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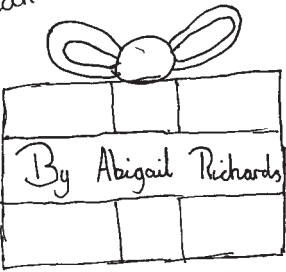
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By Abigail Richards

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EDITORIAL

December already! I hope you have had a good year and are looking forward to the Christmas holidays. Perhaps we might all have to spend a little less money this year, but a lot more time, with each other and joining the many and various events on in the village and around.

Thank you to all the societies that support the Village News and Community Association all year, the distributors of the News and Janet Richards, who will be handing over the distribution round after Christmas.

P.S. I understand from a secret source that Santa will be in the village in the first week of December and no doubt he'll be making his list! Do watch and listen out for him!

*Anna Morley,
Editor*

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The Office will close at 12 o'clock on Tuesday, 23 December, and will reopen on Friday, 2 January 2009.

If you have appointments early in January and need our help, please try to phone us before we close for the Christmas break.

Best wishes for Christmas and the New Year to all our clients.

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12 noon Wednesday 31st December

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Friday 2nd January 8.30 a.m.

During the holiday period we will be covered by the Emergency Out of Hours Service at the primary care centre Kidderminster Hospital

DEAR EDITOR

– Thank you for your kind words in the Village News following my resignation from HCA at the AGM and I really appreciated the presentation. I was asked to join HCA in the early 1990s when Betty and John Luxton, Alan Pritchard, Robin Hemmings and dear Rhoda Warren, your predecessor, and others were trying to keep the HCA functional as I think they were in a bit of a crisis at the time.... (We have had many since!!)

I always believed that the HCA played a pivotal role in Hagley and occasionally the village took their efforts and good works for granted. The HCA and particularly the Village News which is of course the local media, both really do link all the various organisations together with no better example than the Summer Fete.

It has been a pleasure and privilege to work (I was honoured to be chair on 2 occasions) with the HCA and my hope is that more local people will offer to join and support the work done for the whole community. It is so important for all residents whatever their age.

Can I wish the HCA and whole community well for the future and a Happy Christmas to all?

Anthony Homer MBE

– As part of the celebrations for the Centenary of St. Saviour's Church, a new book is being published which celebrates the beginnings of St. Saviour's, and the subsequent history of our church community in Hagley over the past hundred years.

It is based on information from the parish records and the memories and photographs kindly supplied by very many people. It will be a tribute to those, both past and present, who have devoted their time and efforts to the life of the parish of St. John the Baptist with St. Saviour. However it will hopefully be of interest to all Hagley residents whether associated with the church or not.

The book is entitled "A Century of Parish life" and will be lavishly illustrated with black and white photographs, and eight pages of colour. It will be on sale for £5.95. For more information, please contact me on 888404 or Jackysmith46@talktalk.net

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HAGLEY TRAFFIC SURVEY

PACT meeting update

Residents expressed a concern over speeding traffic and congestion. Actions were agreed with the Camera Safety Partnership taking the lead to discuss concerns with County Highways, and the key findings are summarised below.

Worcester Road junction of car park and bus stop

- Traffic averaged 74,000 vehicles per week in each direction; over 10,000 a day.
- Less than 3% were exceeding the speed limit.
- Northbound average speed was 27.8 mph and 30.2 mph for southbound
- Speeding mostly occurred in the evening and overnight.
- Nonetheless, several vehicles were measured at over 40 mph, over 50 mph and a few in excess of 56 mph.

Worcester Road in the vicinity of No.47

- Over 210,000 northeast bound vehicles and 200,000 southeast bound vehicles per week.
- Around 21% of vehicles were shown to be exceeding the speed limit.
- Average speeds were 35.4 mph northeast bound and 35 mph southwest bound.

Kidderminster Road near traffic island

- Weekly traffic flow was 162,000 vehicles in each direction.
- The average speed was 45.7 mph northeast bound and 42.6mph southwest bound

Following the initial finds of the survey Hagley Parish Council submitted proposals for speed control. No response has been received but we will use the PACT meetings to raise the concerns again.

Steve Colella - Hagley District Councillor

Your Hospitals Need You!

