Haybridge High School Gymnasium on Monday night at 7.00 p.m.

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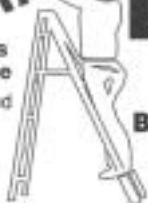
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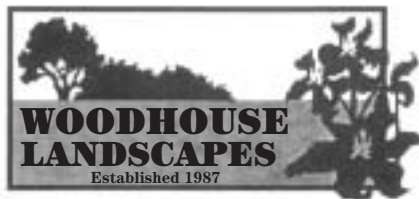
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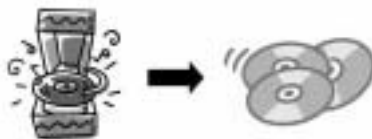
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Tackling 'Fear of Crime' is difficult but the Government are focussing on 'Local/Neighbourhood Policing'. Therefore, every force has identified a Division that will act as a 'Pathfinder' for this and our Division, 'D' Div, has been chosen.

The concept is based around units of officers covering an identified local area, an identified officer as a point of contact and involving the community in identifying Policing issues. We currently have the unit, a Sergeant, Beat Manager and four Constables and I am the identifiable point of contact, this will not change. The things that will change are the area and how we consult you.

We currently cover an area based on Parish boundaries, this will change to District Council Wards. We are given crime targets or performance indicators by the Home Office but these don't always reflect your needs as a community. So through a consultation process we will receive local PI's identified by you, e.g. anti-social behaviour. You will also be consulted on solutions to these problems. In this way you will have a greater say in local policing, be aware of the outcomes, and help implement activities.

As the title suggests this is a 'Pathfinder' not a trial; it is expected that all forces will have their own system in place by 2008. It will also form part of the realignment of Police Forces across the country.

PC Chris Lord

## **NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH**

### **Seasonal Greetings and Advice**

December is a busy month, many people are involved in Christmas and holiday preparations. It is hard to be vigilant with so much pressure, but the thief does not rest, nor the opportunist burglar.

The local police are running a vulnerable vehicle scheme, drawing attention to the dangers of leaving valuable objects on view in parked cars. It is something we all tend to do, especially when in a hurry. The shorter daylight hours mean we cannot always see if we are observed when leaving our cars, eg, loading or unloading shopping.

Look carefully at home and vehicle security. Is everything as safe as it should be? If you were a thief could you have a profitable time?

Spare a thought and a little time for elderly/lonely neighbours. Winters' short daylight hours, cooler days making people hurry to get indoors, can make some feel very isolated. It is easy to overlook the signs that an elderly neighbour is not coping too well.

May all members have a happy crime free Christmas. Remember IF you suspect that a criminal act is taking place or your property is vandalised, INFORM THE POLICE on 08457 444888. Then your local co-ordinator or myself, Kathryn Grocock, on 720394.

# Betty Luxton 1919 - 2005



Betty was born in Smethwick in 1919 and attended Holly Lodge School for girls. She joined Midland Counties Dairies as a secretary, eventually becoming P.A. to the Director.

Her family had moved to Quinton by this time; we met in the Methodist Church whilst I was on leave from overseas in 1945. We married in 1949 and lived in Halesowen, where Martin was born in 1952 followed by Peter in 1954.

In 1959 we moved to Hagley and when the boys were older, Betty started some interviewing work for the BBC, later doing market research and covered two elections with 'straw ' polls.

She was always very good at organising and catering, often to be found in the kitchen! In our early days in Hagley we were front of house managers for the 'Let's Do a Play Club' and Betty looked after all the catering for the plays.

She joined the Committee of the Hagley Community Association around 1993, was Chairman several times, including 1995 during the Hagley Carnival, opened by Lord Cobham and vice-chairman until her retirement at the 2004 AGM.

Betty was also a long-serving member of the Women's Institute, having joined in 1963, and was very much involved, both in Hagley Afternoon and at County Level in Worcester, where she was Chairman of the Music and Drama section for several years.

For more than 25 years, Betty was the local organiser for 'Meals on Wheels' in Hagley and also worked with Helpline. She was President of Hagley Ladies Probus, and Chairman of the Village Show for several years.

