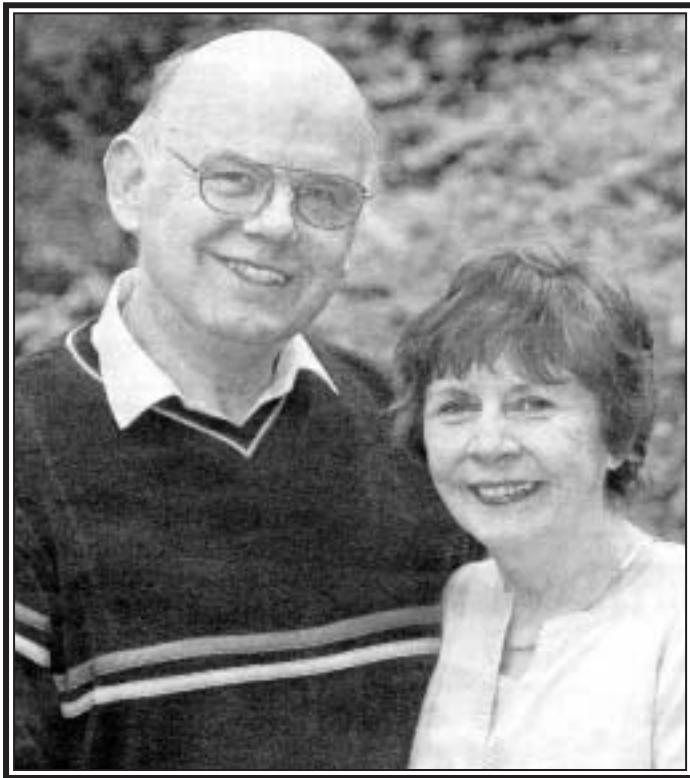


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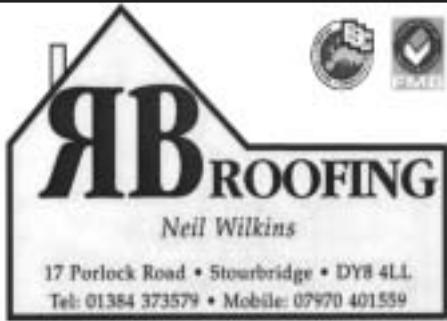
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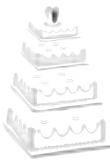
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## EDITORIAL

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*Anna Morley  
Editor*

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**Editor**

## Hagley Travel Club

There has been an excellent response to the suggestion of a Travel Club in Hagley. Both couples and single people have responded and further enquiries are still welcome. The names of all the interested people have been gathered and the Club will be co-ordinated by Alistair Brooks. At the time of going to print, we are still in the very early stages, but please contact the Editor on 885602 if you are interested.



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### *Lily Cemm (Nee Izard)*

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### **Dear Editor**

I am running the London Marathon on 23rd April in aid of the Meningitis Trust. This is an extremely worthwhile charity which uses donations to support the victims of this infection and their families. They also do excellent work to publicise the early signs of meningitis to ensure that people get early treatment and avoid its worst effects.

I would be grateful to any readers of the Village News who would like to sponsor me to complete the 26 mile course. Please send donations to me at 17 Station Road, Hagley or pop round to make a contribution in person. Alternatively, visit my charity website [www.justgiving.com/timweller](http://www.justgiving.com/timweller) and sponsor me on-line.

Yours sincerely  
Dr Tim Weller

### **Dear Editor**

I am a man in my 80s. Last week a company 'Craftmatic' from Abingdon sent a salesman who conned his way into my home with the intention of selling me a bed. He told me he visits many old folk each day and is expected to sell at least 3 beds.

I was quite frightened by his approach so dialled to local police where I was told by a mechanical voice "No incoming calls".

Because I live alone my family insist I arm myself should it happen again.

My regards  
Dennis Milner

## **HAGLEY HELPLINE AGM**

**Helpline will be holding its Annual General Meeting in  
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We offer a warm welcome to all our supporters, volunteers and clients. We should be pleased to welcome new volunteers – we particularly need more volunteer drivers – so if you feel you could help in this valuable service do come along and meet the Committee and other members of Hagley Helpline.

