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This month we are looking forward to the Village Fete which I understand is the first for fifteen years. Janet Richards has worked extremely hard to bring this event together, as have all the Community Association and the societies taking part. We are looking forward to a lovely village event, well supported and enjoyed by everyone. Look for a full report next month. See you there!

*Anna Morley
Editor*

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DEAR EDITOR

St. Saviour's Church – Disabled Discrimination Act Building Works

As well as being a place of worship, St Saviour's Church is a focal point for the village of Hagley.

The Disability Discrimination Act 1995 requires us to take reasonable steps to make physical changes to our buildings to ensure equality of access for disabled people. Plans have been drawn up to add a new access ramp and refurbish the existing toilets incorporating a toilet for the disabled. Our fundraising target for the work needed is £30,000.00

We are seeking financial support from the community by asking if people could sponsor a part of the building. The following table comprises a list of 13 sections of the building. People can sponsor units of work varying from £2 - £20 per unit. If people can gift aid their donation, then for every 4 units sponsored, we are able to build 5 units:-

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My Late Mother – Mrs Roslyn Heathcock

My Dad, Leslie, and the rest of the family would like to say a big thank you for cards, letters and other acts of kindness shown following the death of Roslyn on 2 April. She had lived in Hagley for most of her 89 years and donations in lieu of flowers totalled £2,025. Both the attendance at her Thanksgiving Service and the letter from Treloar, a children's charity, affirm the esteem in which Roslyn was held.

Martin Heathcock

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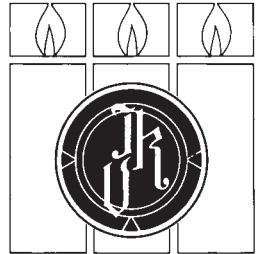
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Dear Editor

At about 2.15pm, 2nd May, I became aware of a strong smell of acrid smoke in my house. My guests and I rushed to the kitchen, to see dark plumes of smoke and small pieces of paper drift past and through the open door and window.

This high level of pollution lasted for a short time only, but long enough to spoil the washing on the line. For the rest of the afternoon, and even up to 10.00 p.m. (the time I am writing) smoke is drifting into the house.

This is not a “one off” event, although it occurs less often now, than in previous years. A warm, Spring day, a pleasant Summer spell, and even misty, mellow Autumn days makes someone light a fire in Spring Close. It is never when the wind is blowing directly into his house!

I would like to take this opportunity to remind all garden fire enthusiasts that green bins are provided for garden prunings etc. and that there is also a very efficient council special collection service, which costs a mere £10.00 for 10 bags of garden rubbish, or large rubbish of any kind.

Please, please stop this anti-social behaviour.

Name and address supplied

Dear Editor

Traffic Chaos in West Hagley

You will recall that you published in the November issue of the Hagley Village News my letter dated 28th September 2005 concerning traffic congestion in West Hagley which had been all too evident for some years and especially on Worcester Road B4187, part of which forms the village shopping street where congestion frequently reaches saturation level.

Subsequently Hagley Parish Council has demanded action to deal with the amount of traffic along “Hagley’s congestion-hit village centre” and have put forward a series of proposals in the Hagley Parish Plan 2005.

I understand that as the recent Hagley Parish Plan has no formal status it is a matter for Worcestershire County Council as local highway authority to adopt and implement the acceptable highway proposals in that plan.

So again the question in need of urgent response is – precisely how does Worcestershire County Council as local highway authority intend to resolve this problem of intolerable traffic congestion in West Hagley?

Hopefully Worcestershire County Council’s Chief Executive or Member for Hagley will be able to provide you with a substantial response for publication in the forthcoming edition of the Hagley Village News.

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Alcohol Free Zone

With the warmer days and lighter nights, it is time to remind everyone that the whole of the playing field area including the car parks is an alcohol free zone. This means that the police will take action against anyone consuming alcohol in that area, as it is an offence. Another thing to remember is that the CCTV cameras will also pick up any incidents, they do work. This also applies to the day of the fete.

