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## EDITORIAL

*It is with sadness that this month we print tributes to the memory of Rhoda Warren, Editor of the Village News for over twelve years. Rhoda worked tirelessly for the village and the Community Association and was clearly held in very high regard by her friends and colleagues. For myself, it was apparent that Rhoda was devoted to the 'Hagley Comic' and I doubt it would have survived so long or looked so good without her.*

*Anna Morley  
Editor*

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## DEAR EDITOR

### Dear Editor

St. Saviour's Church has begun to plan to celebrate the centenary of the dedication of the church in 1908. One of the things we would like to do is to produce a history of the past 100 years of St. Saviour's. To achieve that we would very much like your help; we need **your memories** – whether written or spoken – of how St. Saviour's has played a part in your life, and/or of your part in the life of the church. E.g. were you taken to St. Saviour's as a child, to church services or to Sunday school? Were you baptised, confirmed or married there? Do you recall any significant events in the life of the church? How have things changed in your life time?

We would also appreciate knowing about **photographs, newspaper cuttings or any other kind of memorabilia** that might be relevant.

Do you have any family members or friends who have moved away from Hagley who may be interested in contributing their knowledge and memories also?

Please contact me, Jacky Smith on 888404, or email Jackysmith46@aol.com or give information etc. to the Parish Office, which is open at the church Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday mornings between 10 and 12. Phone 886363.

Thank you – we are looking forward to being overwhelmed!!

Jacky Smith

### Dear Editor

Whilst most Hagley residents look forward to spending time in their garden this summer I am more for hoping it will rain as frequently as possible – why? Because the developers of the new Lyttelton Brook development have left residents here with a lasting legacy – a playground complex that would grace a holiday camp and only yards from our homes.

The noise of shouting, screaming children is intolerable and goes on into the late hours. It is very inappropriate and unfair to site it there as a smaller playground is only yards away, but at least that's designed for toddlers. The new one is for all ages. These also attract teenagers. On 13 April at 10.00 p.m. a loud banging on my patio door revealed a 14-15 year old lad with blood pouring from his face outside – trouble had flared around the play site and next minute five other teenagers climbed over my fence from Lyttelton Brook side and were in my garden in darkness to escape their attackers.

It has badly affected my wife and I as it could have been much more serious. Hagley police were called but the youth left. We didn't know what to expect after that. Have any other residents experienced anything since the equipment was installed only a few weeks ago? I informed the Parish Council but have heard nothing from them as yet.

Roger Butler

### Comment to Mr Butler

Unfortunately, the Parish Council has no power to move or alter the playground. I understand that it has not been adopted by the District Council and that this can only happen when the Developer requests it, so Bromsgrove has no responsibility for the site at present. I am also informed that the play area does not breach any of the requirements of the planning permission. We have asked the police to look into the behaviour of youths on the site and advise residents to report anything of concern. Mr Butler has been advised to contact the developers directly to discuss the problem that residents are experiencing.

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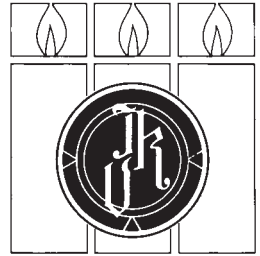
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# DEAR EDITOR

## Dear Editor

I refer to Councillors Chris Scurrall and Katie Gall's letter in the April edition of the Village News which purports to be in reply to my letter in the August 2005 edition.

While in their letter Councillors Scurrall and Gall identify shortcomings in their Council as planning authority, they fail to address the issue viz – why Bromsgrove District Council argued against the application for residential development of the former sewage farm by Severn Trent Water at the Appeal in October 2000 when in 1993 Bromsgrove District Council granted themselves permission for residential development on the land adjoining the sewage farm site ie the cordon sanitaire. This long outstanding question is still in need of an answer. Was the failure of the Hagley District Councillors to provide this merely an oversight?

The Councillors state that my correspondence with Councillor Scurrall has been copious and that I have made no substantive allegations. While I dispute that my correspondence with Councillor Scurrall was copious I would indeed wish to bring any correspondence to a quick conclusion and without making allegations. However if the Councillors wish me to make an allegation I could suggest that the failure to provide a specific answer indicates a cover-up by Bromsgrove District Council.

Hopefully now Councillors Scurrall and Gall will be able to provide you as editor with a rational reply to the outstanding question for publication in the Hagley Village News.

Yours sincerely  
J.H. Gemmill

## Dear Editor

In response to Councillors Chris Scurrall and Katie Gall's letter regarding the Sewerage Farm site (April issue), at least we know the truth as to what went wrong with the planning application and why the appeal was finally granted. This could only be acted upon when relevant information is passed on – which apparently was not available in this case.