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### 2006/7

The Council has agreed a budget for the forthcoming financial year and there will be no increase in the precept.

Catherine Humphries  
Clerk to the Council



## CLENT PARISH COUNCIL

Items of interest from the approved Minutes a) Extraordinary Meeting 1st December 2005 b) Meeting held on December 19th 2005.

### FINANCE

Council resolved to install Broadband for the new computer.

### PLANNING MATTERS

Decisions by BDC

2005/0982 – Internal alterations – Thicknall farm House, Thicknall Lane - granted

2005/0985 – Pitched roof over flat roof – 12 Woodchester – refused

Applications for Parish Council consideration:-

2005/1095 - Extension over garage – 17 Newfield Road – PC concerned as this will create a three storey dwelling incompatible with existing semi-detached.

2005/1114 – Formation of room in roof space – 62 Pinewoods Avenue – no objections raised.

### HIGHWAYS

Pinewoods Avenue Traffic Calming – This matter was discussed at the Extraordinary Meeting. All residents present were given the opportunity to put their points of view forward. The Council resolved to support the proposed action being taken by Worcestershire County Council Highways Partnership Unit.

### OUTSIDE MEETINGS

Police Consultative Group – The meeting discussed the proposed merger of Police Forces throughout the country to create larger regional forces. Clent Parish Council's representative at the meeting voted in favour of remaining as West Mercia force.

Clent Hills Advisory Committee – Points noted:-

Seasonal Car Parking charges have now ceased

Nimmings café lease extended for a further 5 years

£3000.00 has been received from Clent Hall for Land Covenant.

£20,000.00 has been received as an Easement for The Chalet, Adams Hill.

FP48 re-designated as a Bridlepath according to a map owned by PC published between 1963/1975. Matter will be discussed further.

**NB: Re: 2005/0891 – New Conservatory – This should have read 38 Worcester Road not Western Road – My apologies for this error.**

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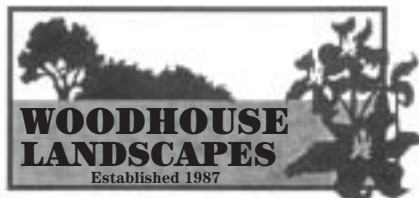
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Everyone leads busy lives, we all get involved with our own concerns, but if we all tried to be more aware of what is happening in our own street, road, lane and close it would make opportunist crime and distraction burglary more difficult for the criminal.

Despite all our modern warning systems good neighbours often see more, have a different view of property and see things which if mentioned can enhance security and keep our homes and property protected.

Please continue to report attempted and committed crimes to your local co-ordinator or myself so that all can be aware of what is occurring and members can be alerted.

Kathryn Grocock  
720394

## Just around the corner

Poems and songs  
have been written forever  
On the coming of Spring,  
And the hope of good weather.

The winter is long,  
Days oh so dreary,  
It takes all your might  
To keep happy and cheery.

For a couple of months  
You live mostly in dark.  
Can barely be bothered  
For a walk in the park.

But the days start to lengthen  
The birds start to sing,  
Soon you'll notice your step  
Has a bit of a "spring".



With bulbs coming up,  
And some buds on the trees,  
The garden wakes up  
Once again starts to please.

The sun starts to shine  
Then the birds start to sing.  
You can zip through the chores  
With a fair bit of "zing".

You shake off your jumpers,  
Your thick winter clothes.  
At last... after months  
There's no cold in your nose.

We've come to the end  
Of this years hibernation.  
It's Spring once again,  
Time for great CELEBRATION!

*Elaine Morgan*



### AFTERNOON W.I.



The New Year commenced with Marion Goold talking on living with "Peacocks". Mrs Goold was most informative on the lives and habits of these beautiful birds. members were told that peacocks are monogamous and if one of the pair dies the other bird will grieve for its loss. The male does not develop its magnificent tail until it is three years old. The display of the tail begins at about Easter time and in each year and thus the peacock has become the symbol of resurrection. Mrs Goold's talk was very informative on these gorgeous birds of which members knew so little.