Sweetpool Nature Reserve

The Parish Council is currently in negotiation with Bromsgrove District Council, who own the Nature Reserve, with a view to entering into a partnership agreement for the management of this site so that we can make the best use of this valuable natural resource.

Bromsgrove District Heartstart

The Parish Councils supporting our local branch of Heartstart in their efforts to raise funds for the British Heart Foundation. We wish Jim Austin all the best in his trek to the Everest Base Camp.

Parish Councillors

On 22nd May we elected Councillor Steve Colella as the new Chairman of Hagley Parish Council. He takes over in a busy year and will be assisted by Councillor Mrs. Margaret Pritchard who continues in her role as Vice chair. The council would like to thank Councillor Alan Brown for all his work as Chairman during the past year.

We are still short of Parish Councillors, why not come along to one of the meetings and see what goes on. Contact details for all Councillors and the timetable for meetings can be seen on the notice board on Worcester Road.

Catherine Humphries
Clerk to the Council

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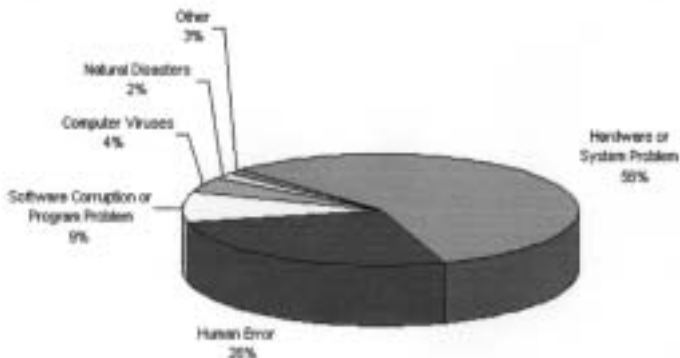
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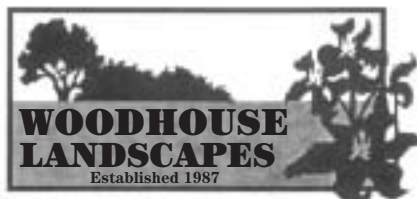


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CLENT PARISH COUNCIL

Items of interest from the approved Minutes of the meeting held on April 24th 2006.

FINANCE

1. Following the RoSPA report two councillors will look at what signs are required for the Playing Field etc.
2. The Council is very grateful to District Councillor Mrs Sherrey for her work in obtaining a Grant from BDC of £20,000.00 to pay for the Skateboard Facility.
3. A Grant has also been received from WCC towards the cost of repairing Footpath No. 561.

CENTENARY FIELD

Cricket Pitch - An informal meeting has been held with the Clent Cricket Club to consider several aspects for a legal agreement regarding the timescales of Agreement and assigning areas of responsibility for Grass Cutting etc.

HIGHWAYS

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

OUTSIDE MEETINGS

Amphlett Trust - It was reported that there were fewer applications for personal educational grants this half year. BDC Parish Council Forum 11/04/06 – The meeting was advised that it is proposed to end the Concurrent Functions grant to Parish Councils for the financial year 2007/08.

PUBLIC TRANSPORT

Notification has been received from WCC advising that the aim is to provide free bus travel for all persons over 60 years of age providing their journey begins or finishes within the County Boundary.

AFFORDABLE HOUSING

Ecologist for West Mercia Housing is carrying out surveys.

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HAGLEY FREE CHURCH FELLOWSHIP

Reminder

The outing to River Avon is on

Wednesday July 5th

Those who have booked are reminded that
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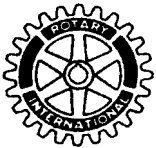
HISTORICAL AND FIELD SOCIETY

The Society met on Tuesday 2nd May to hear Mr Ray Sturdy give an illustrated talk on "Worcestershire Remembered". Using a series of excellent slides Mr. Sturdy provided a pictorial history of 20th century Worcester and its surrounding countryside. He showed how, during the century, Worcester had been radically changed with the destruction of many old buildings, some of which would have been of historic interest today. Many of the changes were, of course, made to cope with modern road traffic. Pictures of the city at the beginning of the century showed many narrow, almost empty, roads. Mr Sturdy's talk also illustrated the social history of the period; of how 100 years ago a large proportion of the population worked long hard hours and lived in what would now be considered poverty. Industry had also changed, Worcester had been a busy river port, this had now gone and the traditional glove making and the manufacture of porcelain are now very much smaller. However, most of the changes have greatly improved the quality of life for most of the people.