How unfortunate Bromsgrove District Council and Planning department had so many staff changes – whatever happened to the good old fashioned filing system?

Mr Gemmill who is spokesperson for residents of this part of West Hagley should be applauded for his dedication, spending his time and own money trying to have these matters investigated to resolve these issues. We are the parishioners living in the immediate vicinity of this large housing development and the impact it has on our lives.

The Councillors assure us the performance at Bromsgrove District Council has been well addressed. West Hagley parishioners will watch closely the Councillors and our MP Julie Kirkbride's dedication to future developments in Hagley – especially in 2011.

Your sincerely  
Patricia Wilkins (Mrs)

## Dear Editor

It is with very real regret and sadness that I have learned of the death of John Hipkiss. For a number of years he was a Governor of Hagley Middle School and in that time became a valued friend to us all. Nothing was ever too much trouble for him and he kept in weekly touch, often turning up at seven in the morning. I have many good memories of him; but perhaps the outstanding one is from a period when the school was without a caretaker and there was deep snow. John turned up as usual in an emergency and between us he and I cleared access so that it was safe for the children. On another occasion he arranged an auction and single handedly raised £1,000 for the school fund.

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The appeal will be dealt with by a Public Local Enquiry at Bromsgrove Council House, Burcot Lane, Bromsgrove, B60 1AA, commencing on Tuesday June 13th at 10.00 a.m. and is scheduled to last for two days. Anyone can attend and, at the discretion of the Inspector, may give their views. Anyone who wishes to speak must be present when the inquiry opens. Many residents have expressed their opposition to these proposals; this hearing is the last chance to put your views forward. The Council's and the Appellant's statements can be seen at the Council House from 17th May (please telephone first to make sure they are available).

### **Play Area**

Work to replace all the equipment at the play area on the Worcester Road Playing Field is due to start on 5th June and will be completed in time for a grand opening ceremony at the Village Fete on 15th July, in plenty of time for the summer holidays. This is all possible thanks to a grant received from Bromsgrove District Council. Please be patient whilst works are in progress and keep away from the site. It will be worth it.

### **Pavements**

You will all be aware of the recent coating applied to the pavements in Worcester Road. The Parish Council, many traders and residents complained about the poor quality of this work and the state that the pavements were left in. We have been assured by the Highways Department that the problems with this will be remedied. We will be keeping a close eye on developments.

### **Parish Council Website**

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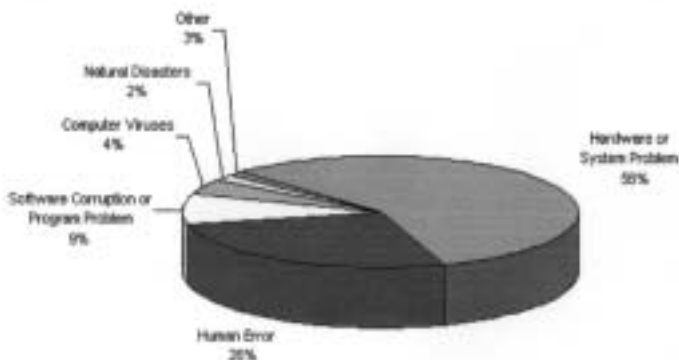
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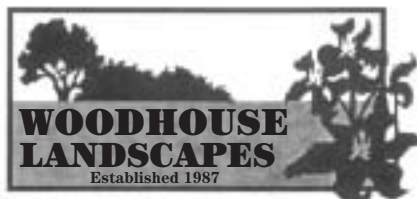


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# CLENT PARISH COUNCIL

### FINANCE

1. Pensions & Gratuities – The Chairman attended a training course on the new Pensions Act, which came into force 06/04/06. HM Revenue has confirmed that Gratuity Scheme as detailed in the Clerk's Contract of Employment is now registered.

2. Council resolved to give a grant for inclusion in the Hagley Village News.

### PLANNING MATTERS

1. BDC advised that a planning application will be submitted for the hard standing in the field adjacent to Runnell Oak, Thicknall Lane.

### CENTENARY FIELD

Cricket Pitch – details of the action proposed to comply with the operational planning conditions have been submitted to WCC. Slow Worm survey will be carried out towards the end of April. Ideas for improvement of the site - additional seating, Holy Cross Green Entrance, a Cedar tree and daffodils.

### FOOTPATHS

New Definitive Map has now been released together with the re-numbering of all footpaths in Worcestershire. Under the P3 Scheme, finance is available for work to be done on stiles and gates in need of replacement. A letter will be sent to the landowners concerned prior to any work being done. The Council recorded its appreciation to the Footpath Warden for all his hard work.

### HIGHWAYS

The Highways Agency has issued the notice that the Kidderminster/Hagley Bypass is to be revoked.

