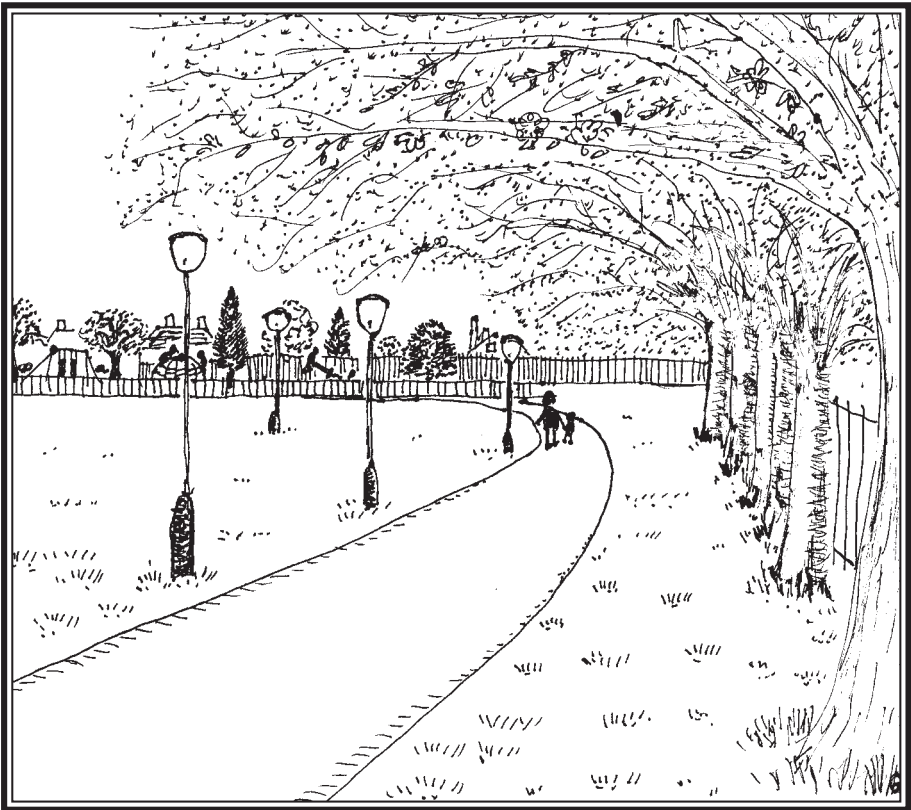


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Plans are well in hand now for the Village Fete in July with many of our affiliated societies holding an event or stall. There is still opportunity to become involved, especially for local businesses, via sponsorship for example. Next meeting 8 May, 7.30 p.m. Community Centre. We hope this will be an enjoyable day and would like as much contribution as possible.

*Anna Morley
Editor*

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DEAR EDITOR

Dear Editor

My wife does the shopping and I'm the donkey who carries it. Usually I find the nearest seat, and on this occasion I chatted to an elderly lady about the good old days. My wife returned and took up the conversation as I went nosing, then we said 'cheerio' and went into a cake shop. We ordered two cream cakes, I said to the girl, "make it three, one in its own box"! I took it to the lady, who was still sitting there. "Good gracious", she said, "How did you know it was my birthday?"

As we walked to the car park, somehow the shopping I carried didn't feel so heavy.

Vic R.
Millpool Close

Dear Editor

At the end of each working day like many other villagers I collapse into an armchair, read the paper and watch the television. It's been years since I visited a library though I understand from my wife, who's a librarian, that they are very good.

So it's with some surprise that for nearly a month now I've been waiting for a media storm to break in Hagley about a planning document that is hidden in the library at Kidderminster, a bit like the Parish Plan is hidden in Hagley Library.

Maybe this Village News article will be the herald for many villagers that the HAGLEY BYPASS is back, but there again, like the Parish Plan, the details may never be published on the Internet, where we all can see them!

Nick Templar
admin@hagleyvillage.org

School Vacancy

Hagley Primary School has a vacancy on their governing body for a Community Governor. Please telephone Carol Hipkiss, Clerk to the Governors, at Hagley Primary School on 01562 883280 for further information.

