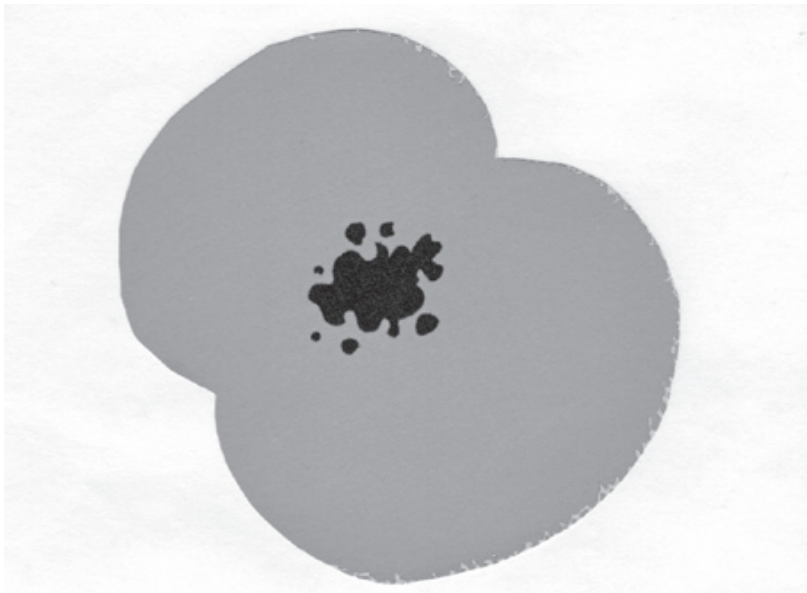




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EDITORIAL

This month we celebrate Remembrance Sunday and the details can be found on the Church pages and page 7.

We also have the Rambler Scouts bonfire with fireworks on 6th and Art Club's Annual Exhibition 19th – 21st; see page 18.

A special 'thank you' to Stephen Roberts for the very interesting pieces on Victorian Hagley we have been able to print over the last few months; I know a lot of research goes into these pieces.

Anna Morley, Editor

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HAGLEY RAMBLER SCOUTS CHRISTMAS POST

The Hagley Scouts, Cubs and Beavers will be delivering the Christmas post again this year, kindly supported once again by Walton and Hipkiss. Proceeds from this traditional service will contribute to the ongoing 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. Please address your cards carefully to make the job as easy as possible for our post people. The Hagley Rambler Scout stamps will cost 15p and will be on sale from Walton and Hipkiss or Cavendish Cleaners where you will also find our special post boxes.

Both boxes and stamps will be available from Monday 29th November and the final collections will be made from all boxes on Saturday 18th December at 1pm. All the collections and sorting is done by a team of parents and the Beavers, Cubs and Scouts will then help with the deliveries between 19th December and Christmas Eve.

Thank You

Christine Reaney and family would like to thank friends and neighbours for the cards, letters and messages of sympathy following Bill's death on 31st August.

We would also like to thank all who attended the service at Stourbridge Crematorium. The support and kindness received has been wonderful.

Our thanks also go to the staff at Hagley Medical Practice, Dr. Richards and the District Nurses for the help we received during this difficult time.

The Royal British Legion *Blakedown and Hagley Branch*

The Annual Remembrance Service on Sunday November 14th 2010
will this year be in Hagley.

We shall have a short ceremony of the Act of Remembrance and Wreath laying at the War Memorial at 9:45a.m. The main body of ROYAL BRITISH LEGION MEMBERS, SCOUTS, CUBS, GUIDES, BROWNIES, COUNCILLORS AND POPPY COLLECTORS AND ANYONE WHO WOULD LIKE TO JOIN THE PARADE will meet at Hagley Hall Mews car park at 10 a.m. after which we will march to ST. JOHN'S CHURCH for the Service at 10:30a.m.

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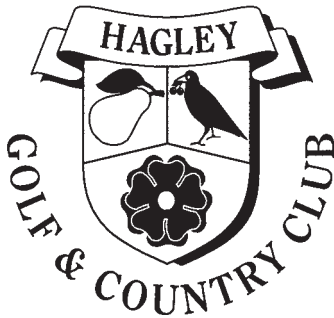
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I write in support of S. Hinton's letter, July edition, related to ongoing inappropriate development in Hagley. I live close to the proposed major office development at Hagley Hall; a planning application for an office development of nearly 40, 000 square feet (enough space to accommodate 400 office staff). The proposed site is the field adjacent to the Scout Hut. This is a Green Belt site which should not, therefore, be developed. Green Belt policy is not designed for aesthetic purposes; it is designed to protect villages like Hagley from being engulfed by urban sprawl.