### AFFORDABLE HOUSING

The issue is still ongoing and when more information is to hand a public meeting will be called.

Clerk to the Council  
Tel: 886269

## NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

I have had notification from Bromsgrove D Division that we have 3 types of burglaries in our area.

1. **Car Key Burglaries** – Leaving car keys in sight, from outside. House is then targeted, broken into, keys are taken and car stolen.
2. **Bogus Callers** – These can be children, men or women calling at homes with an excuse to gain entry then stealing personal belongings, cash, credit cards, pension books.
3. **Sneak Burglaries** – As we enjoy the summer in the garden, or relax watching T.V. the sneak thief walks or climbs into the house through the unlocked door or open window and helps themselves to whatever they fancy.

Please be on your guard, do not make things easy for the thief. Enjoy the summer but do check that what you value is as safe as you can make it. REPORT SUSPICIOUS BEHAVIOUR TO THE POLICE AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE. WORKING TOGETHER WE CAN PREVENT CRIME.  
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## DISTRIBUTION MANAGER REQUIRED

After six years faithfully co-ordinating the Village News distribution to every home in Hagley, Martin Freckleton has tendered his notice.

This is not an onerous task, but requires five or six hours to be spent towards the end of each month, sorting the bundles of magazines into boxes, labelling them and delivering to the volunteer distributors.

HCA are very grateful to Martin and Rotary for six years of commitment. Please contact Martin on 882598 if you feel you could help. Thank you.

## Carers' Week – June 12-18th 2006

Carers Week supports the UK's six million carers (57,000 in Worcestershire). A carer is someone that looks after a sick or disabled partner, relative or friend who could not manage without their help. This year, Carers Week is focusing on the health and emotional well-being of carers.

The theme of the Week, *In sickness and in health* aims to highlight the effects that caring can have on carers' own health and well-being and encourage more carers to seek support from local services. Are you a carer, or do you know people who are?

There are many services designed to make life easier for carers, but it is often difficult to know where to go for help. The Carers' Unit provides a central point for confidential advice, information and support. If you need to know more about getting a break, the emergency card, carers assessments, benefits and many other issues, please phone the Carers Unit for an information pack on 0800 389 2896 (freephone).

Angie Cantrell – Information Officer  
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**May McTier**, aged 83, resident of Kidderminster Road, West Hagley, for 48 years, passed on peacefully with her sons at her side on 29th April, after a long illness. She now joins her beloved husband John.

### **Annette Griffin 1940 – 2006**

Lyn and Gary and all the family of Annette Griffin of Chapel Street, Hagley wish to thank everyone in the village who were so kind to Annette during her final illness. Annette had lived in the Clent and Hagley areas all her life and was a well respected and popular member of the village community. Particular thanks are due to Doctors Hyde and Richards and the Macmillan and District Nurses for their dedicated care and attention



**The following are letters of tribute to the memory of Rhoda Warren, dedicated Editor of the Village News for twelve years. The first piece and cover photograph have been kindly provided by Rhoda's family for which I am very grateful.**

**Editor**

## **Rhoda Maureen Warren 1924 – 2006**

Rhoda Warren died peacefully on 3 April 2006, aged 81 years. She had been the editor of Hagley Village News for 12 years until her "retirement" in September 2003.

Rhoda moved to Hagley from Bristol in 1984, on her retirement from teaching, to live near her daughter. During her time in office as the editor of the Village News, she oversaw the return visit of the American airmen, who had been stationed in Hagley during the Second World War and was also involved in the Millennium Community Association.

During her time in office she masterminded every edition single-handed, perfecting her own system of editing the content of the Village News, or 'Hagley Comic', as she sometimes affectionately called it. She did not miss one month's edition, even when ill. Her diaries, including her holidays, were arranged around the copy dates so that every edition reached the printers on time.

In her day the words 'cut and paste' were to be taken literally. Every edition was polished to perfection using red pen to correct spelling and grammar; scissors to crop lengthy pieces; and a glue stick to paste them into the correct places on dummy pages.

Rhoda will be sadly missed. She leaves a son, daughter and three grandchildren.

### **Rhoda Warren**

It was with great sadness that we heard of the death of Rhoda. For ten happy years as Honorary Advertising Manager I worked closely with Rhoda as we put together each month's edition of the "Hagley Village News".

Rhoda took great pride in her position as Editor and set high standards both for herself and for others. She was very aware that many people in Hagley and further afield look forward to receiving and reading the monthly magazine. As a result she would spend many hours proof reading and correcting every article. Whenever spelling or other mistakes still appeared in the published journal despite her hard work Rhoda would express her great disappointment and dismay.

Rhoda was a lovely lady and a pleasure to work with. She will be sadly missed and we send our sincere condolences to her family.