Hagley residents are invited to play an active role in shaping plans for the future of hospital services across Worcestershire.

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A key part of the Trust's FT bid is a recruitment drive to encourage local people to sign up as Members.

Membership is free and open to anyone aged 16 or over living in Worcestershire. Members can simply ask to be kept up to date with key developments at the Trust or they may wish to be more actively involved, by taking part in workshops or focus groups.

The FT will have a new body called the Council of Governors, working with the Trust Board to set a strategic direction and provide a voice for local people, as well as appointing the Trust's Chairman and Non-Executive Director. The majority of governors will be Public Governors, drawn from and appointed by Public Members.

Members of the Trust team welcome opportunities to speak to local groups and organisations – if you would like to invite someone to your group, please get in touch.

You can find out more about our FT application via the website www.worcsacute.nhs.uk (click the Foundation Trust link).

You can also contact our FT Membership office by email at ftmembershipoffice@worcsacute.nhs.uk or freephone 0800 783 0335.

Christmas 2008 Recycling & Refuse Collection Dates

See below for collection days for your Grey Bins and Recycling Boxes over the Christmas period.

IMPORTANT!

- On weeks starting 15th, 22nd & 29th December your Grey bin will be collected each week.
- Your Recycling collections will continue on alternating weeks as normal

There will be no refuse or recycling collections on the 25th and 26th December and the 1st January. Therefore collections for the weeks of Monday 22nd December to Friday 2nd January will be a few days behind as shown on the table below.

Normal collection day	Revised collection day
Tuesday 23rd Dec	Tuesday 23rd Dec
Wednesday 24th Dec	Wednesday 24th Dec
Thursday 25th Dec	Saturday 27th Dec
Friday 26th Dec	Monday 29th Dec
Tuesday 30th Dec	Tuesday 30th Dec
Wednesday 31st Dec	Wednesday 31st Dec
Thursday 1st Jan	Friday 2nd Jan
Friday 2nd Jan	Saturday 3rd Jan



Remember the green bin collections will stop at the end of November. To apply for 2009 collections see your new collection calendar or visit us online at www.bromsgrove.gov.uk.



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PLANNING

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

B/2008/0799 – 49 Brimingham Road. Adding a first floor bedroom extension at the end of the house. **No objection, we recommend that this should not need to be set down**

B/2008/0813 – Chandos Lodge, 77 Stourbridge Road. Conservatory on existing patio. **No objection.**

B/2008/0868 – 187 Worcester Road – Conservatory to rear. No objection

CHRISTMAS 2008

This year we have replaced some of the broken Christmas lights and added more colour to the Christmas tree. Hagley should be bright and cheerful and welcoming throughout the festive season.

The Christmas Window Competition will be taking place once again, and only those shops or businesses which have accepted the invitation to take part will be judged by the Parish Councillors. Thank you to all those who add to the festive spirit with their displays.

Hagley Parish Council wishes all of you a very happy and peaceful Christmas and best wishes for the coming year.

Please see the Notice Board for the Parish Office Opening hours throughout the Christmas holiday.

Catherine Humphries
Clerk the the Council

HAGLEY RAMBLER SCOUTS CHRISTMAS POST

The Hagley Scouts, Cubs and Beavers will be delivering Christmas post, kindly supported once again by Walton and Kipkiss. Proceeds from this traditional service will contribute to the upkeep of the Scout Hut.

The service covers all Hagley addresses and is a very convenient way of delivering those local cards that you can't quite justify posting but haven't got the time to deliver by hand. The Hagley Rambler Scout stamp costs just 12p and will be on sale from Walton and Hipkiss or Cavendish Cleaners where you will also find our special post boxes. Please address your cards carefully.

Both boxes and stamps will be available from Monday 1st December and the final collections will be made from all boxes on Saturday 20th December at 12 noon. All the collection and sorting is done by a team of parents and the Beavers, Cubs and Scouts will then help with the deliveries between 20th December and Christmas eve.





