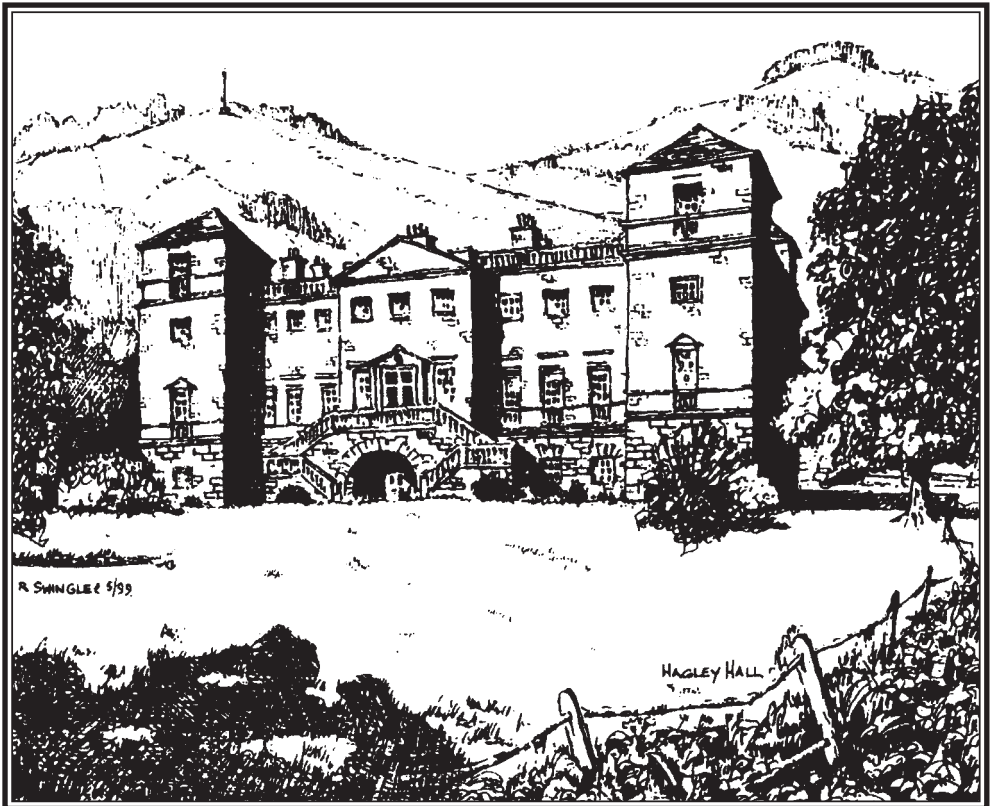


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Happy New Year to everyone in the village from the Hagley Community Association!

There is plenty to look forward to, not least the Village Fete in July, which is already receiving much enthusiasm and support. Do please also respond to the request for feedback on the play area from the Parish Council.

Thank you to all those people who remember to show their appreciation of the HCA and Village News.

*Anna Morley
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**OUR APOLOGIES FOR THE ERROR IN PRINTING THE
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The Association felt that the comments regarding the community centre in the Parish Plan were overly critical and did not reflect the hard work and commitment that goes into running the centre, nor the amount of use made by local groups.

The Parish Plan Committee have said this was not the intention; the comments were directed at the longevity of the building and the importance of the community centre to the village. The HCA is supportive of any proposals to improve facilities, following full consultation with interested parties.

Harry Austin

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HAGLEY PLAY AREA REFURBISHMENT

Hagley Parish Council is proposing to refurbish the play area located on the village playing field and is seeking the views of the local residents and stakeholders on what they consider should be included in the final design.

The refurbishment will be part of a joint project with Bromsgrove District Council which has agreed to assist with the plan of providing play equipment for the specific purpose of improving local community play and recreation facilities.

Comments will be fed into the development plan and where possible will be included in the overall refurbishment. Particular interest will be in the following areas although please feel free to make any comments that you feel are important and should be considered.

- Preferred type of equipment
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Are there any play areas that have been visited that could be used as a good example of play equipment? The Parish Council wants to know.