As local residents we have employed planning consultants to represent our views. The development has been marketed as a project to generate funds for the Hall. Our calculations and those of our planning consultants have raised serious concerns over the financial viability of the project. The consultant's full report is available for viewing at Hagley Library.

Hagley does not require more housing and, judging by current vacant office space in both West Hagley and Hagley Hall Mews, there is no demand or requirement for more office space.

Selling off and developing land, in and around Hagley has, for too long, been a quick, easy and unimaginative way to make money quickly and usually to the detriment of the local environment and residents. It's time residents made a stand to protect our village and it's time Bromsgrove DC started making some strong, sound planning decisions.

Kind regards
C Docker

Hagley Village Show

The show this year on the 4th September saw a wonderful display of competing exhibits, in all classes. Cookery, particularly bread, preserves and handicrafts were tightly contested with increased entries. Despite a bad July and August, fruit and vegetables put on a good show. Flowers and plants provided a field of colour and a wonderful scent. The flower arrangements were truly beautiful.

The tea room, selling teas and homemade cakes was, as always, a busy attraction of the show, providing an opportunity to discuss the exhibits or simply an excuse to have a chat with friends.

Stalls selling cakes, preserves, plants and books did a roaring trade to the satisfaction of all our visitors. At the tombola, all the generously donated prizes were won by lucky ticket holders in a complete sell-out. A fine day was had by one and all.

The committee would like to thank all the exhibitors, visitors and Hagley businesses, who, as in previous years, support the show, and the invaluable help on the day by the hardworking volunteers. All contributed to the show's success and continuity.

Whilst there is obviously a competitive element, and the desire to be the recipient of a Red Show Card, it is also a bit of fun.

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John Oakes, Chairman
Village Show Committee

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Planning

In September the council looked at the following applications:

1.10/0743 Wassell Grove Fisheries. Proposed erection of new manager accommodation.

Object, not necessary. This would be a house in the green belt.

2. 10/0739 46 The Crescent. Ground floor rear extension and loft conversion. **Object; this is totally out of keeping in this area of distinctive character (Hagley Parish Plan 2005).**

3. 10/0823 40 Middlefield Lane. Proposed rear extension, entrance canopy and internal alterations. **No objection.**

4. 10/0831 28 Church Street. New pitched roof to replace existing flat roof to incorporate new third bedroom.

Object, not enough information available to make a decision.

5. 10/0626. 21 Station Road. Change of use from formerly a hairdresser to a children's nursery (A1 to D1). **No objection, subject to condition that children should not be dropped off or picked up in the street.**

We were also notified that:

10/0577 The renewal of outline planning permission for dwellings at the rear of 3-21 Woodland Avenue was withdrawn, and the application for outline planning permission (10/0378) for 39 dwellings in Brook Crescent was refused. Thank you to all the residents who made representations on this one.

The Christmas tree and lights will decorate the village as usual next month. Please look out for the other events around the village.

Catherine Humphries, Clerk to the Council

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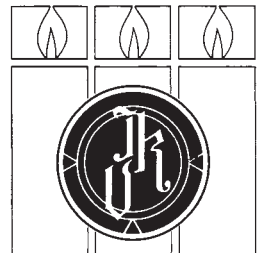
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CLENT PARISH COUNCIL



PLANNING MATTERS

District Council Decisions

10/0378 – Residential development of 38 dwellings – Land at Brook

Crescent, Hagley – **Refused**

10/0621 – Meadowcroft, Bromsgrove Road - Land adjacent to

Meadowcroft proposed 4 bedroom detached dwelling – **Refused**

Planning Applications for Parish Council Comments

10/0693 – Holly Cottage, Odnall Lane, Clent – Replacement of existing garage with single storey side extension to stables – **Comments submitted**

10/0866 – Wild Acres, Pool Furlong – Two storey side extension – **No objections**

Planning Appeals None

Planning Appeal Decisions None

CENTENARY FIELD

Solicitors for the Parish Council and Clent Cricket Club are now in correspondence with regards to letters received from the Cricket Club in connection with the Lease.