The "outings" season has now started, and commenced with lunch at The Granary in February. It is hoped that the postponed trip to Arley Arboretum will take place in April and later in the year it is planned to have a conducted tour of the "Black and White Villages of Herefordshire".

A number of members attended the Pancake Lunch on the 28th February and on 13th March the speaker will be Ed Shaw on "Taking the Car & Caravan to India".

There is a very full programme of speakers, outings and events in 2006 but one event stands out - Hagley Afternoon WI celebrates its 85th Birthday in August with a lunch and entertainment!

So much to look forward to at every meeting on the 2nd Monday in each month, 2 p.m. at Hagley Community Centre. Visitors and prospective members are always most welcome.

Megan Bury

### EVENING W.I.

Our programme for this year began very pleasantly with Mr. D Hollis showing slides of Shetland; the main emphasis being on the wonderful bird life there.

The March meeting on the 15th has a musical theme, being Mr Siddique Hussain talking on "Musicals", and on Wednesday April 19th we have a very feminine topic, with Mrs. C. Clarke on the subject of "Hats for all occasions".

Going back to January – on Monday 16th, three members attended a meeting in Worcester to hear the short list and vote for the two resolutions to be discussed at Institutes in May, and then go forward to the A.G.M. in June.

Ten members attended the monthly lunch which was held at The Old House at Home in Blakedown.

A theatre outing is planned for the beginning of March. As always, a warm welcome is extended to visitors.

Joan Ellis

## CLUB REPORTS



### HISTORICAL AND FIELD SOCIETY

The New Year began with our meeting on Tuesday 3rd January at which Mr. G. Gascoigne gave an illustrated talk on "Chadwich Manor - near Rubary". Chadwich is a small oasis of countryside, close to Birmingham, bounded by the M5 and the A38; Mr Gascoigne related its long history. The medieval manor was mentioned in Domesday book; it had several owners until the 16th century when Henry VIII presented it to Christ's College Oxford as a source of income. So it remained until 1904 when George Cadbury purchased it and in 1924 he donated a large part of it to the National Trust. Amongst the areas interesting features are two fine 17th century listed buildings, the Manor house and a large farm thought to be the site of a previous manor house. Both are now private residences. Mr Gascoigne illustrated the talk with a selection of excellent slides.

The March meeting of the Society is on Tuesday 7th at which Mr. R. Pendrill will talk about "The Pendrills of Boscabel". All are welcome at St. Saviour's Church Hall 8.00 p.m. Visitors £1.50 including refreshments.

Malcolm James

### THEATRE GROUP



The next adult production will now be the very funny comedy Forget-Me-Knot, to be performed at the Community Centre on the 8th - 10th June. This is based on a man who has seemingly lost his memory and the efforts of the police to trace who exactly he is. There are lots of twists and turns and things are never quite what they seem. I shall give more information in the next issue of the Village News.

We are set to stage a revue night on 12th March tht will look back over 60 years of the Theatre Group's history. This is primarily intended for the Theatre Group's members and families but should you be interested please contact Paula Knight, phone number as shown below.

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.

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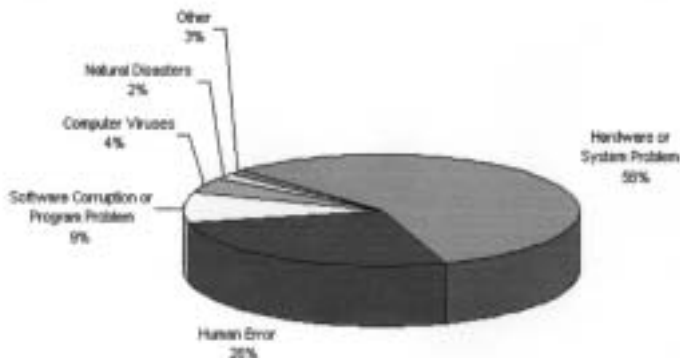
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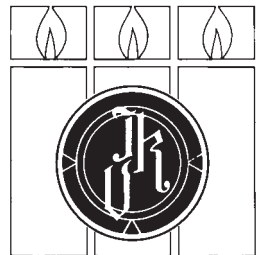
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### HAGLEY WIVES AND WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP



Jenny and Sheila (two of our members) will demonstrate arrangements of spring flowers on 14th March. Their talk is called "Spring is in the Air".