I would welcome any written comments by the 9th January 2006 so that they can be taken into account before the design is finalised in early spring 2006.

It is hoped that the refurbishment will be completed by the middle of next summer.

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Councillor John Perry produced an excellent report of the weekend with the main thrust of the event being

RECREATION AREA

Skateboard Facility – work has still not been completed to the satisfaction of the Council therefore payment has been withheld.

STREET LIGHTING

Brookland Road: A quotation is being obtained from Npower to provide a new lamp at the junction with Western Road during 2006/07 financial year.

PARISH PLAN

Following a few amendments put forward by the Head of Local Plans at Bromsgrove, the final document will be approved by the Steering Committee on November 1st.

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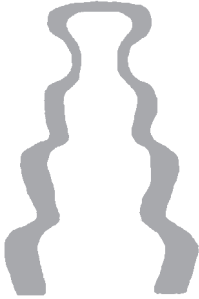
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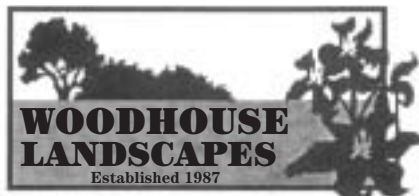
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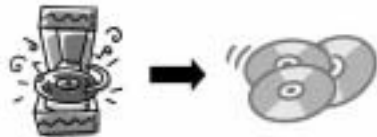
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CLUB REPORTS

AFTERNOON W.I.

The second Monday in November brought the Annual Meeting of Hagley Afternoon WI. To help with procedure Janice Jones, WI Advisor, attended the meeting.



A satisfactory financial report was given by Treasurer Irene Oliver. Secretary Joy Peers reported on the past year's activities while President Pat Lane talked on her view of events both happy and sad, as well as giving her thanks to all the people who had helped her during the year.

Before conducting the election of the President for the coming year Janice Jones gave a short talk on events and happenings at County level. After the formal election process members were delighted that Pat Lane would again hold the Presidential position.

After refreshments had been served two teams took part in "Call My Bluff". This was great fun with amazing definitions of chosen words such as Almandine, Luxullanite and Banana Bender!!

Members celebrated the Christmas Party and Entertainment on 12th December. The New Year begins on Monday 9th January with a talk by Marion Gould on "Peacocks" and continues with more good speakers, outings and many other events. It is hoped that the series of walks begun early in 2005 will continue as part of the 2006 activities.

This lively and happy WI welcomes visitors and prospective members at all meetings which are held on the second Monday in each month 2pm at the Community Centre.

Megan Bury

EVENING W.I.

Strange to think that by the time this report is circulated, all the events of Christmas and New Year will be just a memory, and we shall be looking at what 2006 holds in store for us.

However, just to recap on a few events over that period that we have enjoyed; a delightful wine tasting evening at Sainsbury's; a lively Home Economics Christmas themed day at Worcester; a Committee lunch; a demonstration of making marzipan fruits at the home of Hazel Smith; four of our members attending a Christmas lunch at Denman College, and last, but not least, our own Christmas Party.

We look forward to our January meeting – Mr Dave Hollis taking a "Shuffy at Shetland", and Wednesday 21st February, Mr Ray Harrowing on "Sweet music in the choir".

There follows an interesting programme for the rest of the year, that we hope will appeal to members and visitors alike.

Joan Ellis



ROTARACT CLUB

Festive December started with the group helping the Stourbridge Lions Sleigh Runs in Hagley on Friday 2nd. In the same weekend, some of the group flew to Northern Italy to meet up with a local Rotaract group. It is brilliant how Rotaract allowed us to meet international like-minded people, who made the weekend special with their local knowledge and hospitality. The next weekend we enjoyed a double dose of Christmas fun with our club's Christmas party at the Sun in Romsley and Stourport Rotary's Christmas meal. On the 16th we all did some last minute shopping at the German Christmas Market in Birmingham and then the next day there was a theatre trip organised to see Great Expectations in Stratford.