Betty had been ill for a long period and passed away on 29 August 2005 aged 85 after a long, and very active life.

John Luxton

## **"WHAT ARE YOU DOING FOR CHRISTMAS?"**

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The food should be stunning, delicious to eat  
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We all must be happy, if we feel like or not,  
And look so delighted (DESPITE what you got)

We place on each other such huge expectations,  
For a Christmas just perfect for us and relations

Christmas night comes around with a feeling so flat,  
You wonder, "What happened.... was that really that?"

The meaning of Christmas is to spread out good cheer  
Enough of it flowing to last a whole year.

The food and the gifts are just only a part  
What matters the most is what comes from the heart.

So think of the meaning, don't stress out on "stuff"  
Remember the adage "Enough is enough."

Wishing you and all of yours a very  
Happy Christmas & Peaceful 2006.

Elaine Morgan



## HISTORICAL AND FIELD SOCIETY

The 42nd Annual General Meeting was held on Tuesday 4th October. After a welcome to all by Chairman Mrs. Irene Oliver the minutes of last year's AGM were presented by the Secretary: followed by a report on the activities of the Society over the past year.

Treasurer Mr. A Turner, presented the accounts, which were unanimously approved by the members.

Mrs. Oliver thanked the committee for their efforts and also thanked members who had assisted them; she looked forward to another successful year for the Society.

Mr. Alan Rankin was invited to be acting chairman to conduct the election of committee members. The present committee members all agreed to stand for re-election and all were duly elected. The Chairman declared the AGM closed.

After coffee Society member Mrs. Joyce Colley gave a talk entitled "Researches into Bella in the Wych-elm". This was an investigation (for a writing project) into the unsolved mystery of a woman's body discovered in Hagley Wood in the war. During her researches Mrs. Colley had found several explanations as to who the woman might be and why she had died, but nothing could be proved absolutely. Her own feeling was that it was someone involved in espionage. The next meeting of the Society is the Christmas social on December 6th, which will include a musical entertainment. Admission is by ticket only.

Malcolm James



**HAGLEY ART CLUB**

## ART CLUB

With the approach of Christmas, the meeting of the Club on 9th December will be a seasonal Social evening. This will take the same form as previous years with an American Supper where all those attending bring something for the table.

There will be an entertainment where we have booked Vic Kelly to talk to us, he has many amusing anecdotes, as many of us will know from his earlier visits to the Club. With Vic you can be assured of having a laugh. The start time for the evening will be 7.30 p.m. in St. Saviour's Church Hall. Members attending can bring a guest.

Projecting into January 2006, the first meeting for the New Year will be 13 January. On this evening we will have one of our members, Pascale Bigot, who will demonstrate and talk on 'Discovering Pastel'. Same time, same place.

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## AFTERNOON W.I.



The speaker at the October meeting of Hagley Afternoon WI was Canon G. Brown who had been vicar at St. Martin-in-the-Fields, Trafalgar Square, London. His talk was most interesting and very informative on the work and activities of this famous church. Members were told of the day-to-day difficulties of living in Trafalgar Square – particularly when a demonstration or gathering was taking place. There were occasions when police would not allow him to leave the house and this became very difficult when the dog was in urgent need of a walk!

Of particular interest was information on the work done with the homeless and disadvantaged of London. There are often a number of such with their bags sitting in the church. They are never turned away and are a cause of discussion for visitors and amazement when they sit through lunchtime concerts etc.

Members learnt of the history of the building, of the many and various personalities and famous people that Canon Brown had met and of the services he had conducted. His last anecdote concerning one of the down-and-outs left us roaring with laughter and some of us slightly stunned! This was altogether a most enjoyable and enlightening afternoon.

Members now look forward to the Christmas celebration on Monday 12th December, 2 p.m. at Hagley Community Centre. Why not join them? They would be delighted to welcome you.

Megan Bury

## EVENING W.I.

Hard, indeed, to believe that this report will appear in the December issue of the Village News – where has the year gone?!