ROTARY CLUB

We've had some good speakers over the past few weeks. Malcolm Rankin updated us on the activities of the Farmers Overseas Action Group (FOAG). He described some of the excellent advisory projects which some kind Worcestershire farmers carry out in Uganda. This is our main charity for work overseas and we presented him with a cheque for £1,000. Alistair Fuller talked about Kemp Hospice in Kidderminster and Keith Hanson spoke about his trip to Bruges and Ypres. Last year's President Derry Millington talked about web site development, and we discussed how we could improve our own club's web site.

Several of us visited the Morgan sports car factory and most of our members, with our wives, went to the Malvern Theatre to see Noises Off.

We look forward to our Christmas party at the Stone Manor Hotel on 15th December. On the two Saturdays, 13th and 20th December, we will be out "shaking the cans" in Hagley village, backed up by the Guides who will be singing carols. We rely very much on your generous donations which will be given to our chosen local charities.

We would like to take this opportunity of wishing everyone in the Hagley area a very Happy Christmas and a peaceful New Year.

David Dewhirst



TREFOIL GUILD

Our Spanish Evening in October not only introduced us to some new members but also to paella. The trusty "Good Housekeeping" book provided the recipe for "this famous Spanish dish". It suggests the ingredients can include chicken, lobster, shellfish of various kinds, peppers and rice. It concludes "Paella is rather elaborate and somewhat expensive to prepare in this country but makes an attractive tasty dish". It really was delicious and our thanks go to Kate for all the trouble she took; making for a real Spanish evening. Perhaps next year we'll choose Scotland - porridge and oat-cakes. Only joking! Scotland is also the home of salmon and whisky to name but two ingredients for a splendid evening. We meet in December on the 11th for our Christmas Party 7.30 p.m for 8 o'clock at 28 South Road. Which brings us neatly to "Happy Christmas and a prosperous New Year to the Editor and all her helpers, of the Hagley Village News". This wish comes with 'Many Thanks' too.

Elizabeth Gingell

HCA

On behalf of Hagley Community Association, I wish everyone a peaceful and joyful Christmas and a happy start to the New Year. A special 'Thank you' to all the distributors of the Village News – it couldn't be done without you – I hope you can join Janet and myself for mulled wine and mince pies on Saturday 13th December 10.30 a.m. – 12 in the Community Centre.

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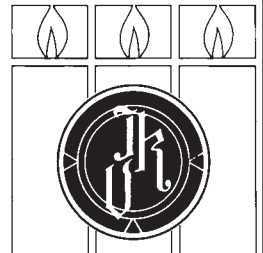


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At the Society's recent AGM, the Secretary, Alan Atkinson, reported on the past year. Membership had risen, there had been a full programme of meetings arranged by Joan Barwick, rambles organised by Don Freeth and outings arranged by Ella Turner. Tom Pagett had kept the Research group busy and Margaret Rorison had arranged the social events. The Treasurer, Roger Vingoe, expressed his concern at rising costs but was pleased to partially offset this by increased membership and the meetings organiser's success in reducing speakers' costs. The committee recommended a small increase in membership fee.

Chairman, Joan Ryder thanked the committee and members for their support as she stood down from her role. In the election of officers and committee members that followed, Ray Porter took over as chairman and Jean Atkinson as outings secretary.

Following refreshments, Irene Oliver delivered a talk entitled 'Three Hagley Houses'. In an authoritative and fascinating presentation, Irene used maps and photographs to good effect as she explained some of the history of 50 Hall Lane, Rockingham Hall and Hagley House. Sadly, time passed all too quickly and the audience was left wishing to know so much more about these old houses in the village.

The meeting on 4th November was addressed by Graham Sutherland, speaking on the Golden Age of Coaching. Meetings take place on the first Tuesday of each month 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

A Very Happy Christmas to Everyone

We enjoyed many surprises at the talk given by Robin Pearce on 'Crazy Daisies' showing us many unexpected plants that are part of the daisy family Achilleas, Eupatoriums and Solidagos. Excellent slides tempting one to rush out and spend, spend and spend.

No meeting in December but we look forward to seeing you all at the Annual Social on January 28th. If you haven't already purchased your ticket they will be available at the December meeting.

February 25th will be our AGM followed by John Robinson giving a talk on 'Natural History of the Wyre Forest'.

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AFTERNOON W.I.



