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Hire Rates – Hagley Community Centre 2008/9

Each year the committee reviews the rates for hire of the Community Centre. Last year, apart from amendments, generally no increase was applied.

We have reviewed the running costs and unfortunately as the greatest proportion of expenses are insurance and utility costs, we have been affected by significant price increases in these two sectors. This has to be reflected in our rates and they will be increased from April 1st 2008.

The rates for 2008/9 are now published on our website and we have tried to ensure that the increases have been kept as low as possible.

We look forward to your continued support.

Hagley Surgery

Hagley Surgery now has the facility for patients to order repeat prescriptions and make routine appointments on line.

Patients are asked to bring proof of identity, either the new style driving licence or a passport. We also request that there is proof of address if not current on those documents.

Patients may only register themselves; if a patient came in to register herself and her husband, a pin number and instructions would be given to the wife but not the husband, to protect patient confidentiality. We are only registering adults at present.

Appointments

Not all appointments available will be shown on line as this would not be fair to patients without a computer. Appointments will be limited to one per person, to prevent patients booking for several consecutive months.

Prescriptions

Only routine repeat prescriptions will show on the screen. The message facility may be used to advise the prescription clerk of information that may be useful. The turnaround time will still be 48 hours before the prescription is signed. The chemist will then need time to dispense the medication as usual.

HAGLEY RAMBLER SCOUTS CHRISTMAS POST – THANK YOU

The Scout post raised £370 this year which will be a valuable contribution to the Scout Hut refurbishment. We wanted to say a big thank you to everyone involved; Walton and Hipkiss and Cavendish Cleaners, the families of Scouts, Cubs and Beavers who helped with the delivery and to everyone who trusted us with their cards.

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HAGLEY PARISH COUNCIL

PACT Meeting

This was well attended and the agreed priorities are as follows:

POOR ROAD CONDITIONS – Attendees felt that the layout of the road junction at Summervale Road onto the A456 is no longer fit for purpose due to the amount of traffic using it.

Action – Highways to survey the junction to assess traffic flows.

SPEEDING TRAFFIC

Action – Local Policing Team to carry out speed enforcement at the locations and Hagley Parish Council to continue to work with the Safer Roads Partnership to establish sites for fixed speed enforcement cameras.

VEHICLE RELATED - CARS PARKED ILLEGALLY/INCONVENIENTLY – In Church Street near the junction with Worcester Road, Hagley.

Action – Local Policing Team will pay attention to the location with a view to enforcing parking restrictions.

Please look out for the next meeting which will probably be in April.

Annual Parish Meeting

The Annual Parish Meeting will be held at the Community Centre on Monday 17th March at 8.00 p.m. This is your chance to hear about the work of the Council over the last year and ask questions of the Councillors.

Road safety outside the schools

We have been advised by the County Council that works to improve the safety of Station Road and Brake Lane have been agreed and should be starting soon. Hopefully they will have been completed by the time you are reading this.

Also a highways issue is the condition of the roads in the village. We pass on the details of all potholes reported to us through the online system, where we can keep track of any action that is taken.

Planning

In January the Council looked at three planning applications: B/2007/1287, 180A Worcester Road; B/2007/1343, 53 Winds Point; and B/2007/1371, 106 Worcester Road. There were no objections.

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Items of interest from the approved Minutes of the meetings held on 17th December, 2007

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The following was refused

2007/1063 – Replacement Dwelling – Pippins, Thickenall Lane.

The Council raised no objection to the following:-
2007/1224 – New dwelling - adj. 35 Western Road
2007/1282 – Ext. – 10 South Road

The Council objected to the following:-

2007/1190 – Conservatory – The Granary, Field House Barns because it would be out of keeping with the courtyard effect of the barn conversion

RECREATION AREA

BMX Track - an Information Pack has been received and it was resolved to invite the supplier to a site visit.

CENTENARY FIELD

The draft contract between the Council and Clent

Cricket Club was approved. The solicitor will now proceed.