Mr. Sturdy gives his talks to raise money for the charity MENCAP, to which he donates his fee. The July meeting is on Tuesday 4th at which Mr. M. Thompson will give a talk about "Carpet Weavers, Mills and Machinery". New members and visitors are all welcome at St. Saviour's church hall, 8.00 p.m. Visitors £1.50 including refreshments. Annual membership £7.00.

Malcolm James

ROTARY CLUB



Last month the Side by Side Theatre Group gave an excellent performance of Midsummer Night's Dream at Blakedown Village Hall. They will go on to repeat this at the Edinburgh festival. We held a Horserace Night in the same Hall, and raised around £300 for local charities.

Many of the club members had an exciting day out at the Shelsley Walsh Hill Climb and hospitality was kindly arranged by the Bewdley Rotary Club.

We had a very good illustrated talk by our sponsored Youth Exchange student Lisa Davies from Hagley who will shortly be going to Argentina for a year and staying with Rotary families over there.

We're now coming to the end of President Bill Willies' year and his final event is the formal Ladies Lunch, which will be held at Spring Gove House in Bewdley.

We're on the lookout for people to come and give us a talk on any Monday evening of your choice. You will have a free four course meal with us at the Stone Manor Hotel and I can ensure you a very enjoyable evening. Please phone me on 07966 116612 if you are interested, or if you would like to find out more about Rotary.

David Dewhirst

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AFTERNOON W.I.

May is the month at which resolutions of national importance are discussed and voted upon. The result of the vote is then passed to the delegate to the Annual General Meeting of all WIs to be held in Cardiff. By passing resolutions at the AGM the National Federation of WIs is given a mandate to pursue them with the appropriate bodies.



This year the resolutions are concerned with "Renewable Energy" and "Sport for a Healthy Population". Both were passed by Hagley Afternoon WI.

After the resolutions had been dealt with Elaine Barber gave a very informative talk on "Fair Trade" and its goals to help producers achieve a fair and living wage, and to sell their products worldwide.

Hagley Afternoon WI is celebrating its 85th Birthday with a Luncheon on 21st August. It is hoped that all present members will be able to attend this very special event together with a number of invited guests. As well as lunch there is to be entertainment and displays to represent the WI during the last 85 years. There cannot be all that many WIs formed so long ago that can say they are still here and that they are still thriving - Hagley Afternoon can!! Something of which to be really proud.

At the meeting on 10th July Catherine Clark is to give a talk and demonstration on "Some Wonderful Hats!" Meetings are on the 2nd Monday in each month, 2pm at Hagley Community Centre, if you would like to join us.

Megan Bury

EVENING W.I.

In May we discussed the Resolutions for the National AGM which concerned global warming and sport for all. They were presented and then discussions followed. Afterwards we had a fish and chip supper.

On 26th May we visited, with friends and members from other WIs, the Well Dressings at Tissington in Derbyshire, which depicted scenes from the Bible. These are made up of natural products stuck in to wet clay. They mostly use individual petals. They were a work of art and were absolutely lovely. There are other well dressings but Tissington always has theirs ready for Ascension Day and they last for about a week. Afterwards we had lunch at a local hostelry, which was voted excellent. We hope to do another outing in the Autumn.

Our speaker on 19th July will be Mrs. K. Bache on Casualties Union. We meet at St. Saviour's Church Hall at 7.30 p.m. visitors and prospective members are always welcome.

Liz Knight

MOTHERS' UNION

Our meeting in July is cancelled so that we can go on a visit to Holland House Retreat Centre on Friday 21st July, leaving the village car park at 1.15 p.m. and returning at approximately 6.00 p.m.