Mike Wroe  
Ex Hon. Advertising Manager  
Hagley Village News 1993-2004



## **Rhoda Warren**

It is with great sadness that I write this short tribute to Rhoda Warren (past Editor of Hagley News).

Rhoda was a woman who worked tirelessly to promote real and genuine community spirit in our village. She cared for Hagley and through her work for the Hagley News presented all of us with an honest view of community life.

I thank Rhoda so much for the personal friendship shown to me during my time as Chairman of the Community Association and for the huge effort she made for the residents of Hagley.

It has been a privilege to offer this simple tribute to a very remarkable woman.

Gordon Shaw

## **Rhoda Warren**

If you have read the Hagley Village News regularly over the last 10-15 years the name of Rhoda Warren will probably be familiar to you. Rhoda was Editor of The Hagley Village News for 12 years up to 2004 when she retired and the current Editor Anna Morley took over.

Rhoda was a class lady who had an inbuilt quality to her life and manner. I first had the privilege of getting to know Rhoda in the 1990s, when I was approached to join the HCA who were in one of their regular crises. She was the first one to ring me and say how much she was looking forward to seeing me and immediately I could tell just by her wonderful voice how cultured and disarming this lady was. I very quickly thought the world of Rhoda and she was a joy to be with. I am able to say I attended University with her!! (That is of course U3A University of the Third Age). We both took a Computer/Internet course at Haybridge High. When she was able to come we sat together, talked, joked and I listened to her lovely voice and stories. Occasionally we worked.

Sadly Rhoda's limited mobility deteriorated but with help and support from friends she soldiered on and regularly attended HCA meetings when she was able.

When Rhoda decided to retire I really felt that the HCA and particularly that the Village News may not survive. She had over the years single-handedly put it together every month without a computer, it was done with love, technique, expertise, glue, paper and sellotape and Rhoda never missed the deadline.

Hagley was lucky to have had such a lady in our midst, I know she will be missed, her family can be justifiably proud of all her achievements, for her lovely nature, and for the difference she made in our lives. Rhoda, God bless you.

Antony Homer

## CLUB REPORTS

### AFTERNOON W.I.



Speaker at the 10th April meeting was Ken Hughes on "Cadbury's & Bourneville". The talk was on the Cadbury family and development of the business from small beginnings to the present large company. As a Quaker family the Cadburys had a great concern for every aspect of their employees' lives. Not only did they provide good housing and health welfare, but educational, sporting and other opportunities. Employees' appreciation was demonstrated on several occasions when collections were made to provide memorials to special events in the Cadbury family's lives. This was a most interesting talk on an amazing family – and nothing at all about chocolate!

On 11th April 18 new members were invited to a "New Members Afternoon Tea". Suzanne Owen Women's Institute Advisor to the Hagley Group attended with Joanne Powell of the Art Sub-Committee of Worcestershire Federation. Suzanne spoke on aspects of WI that would help new members to understand more about the movement and be better able to enjoy business meetings. Joanne talked on Sub-Committee work. There was a display and talk on the WIs Denman College. All present then enjoyed a delightful tea.

This meeting was an excellent way for new members to learn more, to ask questions, to get to know the WI Committee and to have a very good social afternoon.

There are many exciting events in the coming months. Prospective members and visitors are always welcome. Please join us – the 1st Monday in every month, 2 p.m. at the Community Centre.

Megan Bury

### HAGLEY WIVES AND WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP



Our programme is almost at an end for this year and our A.G.M. approaches swiftly. On 13th June, one of our own members, Judy Law will show us some of her culinary short cuts.

We have Our Own Evening on 27th June when we always come up with something interesting to do together. Let us surprise you.

Our A.G.M. will be held on 11th July when we will discuss our forthcoming programme and plans for our next year which will begin in September. We do hope you will join us at St. Saviour's Hall on each of these occasions.

Toni Allison

### HAGLEY TRAVEL CLUB

For a list of forthcoming monthly trips or for further information about the Hagley Travel Club please call Alastair Brookes on (01562) 883281.

## CLUB REPORTS



### HISTORICAL AND FIELD SOCIETY

The Society met on Tuesday 7th April to hear Miss Wendy Pearson give a talk on "The Story of a Working Jeweller". The story was a tribute to Wendy's late father, Stanley Pearson, who had spent the whole of his working life as a craftsman in the Birmingham jewellery industry. Miss. Pearson described the way the old jewellery industry operated, with lots of small firms working in little terraced houses, often with two firms sharing; one upstairs and one down. This was the top end of the market where the craftsmen often worked on exclusive pieces individually designed for customers. Miss. Pearson illustrated her talk with pictures of the old buildings and the workshops they had once held and also with a collection of the traditional tools used. We were allowed to handle the tools and materials provided by Miss. Pearson and also to examine some of her personal jewellery designed and made by her father. At the end of the talk Miss. Pearson answered questions from members of an appreciative audience.