HIGHWAYS

St. Kenelm's Pass – an email report and photographs by the Parish Lengthsman have been sent to the National Trust asking for urgent action to be taken with the damaged drain.

OUTSIDE MEETINGS

National Trust Advisory Committee 07/12/07. The Chairman attended and the following points were noted:-

Visitor numbers – projected 15550 actual 9242

New members – projected 2318 actual 2980

Two career posts to be created. One will be at Clent.

Complaints received – destruction of Linnet habitat; way marking; cars being damaged; survey of land ownership to be carried out.

Clerk to the Council

Dear Editor

You will recall that in the autumn of 2005 ie almost 21/2 years ago Councillor Steve Colella, in his capacity of Hagley Parish Plan Committee Vice Chairman, announced in the Village News the launching of the Hagley Parish Plan for consultation but what has become of the Plan during that lengthy interval?

So will the Parish Council in their monthly bulletins in the Village News please update your readers on the progress or otherwise being made by Bromsgrove District Council as planning authority and Worcestershire County Council as highway authority on the various issues in the Plan and particularly in relation to the alleviation of the intolerable traffic congestion on the highways within the village of Hagley.

Yours sincerely,

J.H. Gemmill

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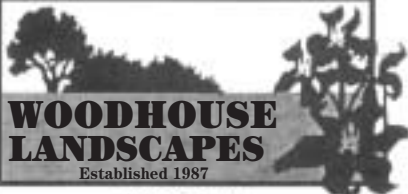
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If you are unable to come to this meeting but would still like to help, please call in (Church Office at St. Saviour’s) or telephone on 886696 between 10.00 a.m. and 12.00 p.m. any weekday.

Easter Holiday Closing

The Office will be closed on Good Friday, 21 March and Easter Monday, 24 March. If you have appointments in Easter Week please try to phone us before we close at 12.00 p.m. on Thursday, 20 March.

A very happy Easter to all our clients.

Anne Garth
Liaison Officer

MOTHERS’ UNION

A reminder to members that there will not be a meeting in March as the date clashes with Maundy Thursday. Happy Easter to all our members and friends.

CLUB REPORTS



HISTORICAL AND FIELD SOCIETY

Chairman Joan Ryder opened the Society's meeting on 1st January by wishing all members a Happy New Year before welcoming the evening's speaker, Nick Baker.

Nick had set himself an interesting challenge: his subject no longer existed, nor was there any archaeology and even the ground that it had occupied was no more! All this was even more incredible once we realised that Amblecote Hall, the subject of Nick's presentation, had only been demolished 56 years ago.

Using a series of maps, the earliest dating from 1688, Nick explained the development of the Manor of Amblecote Hall, which was owned by the Enville Estate.

Photographs had been difficult to obtain, but we saw fascinating views of the farmlands and the 16th/17th Century style Hall. Ominously present in some views were the brickworks and associated colliery that ultimately resulted in subsidence, condemnation by Amblecote UDC and finally demolition in 1952.

To complete the obliteration of the Hall, the opening of a huge opencast clay and coal pit in 1969 removed even the ground on which it had stood. Nick concluded his fascinating talk by comparing 'then and now' photographs and maps of the area.

On 4th March Mike Miles will talk on Graham Baron Ash and Packwood House. Meetings take place on the first Tuesday of each month in St. Saviour's Church Hall, beginning at 8.00 p.m. All are welcome, visitors £1.50 including refreshments.

Alan Atkinson



GARDENERS' CLUB

Our Annual Social Evening in January was held without any dramatic weather conditions of snow or gales. The supper was enjoyed but unfortunately we were a little late for Keith Akrill to start and therefore to really get into the 'flow' of his talk. Nevertheless it was an enjoyable way to spend an evening with friends instead of sitting in front of the TV on a cold winter's night.

March 26th – 'Ivies in the Garden' a very interesting talk given by Linda Eggins about the history and stories behind some of the plants. A hands on evening without slides with the opportunity to see some very unusual Ivies and listen to some interesting tales. It is Easter Week so feel free to bring your unwanted Easter Eggs with you and share them amongst the members.