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Janet and John Hipkiss would like to express their thanks to all who have sent cards and messages to Janet during her current illness. The thoughts and prayers sent to her have been overwhelming.

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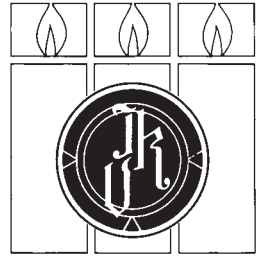
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Annual Parish Meeting

This was held on March 20th at the Community Centre. There were reports on the activities of the Parish, District and County Councils. Unfortunately only five residents attended. This was disappointing, especially for the Parish Councillors who give their time free in the interests of the village and its residents.

Parish Council Office

Just a reminder of the new opening hours – Monday to Friday 10.00 am to 2.00 pm. We will soon have a new email address and a Parish Council website but in the meantime you can get in touch on hagley.council@yescomputers.co.uk.

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Play Area

Work is starting on the new play area. It is due to be completed by the date of the Village Fete in July. Please stay clear of the site whilst works are in progress. The new facilities will be well worth waiting for.

Planning Applications

As many of you will be aware, the plan to knock down houses in Park Road and replace them with blocks of retirement flats was turned down by Bromsgrove District Council but then went to appeal. We understand that a local public hearing into this appeal will be held in June (exact date not yet available). More details as soon as we get them, we need as many residents as possible to attend this hearing, to raise comments and objections.

Parking

Hagley Parish Council is working hard with the Police, the Highways Authority and the District Council to improve the parking situation in the village. We shall be conducting a survey on the use of the Worcester Road car park. Please cooperate if you are asked questions, it will help us to make the best use of this facility. We are also working with the other bodies to improve the conditions of the roads and pavements where possible.

PACT meeting

The First Police and Communities Together (PACT) meeting was held in March. This Police led initiative has set the first three priorities as:


1. Speeding
2. Vandalism in the Railway Station
3. Parking/stopping/waiting (mainly outside schools)

The next meeting will be in June, watch out for the posters.

Village enhancements

Hanging baskets will be going up along Worcester Road this month and you will soon see more colourful displays at the entrances to the village. If you have any more suggestions on how to brighten up the village, please let me know.

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PLANNING MATTERS

1. BDC has granted the following applications:-

2005/1095 – Ext – 17 Newfield Road

2005/1114 – Alt. to form room in roof space – 62 Pinewoods Avenue.

2. Application for Council's comments:-

2006/0055 – Replacement Dwelling - 37 Western Road – Council objected on the grounds that increases density as it is larger than the footprint of original building. Could lead to two dwellings.

CENTENARY FIELD

Proposed Cricket Pitch - A working party has met to discuss the way forward with the planning conditions and how the responsibilities will be arranged.

HIGHWAYS

1. Pinewoods Avenue Traffic Calming – letter received from WCC Highways partnership Unit to advise that, due to objections received, the works have been cancelled.

2. Western Road/Brookland Road junction - letter received expressing concern at the traffic parked at the junction. Council had already alerted PC Lord about the problem. Councillors will be checking the situation.

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I have mentioned in previous issues about the changes in local policing and that our division is a pathfinder for that process. One aim was to consult the community to establish some local priorities. As a result, on the 13th of March we held our first community meeting in Hagley.

The process we adopted is called PACT, Partners and Communities Together. The principle is that a panel of people drawn from the community, including elected representatives, the police and other partners, ask those present which issues they want to highlight as problems. Those issues are written down and when they are all documented everyone votes for whichever issue concerns them most. All the votes are counted and the panel decides which three issues, with the most votes, to take forward. After three months the panel report back on progress.

The three issues taken from the meeting were speeding, parking and damage at the railway station. Speeding was highlighted in Worcester Road and parking in Brake Lane, Park Road and Worcester Road, generally around school times.