The June meeting of the Society is on Tuesday 6th at which Mr. R. Moss will give a talk about "Wind and Water Mills". 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.

Malcolm James



### THEATRE GROUP

What better way to start the summer than an evening of great comedy? Our next production is the excellent comedy thriller "Forget Me Knot" by David Tristram. This is set in two Police Station interview rooms. A man, claiming to be suffering from amnesia, has been found in the early hours wandering the streets of Leicester. The Police have his keys, his Filofax and his mobile phone. It seems the man's wife can be found but she doesn't appear to recognise him, just the clothes he is wearing. Are we looking at some form of bizarre kidnapping or maybe the man is just an accountant after all and we're looking at simply a "domestic"? The plot moves from one twist to another that will keep you guessing until the end.

This play is being dedicated to the fond memory of one of our members, Tim Weller, who sadly died recently. Tim performed a variety of roles in numerous plays that were staged at the Community Centre and at the Rose Theatre in Kidderminster. He was a prominent member of our society and will be greatly missed by us all.

The play will be performed at the Community Centre on Thursday 8th, Friday 9th and Saturday 10th June starting at 7.30 p.m. (Doors open 7.00 p.m.). If you're already suffering from World Cup overload this should provide the great escape you've been looking for. Tickets (adults £6.00 concessions £5.00) are available from the village shops; the Spar and Philip C Paddock Butchers or by telephoning the ticket secretary Corinne Fox on 01562 632484 or our chairman Paula Knight on 01384 894655. If you are interested in taking part or helping in any aspect of live theatre please give Paula a ring.

Tony Forrest

## CLUB REPORTS

### ROTARY CLUB



We recently held a blood pressure testing event in Hagley. Six Rotarians and two Action Heart staff set up a gazebo opposite Spar to check the blood pressures. Approximately 50 shoppers were tested and nearly £60 was donated, which will go to the Action Heart charity fund.

Sadly one of our members, Milf Rendle, died recently. Milf was a wonderful person and is a great loss to his family and many friends. The good news is that Bert Maddock joined our club last month. He and his wife have moved from Derbyshire.

Rotary Youth Exchange is an international scheme for students to spend a year studying in a foreign country, living with and hosted by Rotarians there. Every year around 8,000 students participate in this scheme worldwide. Last year we hosted Matt from Argentina and this September we are sponsoring Lisa from Hagley to go to Cordoba in Argentina. Lisa is 18 and about to complete her A levels at King Edward's College in Stourbridge. She wants a gap year, and to learn Spanish.

There is also a short term scheme lasting for two or three months. There are over 50 countries where we can arrange an exchange. We are seeking prospective students, currently aged 17 to 19, for September 2007. If you are interested in finding out more about these opportunities please look at our web site:- [www.youthribi.org](http://www.youthribi.org) and phone me.

If you would like to join our very active club please call me on 07966 116612, then come and have dinner with us one Monday evening at Stone Manor Hotel.

David Dewhirst



**HAGLEY ART CLUB**

### ART CLUB

Something different this month; sculpture, 'A Man and his Work' with Robert Bowers. This should be an interesting evening with an art form new to most of our members. The meeting will be on Friday evening 9 June at 7.30 p.m. in St. Saviour's Church Hall. Even though we do not practise sculpture, it will help us to

appreciate how work in stone is achieved.

The July meeting will be in a medium familiar to us, when the subject will be 'Weather and Water in Oils' to be given by Tony Chance.

Alan Pritchard  
(Hon President)

## CLUB REPORTS



### TREFOIL GUILD

April's visit to the Symphony Hall was very enjoyable. Thanks to Pat for organising it for us. The Annual General Meeting of the Worcester Guilds was held on the 29th at Bromsgrove. We heard an excellent speaker and then had a cream tea, courtesy of the Lickey Hills Guild. The Business Meeting was quite interesting too. There was a long list of the various activities undertaken by Guilds, and lo! – some of them were ours.

June 8th is the date of the Barbecue. Chris and Ray are our hosts and will expect us at 7 o'clock. Should this be the very meeting a non-member decides to become a member please contact me on 882659.

On June 14th we've been invited to a quiz night at Redditch. This is in aid of the Acorns Hospice and we hope to take two teams. It is our turn to help with the mailing (i.e. stuffing envelopes) at Droitwich on the 28th at 10.00 a.m. A very pleasant June awaits.

Elizabeth Gingell

### LADIES PROBUS CLUB

We held our A.G.M. on 27th April. It was an interesting meeting and new members were elected to the Committee for the coming year. It was unfortunate that our President, Betty Long, was unable to be present, but in her absence Past President Pat Higgs thanked her for her hard work during the past year. Betty was elected Treasurer for the coming year, having agreed to stand for election.