However, there is much to report before then! At our A.G.M. in October Jean Edwards took the chair in the absence of Hazel Smith on holiday. W.I. Adviser, Janet Clemas oversaw the election of Committee, and Hazel was elected as President for a second year. Liz Hathway joined the Committee, and further officers will be appointed in due course.

Also in October seven of our members attended the Half Yearly Council Meeting at Stourport. The high spot of an altogether enjoyable meeting was the Guest Speaker, Mr. Paul Whittaker, who was born profoundly deaf, but nonetheless has overcome his disability to become an accomplished musician, and now works in the field of Music and Deafness especially with hearing-impaired young people. He was both amusing and moving - an inspiration to us all!

Five members also were present at the Group Meeting on Wednesday 26th at Stourton, and a Fashion Show presented by Clent W.I. on the 27th.

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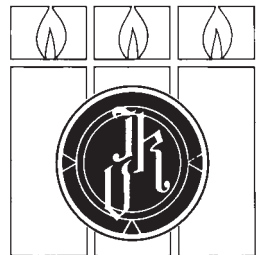
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# HAGLEY WIVES' AND WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP



Our Annual Christmas Carol Service will be held at St. Saviour's on **13th December** at 8.00p.m. This will be followed by shared supper in the hall within our groups. This is always a very happy and lively occasion so I do hope you will join us.

2006 kicks off for us on **10th January** when we have Sue Merrill, a former mounted police officer in London who is now a pig farmer in Kinver. her talk is entitled "From One Pig to Another".

On **24 January** we have yet another interesting topic; Sue Clegg will talk to us about her D of E expedition to Trinidad and Tobago. Her talk is called "Vampire Bats or Dancing with the President". Both evenings will be held at St. Saviour's Hall and will begin promptly at 8.00 p.m.

We do hope that anyone who might find an evening with us pleasurable will join us. You will be more than welcome.

Toni Allison

## LADIES PROBUS CLUB

Twenty-one members met at The Talbot, Chaddesley Corbett for a most enjoyable luncheon. Pauline Rogers took names for the proposed visit to Jonathan's. Transport will be arranged at the next monthly meeting. Pat Higgs gave advance notice of the Christmas celebration meal which will be on Thursday 15th December at a cost of eleven pounds. Members may invite a guest.

The speaker this month was Margaret Hill who gave a most interesting talk and demonstration on Aromatherapy. She demonstrated her skills applying hand and arm massage to Win Long. As Joan Ellis said in her vote of thanks it was a passionate demonstration which was enjoyed by everyone present. If you would like to join Hagley Ladies Probus please join us on that day or phone Katey Fletcher on 01384 378182 or Betty Long 01527 570864

Betty Long  
President

## MOTHERS' UNION

On Thursday 1st December there is an Aids Vigil at St. Saviour's from 2p.m. to 6 p.m., starting with a short service.

Our Christmas Lunch is on Thursday, 15th December at St. Saviour's Hall starting at 1 p.m. for lunch, followed by a Carol Service in church, finishing up with mulled wine and mince pies. Please let Jayne know if you can come.

Jayne, Dorothy, Judy and Rebekah take this opportunity to wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Judy Plant  
Hagley 882467



## GARDENERS' CLUB

### A very Happy Christmas to you all

On a cold winter's night in October we were taken on a visual walk round the wonderful gardens at Preen Manor in Shropshire, the home of Ann Trevor-Jones. The members who visited the gardens last year were reminded of their visit and it was a lovely introduction to anyone who did not know the gardens. Many want to go again so perhaps we will re-visit in 2006.

We do not have a meeting in December so will be together again at our Annual Dinner & Social on the 25th January. Tickets were going fast and furious at the last meeting so if you haven't got yours yet please telephone Judy Perkins (883568).

Reminder that the AGM is on February 22nd and subs will be due. An exciting year ahead with a wide range of talks and interesting trips out. Are you interested in helping out or volunteering to join the committee? If so, please contact John Oakes (882006) or Margaret Wigley (884437).

