

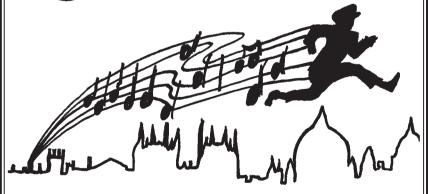
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September 2008

EDITORIAL

I hope you enjoyed your summer holidays this year, whether you went away or stayed at home. We continue with work on the house, as our neighbours were glad to see!

September sees the return of pupils and staff to a new academic year and we wish them a successful year's study. It also sees the A.G.M. of the Community Association, to which all our affiliates are invited: September 24th, see notice page 27.

Helpline have sent an appeal for more drivers; please see notice on page 7. Enjoy the Autumn, as we will soon start the headlong rush into the Christmas season!

Anna Morley Editior

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We look forward to hearing from you.

Anne Garth, Liaison Officer

Hand of Friendship

We meet weekly on Thursdays at Hagley Free Church and serve lunch to 50-60 elderly people.

We need some male volunteers to help prepare tables and chairs at 9 a.m. for about 30 minutes and afterwards at 1.15 p.m. to clear the room. If you could help please contact Mrs. C. Milibanke at Hagley 884730.

Hagley Primary

Hagley Primary School will be hosting a Chinese language assistant for 9 months. Su Changfeng will be teaching Mandarin throughout the school. We are looking for interested families to host part or all of her stay from 12th or 19th September or as soon after that as possible. This might be including her in the family home, renting a room to her or an apartment. If you are able to help please contact Suzanne Shackleton by email sshackleton@hagleyprimary.worcs.sc.uk or by telephone through the school office 01562 883280

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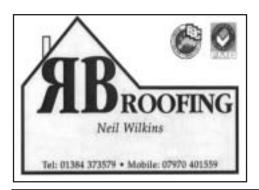
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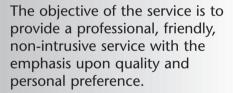
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Dear Editor

Trees

The trees are called Lotus trees (yes the same ones that John the Baptist ate from, introduced to Europe around 1600 from North America by Jean Robin.

It was thought that they resembled the African Acacia tree and thus were given the name False Acacia. The Latin name for the tree is Robina Pseudacacia.

They are in the pea family and as their wood is so hard they were used for fence posts. They were often grown over colliery tips as they can thrive on virtually any soil. (I wonder what is under ours?)

Stamps

Could I just remind donors that I need at least 1cm around the edges but thanks to those who put stamps through my letterbox, the first 100g will go off this week. Address reminder 35 Milestone Drive.

Gavnor Butler

I want to share something wonderful that occurred last week when I went down to the small lake at Brake Mill Farm, such a great area of Hagley. I had bought some sandwiches to go down and paint the lake in acrylics. I was watching the cygnets slowly moving across the water and having a chat to a gentleman when suddenly - bang, bang, bang, bang, bang, and the sound of water hissing overhead! The gentleman said "look behind – it's my mate coming down with his wife – and the swans have seen him!"

The sound took a long time to stop as the bird was crashing its wings into the water and flying towards the edge of the lake with its feet dangling beneath it leaving two beautiful widening trails in the water.

It was a fabulous few minutes, and when Don's friend went down to greet the huge male swan, it came up to him and allowed him to pat it on the head! He told me that he had been feeding it for years at the lakeside.

Nature can be quite amazing, and I shall never forget the "bang, bang, bang, and hiss" – actually I was quite relieved that it wasn't the train nearby coming off its tracks!

Mike Spencer

So, we are now to pay for our green bin collection. Councillors Scurrell and Collela advise us that unless residents pay for this service the council tax will be increased. Residents in Bromsgrove are forced to pay more because our District Council seems incapable of delivering value for money. As the Council abandons Green Waste Collection, can we expect a return to the weekly household waste collection? No - they will reduce the service and we will pay more.