January 2006 has lots of fun and exciting events. So if anybody between the ages of 18-30 has made a New Year's resolution to try something different, why not try Rotaract. Joining Rotaract allows you to meet interesting and great people, take part in new experiences such as a holiday staying in an old monastery near Rome, learning new skills such as organising a Ball for one hundred plus people and helping others such as marshalling for Sunfield events or swimathons.

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.

Hagley Rotaract wishes all readers a Happy New Year.

Katrina Attewell



TREFOIL GUILD

November saw our return to the Hill Tavern in Clent for an evening of Skittles. Arranged by Liz, this was most enjoyable and we thank her for her efforts on our behalf.

The January meeting will be held at the Free Church in the coffee lounge on the 12th at 7.45 p.m. We begin the year's programme with a demonstration and lecture on First Aid.

We would like to thank the Editor and Staff of the Village News for their continued support and wish them all a Very Happy New Year.

Elizabeth Gingell

CLUB REPORTS

ROTARY CLUB



We hope you enjoyed your Christmas celebrations, and that the New Year will be more peaceful and happier than 2005. Many thanks to those of you who kindly gave cash donations when we Rotarians were out in the village “shaking the cans” on the run up to Christmas. We collected over £800 which we will be giving to various local and international charities eg:-

- Mary Stevens Hospice
- Kemp Hospice
- Elizabeth Attwood House (for battered wives)
- Hagley Senior Citizens’ Club
- Hagley Scouts
- Farmers Overseas Action Group (FOAG)

One of our club’s aims is to raise money to help with local projects and people in need. To achieve that objective we must increase our membership, which is currently 21, so it’s a good time to have a membership drive. Therefore we invite you community-minded people to come and join our lively and entertaining club, which meets regularly at the Stone Manor Hotel.

If you are interested in finding out more about Hagley Rotary’s activities, give me a ring on 07966 116612, then come and have a **free dinner** with us one Monday evening.

David Dewhirst



HAGLEY ART CLUB

ART CLUB

A successful exhibition was held in November with a good attendance of visitors. The painting best liked in the show voted by the public, was No 121 Newport Sands by our artist member Bob Swinger.

Our first meeting for 2006 is 13 January and will be a demonstration and talk in pastel painting, title ‘Discovering Pastel’ by one of our members, Pascale Bigot. This is a medium which requires special techniques quite different from brush applied art. We meet in St. Saviour’s Church Hall commencing 7.30 p.m. Visitors are welcome for a modest charge.

Next month, February 10, we hold our Annual General Meeting. It is your Club so please try to attend. AGMs are important for the ongoing management of the Club. After the business session there will be an Auction of surplus materials, equipment and books not required by members which will be run lightheartedly by our member Roger Noons. Following the Annual Meeting, in the months up to April, renewal of subscriptions will be due.

On behalf of the Chairman and Committee A HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL OF OUR MEMBERS and a successful painting year.

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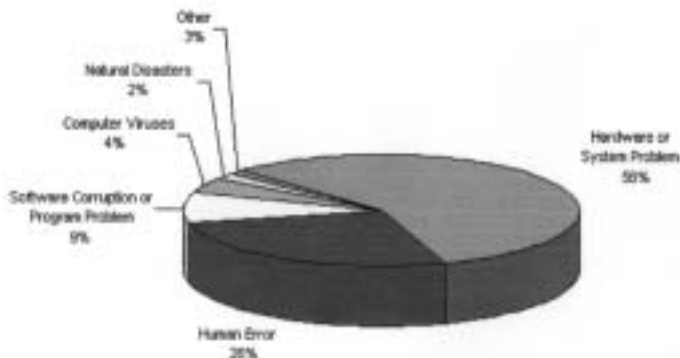
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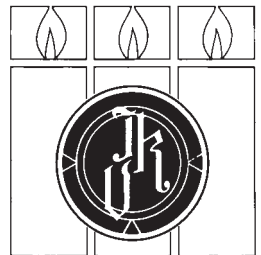
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GARDENERS' CLUB

A VERY HAPPY AND PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR TO YOU ALL

We finished 2005 with a bang as we learnt things we never knew about pruning from Hilary Twigg. We were entertained as well as being on a learning curve and it was a thoroughly enjoyable evening and well attended by members.