On 25th May, Mrs Edwards talked about her experiences in midwifery.

Diary Dates:

June 22nd - Talk from the Body Shop by Alison Stockford-Davies

July 27th - Members' Meeting – an opportunity for lively discussion

The Probus Club is a Luncheon Club for retired professional and business ladies, who meet on the fourth Thursday of each month at the Talbot, Chaddesley Corbett, 12 noon for 12.30 p.m. after which a Speaker entertains us.

If you would like to join us as a visitor, please telephone our Secretary, Mrs Katey Fletcher, on 01384 378182, but please allow sufficient time for her to order your meal.

Win Long  
President

## CLUB REPORTS



As you may know, heart and circulatory disease is still the biggest killer in the UK, touching every one of us either personally or through family and friends.

Bromsgrove and District Heartstart, which is based in Hagley, undertakes voluntary training of groups of people in the locality, teaching them the basics of resuscitation. This is done under the auspices of the British Heart Foundation (Registered Charity Number 225971).

As a group we are supporting one of our members, Jim Austin, who has undertaken to raise awareness and funds for the British Heart Foundation by trekking to the base camp of Mount Everest next February. This is a strenuous 17-day trek along some very difficult terrain at high altitude, and will require great commitment by him.

We have already raised a substantial sum in sponsorship for this trek, and would like to take this opportunity to thank all those who supported the recent coffee morning and skittles evening, and those organisations and individuals that have made generous donations.

We are holding other fund raising activities throughout the year, and if you would like any further information, or would like to offer support, then please contact Jean Gough on 884257 or Jim on 883508.



## GARDENERS' CLUB

The difference a garden designer can make to a small garden is incredible and members gained a lot of ideas when Keith Southall from Whit Lenge brought his expertise to our meeting. Keith was humorous, interesting and made us think about our gardens in more depth. A very interesting evening.

June 28th meeting is for **members only** and will be a private visit to Tythe Barn House, Chaddesley Corbett. Meet in the Community Centre Car Park at 7.00 p.m. Please contact Pauline Harris if you have any queries regarding lifts etc.

We always welcome new members and you don't have to be a gardener to join us. Our first outing on July 8th to Burford House Gardens and Stockton Bury Gardens is now open for bookings. August 5th outing is to March House, a private garden outside Broadway and then on to Snowhill Manor. Booking and information telephone 01562 777014.

Judy Berrow

## CLUB REPORTS

### MOTHERS' UNION

This month we are holding our Garden Party at Judy Plant's house – 2 Hagley Close – at 2.30 p.m. on Thursday 15th June. We look forward to seeing all our members there and are hoping for good weather.

We will not be having a meeting on July 20th as we have arranged an outing to Holland House Retreat Centre on Friday 21st July. We set off from the car park in Worcester Road at 1.15 p.m. and will return by 6.15 p.m. The cost is £8 for the coach and tea. Please let Judy know by 15th June if you would like to come. The trip is also open to friends and family.

Judy Plant  
882467



### Clent Hills Singers



The summer concert will take place on Saturday, 8th July in St. Saviour's church at 7.30 p.m. The programme will include traditional English folk songs and madrigals. Madrigals composed in England during the late sixteenth and early seventeenth centuries include some of the finest music ever written in the country.

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Jo Hughes

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Further information can be obtained from Melvin Evans on 01562 883104 or on [melvinevans@lineone.net](mailto:melvinevans@lineone.net) or phone Sylvia Gwynn on 01384 376897. Please take a look at our website at [www.stourbridgeasc.org.uk](http://www.stourbridgeasc.org.uk).

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## CLUB REPORTS

### WEST HAGLEY FOOTBALL CLUB

#### Annual Presentation Day

#### CHANGE OF DATE – SATURDAY 17TH JUNE 2006

Everyone is welcome to our annual presentation and summer fun day. There has been a change of date, and it will now be held on Saturday 17th June. The fun starts on Hagley Park at 2.00 p.m.

Please come along and support West Hagley F.C. in what will be a great day out for all the family. The day's events will include: Penalty shoot out, target shot, children's entertainer, kick it like Johnny Wilkinson, soak the coach, army assault course, football tom-bola, beer tent, hot dogs & hot pork sandwiches, sweet stall, ice cream, cakes and refreshments, trampolines, bouncy castles, bouncy slides and much, much more!

For those who are part of West Hagley Football Club, the presentations and penalty shoot out competitions are as follows:

#### TIMETABLE OF EVENTS

Please ensure you arrive in plenty of time.