The speaker at the October meeting should have been Joyce Coley but she was unable to attend due to ill-health. Her subject was to be "Who put Bella in the Wyche Elm". The decision was made that two members, Irene Oliver and Joan Wilcox, should give a feeling of the talk by reading from her book. This was much enjoyed but left members wanting to hear more of this fascinating subject. Thanks go to Irene and Joan for whetting appetites with their readings.

A full programme in the run-up to Christmas includes a trip to Bath, Lunch with Speaker at the Hundred House Hotel, Christmas Lunch Without the Labour and a Service of Celebration for the 90th Anniversary of the Worcestershire Federation at Worcester Cathedral. There is much to be enjoyed and plans are already in hand for activities in the early part of 2009.

Meetings are on the 2nd Monday of each month, 2 p.m. at Hagley Community Centre. Visitors and prospective members are always most welcome. Please come to a meeting or contact the undersigned for further information.

Megan Bury

EVENING W.I.

There is much for our members to look forward to in the weeks leading up to our Christmas meeting on 10th December, including a Festival Lunch at Little Witley; the 90th Anniversary Commemoration Service in Worcester Cathedral; and two Carol Services - Group on the 1st December and Federation on the 5th. Other events we have taken part in have been the Half Yearly Council Meeting, shopping trip to Bath, and a visit to the Houses of Parliament - all plus our monthly lunch outings to various venues. Never a dull moment in W.I.!

PLEASE NOTE that our December Meeting is one week earlier than our usual monthly date, and will take the form of a hot meal, and entertainment provided by Bryn Evans.

For further details of any of the above events please contact Hagley 882875 or 720219. You will be more than welcome to join us at any time.

Joan Ellis

LADIES' PROBUS CLUB

There is no meeting in December but meetings will resume as usual at The Granary, Shenstone, 12 noon for 12.30 p.m. on 22nd January 2009 which will be our Winter Celebration. On this occasion our Speaker will be Mrs Frances Bloor talking about "Helpline in Hagley". If you would like to join us and need more information about Ladies Probuss please 'phone me on 885226.

Win Long

ART CLUB



We are not having a December supper evening as in previous years. On Friday evening 12 December we have a return visit of Professor Anthony Slinn who will give an illustrated presentation on Post Impressionists. Many members will recall the visits made by Mr Slinn and this event will be equally interesting. The evening is at the usual time of 7.30 p.m. in St. Saviour's Church Hall, Hagley.

Owing to the closing Press date it is not possible to report on the 19th Annual Exhibition held in November in this issue. Comments will be made in the next issue of the *Village News*.

The first meeting in 2009 will be Landscape in Watercolour given by Robin Holder. This will be on Friday evening January 9th, same venue. In January the Club will be marking the commencement of our 20th year; Hagley Art Club was established January 1989 and a number of ideas have been proposed to celebrate the Anniversary.

Alan Pritchard

HAGLEY WIVES AND WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP



Our first meeting of 2009 is on January 13th when we shall have an After Christmas Quiz to get our brain cells active again. This was a fun event last time so do come along and join in. 8.00 p.m. at St. Saviour's Hall.

On 27th January, Will Farmer from Fielding's Auctioneers will be coming to look at our treasures and give valuations so if you would like to look for something to bring along it will add to the evening. PLEASE NOTE WE WILL BEGIN EARLIER AT 7.30 P.M.

Looking forward to February, we have re-booked Jo-Ann Gloger to talk about the Redditch Needle Museum.

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Sunday 14th December – Advent 3 – 11.15 a.m. – Holy Eucharist in Churchill church for the United Benefice

Monday 15th December – 7.00 p.m. – Benefice Carol Service – Blakedown Church

Sunday 21st December – Advent 4 – 9.00 a.m. – Holy Eucharist (traditional)

Wednesday 24th December – Christmas Eve – 10.00 a.m. – Holy Eucharist

Thursday 25th December – CHRISTMAS DAY – 9.00 a.m. – Holy Eucharist

Sunday 28th December – Holy Innocents – 10.00 a.m. Holy Eucharist for the United Benefice – Broome Church

Please note: 24th December – CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE LATE NIGHT SERVICE – 11.30 p.m. – MIDNIGHT MASS – Blakedown church.