Our own Jill Edwards who is going to tell us about her garden accompanied by slides will follow the AGM. If any members would like to give us a talk on their garden or any other subject to do with gardening we would love to hear from you. Please contact Judy Berrow (777014).

More participation from members would be good and many have lovely gardens that they can share with us.

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



### Clent Hills Singers Christmas Concert Saturday 10th December



Give yourself a really enjoyable treat this Christmastide by coming to listen to Clent Hills Singers. Their Christmas concert this year will be held on Saturday, 10th December at 7.30 p.m. in St. Saviour's Church. It will include works by Purcell, Bruckner, Poulenc, Victoria & Deering as well as Christmas readings and carols. Well known carols will be with audience participation. Tickets, price £5 and £3 (concessions), including appropriate seasonal refreshments, may be obtained from Jo Hughes (882763) or on the door. DebRA is their chosen charity for this concert.

Dave Pettit

## STOURBRIDGE SPEAKERS' CLUB

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 pressured!

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.

Further information can be obtained from our website at [www.stourbridgeasc.org.uk](http://www.stourbridgeasc.org.uk) or from a real human being: Brian Micklethwaite on 01562 851102. You can email him on [brian.micklethwaite@lineone.net](mailto:brian.micklethwaite@lineone.net) and he will be glad to help.

Sue Davies

# ROTARY CLUB



In October we held an excellent Cabaret Evening at the Stone Manor Hotel. Over 60 of us had a good dinner and afterwards were entertained by two lovely young women, a pianist and a soprano singing several songs from the shows. Also there was a very good comedian and his son, a magician.

In November several club members with our wives attended the annual West Midlands District Conference in Southport. A total of around 1,000 Rotarians and their wives, from 67 clubs in our District enjoyed a long weekend of fun, entertainment, education and inspiration. We met old friends from other clubs, listened to some outstanding speakers and learned about some excellent projects being organised by other clubs.

We look forward to our Christmas party on 12th December. On the two Saturdays 10th and 17th December we will be out “shaking the cans” in the village, and will rely on your generous donations once again to our club’s chosen local charities and third world projects.

We would like to take this opportunity of wishing everyone in the Hagley area a very Happy Christmas and a peaceful New Year.

David Dewhirst

## HAGLEY PARISH PLAN

The Hagley Parish Plan was launched on the 17th October 2005 in the Community Centre and was attended by many of the village’s stakeholders, councillors and volunteers.

The occasion represented the end of two years of hard work by the committee of volunteer residents, to whom I would like to give my sincere thanks and appreciation with particular praise going to the Chair of the Committee, Mrs Margaret Pritchard, without whose enthusiasm and commitment such a quality document would not have been possible.

A number of copies of the plan have been placed in the library and a limited number are available for loan. The purpose of the plan is to give planners and stakeholders from outside the area an insight to what the residents of Hagley feel gives the village its charm and character and how it should be protected from damaging development or how the environment can be enhanced for the future.

The plan is also keen to highlight the quality of the area in particular the schools, village amenities and community spirit. These qualities have become very apparent during this process and the challenge is now for local authorities to adopt this plan with the same enthusiasm as the residents and help protect the areas unique character.

Steve Colella  
(Hagley Parish Plan Committee Vice Chairman)

**Following publication of the Parish Plan, the HCA is in discussion with its authors and hope to agree a joint statement to be published in the next issue of Hagley Village News.**

# THEATRE GROUP



The Theatre Group's 200th production was the musical Annie performed at the Community Centre on the 13th, 14th and 15th October. This was a triumph for all those involved in this joint youth and adult production. We played to sell out audiences on all the nights. From the generous comments that we have received, the hard work that went into this production was clearly appreciated. It was good to see that again we had newcomers performing for the first time. It is new blood that the Theatre Group needs to see its continuity maintained.

We would like to thank all those who came to see the production and wish all our supporters and potential future audiences a happy Christmas and New Year. In next month's issue of the Village News I hope to give some details of the next adult production, which is scheduled for April.

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



## TREFOIL GUILD

Our Annual General Meeting in October was very well attended. A programme for the next twelve months was arranged, some new items but some old favourites too. The Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer were prepared to continue and the other members were graciously prepared to let them. Our thanks to Pat for providing the venue and the refreshments.