Presentations		Penalty Shoot Out	
U6	2.00 p.m.	U6	3.00 p.m.
U7	2.30 p.m.	U7	3.30 p.m.
U8	3.00 p.m.	U8	4.00 p.m.
U9	3.30 p.m.	U9	4.30 p.m.
U10	4.00 p.m.	U10	5.00 p.m.
U11	4.30 p.m.	U11	5.30 p.m.
U12	5.00 p.m.	U12	6.00 p.m.
U13&U14	5.30 p.m.	U13&U14	6.30 p.m.

**The raffle will be drawn at 6.00 p.m. Bar closes 6.30 p.m. Finish 7.00 p.m.**

### GIRLGUIDING WALTON DISTRICT



Guiding in Walton District has been very active with many guides and brownies attending the annual St. George's Day Parade in Stourbridge. This year, it was Walton District's turn to lead the Guiding section of the parade as well as a guide reading the lesson and two more reciting the laws during the following Service; they certainly did us proud.

The Brownie section has been up to all sorts with 2nd Hagley already enjoying a pack holiday at Blackmore our country campsite; a good time was had by all but with not much sleep. With bike skills and a ride planned next, we will certainly have some fit brownies.

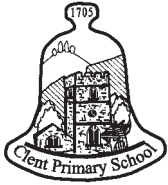
3rd Hagley enjoyed an evening ten-pin bowling and I believe the brownies did rather better than the leaders. With many more exciting activities the summer looks fun.

We have a few places free in Brownies so ring Sue on 01562 711120 but our Guiding section is full to overflowing. This means there are insufficient places for the Brownies to move onto Guides. Please help us to find some new leaders so we can continue the worthwhile movement, giving girls a chance to have fun and develop skills for today's society.

Don't forget to come and see the work of the guiding movement at the Village Fete and support our stalls.

Sue Hemmings PR

## CLENT PAROCHIAL PRIMARY SCHOOL



School life at Clent Primary School remains very busy. Recent highlights include the year 6's participation in the Pyramid Arts Day, a Wizard of Oz workshop for Key Stage 2, and the Ash Class Trip to Barnes Close, a centre for reconciliation. We have also enjoyed having three student teachers with us and they have contributed a lot to this term's activities.

We recently took part in the pyramid schools football tournament at Belbroughton School. In very wet weather conditions, Clent progressed through to the semi finals where they lost to the Belbroughton Bullets' 2-0. Congratulations to 'Hagley Hurricanes', who won the cup, and special thanks to Clent School's sponsors, 'Our Plaice' who provided the team kit. Another pyramid sporting tournament, possibly rounders, is planned for the Summer Term.

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

On Saturday 17th June the school grounds will be hosting the joint Church and School Village Fayre. There are lots of stalls and entertainment so please come along and support this village event.

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Bonnie Harvey

## PLAYGROUP

We are in the midst of a very busy summer term and when the weather permits we spend lots of time enjoying outdoor activities.

We have recently been learning all about healthy eating and the importance of regular exercise. This has been put into practice with our weekly yoga sessions to which the children look forward very much.

We have lots more planned for the remainder of the term; if you would like to know more about us, please drop into the Community Centre between 9.00 a.m. and 12 noon or telephone Sharon Gould on 882433.



### HAGLEY RC HIGH SCHOOL



During the first week of the Summer Term the school community welcomed members of the Gateway Club, from Halesowen, to enjoy our annual disco and buffet in the school hall. This event enabled staff and pupils to renew friendships with local people who have special needs. As always, it was great fun and we are indebted to the generosity of those who offered their money, gifts and time.

Year Seven benefited from a residential retreat in Staffordshire during May. At Alton Castle they were able to enrich their faith while participating in outdoor pursuits. Year Ten will have a similar opportunity in July at Savio House in Cheshire.

The staff enjoyed their annual weekend retreat at the House of the Open Door in Worcestershire. This enabled staff to deepen their friendships, contemplate their faith, enjoy long walks, and socialise without the demands of the usual school day.

V. Shaw

### HAYBRIDGE HIGH SCHOOL



We are fortunate to have been asked by the DfES to become a Specialist Sports College in addition to our specialisms, Technology and Vocational. There are only three schools in the whole country that have been asked to adopt two second specialisms. The Sports Specialism will have a partner subject of Music and we will use this to further improve provision within the classroom and enrich extra curricular activities.

Students showing talent in sport, particularly those Gifted and Talented students, will get the opportunity to support and mentor other students and this will also provide links with other schools having 'super teams' that will go from school to school sharing good practice. We feel it important that students develop leadership skills to take with them to the world outside school and become more confident individuals. This second specialism will encourage leadership in sport and allow students to take on leadership roles both in the school environment and potentially in the workplace.