Our Annual Dinner is on the 25th January. If you forgot to get your ticket give Judy Perkins (883568) a ring as you may be lucky and would not want to miss such a splendid evening with a hot meal, wine and entertainment. What more can you ask for?

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).

The AGM will be followed by our own Jill Edwards who is going to transport us to the USA and show us "A year in Washington".

Visitors always welcome to the Gardeners' Club. You don't have to be a gardener to enjoy our company.

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Judy Berrow

HAGLEY WIVES AND WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP



We do hope you will join us for our 2006 programme which begins on 10th January when Sue Merrill will talk to us about her life change. "From one pig to another". Sue was a Metropolitan Policewoman and now farms pigs in Kinver.

We have Sue Clegg joining us on 24th January to talk about a Duke of Edinburgh expedition to Trinidad and Tobago. Her talk entitled "Vampire bats or dancing with the President".

Moving on to 14th February, our first meeting is to be a "Fashion Sale". High Street fashions, all good names and all perfect. This is one of our Open evenings so please come along and enjoy it with us. Bring a friend too, everyone is welcome.

All these meetings are at St. Saviour's Hall and begin promptly at 8.00 p.m.

Toni Allison

CLUB REPORTS

LADIES PROBUS CLUB

Eighteen members of the luncheon club met at The Talbot Chaddesley Corbett on 24th November to listen to an interesting talk by Canon Wilcox on his past experiences in Lesotho. The outing to Jonathan's at the end of the month was finalised.

The next meeting at The Talbot was the Christmas Meal and members brought visitors if they wished. The Ladies Probus wish all the readers of Hagley Village News a Very Happy New Year.

Betty Long (President)

CHESS CLUB

MATCHES: WORCESTERSHIRE COUNTY LEAGUE DIVISION TWO

27th September – Away versus Greenlands

Lost ½ - 4½

Martin Borley on Board 2 managed a draw, however Hagley were totally out-graded in this and Peter Keate, Greg Voskanian, Reg Beasley and Bill Sitch all put up stout resistance.

20th October – Away versus Headless Cross

Drew 2½ - 2½

Peter Keate and Martin Borley gained wins; Bill Sitch drew, whilst Greg Voskanian and Reg Beasley lost. A fair start to the new season.

25th November – Home versus Greenlands

Lost 0-5

Despite the score, all boards did well against a side, which out-graded us by 40 per opponent.

DUDLEY & DISTRICT DIVISION 3

8th September – Lost versus Warley Quinbourne (Away)

20th September – Drew versus Mercia (Away)

14th October – Won versus Wolverhampton (Home)

A reasonable start to the season for Reg Beasley's team.

MEMBERSHIP: The club would welcome any new members, from beginners to hardened professionals. If you would like to know more please contact Martin Borley - 01562 884399.

IN MEMORIAM: Keith Dodd passed away in October. Keith was a member of the club for over 30 years, a very gifted chess player, and a true gentleman. Goodbye Keith and well played.

COACHING: The club offers coaching to all members.

TIP OF THE MONTH: "Get a good knight and keep him close, for if he strays too far he may be lost forever".

Happy New Year to all chess enthusiasts!

Martin Borley
Assistant Secretary

FREE CHURCH FELLOWSHIP

The first half of our programme ended on December 8th and was well supported. We have had some very interesting speakers.

After the New Year starts we recommence on January 5th with a Devotional evening.

Pat Waite

CLUB REPORTS

WEST HAGLEY FOOTBALL CLUB



Happy New Year to all our Coaches, Managers, Parents and Players!

Junior Section

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Good luck to everyone in 2006!

Karen Hanson
Club Administrator

STOURBRIDGE SPEAKERS' CLUB

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Sue Davies

HAGLEY PRIMARY SCHOOL

We hope you had an enjoyable Christmas and that 2006 is a happy year for all! We enjoyed the visit from our Gambian friends in November. They helped the children to plant a small forest in our school grounds, worked on an ICT project and continued our Gambian Book project. Our Children in Need day helped to raise £452, £200 of which went to the Pakistan Earthquake appeal.