If you want any more details, please contact Judy Plant on 882467.

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Clent Hills Singers



Saturday, 8th July at 7.30 p.m. in St. Saviour's church,

is the time and place of the Clent Hills Singers summer concert.

The programme will include traditional English folk songs and madrigals, other part songs, rounds and solo instrumental items. In addition, Dinah Penman, one of our members, will also be singing folk songs with her husband Stan.

The new Acorns Children's Hospice in Worcester is the chosen charity. Tickets: £5 and £3 including refreshments, from Jo Hughes (882763) or on the door.

Musical items/memorabilia/CDs may still be donated for our stall at the Fete. Please contact Jo Hughes.

Jo Hughes



TREFOIL GUILD

The month of May had a sad beginning with death of Betty Ellis, a member of the Guild since its inception. We will miss her very much and our heartfelt condolences were sent to her family.

Marjorie led the walk on May 11th and all were in need of the sustaining cup of tea awaiting them on their return, having chosen the longer route. It would not have done our map reading skills much credence to admit to this being a mistake.

The Droitwich Guild celebrated their 20th Birthday with an excellent supper. We certainly enjoyed their hospitality and can only hope they mark their 21st in a like manner. In July we meet for a visit to the cinema. Liz will be making the plans for the evening of July 13th.

Elizabeth Gingell



GARDENERS' CLUB

An evening with Duncan Coombs travelling around China was enjoyed by members in May. Duncan is a welcome visitor and his slides are always a joy to see.

Summer Outings on July 8th to Burford House Gardens and Stockton Bury Gardens, and August 5th to March House a private garden outside Broadway and then on to Snowhill Manor. Information: Telephone 01562

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July 26th is an evening with a difference! Are your blunt tools the 'bane of your life'? Then come and learn how to deal with them. William Scott is talking and demonstrating - 'Tool Sharpening for the Terrified'. Members may bring a garden tool that needs sharpening (only one per member). We can not promise to satisfy everyone but William will do his best and is certainly interested in old or unusual tools.

We always welcome new members and you don't have to be a gardener to join us.

Judy Berrow

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WYRE FOREST & DISTRICT CENTRE OF THE NATIONAL TRUST

This group of local National Trust members was founded in 1984. The area that it covers includes Hagley and Stourbridge. There is a programme of indoor meetings during the period September to May, and these are held at Hagley, Blakedown and Kidderminster. During the Spring and Summer, car and coach outings are arranged. A number of social events also take place. New members are always welcome.

The speaker at the Centre's May meeting, held at Hagley Community Centre was James Taylor, a former Curator of Paintings at the National Maritime Museum. Mr Taylor's talk was entitled "Master of the Sea - Maritime Art from the 17th Century." He illustrated his talk with some fine examples of paintings from a wide range of artists.

The Centre's next indoor meeting will be held on 19th September at Blakedown when a talk on "The Treasures of Eton College" will be given.

Details of membership and of the Centre's activities can be obtained from Marjorie Fernihough, Hon. Secretary, on 01562 883460. Do come along and see us on 15th July at Hagley Village Fete where we shall have a stall.

Chris Fonteyn
Chairman

LADIES PROBUS CLUB

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.

At our meeting on June 22nd we had an interesting talk from the Body Shop by Alison Stockford Davies.

On June 17th, members, husbands and friends travelled to Bridgnorth on the Severn Valley Railway and enjoyed a Fish and Chip Supper on arrival.

On 24th August we are meeting for lunch at the Granary, 12 noon for 12.30 p.m. Husbands and friends are very welcome to join us.

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

Win Long
President

BOOK CLUB

Wednesday 12th July. We are looking at aspects of the 1930s, fact or fiction, a decade which is a rich source of ideas - Hercule Poirot? The Third Reich? Art Deco? Spoilt for choice! We meet at 44 Milestone Drive at 8.00 p.m. For details tel 884469.

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HAGLEY WIVES AND WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP



We only have one meeting this month before our summer break and this will be our AGM on July 11th. This will be at St. Saviour's Hall at 8.00 p.m. and we do hope you will join us to hear about our plans and programme for our forthcoming year.