As I write we have just started to address the issues but so far we have made progress. We have contacted British Transport Police (BTP) and Network Rail regarding the Station and they will be dealing with the damage. I have asked our traffic department to look at the speeding issue and officers have so far issued 5 fixed penalty notices for parking offences.

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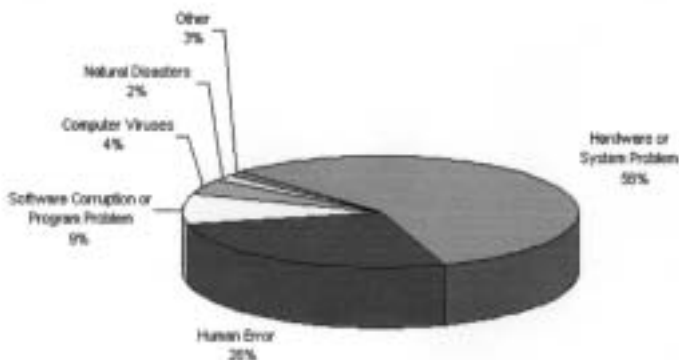
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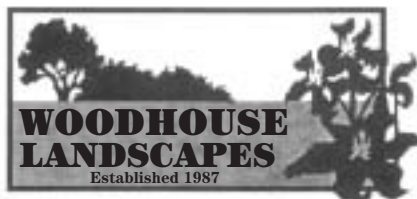


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Opportunist crime relating to vehicles is of current concern in the area. Cars with portable satellite navigation systems have been targeted.

Houses broken into for keys so that high powered vehicles can be stolen. Do not leave your car keys in a prominent position when you are at home.

I think we all believe that crime happens to others, not us. Personally I was amazed that a thief thought my radio, *not* a C.D. player was worth breaking into my car for. The shock of finding my window wrecked and glass everywhere far outweighed the value. Remember to put valuable items out of sight, remove temptation.

Neighbourhood Watch is a volunteer organisation within the community to give security and peace of mind to its members. If we do not know what worries people we can do little to help. PLEASE let us know if you have any concerns that you think the Watch may be able to help with. D Division, headquarters at Bromsgrove has knowledge, experience and security devices which we, as a local Watch, can draw upon.

Kathryn Grocock
720394

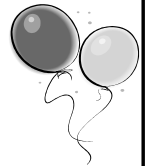


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HISTORICAL AND FIELD SOCIETY

On March 7th society members heard Mr. Roger Pendrill give a talk on "The Pendrills of Boscabel". Mr Pendrill is a direct descendant of Richard Pendrill, one of the five brothers who assisted Charles II in his escape to France after his defeat at the battle of Worcester in 1651. The brothers were tenant farmers at Boscabel House in Shropshire, a property owned by the Giffords, a loyal Catholic family. Mr. Pendrill described the events leading up to the battle and to the subsequent escape (via Stourbridge) to Boscabel. The house was amply provided with hiding places to shelter priests, but even these were not totally secure; consequently at one point the King had to spend all day hiding in an oak tree. The problem of concealing the King's identity was compounded by the fact that he was unusually tall, at 6ft 4ins, the average height then being about 5ft 8. To hide this he was taught to walk with a stoop aided by a stick. Eventually, disguised as a manservant the King was smuggled past searching parliamentary troops to Bristol and eventually to safety.

After the restoration of the monarchy the Pendrills were duly rewarded for their efforts with pensions.

The May meeting of the Society is on Tuesday 2nd at which Mr. R. Sturdy will give a talk about "Worcestershire Remembered". New members and visitors are all welcome at St. Saviour's Church Hall 8.00 p.m. Visitors £1.50 including refreshments. Annual membership fee £7.

THEATRE GROUP



Rehearsals have been well under way for the next adult play. This is the excellent comedy thriller "Forget Me Knot" by David Tristram. Set in two police interview rooms, the action, and there's plenty of it, centres on a mysterious man who has been found in the early hours of a morning wandering the streets of Leicester with no idea of who he is, where he comes from or what he is doing in Leicester. It seems he is suffering from amnesia - or is he? The Police Inspector has his keys, his Filofax and his mobile phone but without the code number. It seems the man's wife can be found but she doesn't appear to recognise him, just the clothes he is wearing.