April 23rd – will stir your imagination as you listen to the story of 'Saranacris'. The building of a garden on a VERY steep slope in Bromsgrove.

The list of outings will be available so please bring your cheque books and diaries with you in March. Visitors are welcome to all our meetings. Join us and have an interesting evening amongst friends.

Judy Berrow

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THEATRE GROUP

Over the last few years our adult productions have focused on comedy and so we have decided to stage a play that can both entertain and thrill with the timeless classic 'An Inspector Calls' by JB Priestley. Set in the early 1900s, a rich family's self-assured confidence is shattered when a police inspector unexpectedly interrupts an engagement party to see what each member of the family and friends know about the death of a young woman. This intelligent and thought provoking play will be staged at the Community Centre on Thursday 24th, Friday 25th and Saturday 26th April at 7.30 p.m. More details will follow in the next issue of the Village News.

Looking further ahead I am pleased to announce that a joint adult and youth production of the musical 'Oliver' will be staged in October.

We held an open evening on 22nd January at Churchill Village Hall where a number of new members were able to take part in play readings and meet some of the existing members. If you are interested in any aspect of staging live theatre including acting, directing, lighting, stage management, sound, properties, wardrobe and front of house then please call Sue Dean on 01562 884906.

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EVENING W.I.

The President, Mrs Liz Hathaway welcomed members and visitors to the first meeting of the New Year.

There appears to be much to interest us in the year ahead, as the Secretary told us of many events and outings on the W.I. Calendar.

Representatives from our Institute attended the Resolution Selection Meeting; the New Speakers' presentations and the Group Quiz in January. Others visited the Brine Baths that same evening.

Our monthly lunch was held at The Wagon & Horses – excellent value for money – and we look forward to an outing to the Rose Theatre to see "Seven Brides for Seven Others" on 14th March.

The Speaker in January was Mrs. Irene Oliver with the intriguing subject "Magistrate Bull and GWR" – and she told us a tale that held us all enthralled.

In February we had Mr. Alan Thornton – "day in the life of a seaside hotelier" and on Wednesday 19th March, Mrs. Sue Johnson is asking us "Where do stories come from?"

If you would like to know more, pay us a visit in St. Saviour's Hall on any third Wednesday of the month at 7.30 p.m., when you will receive a warm welcome, or ring our Secretary for further information.

FLOWER ARRANGEMENT SOCIETY

The March meeting will be held at the Community Centre on Monday 31st commencing 7.30 p.m. Our demonstration is by Lesley Cole entitled "European Excursion". Visitors are always welcome to join us for a very entertaining evening. Why not give us a try!

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Jo Hughes



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AFTERNOON W.I.

At the January meeting the President paid tribute to immediate Past President, Pat Lane, who sadly died after a long illness patiently borne, on Boxing Day. She also reminded members of other loyal members who had died during the past year. To remember them all, members stood for a minute's silence.



The meeting continued with a welcome to three visitors and three new members. During the business it was proposed and agreed that bursaries to help members with the cost of courses at Denman College should be available. A Fish and Chip Lunch will be arranged for 13th May when it is hoped that Cofton Hackett WI – twinned with Hagley Afternoon for the Federation's 90th Birthday – will join members for this annual event.

The speaker, Alan Atkinson, gave a most interesting and informative talk illustrated with slides on Letter Boxes. Members were amazed at the number of different styles of box and their history.

Members look forward to the year ahead with its interesting speakers, outings and many other events and hope to welcome more visitors and prospective members. Meetings are on the 2nd Monday in each month 2 p.m. at the Community Centre so why not join us?

Megan Bury

HAGLEY WIVES AND WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP



Candy Cooley, one of our own members, will give an illustrated talk about her trips to China; this promises to be a most interesting evening on Tuesday 11th March.

We will not be having our customary meeting on March 25th as it falls during the Easter holidays, however we look forward to hearing Jo-Ann Gloger on April 8th when she comes to talk about the Needle Museum in Redditch. Having visited the centre at Bordesley where there are still remains of a Cistercian Abbey, I think it should be an informative and fascinating talk.