On 28th March we have a rather special evening which would be of interest to the gentlemen too, so we are making it an Open Evening so everyone is welcome. We have the welcome return of the Wildlife Photographer who was so popular last year. Michael Leach will be talking about his life amongst the Mountain Gorillas of Rwanda. His photographs are superb.

On 11th April we welcome Lyz Harvey, a local lady, who will bring us some hilarious poetry about Ladies of a certain age. Do come and join us.

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

Toni Allison



### GARDENERS' CLUB

Our Annual Social was an enjoyable evening with Dinner followed by entertainment from the Hagley Ladies Choir who sang us through the garden seasons with great gusto.

On March 22nd we will be having a return visit from Rob and Diane Cole. Members visited their beautiful garden last summer and Rob is going to tell us how to grow those wonderful perennials from seed accompanied by his usual repartee. Visitors are always welcome.

Our outings of the year will be announced so bring your chequebooks with you to book a place.

On April 26th we have a very special evening when Garden Designer Keith Southall from Whit Lenge will be visiting us. He has exhibited at the NEC and Malvern Spring Show and fine examples of his work can be seen in his 3-acre design centre at Hartlebury.

Visitors always welcome to the Gardeners' Club. You don't have to be a gardener to enjoy our company. For more information telephone : 01562 777014.

Judy Berrow

### MOTHERS' UNION

Our Mothers' Union Meeting this month is on Thursday March 16th at 2.30 p.m. We look forward to seeing you there. A great thank you to Betty Ellis for her interesting talk in January where we also congratulated her on her 80th Birthday.

Judy Plant



## CLUB REPORTS



**HAGLEY ART CLUB**

## ART CLUB

The Club night this month is 10 March and the subject will be working with Acrylics using a Painting Knife. This should also interest oil painters who often use a knife. The demonstrator will be Michael Warr who visited the Club in February 1997. He then demonstrated with Caran D'Arche materials.

The use of Acrylics feature again in the April meeting with Sarah Hayward. Here the subject will be 'Contemporary Landscapes'. It will be helpful to have these mediums following each other as the techniques would be approached differently by the two artists. The April meeting will be one week earlier, 7th April because of Easter. Please note this date in your diaries.

I would like to remind members that membership fees for 2006/7 are due in March.

Alan Pritchard  
(President)

## HAGLEY RAMBLER SCOUTS

Hagley Rambler Scout Group is now the largest scout group in Bromsgrove District. We have a full capacity of 36 cubs aged 8 to 10 years, and the scout troop is nearly full with 31 scouts aged 10 to 14 years. The cubs operate a waiting list, and if you are interested in your child coming to cubs please contact Akela on 882728.

There have been a number of changes to the structure of the group recently. Geoff Gough takes on the role of president, and Miles Shakeshaft becomes Group Scout Leader. Mark and Sian Radford have stepped down from chairman and treasurer respectively and we thank them for their hard work over the last few years. We welcome Graham Bayliss as the new chairman, Nick Hyne as treasurer, and Mel Griffiths as secretary, while Ruth Keighley continues in her role of cubs treasurer and fundraiser.

At the moment, unfortunately we have no Beaver Colony (age 6 to 8 years), as we do not have enough leaders to open a Beaver Unit. We are always desperate for leaders, so if you are interested in becoming a leader in Beavers, Cubs or Scouts, please contact Miles Shakeshaft on 885722. We realise that people have many commitments, but even if you might be able to help some weeks and not others, please give us a ring. It's great fun!