On 15th July we are taking an active part in the Village Fete, an event we feel is well worth supporting, so hope to see you there.

We begin again on September 12th with our annual Opening Service which is interdenominational and we offer you a warm welcome. The brief service will be followed in the hall by registration and an opportunity to be able to see all your friends. We always are very pleased to see new faces.

Toni Allison

WEST HAGLEY FOOTBALL CLUB



Firstly, I would like to thank everyone for all their help and support on Presentation Day. It was a great success and we raised enough funds to purchase the much needed speed and agility equipment.

Next season the club will be putting emphasis on improving fitness and conditioning and this equipment will be incorporated into all of the children's Saturday or midweek training sessions.

It has been a very successful season for both our boys' and girls' teams with many winning leagues and cups and others being promoted within their respective leagues.

This season we entered our U12 Girls team into the Stourbridge & District Central Venue league. They finished third overall, which is a great achievement for their first year.

Next year we will be entering three girls teams into the league U10, U12 and U14. We are currently trying to build the girls U14 squad so if any girls, age 13 or 14, are interested in joining Nick (Head of Girls Section) for pre-season training, with a view to joining the team, please contact Karen Hanson on 01562 882767.

Finally, with the season now at a close, I would like to thank everyone for all the time and effort you have put in making our club the success it is.

Karen Hanson



ART CLUB

The demonstration meeting of the Club in July is by Tony Chance when his subject is *Weather and Water in Oils*. Whilst oils are specifically mentioned, many of the techniques could apply to watercolour work as well keeping in mind that this medium is mainly transparent, whereas oils are opaque. This can include pastel work which is also opaque.

The subject reminds me of that great painting of Leader's, *February Fill Dyke* which can be seen in the Birmingham Art Gallery. The date of the meeting is Friday 14 July at 7.30 p.m. in St Saviour's Church Hall.

Looking to the next month, August, we have *Animal Art in Pastel* with Bob Elcock.

Alan Pritchard
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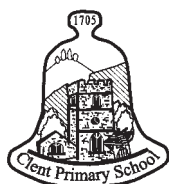
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HAGLEY PRIMARY SCHOOL

Our Spring Fayre was a great success despite the heavy rain and a magnificent £5,000 was raised which will go towards our outdoor developments. Members of our Year 4 choir joined 150 pupils from four other schools at Bromsgrove School for a production of 'The King of Ireland's Son'. It was a tremendous success and thoroughly enjoyed by children and parents.

So as the end of the School year approaches, we wish all the Year 6 children lots of luck as they move to Haybridge and whilst we are looking forward to our summer holidays, our thoughts will be with Emily Barnes' family and fiancé. Emily Barnes, one of our wonderful Year 3 teachers, sadly died just before the Whitsun holidays. The staff, children and parents all have fond memories of Miss Barnes and they will stay with us for a long time.

Jane Pitt



CLENT PAROCHIAL PRIMARY SCHOOL

We enjoyed our Summer Fayre, held on Saturday 17th June in Clent school grounds. This was a true 'village affair' as we joined forces with St. Leonard's Church to ensure a bigger and better event. There were plenty of traditional stalls plus varied entertainment including Punch and Judy Shows, Maypole dancing and traditional races. The funds raised will be split between various charities and the PTA funds which in turn supports educational activities for our children.

Recently eight children from Clent lunchtime chess club took part in the world's largest chess competition. The tournament was held at Worcester University and each child played 6 games during the day in a formal competition environment. Two of our children have reached the country finals in Manchester, so well done to them.

One area of concern to governors and parents is the proposed withdrawal of free school transport from Clent School (and Belbroughton) to Haybridge from September 2006. This decision had been made because the proposed walking route is now deemed 'safe' despite the route being unlit and isolated for long stretches. Many of our parents are writing to the local authority to object to this decision.