On the 8th December we have our Christmas Party. We meet at 28 South Road at 7.30 p.m. for supper at 8 o'clock. This is an evening, which, for many of us, sees the beginning of the festive season.

Elizabeth Gingell



## WEST HAGLEY FOOTBALL CLUB

Many of our teams have made a fantastic start to the season. Our U16s, U14s, U11s, U10s and U9s are all top of their respective leagues, playing some great football.

Our U13s, who beat Birmingham City 1-0 at the end of the season, are now third in the Central Warwick's Premier League – the highest ever placing by a Hagley side since the formation of our youth section ten years ago.

Following the U13's 5-0 away win at 'Shenley Radford' recently, Richard Peniket was invited to play for Manchester United, which is fantastic news for both Richard and our club.

Meanwhile, although most age groups are now full, we do have vacancies in our under 6s. If your son or daughter would like to join this particular age group, please ring Karen Hanson on 01562 882767, who will be pleased to give you full details.

Finally, I would like to wish all our coaches, parents and players a happy Christmas and successful New Year.

Clive Rushton  
Chairman

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

AUGUST 2005

### 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

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

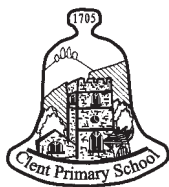


## ROTARACT CLUB

November started with a bang with a trip to Halesowen bonfire night at Leasowes Park. On the 12th-13th one of our members represented our club at the Bournemouth Rotaract National meeting. The rest of us headed over to our president's house, on the Sunday, to stuff envelopes with Rotaract publicity leaflets to organisations, newspapers and libraries. On Saturday 19th we went to the Snowdome in Tamworth and readied ourselves for Christmas with brilliant and yet sometimes dangerous tobogganing. The weekend after we went to see the new Harry Potter film and then contrasted it with the next evening's event, Robbie Williams Tribute Band.

December starts with another international weekend, where some of the group are travelling to Genoa to meet up with the local Rotaract group. The next Saturday will be our first helping of turkey and Christmas pudding with our Christmas party at the Sun in Romsley. The next day we are helping Stourport Rotary with their Christmas collection and then they will feed us in return. On the 17th we have organised a trip to the RSC to see Great Expectations. Then on the 27th we will be going on our annual Christmas season walk to remove some of the pounds we have put on over the celebrations. 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



## CLENT PRIMARY SCHOOL

Recently we held a big social event to celebrate 300 years of education in Clent - a 'Ball' and what an occasion it was! With a huge marquee, champagne reception and a live band it was certainly a night to remember for many. An 'action of promises' was a great success, and together with other fund raising the evening's profit was over £2000, which is going to be split between a children's arthritis charity and PTA school funds. The main purpose of the evening however was 'celebration' and we certainly did plenty of that! Enormous thanks must go to Denise Jefferson who arranged everything and without whom the event would not have taken place.

The 300th celebration continues to receive good publicity for our school. Recently the associated 'time capsule' organised by Paul Timmins of the Historical Society was featured on the front page of the 'Express and Star' newspaper along with a photograph of several pupils and our Head teacher, Barbara Turner.

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

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

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

Bonnie Harvey

## HAGLEY RC HIGH SCHOOL



Hagley held its annual Open Day in October, a resounding success. Visitors were impressed by the courtesy and efficiency of our pupils who acted as guides for the day and participated in many of the activities.

The Technology Department organised a sale of cookies which raised the magnificent sum of £130 for Child Line. The Autumn Senior Recital Evening was enjoyable with several beautiful choral items including Sam Hewitt singing "Time to Say Goodbye" and Anna Fedden singing "Somewhere over the Rainbow". In addition there were impressive performances on the clarinet, flute, violin, guitar and piano.

A Race Evening took place in November to raise money for School Funds. Parents and staff were able to sponsor a race/horse/jockey in advance of the evening.

We anticipate that building work will soon begin on a new Technology Room and a current Technology Room will be converted into a new Science Laboratory. We also have plans for an additional music room and retractable tiered seating in the Music Suite.