Akela

## BOOK CLUB

We'll discuss something from the most recent Booker Prize shortlist, which always gives scope for controversy. We've left plenty of time for the books to come out in paperback or become available from the library!

We meet at 45 Sweetpool Lane at 8.00 p.m. Tel: 884469 for details, Wednesday 8 March

## CLUB REPORTS



### TREFOIL GUILD

In February all Worcestershire Guilds celebrated "Thinking Day" in Droitwich. We were involved in providing refreshments. We *did* know that this responsibility could not be avoided for ever so rallied with good grace (Grace couldn't come unfortunately).

In March we meet for our Annual Dinner on Thursday 9th. This time at Habberley Golf Club. Mary and Kath have the details and may well be issuing maps. We look forward to it.

Elizabeth Gingell

### LADIES PROBUS CLUB

The first meeting of 2006 was very well attended by 26 members with two visitors. The president reminded members of the A.G.M. in April and also that we are in great need of a treasurer and speakers' secretary. Volunteers for these posts are required.

The speaker this month was one of our members, Eve Tromans, who gave a spirited talk on 'Fashion for the Over Fifties. Eve is very experienced in the fashion trade having had two shops before retiring. The talk raised numerous questions from members and was enjoyed by all. Meetings are at The Talbot, Chaddesley Corbett. Visitors are always welcome; please phone Betty Long 01527 570864.

### STOURBRIDGE SPEAKER CLUB

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Regular meetings are on the second and fourth Mondays of every month from September to May, at 7.45 for an 8.00 p.m. start in the Talbot Hotel, High Street, Stourbridge. Attendance is free for the first three meetings. You can choose to join or attend as an occasional guest.

Further information can be obtained from Melvin Evans on 01562 883104 or on [melvinevans@lineone.net](mailto:melvinevans@lineone.net). Please take a look at our website at [www.stourbridgeasc.org.uk](http://www.stourbridgeasc.org.uk)

Sue Davies

## CLUB REPORTS

### WEST HAGLEY FOOTBALL CLUB



We are currently registering our new intake of under 5s. We have six weekly sessions (held on Hagley Playing Fields) starting Saturday 1st April, and we still have a few (not many) places available for any budding footballers. Each session will be taken by experienced F.A. Level 2 coaches.

Each coaching session includes a warm up, specific coaching of technique (covering all the basic football skills) and always finishes with a small-sided game. All our sessions are aimed at the children having fun whilst learning the necessary skills to play.

If your son or daughter is currently in Reception year at school, and would like to join our football club, then please contact Karen Hanson, on 01562 882767 as soon as possible for more information.

We look forward to hearing from you.

Karen Hanson  
Club Administrator

### PLAYGROUP

Spring is almost upon us and it is a nice feeling to be able to enjoy outdoor activities again.

We have been involved in an interesting project recently, called "All About Me", which the children thoroughly enjoyed. They produced some lovely photographs of family members which were proudly displayed for all to see. We also celebrated the Chinese New Year which was great fun, making dragons and trying to eat Chinese food with chopsticks, (not easy for a three year old), but it was fun trying! We then flipped our pancakes on Shrove Tuesday, which seemed to end up everywhere apart from the frying pan!

If you would like to witness this fun, and are interested in our Group, please feel welcome to drop in at the Community Centre (mornings only), or telephone Sharon Gould on 01562 882433.



### Clent Hills Singers



The Spring concert on 25th March, will be in St. Saviour's Church, starting at 7.30 p.m. The programme will include Haydn's *Little Organ Mass*, his short Mass *Rorate Coeli Desuper* and the motet by Vaughan Williams, *Valiant-for-Truth*, with its title and text taken from John Bunyan's *The Pilgrim's Progress*.

Tickets: £5 and £3 (conc.) available from Jo Hughes (882763) or on the door. The charity for this concert is 'Hope and Homes for Children'.