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

SCHOOL NEWS

HAGLEY RC HIGH SCHOOL



In the summer term there are many school trips, some of which are residential. The PE department have organised the annual Year 8 visit to Snowdonia. We have a group of Year 12 students visiting the art galleries of Paris and a Year 10 retreat to Savio House (Year 7 students had a wonderful retreat at Alton Castle).

On 14 July we hope to arrange a number of activities to support the National Sports Aid fundraising campaign. We are drawing up plans to provide pupils and staff with the opportunity to run a mile and raise money for this initiative.

Twenty-four Year 10 pupils went to Sunfield School and created some land art with Mike Fletcher. The group took lots of photographs and they will be able to use them in their course work.

The Gifted and Talented Art Club took part in a workshop with a Bhangra artist in May. On 24 May, a graffiti artist gave a workshop to Year 9 students.

Year 10 will visit Worcester Cathedral as part of their GCSE preparation. Year 10 and 11 enjoyed an evening of minimalist music at the Symphony Hall in March.

Year 10 put on their own concert in March to showcase their course work achievements to date, and organised the whole event themselves! A song-writing duo gave a workshop to groups in June.

There will be an end of year Arts Showcase open to parents on Tuesday 18 July. This is a chance to celebrate some of the highlights from the year in Art, Dance, Drama and Music. Anyone interested in supporting the evening can obtain tickets (£2/£1 concessions) from the school.

The science department organised successful activities during National Science Week.

An article in the Observer described our A-level English Literature teaching as the best in the country. Our colleagues in the English department deserve our congratulations for achieving such a prestigious award.

V. Shaw

HAYBRIDGE HIGH SCHOOL



In May, Haybridge was delighted to be presented with the Challenge Award for our provision for Gifted and Talented students by the National Association for Able Children. This is a highly prestigious award which only a handful of schools across the country have received. The assessors were impressed by the teaching and learning they saw and even more so by the students they interviewed. Well done to all those involved.

We have now said goodbye to both year 11 and year 13. Year 11 celebrated the end of the year with a debonair ball at the Mill Hotel in Alveley whilst year 13 celebrated in style at The Botanical Gardens in Birmingham. In the lead up to their exams, the year 11 students had a very different style study leave with a programme of study ranging from relaxation techniques and goal-setting to structured revision and ask the teacher sessions. Both year groups worked really hard in preparation for their exams and we wish them all the very best of luck; we will miss them a great deal.

We also had a very productive activities week with students taking part in various activities. There were trips to Spain and France for the many pupils in years 7 and 8, whilst those students who stayed behind had fun partaking in activities such as drama and engineering.

Laura Whitehead



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JULY 2006

Heartstart Appeal and Parade Service - Sunday 16 July

We have decided to support the Heartstart Appeal, and Jim Austin's fundraising trek up Everest next February, by having retiring collections for Heartstart at all services on Sunday 16 July. The main mid-morning service that day is a 10.30 am parade service at St John's.

By sponsoring a small part of the building work, you can help get facilities for the disabled at St Saviour's off the drawing board and into reality!

We are, among other means, seeking financial support from the community, and one way people could help is to sponsor a part of the building. We have come up with a list of 13 sections of the building, and people can sponsor a unit of work varying from £2 per unit up to a maximum of £20. If people are able to gift aid their donation, then we can get 28% income tax recovery from the Chancellor. Broadly speaking, with gift aid, for every 4 units sponsored, we are able to build 5 units. To date, we have raised just over £3,500, but we need in excess of £30,000. If anyone would like to help in this way, please contact either Dave Pettit (730248) or Margaret Henderson (884788). Alternatively, you can sign the list in either church and enter the number of 'units' you wish to sponsor, and complete a gift aid envelope if applicable.

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JULY SERVICES

Date	8.00 am	9.30 am	10.30 am	6.30 pm
2 July Trinity 3		Morning Praise St Saviour's	Holy Communion St John's	Evening Prayer St John's
9 July Trinity 4	Holy Communion St John's		Morning Prayer St John's Holy Communion St Saviour's	Youth-led Holy Communion St John's 5.00 pm
16 July Trinity 5	Holy Communion St Saviour's		Parade Service St John's	Holy Communion St John's
23 July Trinity 6	Holy Communion St John's		Parish Communion St Saviour's	Evening Prayer St John's
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 7.30 p.m. to 8.30 p.m.