The Cricket Club have purchased a new roller which is to be stored off-site to be used on the pitch.

Concern for the amounts of dog faeces on the cricket pitch/playing fields was expressed by many Councillors. It was discussed whether Parish Councillors should patrol the playing fields and approach any irresponsible dog owners.

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Ruth Mullett, Clerk, Clent Parish Council

Policing in Hagley

We held another PACT meeting in September, again the numbers attending were low but the previous priorities, anti social behaviour involving litter and graffiti in the park at weekends, and parking in the disabled bay, bus stop and on the zig-zags were discussed. The Parish Council reported the placing of new litter bins in the park and the appointment of a new litter picker. We reported that we had carried out joint operations with British Transport Police and Network Rail around the park and railway station and the Traffic Warden had been visiting to address the parking issues. We will continue to work closely with our partners to address these issues but they will no longer be priorities. Two new priorities were adopted which were the repair of lighting in the park and the repair of the road surface in Middlefield Lane.

PC Chris Lord, Local Policing Officer, Hagley and Rural Local Policing Team

HISTORICAL & FIELD SOCIETY

Despite there being no meeting in August, the Society remained active with a day out on the Severn Valley Railway, taking in Sunday Lunch and a guided tour of the Engine House at Highley. We were blessed with fine weather and all had a most enjoyable day. Several Society members have also been involved in guiding visitors around Hagley Park when this has been opened to the Public.

Andy Cameron from Avoncroft Museum addressed our September meeting with an engaging account of how the museum started and what is currently happening. We learned a little of the 27 buildings on the 15 acre site and looked in some detail at those with timber frames and, in particular, at the recovery of the Cholstrey Barn from Warwickshire. The illustrated presentation was punctuated by some exciting demonstrations of how wooden frame buildings were constructed. Andy's lively and in-depth commentary ended all too soon but members were left anticipating the planned conducted tour of the museum in April next year.

On 2nd November Keith Cattell will talk on 'Our Victorian Architectural Heritage' and on 17th November there is a trip to Bantock House, followed by either the Molineux Hotel or Park Brewery in Wolverhampton. The December meeting is on the 7th of the month and is 'A 1940s Christmas', presented by Discover History. All will find a warm welcome at the meetings in St. Saviour's Church Hall at 8pm and on the various outings and rambles.

Alan Atkinson

VICTORIAN HAGLEY

Stephen Roberts, who is Head of History & Law at Hagley Catholic High School, is fascinated by the Victorians. Here he offers us a glimpse into a very popular way of spending an evening in the nineteenth century ...

What happened at a Victorian soiree?

For the well-to-do of Victorian Hagley an invitation to a soiree was a great event. Most evenings were spent quietly at home, reading, sewing or playing cards. A soiree meant a night out – an evening of socialising with neighbours, listening to music and readings and singing. Imagine the excitement in Hagley as the invitations were received for a soiree organized by Lieutenant Colonel Barrows in March 1867 ...

Barrows had gone to a great deal of trouble. The evening began and drew to a close with E. Moore playing his cornet. Short talks from two of the guests - on Her Majesty the Queen and on the merits of the Post Office Savings Bank – featured early in proceedings. Barrows' son, accompanied by a Miss Jay, provided a pianoforte duet and a Mr Beach and H. Lyttelton and E. Rolfe entertained those assembled with their versions of the popular songs 'The Swallow', 'Let me like a soldier fall' and 'Alice, where art thou?' But this was not all that the guests were able to enjoy. Samuel Lover (1797-1868) is a now long forgotten Victorian novelist. However, he was as popular as his friend Dickens during his life time – and extracts read by Captain Wolrich from one of Lover's novels would doubtless have gone down well with Barrows' guests. The evening concluded with the guests joining in the singing of 'God Save The Queen'. Sated with music and conversation, Hagley's elite climbed into their carriages and soon afterwards into their beds.

Berrow's Worcester Journal, 16 March 1867.



ROTARY CLUB



Merril Gillman has returned from Australia and given a talk on Brisbane University and her work experiences as a Social Worker in Queensland. Eight years ago we hosted and supported her for the year she was in the Stourbridge area. She now plans to stay and gain experience working in North Worcestershire.