Also, Worcestershire County Council will fund a new Sports Hall. Work will commence during the Spring/Summer Term. This will be a very valuable resource for the school.

On the last day of the Autumn half-term, a non-uniform day was held and the proceeds sent to the relief operation following the recent South Asian earthquake.

This year's Christmas Celebration theme is 'harmony', between God and man through the incarnation.

Proceeds from refreshments will be sent to Father Hudson's Society – the social care agency of the Catholic Archdiocese of Birmingham. There will also be an opportunity to purchase items from the Fair Trade Stall and to support our Eco-schools initiative.

V. Shaw

## HAYBRIDGE HIGH SCHOOL



As many may know, we have been "Ofstedded"! Inspections are now short and sharp and little notice is given - a telephone call on Friday 30th September with the team arriving on Wednesday (5th October). Three of the team of four were HMIs. They were keen to test our knowledge of our own school – wanting to know the depth of our understanding of our strengths and weaknesses. They met and talked to many students, interviewed senior staff and Heads of Department and saw several lessons.

They judged our school to be "Grade 1" in every respect and thought our students were outstanding. They thanked them for their enthusiastic responses and excellent behaviour and will send each student a short report, which concludes by saying - "We are sure you will thrive at this fantastic school". What a compliment to the teachers and students of Haybridge High School and their parents!

During half-term the school took part in an international Sports Festival on Cyprus with great success with our boys obtaining 2nd and our girls 3rd overall.

Sports news from Haybridge – our tennis players are now through the final rounds of a National Competition. Our netball teams enjoying huge successes. Our U16s Rugby side making the semi-finals of a notable Sevens Tournament, their counterparts in Football making it through to the quarter-final of the County Cup with our U14 footballers through to the quarter rounds of the National competition. Both our Badminton team and our mixed Trampoline team are training hard prior to serious competitions.

Laura Whitehead



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### *ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS* *SERVICES*

#### **Preachers for December**

**4th**

am Mr Paul Wheatley  
Children's Gift Service  
pm Rev Ernest Crutchley\*

**11th**

am Rev George Graham  
pm Rev George Graham

**18th**

am Rev Rikki Twigg \*  
pm Family Carol Service

**25th**

Christmas Day at 10.30 a.m.  
Family Worship

\* Concludes with Holy Communion



The Childrens Gift Service will be held on 4 December, when Paul Wheatley from the Birmingham Inner City Mission will receive the gifts from the children on behalf of the Mission. These will be distributed by the Mission to families and children in need in Inner Birmingham.

On 18 December the morning service will include a Holy Communion for Christmas. The evening service will be the Annual Carol Service in which all sections of the Church are involved, followed by coffee and mince pies.

Christmas Day will be celebrated with a short service of Family Worship at 10.30 a.m. led by Church members

#### ***THURSDAY FELLOWSHIP AT 8.00 P.M.***

1 December  
Birmingham Sights and Stories  
Return visit of Mr Kenneth Hughes  
– An illustrated talk

8 December  
Christmas Party – *Admission by Ticket*

#### ***LADIES AFTERNOON FELLOWSHIP*** ***13 December at 2.30 p.m.***

Members Christmas Service



## HAVE YOU HEARD.....

About the little girl sitting at the kitchen table and drawing, while her mother “got on”? After a time mother said “What are you drawing?”. “God” replied the girl. “But nobody knows what God looks like” said mother. “They will when I’ve finished” replied the girl.

Christmas is a season for celebrating the fact that God can be seen in the form of a child, born in time to a woman in an insignificant place. An event surrounded by stories of angels, shepherds, sages and an evil king. It can be so easily treated as a childlike fairy story. In reality it is an event which speaks powerfully about the nature of the human condition and the power of love in a world which can be full of despair.

We welcome all who join us this Christmas to celebrate this tremendous event and wish you all a blessed and happy Christmas.

## THE HAGLEY CALENDAR

A calendar for 2006 has been produced with photographs of “Old Hagley” on sale at £3.50 each (3 for £10), suitable for Christmas gifts. Proceeds of the sale are to go to the Church’s Centenary Cause “A Cow for Africa”.