Preachers for July

2nd

am Rev Bill Hopley *
 pm Rev Charles Radburn

9th

am Rev David Tennant
 pm Rev David Tennant

16th

am Rev Alan Dunstone
 pm Rev Alan Dunstone *

23rd

am Mr Gordon Bailey
 pm Rev Ian Ring

30th

am Rev Riki Twigg
 pm Rev Barbara Mapley

* Includes Holy Communion

***LADIES AFTERNOON
 FELLOWSHIP***

Tuesday 11th July at 2.30 p.m.
 Speaker: Rev Gerald England

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Church AGM was held in late April and the officers appointed for 2006/07 were as follows:

Martin Heathcock continues as Church President and Gerald Thomas takes on the joint role of Secretary and Treasurer.

Hall bookings now become the responsibility of Mrs Gill Edwards, taking over from Mrs Marjorie Fernihough who has had this responsibility for many years.



LADIES FELLOWSHIP

In 1906 a group of ladies at the Free Church decided to form a sewing group. They met regularly sewing and selling garments to pay for the new church building. Subsequently they met the challenge of two world wars knitting hundreds of garments to send out to servicemen.

As the years went by and hand sewn garments lost their appeal the group still met regularly but became known as the Ladies Devotional, meeting each month for a short service followed by a cup of tea.

Ladies Fellowship, as it is known, continues this tradition of a hundred years of caring fellowship. We are a friendly group meeting each month for a time of devotion with an interesting speaker. The average attendance is 25/30 and we love to welcome new faces. Our meetings are always announced on this page and you would be most welcome - so ladies please come and join us.

A SATURDAY NIGHT OUT

“Do not try to prove your manhood by drinking!”

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It is strange that these words are as relevant in the 21C as when they were first recorded. We may have more knowledge than the writer of the words..... but wisdom?

The rest of Chapter 31 is interesting. A good guide for a life-style guru!

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JULY DIARY

MONDAY 3

Playgroup

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Community Centre, 9.00 a.m. to 12 noon

Parish Council

Community Centre, 7.00 p.m.

TUESDAY 4

Historical & Field Society

St. Saviour's Hall, 8.00 p.m.
'Carpet Weavers, Mills and Machinery'

Senior Citizens' Group

Free Church Hall, 2.30 p.m.

FRIDAY 7

Country Market

Community Centre 8.45 a.m. - 11.00 a.m.

SATURDAY 8

Clent Hills Singers

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

MONDAY 10

Afternoon W.I.

Community Centre, 2.00 p.m.
'Some Wonderful Hats'

TUESDAY 11

Hagley Wives & Women's Fellowship

St. Saviour's Hall, 8.00 p.m.
A.G.M.

WEDNESDAY 12

Book Club

44 Milestone Drive, 8.00 p.m.
'The Thirties'

FRIDAY 14

Country Market

Community Centre 8.45 a.m. - 11.00 a.m.

Art Club

St. Saviour's Hall, 7.30 p.m.
'Weather and Water - Oils'

MONDAY 17

Parish Council

Community Centre, 7.00 p.m.

TUESDAY 18

Senior Citizens' Group

Free Church Hall, 2.30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY 19

Evening W.I.

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

FRIDAY 21

Country Market

Community Centre, 8.45 a.m. - 11.00 a.m.

WEDNESDAY 26

Gardeners' Club

St. Saviour's Hall, 8.00 p.m.
'Tool Sharpening for the Terrified'

THURSDAY 27

Ladies' Probus

The Talbot, Chaddesley Corbett, 12 noon
'Members' Meeting'

FRIDAY 28

Country Market

Community Centre 8.45 a.m. - 11.00 a.m.

MONDAY 31

Parish Council

Community Centre 7.00 p.m.
Flower Arrangement Society
Community Centre, 7.30 p.m.
'Through a Summer Window'



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