Sue Jubb, a teacher at Hagley Primary, spoke about the Life Education Caravan. This Rotary initiative started in North Worcestershire about 10 years ago, providing a mobile exhibition which is parked in school playgrounds for a day or two. The specialist teacher, using interesting exhibits, explains the effects and dangers of taking drugs, smoking and drinking alcohol. Our club contributes around £900 each year to this important service.

Sue Hyne gave an illustrated talk about the activities of Hagley Guides. Currently there are 27 Guides aged between 10 and 16, and three Leaders. It is the Guides' Centenary Year and they are particularly busy and adventurous, camping, holding concerts and plays, district meetings, cooking, planting bulbs and trees, treasure hunts, go-karting and dragon boat racing. Our Rotary Club has donated over £3,000 during the last two years to help refurbish the building they share with Scouts and Brownies.

We look forward to our trip to Malvern Theatre and future talks on Education, Morgan Cars, Marketing and PR. If you want to find out more about Rotary, please call me on 07966 116612, then come and meet us for dinner at the Stone Manor Hotel.

David Dewhirst

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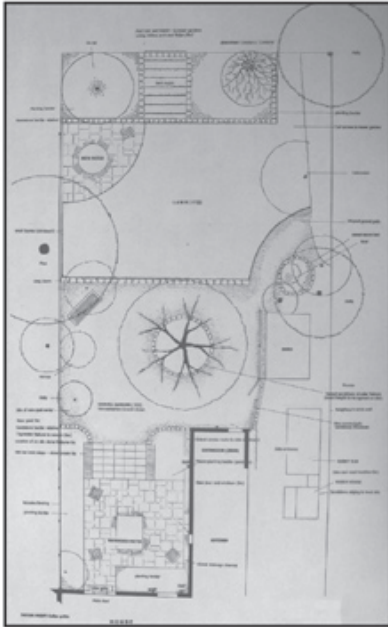
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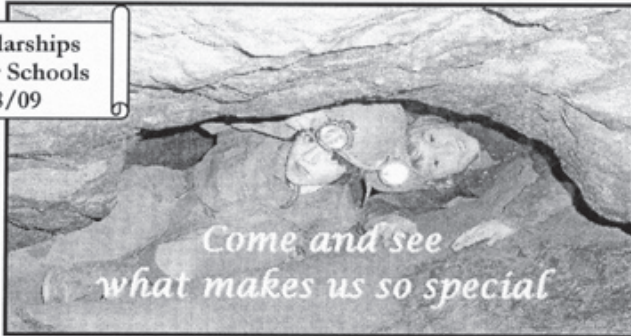
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AFTERNOON W.I.

Is 13 always unlucky? Well, maybe. At our September meeting, Megan Bury regaled us amusingly with her traumas, trials and tribulations on the 13ths during 2009! Before this we had been taken on a virtual tour of the Park at Hagley Hall by Irene Oliver. She described and illustrated the development of the Deer Park and its beautiful follies - like those at Stowe - and their stunning views.

The Book Club - stimulating - and the Craft Group - productive - continue to meet. These are friendly, relaxed and enjoyable afternoons on the 3rd and 4th Mondays respectively.

The next monthly meeting will be our Annual Meeting on Monday 8 November with the Christmas Party on Monday 13 December. Looking ahead to 2011, on Monday 11 January, Alan Peace will be telling us about Himley Hall – Past, Present and Future. All meetings are at 2 pm in the Community Centre. Do come and join us – you will be assured of a warm welcome.

Rosie Wynne

Hagley Wives and Women's Fellowship

On November 9th we have Lynne Nash coming to show us how to update our skin care and make up. Ideal preparation for the Christmas Party season.

On November 23rd Dorothy Norman will be joining us to tell us how music has influenced her life; her talk is entitled 'Music and Me'.

Then to round off 2010 we have our Carols and Christmas supper on December 14th, which is always a very enjoyable start to the Christmas season.

Our meetings are held in St Saviour's Hall at 8pm, please feel free to join us, you will be most welcome.

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September meeting was a members' evening which was a fun night held at La Brasserie, ably organised by Sharron and Janet. Thank you both. October found us back at the Free Church where the talk was 'Holiday in Nepal'. November is our A.G.M. The last Friday in the month is always our lunch day. In November we meet at the Crabmill, Oldswinford. Why not join us? A big welcome is always extended to all; phone Pauline on 01562 882875 or Liz on 700219.