Our Walking Buss project continues to be a success and our annual Christmas Fayre was very busy and helped in raising money. Our children all did extremely well in their Christmas school plays and our visit to the NIA was brilliant. Well done all of you! We have lots of exciting events to look forward to such as our Sponsored Bounce, Drumlove, Bhangra Dancing Workshop and of course our successful Spring Fayre.

Jane Pitt.

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And agreed it was one of the best

We next celebrated Diwali
Then later Halloween and Bonfire Night
We painted and pasted, not a moment was wasted
And we really set the classroom alight.

Then finally we came to the Nativity
Each child, such excitement displayed
We hoped parents would see, how entertaining they could be
And be pleased the progress they'd made.

Helen Field

PLAYGROUP

A happy and healthy New Year to everyone! We welcome our new little recruits and their families, and would like to wish all our "grown up" children who have now left us, good luck on their first day at primary school! We will be thinking of them all.

We ended 2005 with our Christmas production, "The Innkeeper's Breakfast". The children were fantastic – we were so proud of them all. Then followed the Christmas Party, when the children were visited by Zeppo the Clown and Father Christmas. What a wonderful year we have had.

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JANUARY 2006

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Footsteps (8.00 – 9.30 pm, School Years 9 & 10)

Lifelines (8.00 – 9.30 pm, School Years 11 plus)

We meet in St Saviour's Church most Thursday evenings (see times above) for a short Bible study, followed by snooker, table tennis, soft ball, drama and other activities. Newcomers very welcome.

Twelfth Night

Following on from the success of last year, there will be a twelfth night evening at 7.30 pm at St John's on Friday 6 January. Everyone is very welcome at an evening of readings and music, as well as the chance to enjoy one another's company and some seasonal refreshments.

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

The week of Prayer for Christian Unity runs from 18 to 25 January. The local churches in the Hagley area will join together for our annual service at 6.30 pm on Sunday 22 January in Blakedown Church.

Confirmation

This year's confirmation service will be held in Holy Trinity Church, Belbroughton, on 29 January at 6.30 pm. Candidates from Hagley will join with candidates from Clent, Belbroughton and Fairfield.

JANUARY SERVICES

Date	8.00 am	9.30 am	10.30 am	6.30 pm
1 January Christmas 2			Holy Communion St John's	
8 January Epiphany 1	Holy Communion St John's		Morning Prayer St John's Holy Communion St Saviour's	Epiphany Service Wollaston
15 January Epiphany 2	Holy Communion St Saviour's		Parish Family Communion St John's	Evening Prayer St Saviour's
22 January Epiphany 3	Holy Communion St John's		Parish Communion St Saviour's	HADAC Christian Unity Service Blakedown
29 January Epiphany 4	Holy Communion St John's		Parish Communion St Saviour's	Confirmation Service Belbroughton

CLUB REPORTS



Clent Hills Singers



Clent Hills Singers are delighted to report that November's Bring and Sing Messiah, presented jointly with the Worcester Diocese Mothers Union, raised £200 for charity. Many thanks to all who helped in any way and to both singers and audience for their support. The spring concert will be on 25th March. More details next month.

Jo Hughes

THEATRE GROUP



The 2005 year saw our 200th production, which was the musical Annie, and this year we are also celebrating as this will be our 60th year. We will be staging, in March, a revue with sketches and scenes from past productions. The first main production will be an adult play, to be staged on 6th-8th April, and as we go to press in late November we are busy reading various scripts. It is likely that this will be a comedy that will brighten the end of the winter and set you in a good mood for the summer. I will be able to give you more details in next issue of the Village News.

Now would be an excellent time to join the theatre group. No experience is required. If you think you would like to act or take part in any aspect of back stage which includes lighting, sound, stage management, costume, properties or join the front of house team then we would like to hear from you. Just a willingness to bring live theatre to Hagley audiences is all you need. If you are interested in any aspect of live theatre please call Paula Knight on 01384 894655.