In the West Midlands, residents have free green kerbside collection, dial-a-ride, free bus <u>and rail</u> transport for senior citizens, extensive leisure facilities and they pay less council tax. What do we have in Hagley? A bus service that is less than reliable, and traffic gridlock in the village. Hagley community survives because of a culture of volunteerism.

District councillors should reflect well on the unpopularity of any stealth tax. This increase is a tax by any other name.

Ed Shore, Chapel Street

I was shocked and amazed to read in the Village News that we are to be charged a fee to use our green wheelie bin. I live in Hagley, in a road that is unadopted. I pay FULL council tax but don't get any street lighting or road repairs and have to take my bin and recycling containers which are very heavy to the pavement on the nearest road. The local roads are full of potholes and the tarmac is so worn there are weeds growing through it. If people who want the extra service have to pay how about those who don't have other services getting a refund!

One of the good things that I receive from the council is the green bin collection, and now that will end as I don't want to pay. We are supposed to be saving the environment but I will now have to use a plastic bag for my green waste and then use the car to take it to the local refuse site, not very green!!

One reason the councils give for stopping weekly grey bin collections is that the alternate week is for green bins. If they don't collect my green bin will I then get back my weekly grey bin service? I suppose this will be leading to paying for my grey bin to be emptied next!

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In July the council made the following comments on planning applications:

B/2008/0561SP - 27 Worcester Close. No objection

B/2008/0501 - 180A Worcester Road. No objection

B/2008/0601 - 59 Sweetpool Lane. No objection

B/2008/0616 - Dyffryn, Brake Lane. No objections.

B/2008/0658 - 15 the Greenway. No objection

B/2008/0659 – 43 Middlefield Lane. No objection.

B/2008/0600 – 14 Rooks Meadow

We have no objection to this application and recommend that it be permitted without a set down being required for the extension.

B/2008/0590 - 35 Lodge Crescent, Hagley Various Extensions

We object to this application. We have seen a copy of the letter from the owners of 37 Lodge Crescent to Bromsgrove District Council and support the general thrust of the neighbours, objection. We have no objection to the ground floor alterations.

B/2008/0597 - 10 Sweetpool Lane, Hagley - replacement of bungalow with house

We object to this application. We are aware of a number of objections from neighbours of the property who wish to see the bungalow retained and consider the proposal totally out of keeping with the area.

For more details on any planning applications, please call the Parish Office.

PACT

Thank you to everybody who filled in the PACT forms in the last edition of the Village News. We will get back to you on all the issues raised as soon as possible.

The next PACT meeting will be at 7.00pm on Wednesday October 15th at the Community Centre.

C. Humphries

HAGLEY SURGERY

It's that time of year again.... the season for flu jabs. We will be holding our annual vaccination clinics on 4th October and 18th October. The flu vaccine is available free of charge to all registered patients over the age of 65, and some patients under 65 with certain long-term conditions. If you are entitled to a jab, please call to make an appointment as soon as possible. Other dates will be available, please contact the surgery or see next month's village news.

Every year people decline the jab because they are worried it will give them 'flu or cold symptoms. IT DOESNT. Time and again it has been shown that you may get a viral illness, such as a cold or sore throat, in the fortnight after a flu jab, but *you were going to get it anyway*. The jab doesn't cause it; people often blame the jab if they are unlucky enough to come down with something, when in reality it is just bad luck. Viral infections are very common in the winter, and there is a good chance of catching something in any 2 week period, whether you have the jab or not.

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It is the club's 30th birthday this year, so we held a celebratory dinner at the Stone Manor Hotel. James Isaac, Ken Peck and Brian Powell, all founder members, told us how the club started, the Charter Night and a brief history of the main events over the years. They recounted amusing

anecdotes which brought back happy memorie for many of us.