Iris Holden



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CHRISTMAS CONCERT – SATURDAY 11th DECEMBER 2010
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Linda Evans (Secretary)

Flower Arrangement Society

This month's meeting will be held at the Community Centre on Monday 29th November commencing 7.30 p.m. and our demonstration will be by Janet James entitled "Just Christmas". Visitors are always welcome to join us for a very entertaining evening.

Christine Reaney



THEATRE GROUP

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Sunday 7th November - 3rd before Advent

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4pm - Parents and Children Together - Blakedown

Sunday 14th November - Remembrance Sunday

10.50am - Act of Remembrance - War Memorial - Churchill

11.15am - Benfice (combined churches) Eucharist - Churchill

Sunday 21st November - CHRIST THE KING

9am - Holy Eucharist

Sunday 28th November - ADVENT SUNDAY

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At the end of September, it seems premature to write about what we are staging at Christmas, but by the time you read this in early November it will be only a few weeks away!

“All and Sundry”, a local theatre group, stage their third pantomime at Artrix - this year it is “Jack and the Beanstalk” – from Wednesday, December 15th – Sunday, December 20th, with matinees on the Saturday and Sunday.

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Nick Taylor

ART CLUB There is no club meeting for November because of the exhibition see page 18. The December meeting will be the evening social.

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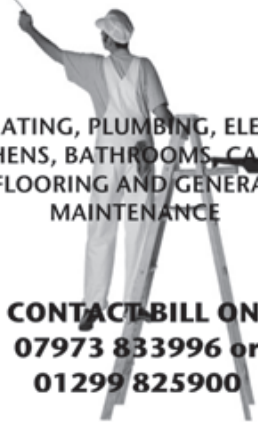


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Annual All Souls Service - Sunday 7 November

Each year, All Souls' tide gives an opportunity to remember those who have died, especially in the recent past. Everyone is warmly invited to a service at St Saviour's on Sunday 7 November at 6.30 pm to remember a loved one and to light a candle. There will be a roll of everyone we have been asked to remember – and the names of those who have died in the last year will be read out in remembrance. It's an occasion for quiet reflection and thanksgiving, as well as looking forward to the future.

The Friends of St John's Christmas Fayre - Saturday 27 November

This year's fayre will be in the Community Centre on Saturday 27 November between 11.00 am and 1.00 pm. There'll be a wide and varied selection of stalls - something to appeal to everyone - and refreshments and lunches on sale.

Advent Carol Service - Sunday 28 November, 6.30 pm, St John's

This is an atmospheric service of carols and readings by candlelight, to mark the beginning of advent.

Ex Cathedra, Carols by Candlelight – Tue 14 December, 7.30 pm

Tickets are now available for Ex Cathedra's Christmas Concert in St John's. Prices are £17, £15 and £12, from Mercian Travel, 884216.

NOVEMBER SERVICES

Date	8.00 am	9.30 am	10.30 am	6.30 pm
7 November 3 before Advent		Café church St Saviour's	Holy Communion St John's	All Souls' Service St Saviour's
14 November Remembrance Sunday	Holy Communion St John's		Remembrance at War Memorial Parade + Service St John's	Holy Communion St Saviour's
21 November Christ the King	Holy Communion St Saviour's		Parish Communion St Saviour's	HADAC Youth-led Service 6.00 pm Free Church
28 November Advent Sunday	Holy Communion St John's		Parish Communion St Saviour's	Advent Carols St John's

Hagley Country Market

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We are open every Friday morning 8.45-11.00a.m. at Hagley Community Centre.



TREFOIL GUILD

We had a very special outing in September. Organised by Liz, we visited the Mailbox in Birmingham for a tour of the B.B.C. Studios. We were invited to have a group photograph taken, sitting on the large red sofa we see on 'Midlands Today' and then on to being suitably bemused by the equipment used for the sound effects to the Ambridge broadcasts. Not to give too many secrets away, an ironing board and a kitchen sink played prominent parts! A well spent two hours and £5.50. Thank you Liz.

Our A.G.M.s are usually quite enjoyable affairs – a chance to chat and enjoy each others' company. Once the business has been concluded of course. As usual we will meet at the Free Church, the date is November 11th and the time is 7.45p.m.