As a consequence we have a hilarious plot with plenty of twists and turns. The dates are Thursday 8th, Friday 9th and Saturday 10th June starting at 7.30 p.m. (doors open 7.00 p.m.) This will act as plenty of light relief to the tensions of the world cup or a complete antidote to it don't miss it. Tickets (adults £6.00 concessions £5.00) are available from the village shops CO-OP Pharmacy, the Spar, Philip C Paddock Butchers or by telephoning Corinne Fox on 01562 632484.

If you are interested in taking part or helping in any aspect of live theatre please call Paula Knight on 01384 894655.

With the family's permission, we hope to dedicate this production to the loving memory of Tim Weller.

Tony Forrest

CLUB REPORTS

ROTARY CLUB



We held our annual Skittles Night at the Fountain Inn, Clent in conjunction with our Rotaract Club and future events include: The President's Weekend at Tortworth Court Hotel near Stroud. The whole club with our wives will have a most enjoyable two nights away.

On 12th May at Blakedown Parish Rooms we have a Horse Racing Night to raise money for our chosen charities. Please come and have an exciting evening and help local people in need.

Also at the Blakedown Parish Rooms, on 19th May, the Side-by-Side Theatre Group will be giving a performance of "We are the Dreamers," prior to going on to the Edinburgh Festival. We would welcome your attendance; the proceeds will go to the Side-by-Side charity.

On the evening of 2nd June we're going on a cruise down the River Severn to include a barbecue and dancing. Last time we had a fantastic evening, and this time non-members are very welcome to join us. For the above three events please phone me on the number below or call Derry Millington our Secretary on 07740 443661.

The last big event in President Bill Willie's Rotary year is the formal Ladies Lunch at Spring Grove Hotel in Bewdley Safari Park.

We and our wives have a great social life in Rotary as well as running fund raising events for selected charities. If you are interested in joining our very active club please call me on 07966 116612, and have dinner with us one Monday evening at the Stone Manor Hotel.

David Dewhirst



ROTARACT CLUB

April started with the main event of the year, the Hagley Rotaract Barn Dance. The event was a great success with brilliant music from the 'Stone the Crows', gorgeous food from 'Our Plaice' Hagley fish and chip shop and a lively atmosphere. The best part was all this fun equalled money raised for our charity: Cancer Research UK. April continued on this high with a successful day helping with the collection in Stourbridge on RLNI Flag Day. Then a few of our members went to the National Rotaract Conference at Bowness, Lake Windermere, where we had an enjoyable weekend with other like-minded people. On the 19th we had another joint Skittles evening with Hagley Rotary where this time we decided to mix the teams rather than increase our competitive streak.

May starts with a narrow boat weekend traversing the locks around Worcester/Droitwich. Then on the 13th many of the club will be supporting Leamington and Warwick Rotaract's Dinner Dance. On the 20th we have organised a purely educational trip to the Quatt Cider Museum, combining it with a walk in the Shropshire countryside.

We have moved meeting venue to the Lyttleton Arms, Hagley. So our usual 2nd and 4th Tuesday of the month will be there, starting at 8.00 p.m.. If anybody is interested in coming to a meeting or an event, please contact Stephen Murphy on 01384 74088.

Katrina Attewell

CLUB REPORTS

AFTERNOON W.I.



Just saying "Thank You", somehow seems very inadequate, but how else can I possibly express how I felt at the incredibly moving welcome I received at the March meeting. Then the magnificent Birthday Cake – courtesy of my secretary and good friend Joy Peers – and a simply amazing display of flowers. Not only that, but the feeling of warmth and affection was almost too much!

I had received so many Get Well cards, all with such lovely messages, I think I cried at every one, and they were followed also, by so many Birthday cards.