Jo Hughes



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**MARCH 2006**

### **Fun Quiz - Friday 31 March**

Book early for the Annual Fun Quiz Night which starts at 7.30 pm in St Saviour's Church hall. Entries should be in teams of four people. Tickets are £5.00 and include a buffet supper. There will also be a licensed bar. Please contact Jeff Bale on 886600 to enter. Proceeds will go towards the Bishop Simeon Trust.

### **Website**

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### **Contact**

Even more information is available in our monthly church magazine, "Contact". Each edition contains a wealth of articles and other material. Why not subscribe and have it delivered to your home?

### **Wedding Couples' Tea - Sunday 5 March - 3.00 pm**

All couples to be married during the remainder of 2006 and 2007 are invited to an afternoon held at St John's Church to help in the planning of your wedding. The programme includes The Marriage Service, wedding flowers, music and hymns for the service and the chance to meet people from the church who will be involved on the day. If you haven't already received details contact the Parish Office (01562 886363).

## **MARCH SERVICES**

<b>Date</b>	<b>8.00 am</b>	<b>9.30 am</b>	<b>10.30 am</b>	<b>6.30 pm</b>
5 March 1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday of Lent		Morning Praise <b>St Saviour's</b>	Holy Communion <b>St John's</b>	Evening Prayer <b>St Saviour's</b>
12 March 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Lent	Holy Communion <b>St John's</b>		Morning Prayer <b>St John's</b> Holy Communion <b>St Saviour's</b>	Youth-led Service <b>St Saviour's</b>
19 March 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Lent	Holy Communion <b>St John's</b>		Parish Communion <b>St Saviour's</b>	Evening Prayer <b>St Saviour's</b>
26 March Mothering Sunday	Holy Communion <b>St Saviour's</b>		Parish Family Communion <b>St John's</b>	Evening Prayer <b>St Saviour's</b>

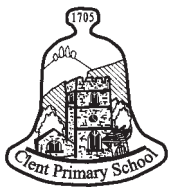
## HAGLEY PRIMARY SCHOOL

As we enter the month of March, it is so lovely to know that Spring is just around the corner. We hope that the weather remains kind as we are beginning to develop the outside environment with help from the PTA and Mrs. Thomas, one of our Year 1 teachers. At the moment we are clearing a garden area so that we can grow vegetables and also incorporate a science garden. We have plans for a quiet area for the Early Years along with new play equipment and we hope to continue with more playground markings. Our Trim Trail proves to be popular with the children and Royal Bank of Scotland who contributed to this, will be sending 30 volunteers to work for a day sometime in March with our outside projects!

All of the children enjoyed their trip to Wolverhampton Grand Theatre to see Aladdin in January and we have many more wonderful workshops for them to enjoy such as the popular Drum Love and Bhangra Dancing.

In February 5 of our Staff joined together with other teachers from other schools, to visit the Gambia to continue and finish work on the book project on Gambian Life. Whilst there they checked on the development of the Nursery that is looking very good and also they were able to teach in the school, which provides the Staff with confidence and training. A rewarding experience for all!

Jane Pitt



## CLENT PAROCHIAL PRIMARY SCHOOL

We have recently hosted the termly Pyramid Heads and Chairs of Governors. This offers an opportunity to liaise and discuss issues arising from the recent school reorganisation and building projects. Our staff have been spending time updating their First Aid qualifications, and we are continuing our work for 'Healthy Schools' with an external audit of our practise.

We were delighted with the excellent result following our 'inspection of worship' in which we were praised for the 'high quality of collective worship and the outstanding partnerships between the school, parents and parish'. We will now be working on preparation for the new framework with all our stakeholders. A big 'thank you' to Jonathan Mapley, who is kindly making a new wooden cross to go in our hall.

This term we are joined by student teachers from the University of Worcester who will be working alongside teachers in Oak, Ash, and Elm class. We will also be carrying out booster maths lessons after school for year 6 children over a period of 10 weeks. On a more fun note Key Stage 2 pupils will be having a 'Wizard of Oz' drama workshop following on from our visit to the Repertory Theatre in Birmingham.

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 730668 and our email address is office@clent.worcs.sch.uk.