Pat is making arrangements for a visit to the Symphony Hall on Saturday 20th for what sounds to be a very enjoyable concert. She has all the details.

Elizabeth Gingell

Stourbridge Speakers Club

We should never underestimate the power of the eyes as a means of communication. Alastair Campbell commented on his first meeting with Princess Diana: "There was something about her eyes that went beyond radiance. They locked onto you and were utterly mesmeric."

In one-to-one conversations we can look into the eyes of the other person much of the time. In fact, if we don't we may look shifty as though we have something to hide. But as audience size increases we need to divide our attention. Here the opposite applies. If we look onto one person, they will feel uncomfortable very quickly. The trick is to scan everyone and make brief eye contact with each before moving on. This way we involve them in what we are saying and make it more difficult for them to ignore us. If a presenter uses lots of PowerPoint slides or a speaker reads from notes, the opposite can apply, resulting in a failure to connect with the audience.

Next time you are in conversation with a group of people, try making eye contact with them all and notice how much more they will listen to what you have to say.

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Hagley Catholic High School



Representatives from the school attended the Papal Mass in Cofton Park on Sunday 19 September, and members of the choir who spent many long hours rehearsing – their hard work and dedication was rewarded with a beautiful Beatification Mass.

Several Retreats have been organised, once again, for this school year:

23 November: Harvington Hall (Yr 11), 5 – 7 January: Alton Castle (Yr 7), 17 – 19 June: The Briars (Yr 8 & 9), 21 – 24 June: Soli House (Yr 12) and 6 – 8 July: Savio House (Yr 10).

All Yr 7 pupils will undertake a tour of Harvington Hall this half term to understand the experiences of St Nicholas Owen, our patron Saint.

We are planning to undertake a once-in-a-lifetime pilgrimage to the Holy Land, in April 2011, open to all Sixth Form students and their parents.

The Halas House Disco will be held in April 2011. We are able to offer our guests, who have serious learning disabilities, opportunities to enjoy experiences funded by our Arts Specialism. This Autumn we have a music evening run by Drumlove and in the Spring we will have an Art Evening.

KS3 will have the opportunity to experience a performance/workshop by a signed artist/band. Last year we were visited by Eliza Doolittle and The Wanted and both are currently at the top of the charts.

Sporting achievements - the U16 Girls won their Netball League Play-Off against Ellowes Hall. They are unbeaten in any league match since Year 7. The U13 Girls played tennis against Sutton Grammar School and won 7-6. The Boys U13 Tennis team played against Alcester Grammar School and won 10-2.

V. Greer-Spencer

Haybridge High School and Sixth Form

Our new Year 7 and Year 12 students have settled into their studies. Year 7 students started their year by building new friendships and working together at Blackwell Court and Sixth Form students started with a busy Induction Day featuring a carousel of information outlining how they can enrich their experience through volunteering in the community.

Sixth Form students this year will lead the school Charity which will go towards our whole school charity “Build A School for Africa”. We will also continue to support local charities. Already the school is working on ‘making a difference’ with Year 13 students reporting back on their 5 day trip to Geneva.

Lord Cobham offered Haybridge students the opportunity to put together a time capsule to include an item pertinent to our time, the best one will be incorporated into the Obelisk renovation.

Fundraising across the school is underway to support MacMillan Nursing and Jeans for Genes Day. Students joined in the celebrations for the ‘International Day of the Elderly’ with our elderly neighbours by serving lunches, making tea, eating cakes and singing until they could sing no more. An excellent start to the new academic year.

In our October report we inadvertently incorrectly listed the students who had achieved ten or more GCSE passes at A*. The names should have read as follows:

Caroline Hazel, Emma James, Phoebe Facer, Beth Hackett, Laura James, Holly Kirton and Georgia Oakley. Sincere apologies for this error on our part.

Hagley Primary School

We returned to school after the summer holidays to exciting new accommodation at Hagley Primary School. The office suite and meeting rooms are now occupied by staff and we look forward to the new Children's Centre opening before half term. The Children's Centre will be working, not just in Hagley, but throughout the North West of Worcestershire with parents and their children (aged 0-5). The Children's Centre is to be managed by the charity "Action for Children".