I can only say that I feel very humbled, and so very fortunate to have had this amazing experience of realising what wonderful, loving friends I have, and how lucky I am to belong to such a caring Women's Institute.

I would also like to say "Thank You" to the many members of other WI's who have been so kind in sending cards and good wishes to me at this time. So again, I'm saying a very inadequate, but heartfelt, "Thank You, Thank You" to you all.

Pat Lane

Speaker Ed Shore, gave a very interesting and entertaining talk on his adventures with a "Car and Caravan to India". Members were amazed by his overland journey to India and sympathised with his wife at some of the primitive arrangements that had to be endured!

Meetings are at 2.00 p.m. on the 2nd Monday in each month at Hagley Community Centre – please join us for entertainment and companionship.

LADIES PROBUS CLUB

At our March meeting we were given an interesting talk by Yvonne Partridge about the amazing work of hearing dogs for the deaf. After a very intensive training they prove invaluable to their owners. Certainly at this luncheon club meeting it gave us food for thought.

The last meeting was the A.G.M. We still hope members will volunteer for the posts of treasurer and speaker's secretary. I have enjoyed my year as President and wish Wyn a good year. She has done a very good and efficient job as Treasurer. I would also like to thank all committee members and club members for their support throughout my year.

Betty Long (President)

MOTHERS' UNION

Our May meeting is on Thursday, 18th May at 2.30 p.m. in St. Saviour's Hall, when we will have a talk from Mr and Mrs Beard about Mission Aviation Fellowship. The Diocese now has a mountain of 1000 teddies to be distributed to prisons and hospitals. Thank you to all who contributed.

In March we had a very interesting talk from Jeremy at Edward's Trust which helps to provide accommodation for families of children in Birmingham Children's Hospital.

Judy Plant

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HAGLEY RAMBLER SCOUTS

Hagley Rambler Scouts Group is now the largest scout group in Bromsgrove District with over 70 young lads attending regularly. There is now also a Hagley Guide Group using the facilities at Hagley Scout Hut.

Unfortunately the scout hut is in a poor state of repair, and a lot of building work has to be done to bring it up to modern standards, including sealing the roof, new wooden gables to replace rotten ones, replacing rotten floor joists, creating separate male and female toilets, a new disabled ramp, new windows, a proper heating system etc. The Scout Group is very active in fundraising activities, and is trying to attract a lottery grant, but continued support for our fundraising from the local community is important, as the estimated cost of refurbishment is likely to be £15,000 or more. We would like to ask local people and local businesses to consider sponsoring the scout group in its aims of promoting an active outdoor programme for young people of Hagley and instilling respect for others, teamwork, and self confidence. All donations towards hut refurbishment are gratefully received.

One fund raising activity that we are undertaking this summer is running stalls at the village fete. One stall will be a traditional crockery smashing stall. We would be grateful for donations of any old crockery towards the stall please. Old crockery can be collected from your home, or alternatively it can be left for us at the scout hut in Hall Lane, just inside the gate.

Contact Akela on 882728



TREFOIL GUILD

The Annual Dinner in March was very enjoyable and our thanks must go to Mary for organising it.

In May we have a Walk and Talk evening. Should the weather be inclement it will be more Talk than Walk, since that intrepid Guiding Spirit is waning a little now that we are Trefoilers.

We will start our walk at 7.00 p.m. from 4 Cavendish Drive on Thursday May 11th. Those of us not wanting to walk can begin the talking early and get the kettle on.

HAGLEY W.E.A.

We have some seats left on a coach going to Compton Verney, near Stratford. In this grade I listed Adam mansion there are numerous collections of fine and decorative art and on May 3rd, the day of our visit there will be a special Van Gogh exhibition. Total cost is £5 for the coach and £3 entrance fee. For further information phone Maureen Baker, Hagley W.E.A. Chair at 01384 440471.

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HAGLEY WIVES AND WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP



On 9th May we are going on our Annual Church Visit. Every year we go to churches of other faiths to learn about how other people worship. This year we are going to a Caribbean church in Birmingham when we hope to hear some gospel singing. If you are interested in taking part please contact a committee member or sign up at a Tuesday meeting.