Available through Church members or call in at the Friday morning “Shoppers Coffee”.

## Church Officers 2005/2006

<b>President:</b>	Martin Heathcock 95 Ham Lane, Pedmore 01562 884677	<b>Secretary:</b>	Donald Moss 12 South Road 01562 883583
<b>Treasurer:</b>	Gerald Thomas 01562 887136	<b>Church &amp; Hall Bookings:</b>	Marjorie Fernihough 28 Milestone Drive 01562 883460

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## FORTHCOMING EVENTS



# Christmas Market



## HAGLEY COUNTRY MARKET

**Hagley Free Church**

**Saturday 3rd December, 10.00 a.m. – 12 noon**

*Good quality seasonal items; chutneys, pickles, mince pies, cakes, puddings and much more. Everything is produced to a very high standard and the quality is excellent.*

*The Country Market will be closed 2nd and 30th December and re-open after Christmas on the last Friday in January.*

***Season's Greetings to all our customers***

## Stour Valley Cat Rescue



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### **Xmas Coffee Morning**

on Saturday 3rd December

At the Hagley Community Centre

Admission is 50p to include festive refreshments

**STARTS 10.30 a.m.**

Lots of stalls including:

Jewellery, crafts, produce, plants, bric-a-brac, Collectors corner, toys, books, games, and lots more

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## Wyre Forest National Trust

Tuesday 6th December

7.30 p.m.

in Blakedown Parish Rooms

Wine, Coffee and Mince Pies  
followed by

*“Midland Market Towns in the 18th  
and 19th Centuries”*

an illustrated talk by  
Dr Barrie Trinder

# DECEMBER DIARY

## THURSDAY 1

### **Playgroup**

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

### **Free Church Fellowship**

Free Church Hall, 8.00 p.m.  
'Birmingham Insights and Stories'

### **Clent Hills Singers**

Free Church 7.30 p.m.

## FRIDAY 2

### **Chess Club**

Free Church Hall 7.00 p.m.

## SATURDAY 3

### **Country Market**

Hagley Free Church 10.00 a.m. – 12 noon

## MONDAY 5

### **Parish Council**

Community Centre 7.00 p.m.

## TUESDAY 6

### **Historical and Field Society**

St. Saviour's Hall 8.00 p.m.

'Christmas Social Evening'

### **Senior Citizens' Group**

Free Church Hall, 2.30 p.m.

Christmas Party

## WEDNESDAY 7

### **U3A**

St. Saviour's Hall 8.00 p.m.

## THURSDAY 8

### **Free Church Fellowship**

Free Church Hall 8.00 p.m.

Christmas Party, with Bryn Evans

### **Clent Hills Singers**

Free Church 7.30 p.m.

## FRIDAY 9

### **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.

Festive social event

## SATURDAY 10

### **Clent Hills Singers, Concert**

St. Saviour's Church 7.30 p.m.

## MONDAY 12

### **Afternoon W.I.**

Community Centre 2.00 p.m.

Christmas Party

## TUESDAY 13

### **Hagley Wives & Women's Fellowship**

St. Saviour's Hall 7.45p.m.

Christmas Carol Service and Supper

### **Evening W.I.**

St. Saviour's Hall 7.30 p.m.

'Christmas'

## THURSDAY 15

### **Clent Hills Singers**

Free Church 7.30 p.m.

### **Ladies Probus Club**

The Talbot, Chaddesley Corbett, 12 noon

'Christmas on the Severn Valley Railway'

## FRIDAY 16

### **Country Market**

Community Centre 8.45 a.m. – 11.00 a.m.

### **Chess Club**

Free Church Hall 7.00 p.m.

## MONDAY 19

### **Parish Council**

Community Centre 7.00 p.m.

## FRIDAY 23 AND 30th

### **Chess Club**

Free Church Hall 7.00 p.m.

Would any societies wishing to be entered in the monthly diary please ensure I have a current list of your activities? Only confirmed diary dates will be entered from January.

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