Lisa Davies, a lovely Hagley student, gave a superb illustrated talk on her Youth Exchange year in Argentina. Youth Exchange is a world wide programme where clubs sponsor local teenagers to spend one year in another country. Lisa stayed with two Rotarians' families in Cordoba and went to a secondary school with the children in those families. Rotarians organised several sightseeing trips around Argentina which Lisa found very interesting and exciting. The experience has made Lisa self-assured and fluent in Spanish; she is now studying Spanish and French at university.

We had an excellent Ladies' Lunch at Stone Manor Hotel. Members and their wives enjoyed this light hearted occasion during which Past President Derry Millington reminisced on his entertaining year. In August our Barbecue party was a marvellous event, held in Bill Harris's large garden.

To find out more about Rotary, please phone me on 07966 116612, then come and have a free dinner with us at the Stone Manor Hotel.

David Dewhirst



Rehearsals commence on 11th September for the autumn session, working towards the Christmas concert on 13th December. This will include Vaughan Williams' *Fantasia*



on Christmas Carols and some Messiaen. It is fifty years since the death of Vaughan Williams and one hundred years since the birth of Messiaen - hence the choice of composers. More details next month.

September is an excellent time to join this small, friendly, mixed voice choir and new members are assured of a warm welcome. Rehearsals take place on Thursdays in the Free Church, commencing at 7.30 p.m. Please contact our Musical Director Wendy Pettit (01562 730248) for more details.

At the Village Fete, our competition CD was won by Jacky Smith who correctly chose Sibelius.

Jo Huahes

FLOWER ARRANGEMENT SOCIETY

September is, as always, AGM month and we look forward to seeing as many members as possible. There will be no demonstration that evening but Linda Eggins will be giving a talk and advice on choosing foliage for your arrengements.

Visitors are welcome to a very informal meeting on Monday September 29th at 7.30 p.m. in the Community Centre.

Christine Reaney

AFTERNOON W.I.

At the last meeting before the summer break the speaker was Dr. Angus Mcleod on "Slaying Your Dragons" – an interesting talk and discussion on ways of fighting anxiety.

The following day, the President hosted a Musical Afternoon which was a journey through her life using the medium of music.

Hagley Fete was blessed with much better weather this year and the combined WI stall did a roaring trade in the sale of cakes. the Afternoon and Evening WIs were most grateful to the Fete Committee for providing a marquee, and to those who erected it and carried tables from the hall. A most enjoyable event with a good variety of stalls and excellent entertainment for everyone.

Members enjoyed lunch at The Plough at Far Forest on a beautiful summer day and now look forward to various events planned for the next month.

Association with the WIs with which Hagley Afternoon is tripleted continues. Four members visited Blackwell & Burcot for a Strawberry Tea and an entertaining and informative speaker on "Hanging Baskets", and are invited to tea with Cofton hackett WI at Barnes Close. members hope the association with these WIs will continue beyond the current year.

Good speakers and outings are planned for the Autumn. Meetings are at Hagley Community Centre on the second Monday in each month (except August) at 2 p.m. Visitors are always most welcome.

Megan Bury

EVENING W.I.

By the time this is read, Summer, with all its activities will be over and we shall be thinking of Autumn, and dare we mention it - Winter.

However as I write, summer events are still in our mind, and we would especially like to thank Jackie Peers on behalf of all our members, for the lovely afternoon we spent in her garden and also the help and support given by the Afternoon Institute and visitors from Rubery W.I. Several of our members also attended the Worcestershire Federation Summer Supper at Rock.

The October meeting will be on Wednesday 15th – Mrs Rosemary Prosser – subject: "To Cornwall and back", and then November 19th will be our Annual General Meeting - a very good time to come and hear all about our activities over the past 12 months, and the progress and friendly times we have enjoyed together.

Monthly lunches continue on the last Friday of every month. Further details of any event can be obtained from 882875 or 720219.