It is also hoped that a Midnight Mass will be held in Broome church. Please check with Fr Paul or one of the churchwardens before the day to confirm this. Thank you.

Holy Communion is also celebrated every Wednesday morning at 10.00 a.m.

From the Registers:

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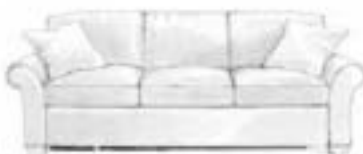
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We would like to thank everybody who came to see the show and judging by the very favourable comments we received, people enjoyed the production. Such praise made all the efforts worthwhile. This had been a joint adult and youth production and the youngsters in the group worked hard and certainly on the nights of the production were well disciplined in some tight working conditions backstage. The adults were certainly stretched too!

Our plans for the next adult production are now in focus. This will be the stage play of the hit TV comedy “‘Allo ‘Allo” to be staged on the 26th-28th March at the Community Centre. More details will follow in the next issues of the Village News and I shall be saying “this more than once”.... don’t miss it, it will be fun.

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There were opportunities in October for the students to broaden their awareness of whole world issues and to respond with generosity. A hunger lunch was organised by the Sixth Form on Cafod Harvest Day. The school held a "Columbia Awareness Day" when the children welcomed Mrs Rutie Stranack, the founder and Managing Director of Fruto del Espiritu, a Fair Trade fruit juice venture. The project is linked to combat the cocaine drugs trade in South America and to provide the people of Columbia with an alternative means of livelihood.

The Geography department took a group of students to Sicily over the half term break in order to help them to develop their knowledge and understanding.

There were also trips to local places of interest. Year Nine enjoyed a trip to the Black Country Museum while Year Seven visited Harvington Hall.

The annual Recital Evening was a huge success with students, who are preparing for their A level examinations, performing inspiring pieces which included Vivaldi's Allegro on flute and a solo of Handel's "How beautiful on the mountains are the feet."

During November various activities were organised which included a Computing Sixth Form Conference at the University of Worcester; the annual National Competition for Mathematicians; Food Awareness Training for Primary School teachers (in order to develop their skills and confidence when working with food) and a Winter Jukebox.

Pupils have begun to prepare for Christmas by producing shoeboxes for the Samaritan's Purse Operation Christmas Child campaign which ensures that suffering children across Central and Eastern Europe, Mozambique, Swaziland and Liberia receive Christmas gifts.

V. Shaw.

HAYBRIDGE HIGH SCHOOL



This term has been very busy for all students and staff. Dr Kershaw won the Regional Headteachers Award and went on to win the National Headteacher award, at The London Palladium last month.

Representatives of all tutor groups and sixth form students spent an amazing afternoon on 15th October learning about local democracy and debating current school issues in the new Council Chamber at Worcester County Council. This was a fantastic opportunity for students to discover more about how the local council system works and what exactly elected members do as well as have their say on various school issues.

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DECEMBER 2008

A Christmas Message

Christmas is a time when we usually like to pull out all the stops. We take time to send cards to virtually everyone we can think of, and we try to make this year's glitzy decorations better than the ones we put up last year. We take care to buy presents for friends and family that we think they'll really appreciate, and wrap them up lovingly and carefully in preparation for Christmas Day. We preface the day with office parties, and occasions for mulled wine and mince pies, and when the day itself arrives, it's Roast Turkey with all the trimmings – or perhaps something more exotic – and enough food and drink for an army.

Whether that represents how you keep Christmas or not, it's likely that this year many of us will be celebrating in a more modest way. The credit crunch and the financial crisis have ensured that. And if we are keeping Christmas rather more simply, maybe that's more in keeping with what we're celebrating – the birth of a baby in a stable, because there was no room in the inn, miles from home in an occupied country, with no home comforts. "What can I give him, poor as I am?" asks the popular carol. The answer "Give my heart" may be an example of Christina Rossetti's Victorian sentimentality, but it nevertheless represents a true and apt way of celebrating that carries a different kind of cost to it – and it may be worth reflecting on in these more difficult times.