We have a fun evening planned for 23rd May when we will have a Beetle Drive. This is a good opportunity to meet and talk to more people as we move round the room with every round.

In June we have one of our own members, Judy Law giving us some culinary short cuts. This meeting is on 13th June at St. Saviour's Church Hall at 8.00 p.m.

Toni Allison



ART CLUB

The Club's Friday evening this month is on 12 May when the demonstration will be in pastels. The evening has been titled **Pastels with Patricia**. This will give an indication of the subject and our visiting artist, Patricia Marshall. I will repeat a comment made before that there will be something for everybody whatever medium used.

Meet at the usual place, St. Saviour's Church Hall, Hagley, commencing at 7.30 p.m. Members should have renewed their subscriptions now which is the same as last year £15.00. The treasurer would like to hear from you if you have not.

Alan Pritchard
Hon. President

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Clent Hills Singers



Now that summer is rapidly approaching, may we take this opportunity to give an early mention of details of our summer concert? It will be on Saturday, 8th July in St. Saviour's church and the programme will include a selection of folk songs and madrigals. The charity will be the new Acorns Hospice in Worcester. Donations of surplus 'musical items' for our stall at the Hagley fete will be gratefully accepted by either Margaret Rankin (884816) or Dave Pettit (730248).

Jo Hughes

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Eva Corlett 884006

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Matthew Hanson

Congratulations to Matthew Hanson (Under 9) who has been signed by Birmingham City F.C. on a 12 month contract. Following on from brother Jimmy, Matt has been signed following a highly successful four month trial. Good luck Matt!

RUACH KARATE CLUB

Anyone interested in finding out whether Karate is for them should get down to Haybridge High School on Monday night at around 6.45 p.m.

The Ruach Karate Club is running a very successful offer of Vouchers for two free lessons so you can find out at no expense to yourself whether you think it is your kind of sport. These are available for immediate use so come dressed in a track suit etc. if you want to use your vouchers on the night.

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SCHOOL NEWS



CLENT PAROCHIAL PRIMARY SCHOOL

School life at Clent continues to be busy for the staff and pupils alike. As part of our work supporting 'healthy living' we are establishing links with a local chef to promote healthy cooking and eating. Our Physical Education co-ordinator, Miss Billington, is also looking to involve the school in more sports projects (the children already have the opportunity to participate in basketball, football, multi-sports and tag rugby).

Our musically talented pupils are playing in the School Pyramid Orchestra every week, and will soon be taking part in a concert at Hagley. Between them our eight pupils play the violin, flute, trumpet and oboe in the orchestra!

As we look forward to the Summer Term our Year 4 and 6 pupils are preparing for residential trips at activity centres. These are always exciting experiences for the children, full of new and varied activities. Often this trip is their first stay away from home without the family.

Cool Kids Club, our new 'after school' club, is continuing to go well. The children are participating in games, art and cookery and are now starting to play outdoors a lot more as the weather improves.

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 PRIMARY SCHOOL

A big thank you to all the volunteers who came to help on Ground Force Day. 32 volunteers from the Royal Bank of Scotland came to help clear our forest area, help build our vegetable garden and also prepare our science garden. It's looking really good!

Foundation stage produced a beautiful art display based on 'Spring' which was taken to a school in China at Easter and in return a Chinese display has been brought back. Our Walking Bus Scheme is going extremely well. It is hoped that another will be set up from a different location to encourage more parents to use this system to ease the congestion.

Our Spring Fayre is on Saturday 13th May so come along and join in the fun!

It's been such a long, cold, icy winter,
But we've still enjoyed interesting things.
There were snowmen to make,
Feed the birds home made cake,
And love all the fun winter brings.

We first of all learned about penguins,
And how they prefer the cold weather.
We made a robin display,
Had a wintry hat day,
And just enjoyed playing together.

Kung Hei Fat Choi was a greeting,
Which we learned to sing out loud and clear.
It's a phrase in Chinese,
And means "Everyone please,
Have a peaceful and happy New Year."