Joan Ellis

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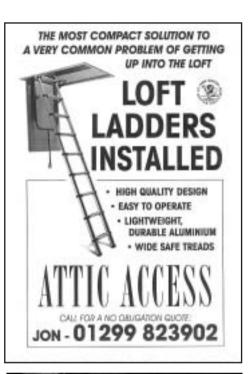
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The Chess Club re-opens on Friday 5th September. We meet from 7.00 p.m. onwards each Friday evening in an upstairs room at the Hagley Free Church. Free parking is available to the rear of the premises, access being via Chapel Street.

New members are always welcome irrespective of age, gender or playing experience from Hagley and the surrounding areas.

We aim to provide a friendly atmosphere in which to play and enjoy chess, whether it is league matches against other teams, internal competitions within the club or friendly games against each other.

Experienced members are always willing to help the less able players and new members. This year we have with us an experienced Junior Chess Teaching Coach.

Brian Nicholson (Secretary)

HAGLEY CRICKET CLUB

A mixed bag of results occurred over the month of July. The 1st team put in a disappointing performance against Wormelow and had the worst of the conditions against Burlingham, but beat Cookley and Cutnall Green convincingly. The last two results were achieved even though captain Joe Lennon was out in Greece getting married and had taken a few players out to support him. The batting has improved with several players getting fifties, including Steve Rhodes in his first season with Hagley. The 1st team are still pushing for promotion, lying third at the end of July.

The 2nd team are second in their league. They beat Bewdley, Romsley but could not remove the last pair in the fixture against Bromyard. They suffered from all the absetees in their loss to Chaddesley Corbett, but even then there were pluses for the future in that three of the successful Under 14 side, Simon Burgess, Kieran Austin and Simran Dhillon performed competently. Simon Burgess has continued his form for the Under 14s that has brought him 429 runs at an average of 61 in thirteen matches, of which we have won 9, lost 3 and a tie.

The Junior Presentation Night was a success as all the juniors in the various age groups were presented medals. The junior section is back in full swing with good numbers at most age levels which bodes well for 2009 when the club will be celebrating its 175th anniversary.

Mark Baker

BOOK CLUB

Wednesday September 10th – Holiday reading highlights, and this is also the planning meeting when we decide on the programme for the year's thrills and spills between the covers! We meet at 8.00 p.m. at 48 Kidderminster Road. Details 884788.

Dinah Penman



HISTORICAL AND FIELD SOCIETY

The Society's July meeting started on a sombre note as Tom Pagett paid trubute to former chairman Alan Rankin who had passed away recently.

Joan Ryder detailed the arrangements for the Society stand at the Village Fete, the Kings Norton outing and the visit to the Mushroom Green Chain Shop.

The evening's speaker was Dr. A Joseph, whose topic was *In Search of Jewish Ancestry - Background of the Birmingham Jewish Community*. Dr Joseph had completed sixty years of research into local Jewish families and we were treated to a small portion of the fruits of his labours. The first Jews arrived in Birmingham in the 1720s and by 1856 the cathedral synagogue had been built. During the latter part of the Nineteenth Century the Jewish community flourished due to problems in Eastern Europe and Russia causing many families to flee persecution. We learned something of the major achievements of the Birmingham Jews and how the creation of the State of Israel in 1948 had resulted in the dwindling of the local community.

In her vote of thanks, Jean Atkinson paid tribute to a superb speaker who had entertained us with scholarship and humour.

The next meeting of the Society is on Tuesday 2nd September, which will include a presentation by Mr R Sturdy, entitled *The Spirit of Triumph*. Meetings take place on the first Tuesday of each month (not August) in St. Saviour's Church Hall, beginning at 8.00 p.m.. Why not come and join us? You would be made most welcome.

Alan Atkinson



GARDENERS' CLUB

Fantastic plants, interesting and infomative talk with good interaction between members and speaker, exactly what we have come to expect when Rob Cole comes to speak to us. Diane, with the patience of a saint backs him up and keeps him supplied with samples to show us. A lovely

summer's evening spent looking and talking about things we love in the Gardeners' Club.

The Village Show and our outing to the Cotswolds will be over by the time this newsletter is printed so you will be updated next month.