Other improvements in our accommodation include the expansion of a classroom and the construction of an outside canopy. We look forward to an opening day to celebrate these improvements. Watch this space for more information.

Finally, following the success of last year's Christmas Fayre the PTA is busy organising another one to be held on Friday 26th November starting at 6pm. All are welcome.

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21st

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THURSDAY 4th

Clent Hills Singers

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Free Church Fellowship

Free Church Hall 8.00p.m.

'Remembering the Swinging 60s'

FRIDAY 5th

Country Markets

Community Centre 8.45-11a.m.

Chess Club

Free Church Hall 7.00p.m.

MONDAY 8th

Parish Council

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TUESDAY 9th

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Evening W.I.

Free Church Hall 7.30p.m.

Annual Meeting

THURSDAY 18th

Clent Hills Singers

Free Church 7.30p.m.

Free Church Fellowship

Free Church Hall 8.00p.m.

'English Curiosities'

FRIDAY 19th

Country Markets

Community Centre 8.45-11a.m.

Art Exhibition

Community Centre 7.00-

9.00p.m.

Chess Club

Free Church Hall 7.00p.m.

SATURDAY 20th

Art Exhibition

Community Centre 10.00a.m.-

4.00p.m.

SUNDAY 21st

Art Exhibition

Community Centre 10.00a.m.-4.00p.m.

MONDAY 22nd

Parish Council

74A Worcester Road 7.00p.m.

TUESDAY 23rd

Senior Citizens' Club

Free Church Hall 2.30p.m.

Hagley Wives & Women's Fellowship

St. Saviour's Hall 8.00p.m.

'Dorothy Norman - Music and Me'

THURSDAY 25th

Clent Hills Singers

Free Church 7.30p.m.

Free Church Fellowship

Free Church Hall 8.00p.m.

'Criminal Ancestors'

FRIDAY 26th

Country Markets

Community Centre 8.45-11.00a.m.

Chess Club

Free Church Hall 7.00p.m.

MONDAY 29th

Stourbridge Speakers Club

Talbot Hotel, High Street,

Stourbridge 7.45p.m.

Please let me have your Programmes for entry into the Diary next year - Thank you, Editor

Dear Editor

Having noted local police's continued description of Hagley as a low crime area, I can inform residents that West Mercia Police's own website currently rates Hagley (and Rural) Policing area as 2 categories higher than that, i.e. average.

In both July and August 2010, taking year on year comparisons, all of the following categories (all current priorities of local police) have increased - total crime by 71% both months, burglary by 80% and 160%, vehicle crime by 50% and 37%, and anti-social behaviour by 27% and 18%.

I also note that West Mercia Police's own standards of service charter requires all local policing teams to provide residents with a monthly update on specific local crimes and how offenders are facing justice, including publicising arrests and convictions. I hereby invite Hagley Police to reply to my letter in this publication to inform Hagley residents how this is currently being done.

Following Her Majesty's Inspectorate Of Constabulary's recent critical report of police not taking anti-social behaviour seriously enough, and West Mercia Police being instructed that they specifically need to improve, it is somewhat bizarre that at the same time temporary Bromsgrove Police Inspector Julian Smith has informed me that Hagley Police will NOT be enforcing the night-time curfew which applies to the local playing fields in the village centre, an established area of night-time anti-social behaviour and criminal damage as many residents are fully aware of.

Peter Rowbottom

Dear Editor

In reply to the letter from Mr Rowbottom, crime figures are published on a monthly basis on our Force website under 'Crime Mapper' and show crime figures for every Council Ward. They show the actual numbers per month for three months on a rolling programme and are compared with the same period last year, any changes are shown as a % figure. Our actual figures for all the crime committed in Hagley do show an increase over the summer months from an average of 12 last year to 20 this, but we feel this is low even with a small increase in burglaries. If you compare it to Pedmore they had 42 last year and 46 this, more than double the crime. Information regarding how offenders have faced justice comes from the courts and is not yet available. However the Home Office are working on it and when it is available it will also be published through our force website. We continue to address anti social behaviour issues within the Hagley area using a variety of tactics, these are the same tactics used across the Bromsgrove district which currently show a reduction in ASB of 20% compared with this time last year. We have discussed the old Bye Law curfew with our partners the Parish Council and we will continue to use more practical up to date tactics.

P C Lord

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