Bonnie Harvey

## HAGLEY RC HIGH SCHOOL



We have a number of developments in response to our designation as a Specialist School. In Music a dance club are enjoying working in contemporary/street dance styles. A new percussion group is exploring the style of samba. Forty-two pupils enjoyed a fun packed weekend of music making and games. The surprise activity was a superb gospel workshop.

Pupils from Year 9 visited Birmingham Art Gallery and Year 10 visited Sunfield School to work on the Willow Sculpture.

The Quiconque Theatre delivered a workshop for Years 10 and 12. A theatre group has been invited into school to perform Macbeth for Year 8 and there will be a trip to see Blood Brothers.

This term we have been fortunate in providing Year 10 pupils with an exciting Theatre in Education Workshop, linked to their Work Related Learning programme.

In January the Challenge UK Team came into school to work with Years 10, 11 and 12 in relationship education. These are excellent opportunities for the pupils and provide them with a different perspective on important personal issues.

Our trampolining squad has been very successful in a recent championship. Fourteen schools were involved. In the individual competitions Connie Woodall came first, Helena Wild came second, Alex Byrne came third and Liam Crowley came fourth, each in their own age range. In the team competition the U13 girls and the U15 girls came second in their categories.

This year parents have established a "Friends of Hagley Catholic High" committee and organised an enjoyable Race Evening, raising valuable funds. The Friends meet regularly and is open to all parents; new members would be warmly welcomed. The next event is a Barn Dance on Saturday 25 March.

V. Shaw

## HAYBRIDGE HIGH SCHOOL



Staff and students at Haybridge High School were delighted with the news earlier this month that both Headteacher, Dr Melvyn Kershaw and Chair of Governors, Mr Tony Homer had been recognised for their achievements in the New Year's honours list.

Dr Kershaw receives an OBE for his services to education, whilst Mr Homer and his wife have been awarded an MBE for their services to fostering.

Since 1988 Dr Kershaw has been Headteacher at Haybridge High School and has steered the school to great success; inspectors rated the school as 'outstanding' in every category in the latest OFSTED report in October 2005. Dr Kershaw has been a key figure in the Secondary Head's Association, as well as working with the DFES in an advisory capacity.

Mr Homer and his wife have been fostering children and young people since 1971 and have been involved with over 400 children, some who stayed for up to 3 years with them; others for only 24 hours.

Our year 11 students have celebrated the end of their mock exams by organising their end of year prom which will be held at The Mill Hotel at Alveley, whilst our year 7 and 8 pupils had a very successful Valentine's disco at the end of the half-term.

Our sporting heroes are still going strong with our girls' football team winning 1-0 to Stourport thanks to a magnificent goal by Sophie Bradshaw; our House sports events are still as popular as ever and we have recently had two successful events: Triathlon and Badminton.

Laura Whitehead



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*This year St David's day falls on Ash Wednesday, the first day of Lent. Not so much a day of celebration but the first day of a period of reflection and preparation for the great celebration of Easter.*

### **Preachers for March**

**5th**

am Rev Charles Radburn  
 pm Rev Ernest Cruchley \*

**12th**

am Rev David Tennant  
 pm Rev David Tennant

**19th World Church Weekend**

am Dr Elizabeth Harris  
 See special notice.  
 No evening service.

**26th**

am Family Mothering Sunday service  
 pm Rev Gerald England

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

2nd March

Expedition in the Grenadine Isles  
 Miss Susan Clegg

9th March

Walk on the Wild Side - With Elephants  
 Mr Michael Ecob

16th March

"Old Quinton"  
 Mr Michael Hall

23rd March

Hollywood - 100 years in 100 minutes  
 Return visit of Mr Siddique Hussain

30th March

Annual General Meeting

\* Includes Holy Communion

### **LADIES AFTERNOON FELLOWSHIP**

**Monday 20th March**

*Spring Outing to Holland House*



**TRAIDCRAFT FAIR**  
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**WORLD CHURCH WEEKEND 17-19 MARCH**

For many years Hagley Free Church has set aside a special weekend in the calendar to celebrate the work of the church around the world. Each year a particular country or region has been selected and we have invited speakers connected with that area.