On the **24th September** members have the opportunity to hear the second half of David Worthington's talk "The Popes, Nurseryman of the Midlands". The return visit was requested by members who wanted to hear the whole story.

October 22nd "Crazy Daisies" a talk by Robin Pearce from Hallow who owns a nursery and opens his private garden for the National Gardens Scheme.

Nearly the end of another summer with the nights drawing fast and time to start planting bulbs. Visitors welcome to all our meetings. Join us and have an interesting evening amongst friends. Information - tel: 01562 777014.

ART CLUB

September is an important month for the Club as our work is appraised by an experienced visiting Artist; this time it will be Alan Simmonds. Members are asked to bring two pictures for comment, they can be framed or unframed; it will however improve the presentation if surrounded with a mount.



This will be Friday evening September 12th at 7.30 p.m. in St. Saviour's Church Hall. You will get useful ideas how to compose your pictures and techniques with another point of view.

For the following month the subject will be Animals using watercolour pencils, same venue and time at 7.30 p.m. 10th October. Also in October there is a Workshop in Life Study. More about that nearer the date. Members should also be aware that our ANNUAL EXHIBITION is fast approaching so get those brushes and paints working away.

A.A. Pritchard Hon President

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Our new programme begins on 9th September with our Annual Interdenominational Opening Service at St. Saviour's Church at 8.00 p.m.

This will be followed by registration in the hall when we will have our new programme cards available.

It is also a chance to see your friends and make new ones. We are always delighted to welcome newcomers, so please join us.

Toni Allison



THEATRE GROUP

Our production of Lionel Bart's wonderful musical, Oliver! is almost here. Although the Theatre Group usually takes a break in the summer months we have been busy with preparations, and there are many, to

stage this marvellous family entertainment. Both the group's adult and youth sections have joined together to bring you the well-loved songs including Food Glorious Food, Consider Yourself, Pick a Pocket or Two, Oompah-Pah and As Long as He Needs Me, along with plenty of hard rehearsed dance routines.

The show will be performed on Wednesday 1st, Thursday 2nd, Friday 3rd and Saturday 4th October in the Community Centre. Each performance will start at 7.30 p.m. with the doors opening at 7.00 p.m. and a licensed bar will be available. Tickets at £8.00 and £6.00 concessions are available from the village shops the Co-Op Pharmacy and Philip C Paddock Butchers or from our Ticket Secretary Jean Attwood on 01384 375143 or from Susan Dean on 01562 884906.

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On 25th September our speaker is Miss Eirlyn Jenkins. Her talk is entitled "Japan! A Welcome Surprise". As is usual with our speakers, this promises to be a very interesting talk. Our speaker on 23rd October is Mrs Irene Oliver whose talk is about "Interesting Hagley Dwellings" of which there are many about which we do not know. As usual we meet at The Granary, Shenstone at 12 noon for lunch at 12.30 p.m. Visitors are always welcome. Please telephone me on 885226 if you need more information Win Long

London to Paris Bike Ride

When at the age of 30 a school friend was diagnosed with Multiple Sclerosis a group of friends decided that they would like to raise some money for the MS Society. Peter Cole and Stefano Mastropietro (who went to Haybridge High School) along with Malcolm Botta (Grange School) are part of a team of amateur cyclists who cycled from London to Paris on 23rd August. The team called themselves the "Wheel Beat MS" team.

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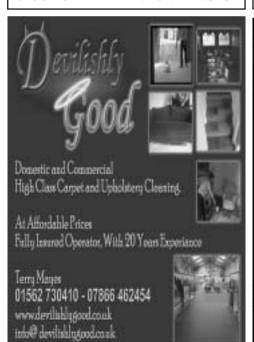
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also a very busy term, with students in Years 8 and 9 visiting Spain and France and as well as canoeing, swimming, climbing and caving, they learnt how to work as a team and challenge themselves, and are now more ready than ever for their next year at Haybridge.