Tony Forrest

CLENT PRIMARY SCHOOL



As we look back at 2005 we have much to be grateful for at Clent Primary School. We have celebrated 300 years of education in the village, changed from a First to a Primary School and our pupils have progressed academically and matured as individuals during the year. Our Parents, Teachers and Friends Association have raised over £7500 for school funds and we have held many events for the children and the community as a whole. So was a very busy but successful year!

December was an exciting month as usual for the children with Christmas plays and Carol Services and a trip to the theatre to see the Wizard of Oz. This was preceded by the weekly celebration of Advent, led by the vicar, Barbara Mapley, who ensured that the meaning of Christmas was fully understood by our children. (As we are a Church school we will also be undergoing a 'worship inspection' soon).

If you would like your child to attend a caring Church school with modern facilities in a beautiful environment then please contact our Head Teacher, Mrs Barbara Turner. More details are available from our school office on 01562 730 68 and our email address is enquiries@clentfirst.worcs.sch.uk

Bonnie Harvey

HAGLEY RC HIGH SCHOOL



Canon David McGough of Our Lady & All Saints Church, Stourbridge, has been appointed Assistant Bishop in the Archdiocese of Birmingham. Our whole school community thanks Canon McGough for over five years of loyal service to his parish and the school. We are hopeful that he will maintain close contact with the school.

On 7 December we had our annual Christmas Celebration. This is always a wonderful evening of music, dance and drama, performed by our many talented students, and an appropriate way to begin our celebration of Christmas.

In November our building programme started and a new technology room will be completed in the new year, also refurbishment of a technology room which will become a state of the art science laboratory.

We also have a new music classroom to be constructed which should be completed by this time next year. Finally, the construction of a new sports hall will begin this academic year.

The English and Drama Theatre visit to the West End in November benefited from a subsidy from the Specialist School grant. 50 pupils from Year 11 saw 'Journey End'.

A Gifted and Talented Group has been set up for Year 9 Art and Design pupils. Exciting projects include a mural to be painted at Blue Hoots Pre-school, Blakedown and a painting for the performance area of the Music Suite.

Congratulations to Sarah Burrows and Helen Russell who have been awarded the Worcestershire Young Musician of the Year, Ensemble Category, 2005. They have won a wonderful trophy and £250 for the school.

V. Shaw

HAYBRIDGE HIGH SCHOOL



To commemorate Remembrance Day we had the opportunity to welcome to our school Sergeant Walter Johnson from the 9th Parachute Regiment. He has a remarkable war record and has many decorations. He addressed assemblies on both school sites and had a great impact on our students. He emphasised the horror of war and the need for peace and concluded his visit by presenting the school with a history book for the school library.

Our Prize Giving ceremony provided a superb end to the month. We welcomed Sir Cyril Taylor, Chairman of the Specialist Schools Trust, as our speaker. The ceremony is a keenly anticipated event and is an important way of the school recognising and rewarding the success of our students. It was particularly pleasing to welcome so many students back from university and employment.

Haybridge had some excellent sports results. Our under 16 netballers represented the Wyre Forest District at the county championships and our tennis squad reached the last 16 of the National tennis competition. The under 18 Birmingham Schools Fencing competition was won by Katherine Arscott and Amy Radford with Alexander Hall coming second in the competition who also came second in the West Midlands Individual Foil Fencing Competition.

Laura Whitehead



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Preachers for January

- 1st**
am Mr Donald Moss
No evening service
- 8th**
am Rev David Tennant *
pm Rev David Tennant
- 15th**
am Rev Charles Radburn
pm Ernest Crutchley *
- 22nd**
am Mr Alan Eccles
pm 6.30pm service at Blakedown
Parish Church
- 29th**
am Mr Rex Needles
pm Rev Geoffrey Tate

* Concludes with Holy Communion

Times of Sunday Services *10:30 a.m. and 6:00 p.m.*

CHURCHES TOGETHER

The Churches of Hagley and District work together under the general direction of HADAC (Hagley and District Association of Churches)

A united service for "The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity" will be held at Blakedown on Sunday 22 January at 6.30 p.m. We will use the order of service shared by many churches in this country and overseas at this time of the year.

THURSDAY FELLOWSHIP AT 8.00 P.M.