Richard Newton

DECEMBER SERVICES

Date	8.00 am	9.30 am	10.30 am	6.30 pm
7 December Advent 2		Youth-led Morning Praise St Saviour's	Holy Communion St John's	Taizé Service for Advent St Saviour's
14 December Advent 3	Holy Communion St John's		Morning Prayer St John's H Communion St Saviour's	Evening Prayer St Saviour's
21 December Advent 4	Holy Communion St Saviour's		Nine Lessons and Carols St John's	Carol Service St Saviour's
24 December Christmas Eve			Crib Service St Saviour's 5.00 pm	Midnight Eucharist St John's 11.30 pm
25 December Christmas Day	Holy Communion St John's		Family Communion St Saviour's	
28 December Holy Innocents			Parish Communion St Saviour's	



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7th

am Rev David Tennant

pm Rev David Tennant *

14th

am Rev Ernest Cruchley

pm Rev Michael Spencer

21st

am Rev David Wilkinson *

pm Family Carol Service

25th Christmas Day

Family Service at 10.30 a.m.

28th

am To be announced

pm No Evening Service

* Includes Holy Communion

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

Church Prayer Topic for the Month

For those without supportive families and for those where family relationships have broken down. Christmas time can be difficult for many. Please remember them.

PRAYER AND PRAISE FELLOWSHIP

DECEMBER MEETINGS

IN CHURCH VESTRY

Tuesdays 9th and 30th December

7.30 p.m. to 8.30 p.m.

LADIES' AFTERNOON FELLOWSHIP

Tuesday 2nd at 2.30 p.m.

“Advent Service”

BIBLE STUDY GROUP

7.30 – 8.30 p.m.

“The True Gospel – Studies in
Romans”

2 Dec “The Dead End”

2¹⁻¹³ & 3⁹⁻²⁰

16 Dec “The Way of Escape”

3²¹⁻²⁶ & 3¹⁻²⁵



A Happy Christmas?

If the National Press and the pundits are to be believed Christmas 2008 will not be a happy one for many families and particularly for those in the retail trade. The financial downturn of the world's money markets is impacting on all our lives and the question is asked – “Why should the greed of some have such an impact on the innocent?” It is interesting to note that in the Church Calendar quite soon after the great celebration of the “Christ Mass” comes the feast day of Holy Innocents. Linked with Herod's fury, when he was tricked by the Magi, it stands as a reminder from age to age that we are all part of humanity and our actions impact on others for good and evil.

Whatever your circumstances may this still be a happy Christmas as together we seek to support one another in the problems faced as we look towards a New Year.

Thursday Fellowship

Our concert, “Harmony in Autumn” given by “Vocal Score” on 1 Nov was a great success. Over £600 was raised to be divided between Mary Stevens Hospice and Acorn Trust. Many thanks to the organisers and singers (who declined a fee) and to those who supported us.

Dec 4 is the date of our Christmas party and the end of the first half of our session. We meet again on 8 January, our speaker is Mr Ian Ring, subject “The Community for Reconciliation”.

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Parish Council

Community Centre 7.00p.m.

TUESDAY 2

Historical & Field Society

Christmas Social
St. Saviour's Hall 8.00p.m.

THURSDAY 4

Clent Hills Singers

Free Church 7.30p.m.

FRIDAY 5

Country Market

Community Centre 8.45 – 11.00a.m.

Chess Club

Free Church Hall 7.00p.m.

MONDAY 8

Stourbridge Speakers Club

Talbot Hotel, High Street, Stourbridge,
7.45p.m.

Club Speaking Contest

Afternoon W.I.

Community Centre 2.00p.m.

Christmas Party

TUESDAY 9

Senior Citizens' Club

Free Church Hall 2.30p.m.

Hagley Wives & Women's Fellowship

St. Saviour's Hall 8.00p.m.

Christmas Service & Supper

WEDNESDAY 10

Evening W.I.

Free Church Hall 7.30p.m.
Christmas Party

THURSDAY 11

Clent Hills Singers

Free Church 7.30p.m.

FRIDAY 12

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.

Christmas Social

SATURDAY 13

Clent Hills Singers

'Christmas Fantasy'

St. Saviour's 7.30p.m.

MONDAY 15

Parish Council

Community Centre 7.00p.m.

FRIDAY 19

Country Market

Community Centre 8.45 – 11.00a.m.

Chess Club

Free Church Hall 7.00p.m.

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