We also celebrated wonderful successes at the Regional Teaching Awards, with Miss Nicola Stanfield winning Teacher of the Year, Dr Melvyn Kershaw winning Headteacher of the Year, and Mrs Sue Jones celebrating her retirement with the prestigious Lifetime Achievement Award. Well done to all, and the school will have its fingers crossed for all three staff at the National Awards in October.

This coming year sees new members joining the school in Year 7 and the Sixth Form, and we hope that Haybridge will have yet another dynamic, successful year.

M Payne



TREFOIL GUILD

Collins English Gem Dictionary describes it thus; "Barbecue, a wooden framework on which animals are roasted; an open-air function with lavish hospitality; a platform on which beans are spread out to dry." At our July meeting Chris and Ray did us proud, though a tin of baked beans was maybe stretching the

meaning a bit. The evening was rounded off by an account of their holiday in Cuba. A place where people and way of life were as equally interesting as the scenery. Thank you both for a most enjoyable evening.

In September, on the 11th, we have planned a visit to the cinema. Nearer the time, there is no doubt, someone, probably a young family member, will tell us what we <u>must</u> see, having carefully screened out anything they think may unnerve us or find unsuitable. We always thank them most politely for their advice.

Elizabeth Gingell

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Jones. The Speaker will be Peter Bloore on 'Amusing Entries in the Parish
Registrar - a local history.'

St Wulfstan Pilgrimage - Sunday 14 September

On 14 September there will be a diocesan pilgrimage to mark 1000 years of St Wulfstan, who was Bishop of Worcester from 1062 to 1095. The pilgrimage will leave Angel Place in Worcester at 3.15 pm, with people making their way through the city to the Cathedral for a service, described as a variation on Vespers, at 4.00 pm. There will be street theatre and other things along the route. We won't be holding an evening service in Hagley on 14 September to enable us to go.

Back to Church Sunday - 28 September

This is a national initiative which Worcester Diocese is taking part in this year for the first time, and we have decided to be in the first group of parishes in our diocese to join in. The idea is for church members to invite someone to come to church on that Sunday, who used to come to church but no longer comes — it may be someone who was a church member a long time ago, or even in a different parish, or perhaps a friend who has been thinking about coming back to church for a while. Anyone who wishes to come will be very welcome, whether personally invited or not.

SEPTEMBER SERVICES

Date	8.00 am	9.30 am	10.30 am	6.30 pm
7 September Trinity 16		Morning Praise St Saviour's	Holy Communion St John's	Evening Prayer St John's
14 September Holy Cross Day/ Youth Weekend	Holy Communion St John's		Morning Prayer St John's Holy Communion St Saviour's	Pilgrimage to Worcester Cathedral 3.15 pm onwards
21 September St Matthew	Holy Communion St Saviour's		Parish Family Communion/ Baptism St John's	Evening Prayer St John's
28 September Back to Church Sunday	Holy Communion St John's		"Back to Church" Parish Communion St Saviour's	Evening Prayer St John's

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7th

am Rev Riki Twigg *
pm Rev Paul Harris

14th

am Sunday School Prize Service

pm Rev Ernest Cruchley

21st

am Rev George Graham pm Rev George Graham *

28th

HARVEST FESTIVAL am & pm Rev David Tennant

* Includes Holy Communion

SUNDAY SCHOOL MEETS EVERY SUNDAY AT 10.15 a.m. ALL CHILDREN AND YOUNG TEENAGERS WELCOME

Times of Sunday Services 10:30 a.m. and 6:00 p.m.

Church Prayer Topic for the Month

Remember our schools and students. All who have a part to play in the education of our children and young people - teachers, support staff, parents and grandparents.

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SEPTEMBER MEETINGS IN CHURCH VESTRY Tuesdays 2nd, 16th and 30th 7.30 p.m. to 8.30 p.m.

LADIES' AFTERNOON FELLOWSHIP

Tuesday September 9th at 2.30 p.m. Speaker Mr Donald Moss

BIBLE STUDY GROUP

A new session will commence early in October, details next month.