5th January

Talk about Acorns – "Care for the Child, Support for the Family"

12th January

The River Avon

Return visit of Brian Draper MBE

19th January

Causes and Consequences of Global Warming
Presentation with slides by Neil Holmes

26th January

Portmeirion, Cathedral Portraits,
Lost gardens of Heligan, Cornish Cameo
Musical presentation by Richard and Lesley Betts

LADIES AFTERNOON FELLOWSHIP

10th January 2006 at 2.30 p.m.

Speaker: Martin Heathcock



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HAVE YOU HEARD.....

The old adage “give a man a fish and he is fed for a day, teach a man to fish and he is fed for life”. If it was only so simple! Nevertheless adopting this principle, members of the Free Church decided that for our Centenary Project we should do something about world poverty and we decided to support the charity “Send a Cow in Africa”.

This organisation attempts to make poor communities self sufficient by providing appropriate live stock and giving training in land use and animal care. Each recipient of an animal from the project passes on the first female off-spring to another poor family who will do the same. The gift goes on multiplying!

Our initial aim had been to provide a whole farmyard. This could bring hope and a secure future for up to 25 extended families. For this we needed to raise £2000 during the year. We have already achieved this target and thank all who have contributed to this project by supporting our events and by buying our centenary merchandise. We are still collecting and will present our money to the Send a Cow Organisation at the end of January.

For those interested further details can be obtained through the Free Church.

WORLD CHURCH WEEKEND FORWARD NOTICE

Exhibition of links with other countries and future challenges.

Trade craft Fair on 18 March 2006

Specialist Service 19 March am led by Dr Elizabeth Harris,
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TUESDAY 3

Senior Citizens' Group

Free Church Hall, 2.30 p.m.

THURSDAY 5

Free Church Fellowship

Free Church Hall, 8.00 p.m.

'Devotional Meeting – Acorns'

Clent Hills Singers

Free Church Hall 7.30 p.m.

FRIDAY 6

Chess Club

Free Church Hall 7.00 p.m.

MONDAY 9

Playgroup

Every Monday to Friday (not Thursdays)

Community Centre, 9.00 a.m. – 12 noon

Parish Council

Community Centre, 7.00 p.m.

TUESDAY 10

Hagley Wives & Women's Fellowship

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

'From One Pig to Another'

WEDNESDAY 11

Book Club

54 Windspoint, 8.00 p.m.

'Poetry Reading'

THURSDAY 12

Free Church Fellowship

Free Church Hall, 8.00 p.m.

'The River Avon'

Clent Hills Singers

Free Church 7.30 p.m.

FRIDAY 13

Chess Club

Free Church Hall 7.00 p.m.

Art Club

St. Saviour's Hall 7.30 p.m.

'Discovering Pastel'

MONDAY 16

Parish Council

Community Centre 7.00 p.m.

TUESDAY 17

Senior Citizens' Group

Free Church Hall 2.30 p.m.

THURSDAY 19

Free Church Fellowship

Free Church Hall 8.00 p.m.

'Causes and Consequences of Global Warming'

Clent Hills Singers

Free Church 7.30 p.m.

FRIDAY 20

Chess Club

Free Church Hall 7.00 p.m.

TUESDAY 24

Hagley Wives & Women's Fellowship

St. Saviour's Hall 7.45 p.m.

'Vampire Bats or Dancing with the President'

WEDNESDAY 25

Gardeners' Club

St. Saviour's Hall 8.00 p.m.

'Annual Dinner with Christmas Entertainment'

THURSDAY 26

Free Church Fellowship

Free Church Hall 8.00 p.m.

'Portmeirion, Cathedral Portraits, Lost Gardens of Heligan, Cornish Cameo'

Clent Hills Singers

Free Church 7.30 p.m.

Ladies Robus Club

The Talbot, Chaddesley Corbett, 12 noon.

FRIDAY 27

Chess Club

Free Church Hall 7.00 p.m.

Country Market

Community Centre 8.45 – 11.00 a.m.

MONDAY 30

Flower Arrangement Society

Community Centre 7.30 p.m.

TUESDAY 31

Senior Citizens' Group

Free Church Hall 2.30 p.m.



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