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**Flower Arranging Evening - Friday 16 June**

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11 June Trinity Sunday	Holy Communion <b>St John's</b>		Morning Prayer <b>St John's</b> Holy Communion <b>St Saviour's</b>	HADAC Youth Service <b>St John's</b>
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 Avon outing will take place on  
 WEDNESDAY JULY 5th

Departing from the Free Church at 10.00 a.m.  
 and returning at approximately 4.30 p.m.

A suitable stop will be made for a lunch break,  
 bring your own packed lunch if you wish.



## ***PENTECOST OR WHITSUNDAY?***

Even in our secular society the Christian festivals of Christmas and Easter are recognised in our commercial calendars, but Pentecost or Whitsunday often does not get a mention. In part this is a consequence of the Spring Bank holiday being fixed as the last Monday in May, while Pentecost is a variable date, depending on the date of the Feast of the Passover, which in turn determines the date of Easter.

Pentecost is a Jewish festival, celebrated at the close of harvest. Its name comes from being the fiftieth day, from the second day of the Passover. In the Christian Calendar it is an occasion of rejoicing in the recognition that God's presence came and comes into the world through his disciples, the people of God. The story can be found in Acts of the Apostles, Chapter 2.

The festival is celebrated as the beginning of the Christian Church and is the traditional time to baptise new members. New converts frequently dressed in white, a sign of the change in their lives as they were baptised. Consequently the Sunday became known as White Sunday (Whitsunday).

This year the date for Celebration and Commitment is 4 June!

## ***CHURCH AND SOCIETY 25 JUNE***

On this Sunday we focus on the work of the Church, in our broken society, through its agencies. Our services are taken by representatives from Christian Charities active in social work in and around Birmingham.

### **Church Officers 2005/2006**

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## FORTHCOMING EVENTS

### 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

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## HAGLEY VILLAGE FETE

**15TH JULY 2006 2.00 P.M.**

**starting with Fancy Dress Parade at 1.30 p.m.**

### HAGLEY COMMUNITY CENTRE AND PLAYING FIELDS

- ☺ Attractions include: cake stall, produce stall, games stalls, pony rides, BBQ, tombolas, refreshments, penalty shoot out, bouncy castle, children's games tables, children's races and fancy dress competition.
- ☺ The Cubs need old unwanted crockery for their stall.
- ☺ Hagley Branch of Hearing Dogs for the Deaf will hold a [virtual dog show]. To take part bring a picture of your dog on the day. Please help to make this a great event!
- ☺ Contact [janet.richards@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:janet.richards@hotmail.co.uk) or 01562 882728





# JUNE DIARY

THURSDAY 1

**Clent Hills Singers**

Free Church, 7.30 p.m.

FRIDAY 2

**Country Market**

Community Centre 8.45 – 11.00 a.m.

MONDAY 5

**Playgroup**

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

**Parish Council**

Community Centre 7.00 p.m.

TUESDAY 6

**Historical & Field Society**

St. Saviour's Hall 8.00 p.m.

'Wind and Water Mills'

**Senior Citizens' Group**

Free Church Hall 2.30 p.m.

THURSDAY 8

**Clent Hills Singers**

Free Church 7.30 p.m.

FRIDAY 9

**Country Market**

Community Centre 8.45 – 11.00 a.m.

**Art Club**

St. Saviour's Hall 7.30 p.m.

"A Man and His Work"

MONDAY 12

**Afternoon W.I.**

Community Centre, 2.00 p.m.

"My Daughter Married a Japanese"

TUESDAY 13

**Hagley Wives & Women's Fellowship**

St. Saviour's Hall 7.45 p.m.

'Cooking'

THURSDAY 15

**Clent Hills Singers**

Free Church, 7.30 p.m.

FRIDAY 16

**Country Market**

Community Centre 8.45 – 11.00 a.m.

MONDAY 19

**Parish Council**

Community Centre 7.00 p.m.

TUESDAY 20

**Senior Citizens' Group**

Free Church Hall, 2.30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY 21

**Evening W.I.**

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

'Narrow Boat Cruise'

THURSDAY 22

**Clent Hills Singers**

Free Church, 7.30 p.m.

**Ladies Probus**

The Talbot, Chaddesley Corbett, 12 noon  
'Talk from the Body Shop'

FRIDAY 23

**Country Market**

Community Centre 8.45– 11.00 a.m.

MONDAY 26

**Flower Arrangement Society**

Community Centre, 7.30 p.m.

'Watch with Mother'

TUESDAY 27

**Hagley Wives & Women's Fellowship**

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

'Our Own Evening'

WEDNESDAY 28

**Gardeners' Club**

Members' Outing – Tythe Barn House  
Community Centre Car Park, 7.00 p.m.

THURSDAY 29

**Clent Hills Singers**

Free Church, 7.30 p.m.

FRIDAY 30

**Country Market**

Community Centre 8.45 - 11.00 a.m.



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