The meetings are held in St. Saviour's hall and begin promptly at 8.00 p.m. I do hope you will join us. Visitors are always welcome.

Toni Allison

ART CLUB

The subject for the March meeting of the Club will be a presentation by Tony Cowlshaw of *Ships in Watercolour*. I would imagine these will be yachts or other sailing craft being the most picturesque for the artist.



The Club meet in St. Saviour's Church Hall on Friday evening 14 March at 7.30 p.m. Another interesting subject follows in April: 'Woodland in Watercolour'. Whilst these are watercolour titles, composition will equally apply to other painting mediums.

A reminder that membership fees for 2008 are now due during both months, paid preferably by cheque or cash when the amount has been established at the Annual meeting.

A.A. Pritchard – Hon. President

CLUB REPORTS

**An invitation to all past brownies, guiders and helpers from
2nd Hagley Brownies
come and celebrate 40 years with us
on Tuesday March 11th – 5.45 to 7.15 p.m. at the Free Church**

This will also be Heather Myers' retirement party.

Heather has helped run the brownies for 20 years and on behalf of all past brownies I would like to thank her. For this pack to continue I need someone to volunteer to help.

Adults are invited to stay afterwards for a drink and reminisce.
(2nd hagley brownies is the pack that used to meet on a Thursday)

Please will families pass this invite on to their daughters and will all past brownies let their friends know? RSVP to Mandy Adams 885735



TREFOIL GUILD

We've been invited to a Birthday Party to be held on Tuesday 11th March at 5.45. That is when the Second Hagley Brownie Pack will celebrate their 40th Birthday. Since several of our members must take responsibility for starting the pack, it will be an event we can look forward to.

On Friday 14th members of the Guild have the opportunity of visiting the Symphony Hall in Birmingham. Pat has the details for us.

Elizabeth Gingell

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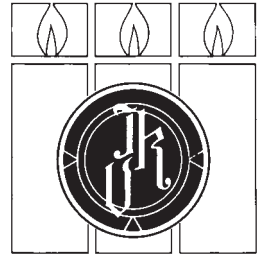
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The Spring Term is always busy. Students are working hard on a wide range of courses and educational pathways supplemented by extra curricular activities. The past few months have seen trips to China, Birmingham University, Hamburg, Wolverhampton and Paris.

Our sports teams seem to be on the road to success in many disciplines including rugby, football, fencing and netball; with students competing at local, national and sometimes international level.

Preparations for the 2008 school production are nearing conclusion. Between the 12th and 14th March, our state-of-the-art new school hall will be transformed into the *Copacabana* bar and nightclub, complete with all-singing and all-dancing cast from Year 7 to Year 13.

The Music department are busy planning for the semi-legendary Spring Spectacular. This evening of music will take place in the school hall on Wednesday 23rd April.

Key date for your diaries. The evening of Saturday 5th July will see the Haybridge Reunion take place in school. This promises to be a super night full of familiar faces, music, food and even the odd spot of karaoke!

Tickets and further information on all our future events can be obtained from the School Reception.

M. Payne

WEST HAGLEY FOOTBALL CLUB



At the half way point of the season, it's pleasing to see how well so many of our teams are performing. Our new intake of under 6s have settled in well, our under 8s and under 9s are at the top of their respective leagues and are playing some fabulous football!

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A massive thank you to Gregg and Caroline from "Our Plaice", for their generous sponsorship of our coaches' tops.

Commiserations to Matt Hubble and our First team players who only narrowly lost in their recent Worcester Cup Semi Final.

Angie Prentis

HAGLEY CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

Lent began with Ash Wednesday services which enabled every member of the school community to receive ashes on their foreheads as a sign of their desire to come closer to God and to reach out to those in need.