CHURCH FELLOWSHIP

A new season starts on Thursday October 9th

We have a good programme coming up. Further details next month.



ENDINGS AND BEGINNINGS

There are twelve months throughout the year, from January to September but the prime month of all the year is the merry month of September when

How many readers can finish the verse learnt no doubt in their primary school years? The verse goes on to describe the time of harvest, when the toil on the land brings its reward. These days our food supplies are not so much determined by our harvests, but we are aware of the increasing concern for the world's food supply and we in this country will not be immune from this global need, as this is reflected in increasing prices. Nevertheless on 28th September we will be celebrating our harvest in the traditional way, but with our thanksgiving we will be bringing our gifts for those who are in greater need. Our harvest services will be conducted by Rev David Tennant, and no doubt his harvest message will challenge us. Please join us for these traditional services.

September is also a time of new beginnings. Children start in new schools and go into new classes as a new academic year commences, hence the focus of our Prayer Topic for this month. It will also be a time of new beginnings in the life of the Free Church. Further details over the next months.

Books of the Bible in the Holiday Puzzle last month...... Amos, Mark, Luke John, Joel, Judges, Job, Hebrews, Ester, Acts, James, Ruth, Romans, Titus, Matthew, Genesis, Philemon, Chronicles, Daniel, Nahum, Hosea, Lamentations, Revelation, Timothy, Samuel, Numbers, Malachi, Peter, Exodus, Kings.

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MONDAY 1

Playgroup

Mondays to Fridays (not Thursdays) Community Centre 9.00 a.m. - 12.15 p.m.

Parish Council

Community Centre 7.00 p.m.

TUESDAY 2

Senior Citizens' Club

Free Church Hall 2.30 p.m.

Historical & Field Society

St. Saviour's Hall 8.00 p.m. 'The Spirit of Triumph"

FRIDAY 5

Country Market

Community Centre 8.45 - 11.00 a.m.

Chess Club

Free Church Hall 7.00 p.m.

Art Club

St. Saviour's Hall 7.30 p.m. "Appraisal of Members' Work"

MONDAY 8

Afternoon W.I.

Community Centre 2.00 p.m.

"Illustrated talk"

TUESDAY 9

Hagley Wives & Women's Fellowship

St. Saviour's Church 8.00 p.m.

"Opening Service"

WEDNESDAY 10

Book Club

48 Kidderminster Road 8.00 p.m.

"Holiday Reading"

THURSDAY 11

Clent Hills Singers

Free Church 7.30 p.m.

FRIDAY 12

Country Market

Community Centre 8.45 - 11.00 a.m.

Chess Club

Free Church Hall 7.00 p.m.

MONDAY 15

Parish Council

Community Centre 7.00 p.m.

TUESDAY 16

Senior Citizens' Club

Free Church Hall 2.30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY 17

Evening W.I.

Free Church Hall 7.30 p.m.

Members' Meeting

THURSDAY 18

Clent Hills Singers

Free Church 7.30 p.m.

FRIDAY 19

Country Market

Community Centre 8.45 - 11.00 a.m.

Chess Club

Free Church Hall 7.00 p.m.

WEDNESDAY 24

Hagley Community Association

Community Centre 7.30 p.m.

A.G.M.

Gardeners' Club

St. Saviour's Hall 8.00 p.m.

"The Popes, Nurseryman of the Midlands"

THURSDAY 25

Ladies Probus Club

The Granary, Shenstone 12 noon.

"Japan! A Welcome Surprise!"

Clent Hills Singers

Free Church 7.30 p.m.

FRIDAY 26

Country Market

Community Centre 8.45 - 11.00 a.m.

Chess Club

Free Church Hall 7.00 p.m.

MONDAY 29

Flower Arrangement Society

Community Centre 7.30 p.m.

A.G.M.

TUESDAY 30

Senior Citizens' Club

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