Pancake Tuesday was our next celebration.
Then "New Life" was a following theme.
We'd a rabbit to stay
And a lamb for the day,
And they really delighted our team.

Mother's Day was soon on the horizon,
So we painted and pasted with glue.
And as Easter drew near
And spring flowers appear
We're so happy in all that we do.

Kindergarten

HAGLEY RC HIGH SCHOOL



One of the undoubted highlights of the first months of the year is the Spring Concert. Once again the school's musicians performed superbly. Parents and staff were treated to a range of different styles - from Khachaturian's 'Toccata' to Queen's 'Bohemian Rhapsody'. The evening was finished off in rousing style by the Year 11 band, Harrier's Initials, who produced a terrific version of 'Day Tripper'.

One member of staff has recently been feeling very pleased with himself. Stephen Roberts appeared on BBC Radio 3 in March to talk about Chartism, a subject about which he has written a number of books. Mr Roberts has also been appointed to a Schoolteacher Fellowship at Pembroke College, Oxford. This will give him the opportunity to find out more about Oxford admissions for Hagley students as well as some time to work on another book.

The School's charitable work also continues. Friday 17 March was a 'different' morning for Year 7. They had been fundraising, together with Year 8, and the coins were laid on the floor of the gym to make various designs.

7 Kenelm raised a staggering £576 and altogether over £1,850 was raised. £750 is being sent to HCCP to send handicapped children to Lourdes. £1100 is being sent to CAFOD and the pupils have chosen to buy a well, three cows, toilets, chickens, tents (chosen from World Fits, www.cafod.org).

We congratulate all of Year 7 & 8 for the efforts, especially in thinking of those less fortunate than themselves and doing something about it.

V. Shaw

HAYBRIDGE HIGH SCHOOL



At Haybridge High School, we are working towards becoming a Healthy School, a nationally recognised initiative. One of the key elements is promoting healthy eating, which has involved much debate with our Student Councillors about the food available at break and lunch and what kinds of food would offer a healthy alternative. We have now introduced new menus and a milk bar where fresh and healthy foods are widely available. We would appreciate comments from both parents and students.

Recently, as part of our 'Leading Edge' work, we organised a 'Learning Walk' day with students from year 10. This involved welcoming students from Baxter College and Stourport High School to Haybridge whilst some of our own students visited the other schools. Sitting in on lessons and sampling school life in a different environment was the agenda before feeding back to the senior teams of each school.

Finally, Haybridge High School has been paying tribute to Andrew Hindle; a young teacher and father who died suddenly, as he was building a new life for his family. He had only worked at our school for two months as Director of Sixth Form but had already made a huge impact on both staff and students. We have put together a book of memories to present to Andy's family and we plan to play annual rugby matches against his former school in recognition of his love for the sport and in celebration of his life.

Laura Whitehead

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

MAY 2006

Two Concerts at St John's this month

Saturday 6 May at 7.30 pm

Kidderminster Male Choir

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Parish Office	(Tues to Thurs)	886363

Wednesday 10 May at 7.45 pm

Chilingirian Quartet

Tickets £14 from the Bromsgrove Festival Booking Office (01527 876504)

Coffee Mornings at St John the Baptist

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

Christian Aid Week - 14 to 20 May

The Commissioning Service for Christian Aid collectors will take place on Sunday 14 May, 6.30 pm at Holy Trinity, Belbroughton. Collectors will be making door to door collections throughout the week.

Parish Quiet Day - Friday 12 May

A day of quiet and meditation at Holland House that includes lunch and tea. Anyone interested in attending please contact Ann Roberts on 885422.

MAY SERVICES

Date	8.00 am	9.30 am	10.30 am	6.30 pm
7 May Easter 4		Youth-led Morning Praise St Saviour's	Holy Communion St John's	Evening Prayer St John's
14 May Easter 5	Holy Communion St John's		Morning Prayer St John's Holy Communion St Saviour's	Christian Aid Service Belbroughton
21 May Easter 6	Holy Communion St Saviour's		Parish Family Communion St John's	Evening Prayer St Saviour's
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MAY MEETINGS
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7.30 p.m. to 8.30 p.m.