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Services for March

- 2nd** **Mothering Sunday**
am Mrs Marjorie Davies
pm Rev Ernest Cruchley *
- 9th** **Passion Sunday**
am Rev Ian Ring
pm Rev Charles Radburn
- 16th** **Palm Sunday**
am Rev David Tennant
pm Rev David Tennant
- 23rd** **Easter Sunday**
8.30 a.m. Holy Communion
am Rev Dr Richard Massey *
pm Rev Dr Raymond Pfister
- 30th**
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MARCH MEETINGS
IN CHURCH VESTRY
Tuesdays 4th and 18th
7.30 p.m. to 8.30 p.m.

LADIES' AFTERNOON FELLOWSHIP

11th March at 2.30 p.m.
Lent Communion
Rev Riki Twigg

Monday March 31
Visit to Holland House, Crophorne

BIBLE STUDY GROUP Tuesday 7.30 - 8.30 p.m.

Tuesday 11th March
“The Conditions for Effective Prayer”
John 15¹⁻¹⁷



HOLY WEEK SERVICES

Maunday Thursday 20th March at 8.00 p.m.
Holy Communion at St Saviour's Church

Good Friday 21st March at 7.30 p.m.
Joint Service at The Free Church
PREACHER: REV DR JOSHUA RASH

EASTER DAY 23rd MARCH

8.30 a.m. HOLY COMMUNION (followed by Church breakfast)
10.30 a.m. MORNING WORSHIP WITH HOLY COMMUNION
6.00 p.m. EVENING WORSHIP: REV DR RAYMOND PFISTER

THURSDAY FELLOWSHIP

MARCH MEETINGS AT 8.00 P.M.

As Easter is early this year we close our session with our AGM on Thursday March 13. This will be short and will be followed by a "Lite-Bite".

We have had a varied programme again and we hope we have found something to please most of you most of the time. So far we only had one cancellation. Razz Ma Tazz were forced to cancel, a great pity.

**The Cradley Male Voice Choir will be with us on MARCH 6 at 8.00 p.m.
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MARCH DIARY

MONDAY 3

Playgroup

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

Parish Council

Community Centre 7.00p.m.

TUESDAY 4

Senior Citizens' Club

Free Church Hall 2.30p.m.

Historical & Field Society

St. Saviour's Hall 8.00p.m.
'Graham Baron Ash'

THURSDAY 6

Clent Hills Singers

TBA 7.30p.m.

Free Church Fellowship

Free Church Hall 8.00p.m.
'Cradley Heath Male Voice Choir'

FRIDAY 7

Country Market

Community Centre 8.45-11.00a.m.

Chess Club

Free Church Hall 7.00p.m.

SATURDAY 8

Clent Hills Singers

St. Saviour's Church 7.30p.m.
'The Passion of Our Lord According to St. Mark'

MONDAY 10

Afternoon W.I.

Community Centre 2.00p.m.
'Discernment in Fashion for the Over-Fifties'

TUESDAY 11

Hagley Wives & Women's Fellowship

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

WEDNESDAY 12

Book Club

36 Lodge Crescent 8.00p.m.
'Cornish Poetry'

THURSDAY 13

Clent Hills Singers

Free Church 7.30p.m.
Free Church Fellowship
Free Church Hall 8.00p.m.
A.G.M.

FRIDAY 14

Country Market

Community Centre 8.45-11.00a.m.

Chess Club

Free Church Hall 7.00p.m.

Art Club

St. Saviour's Hall 7.30p.m.
'Ships in Watercolour'

MONDAY 17

Parish Council

Community Centre 7.00p.m.
ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

TUESDAY 18

Senior Citizens' Club

Free Church Hall 2.30p.m.

WEDNESDAY 19

Evening W.I.

St. Saviour's Hall 7.30p.m.
'Where Do Stories Come From?'

WEDNESDAY 26

Gardeners' Club

St. Saviour's Hall 8.00p.m.
'Ivies in the Garden'

THURSDAY 27

Ladies' Probus Club

The Granary, Shenstone, 12 noon
'A Doctor's Visit – South Africa'

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Country Market

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MONDAY 31

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