As an extended part of our centenary celebrations, we are devoting 17th to 19th March to remembering all the links we have made over the years, as well as reflecting what our Christian faith requires of us in our changing world.

There will be an exhibition in the hall on the Friday and Saturday mornings 17th and 18th March, with a Traidcraft Fair on the Saturday. Our morning service on 19th March will be taken by Dr Elizabeth Harris, who is travelling up from London. She is the Secretary for Inter-Faith Relations at Methodist Church House. After morning worship there will be a lunch in the hall with a further opportunity to hear about Elizabeth's work with other faiths. In the early afternoon a service of Holy Communion will conclude the weekend.

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### Stour Valley Cat Rescue



Reg. Charity 514904

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# MARCH DIARY

THURSDAY 2

**Free Church Fellowship**

Free Church Hall, 8.00 p.m.

'Expedition in the Grenadine Isles'

**Clent Hills Singers**

Free Church, 7.30 p.m.

FRIDAY 3

**Country Market**

Community Centre, 8.45 - 11.00 a.m.

**Chess Club**

Free Church Hall, 7.00 p.m.

SATURDAY 4

**Wyre Forest Symphony Orchestra**

St. Mary's Church, Kidderminster, 7.30 p.m.

Concert - Brahms, Rossini and Schubert

MONDAY 6

**Playgroup**

Monday to Friday (not Thursdays)

Community Centre, 9.00 a.m. - 12 noon

**Parish Council**

Community Centre, 7.00 p.m.

TUESDAY 7

**Historical & Field Society**

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

"The Pendrills of Boscabel"

WEDNESDAY 8

**Book Club**

45 Sweetpool Lane, 8.00 p.m.

"The Booker Prize"

THURSDAY 9

**Free Church Fellowship**

Free Church Hall, 8.00 p.m.

"Walk on the Wild Side, with Elephants"

**Clent Hills Singers**

Free Church, 7.30 p.m.

FRIDAY 10

**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.

"Acrylics with a Painting Knife"

TUESDAY 14

**Hagley Wives & Women's Fellowship**

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

"Spring is in the Air"

**Senior Citizens' Group**

Free Church Hall, 2.30 p.m.

THURSDAY 16

**Free Church Fellowship**

Free Church Hall, 8.00 p.m.

"Old Quinton"

**Clent Hills Singers**

Free Church, 7.30 p.m.

FRIDAY 17

**Country Market**

Community Centre, 8.45 - 11.00 a.m.

**Chess Club**

Free Church Hall, 7.00 p.m.

MONDAY 20

**Parish Council**

Community Centre, 8.00 p.m.

Annual Parish Meeting

WEDNESDAY 22

**Gardeners' Club**

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

"Growing Perennials from Seed"

THURSDAY 23

**Free Church Fellowship**

Free Church Hall, 8.00 p.m.

"Hollywood - 100 years in 100 minutes"

**Clent Hills Singers**

Free Church, 7.30 p.m.

**Ladies Probus Club**

The Talbot, Chaddesley Corbett, 12 noon

"Hearing Dogs for the Deaf"

FRIDAY 24

**Country Market**

Community Centre, 8.45 - 11.00 a.m.

**Chess Club**

Free Church Hall, 7.00 p.m.

SATURDAY 25

**Art Club**

Day School - Water Based

**Clent Hills Singers**

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

"Spring Concert"

MONDAY 27

**Flower Arrangement Society**

Community Centre, 7.30 p.m.

"Spring has Sprung"

TUESDAY 28

**Hagley Wives & Women's Fellowship**

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

"A Wildlife Photographer Abroad"

**Senior Citizens' Group**

Free Church Hall, 2.30 p.m.

THURSDAY 30

**Free Church Fellowship**

Free Church Hall, 8.00 p.m.

Annual General Meeting

FRIDAY 31

**Country Market**

Community Centre 8.45 - 11.00 a.m.

**Chess Club**

Free Church Hall, 7.00 p.m.



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