Preachers for May

7th
am Rev George Graham
pm Rev George Graham *

14th
am Mr Rex Needles
pm Christian Aid Service
Belbroughton 6.30 p.m.

21st
am & pm
Sunday School Anniversary

28th
am Rev David Tennant
pm Rev David Tennant

* Includes Holy Communion

NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER SATURDAY 13 MAY

The Church will be open for private prayer from
11.00 a.m. to 12 noon, to support
“Trumpet Call IV”

WHY? – because a Day of Prayer and
Proclamation will take place on that day at the
NEC Birmingham, organised by the World Prayer
Centre. Thousands of people will meet from the
UK and other parts of the world to join in prayer
for our nation and the world.

For those unable to travel to the NEC, this is an
opportunity to participate in the event.

Please join us, if only for a short time during the
hour, to add your prayers to the thousands who
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needed at this time.

Further details..... www.worldprayer.org.uk

LADIES AFTERNOON FELLOWSHIP

Tuesday 2 May at 2.30 p.m.
Speaker
Miss Liz Longden



SUNDAY SCHOOL ANNIVERSARY

SUNDAY 21 MAY 2006

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THE MORNING AND EVENING WILL BE LED
BY THE CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE OF OUR
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CHRISTIAN AID WEEK

MAY 14 to 18

In 2005 the House to House collection in Hagley raised over £4300 – this was an excellent result. All the churches in Hagley collaborate in this work and we start with a combined service, this year in Belbroughton Parish Church on Sunday May 14 at 6.,30 p.m.

People in many parts of the world urgently need help to lift themselves to self-sufficiency, so please give generously.

Sponsored walks of varying lengths, visiting our local churches, are being arranged for

SATURDAY 13 MAY

Further details from Martin Heathcock on 884677

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Saturday 20th May 2006

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FLOWER ARRANGING EVENING –



FRIDAY 16TH JUNE



A flower arranging evening by Jackie Peers will be held at St. Saviour's Church Hall on Friday 16th June at 7.30 p.m. to help raise funds for disabled access facilities for the church and church hall. Refreshments included. All welcome. Tickets priced at £5.00, available from members of the fundraising committee.

Richard Shaw – 887609

Dave Pettitt – 730248

Win Long – 885226

Ambrose Benjamin – 886449

MAY DIARY

MONDAY 1

Playgroup

Community Centre 9.00 a.m. - 12 noon
Mondays to Fridays (not Thursdays)

TUESDAY 2

Historical & Field Society

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

THURSDAY 4

Clent Hills Singers

Free Church, 7.30 p.m.

FRIDAY 5

Country Market

Community Centre, 8.45 – 11.00 a.m.

MONDAY 8

Parish Council

Community Centre, 7.00 p.m.

TUESDAY 9

Hagley Wives & Women's Fellowship

Church Visit

Senior Citizens' Group

Free Church Hall, 2.30 p.m.

THURSDAY 11

Clent Hills Singers

Free Church, 7.30 p.m.

FRIDAY 12

Country Market

Community Centre 8.45 – 11.00 a.m.

Art Club

St. Saviour's Hall, 7.30 p.m.
'Pastels with Patricia'

SATURDAY 13

Hagley Primary

'Spring Fayre'

WEDNESDAY 17

Evening W.I.

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

THURSDAY 18

Clent Hills Singers

Free Church 7.30 p.m.

MONDAY 22

Parish Council

Community Centre, 7.00 p.m.

Flower Arrangement Society

Community Centre, 7.30 p.m.
'That Special Little Something'

TUESDAY 23

Hagley Wives & Women's Fellowship

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

Senior Citizens' Group

Free Church Hall, 2.30 p.m.

THURSDAY 25

Clent Hills Singers

Free Church, 7.30 p.m.

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