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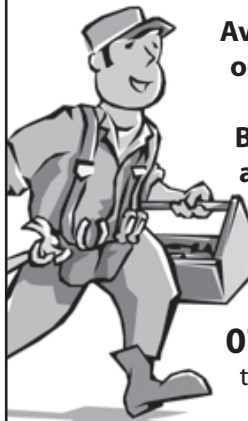


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EDITORIAL

*How strange to be writing November's Editorial during a heat wave!
Wasn't it nice while it lasted?*

*Looking forward to the Bonfire this month and the Advent Concert, plus
there are a couple of Christmas Fayres to start us off.*

*Don't forget the Art Club Exhibition later this month, the 22nd I believe,
and well worth a visit over the weekend of 18-20th.*

*We would still like to hear from anyone interested in coming to a
Community Association meeting; give me a call and come along and see.*

Anna Morley, Editor

Note: See Letter to the Editor on page 54.

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St John's Church

It is a great pleasure to report that our own St. John's Church has won the Best Kept Churchyard Competition, run by the Council for the Protection of Rural England. St. John's won the category for larger churchyards (one acre +) and was judged on the neatness of the grass cutting, freedom from weeds, variety and condition of trees and shrubs, flowers, state of the paths and disabled access, to name but a few of the criteria.

There are two visits and 20 judges in the first round; a great achievement and congratulations to those who keep the churchyard so well.

A new tree was given to St. John's and a planting ceremony was held in October.

HAGLEY SURGERY

PATIENT PARTICIPATION GROUP

It is "World Diabetes Day" on Monday, 14th November 2011, and on that day, and during the rest of the week until Saturday, members of the Patient Participation Group of the Hagley Surgery will be handing out information leaflets about the disease in Hagley Village.

HAGLEY VILLAGE SHOW

The residents of Hagley and local communities once again showed off their skills at the Village Show on the 3rd September at the Catholic High School. There was a wonderful display of competing exhibits, in all classes, eager to win one of the eight trophies or one of three awards. Handicrafts were tightly contested, with some beautiful needle skills and increased entries. Despite dry and changeable weather, 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 children's section was a delight to see, their imagination running riot with the Pirate's Treasure Map.

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.

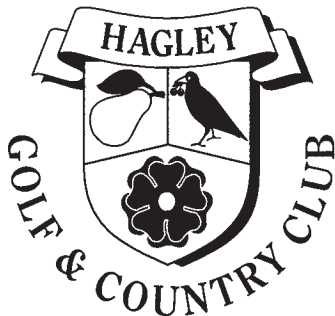
Stalls selling cakes, preserves, plants and books did a roaring trade to the satisfaction of all our visitors. At the tombola, all the generously donated prizes were won by lucky ticket holders in a near sell-out. A fine day was had by one and all.

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 a desire to be the recipient of a Red Show Card, it is also a bit of fun.

Congratulations to all class and trophy winners. Ah! Ah! Now where is that Treasure Map?

A John Oakes, Chairman, Village Show Committee



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This is still a problem throughout the village. Please be considerate of others, if you are not close to a dog waste bin, please use a bag and take the mess home with you. The District Council has been asked to enforce the dog fouling laws and we will be reporting on the action taken.

Parking Enforcement

In the near future this is expected to become the responsibility of Bromsgrove District Council working with Redditch and Wyre Forest, rather than the police. This may mean more visits to Hagley by traffic wardens who will have the power to issue fixed penalties. As a reminder, parking on Worcester Road is limited to one hour, only blue badge holders should park in disabled parking spaces or on double yellow lines where there is no obstruction, Also you should not cause any obstruction when parked. As a reminder the car park in the village is a shoppers car park only and not for all day parking or overnight parking. Victoria Passage parking is specifically for the use of the Doctors, Staff and emergency vehicles at the surgery. Irresponsible parking causing obstructions and possible delays in emergencies.

Planning

In September the council looked at five planning applications. There were no objections to 11/0646/0647 The Old Woodyard, Hall Lane; 11/0769 1 Worcester Close and 11/0780 69 Summervale Road. We objected to 11/0712 1A Middlefield Lane as the proposals were garden grabbing and not in keeping with Middlefield Lane; and 11/0742 A456 Hagley Roundabout – advertising signs, as before, because of the location/ traffic we consider the proposals inappropriate.

The appeal by Brake Mill Cottage against the refusal by BDC to permit the proposed extension has been allowed.

Further information on any planning application can be found at <http://appuview.bromsgrove.gov.uk> or if you do not have access to the internet, please contact the Parish Office.

Catherine Humphries,
Clerk to Hagley Parish Council

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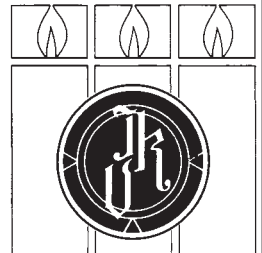


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There is a small patch of soil outside the library that is just crying out for some TLC so that the young children can plant plants and watch them grow.

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To book a computer course, or find out about anything happening in the library, please call in and see us or telephone.

Jas, Estelle, John and Jenny look forward to seeing you in Hagley Library soon.

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 Saturday 3rd December and the final collections will be made from all boxes on Tuesday 20th December at 4:30pm. 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 21st December and Christmas Eve.

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CLUB REPORTS



HAGLEY ART CLUB

ART CLUB

The Club has a busy November which differs from previous years; as well as our Annual Exhibition, we have a demonstration meeting on the previous Friday evening in St. Saviour's Church Hall, 11th November – *Landscape and Flowers in Oil* with Paul Bryant, usual time 7.30pm.

The weekend of 18-20th November is the 22nd ANNUAL EXHIBITION at Hagley Community Centre, with members' work displayed for sale with craft items. See separate notice. Mark the date in your diaries.

Looking forward to 9th December, we have our Christmas Evening with a presentation by Anthony Slim.

A Pritchard, Honorary President

HISTORICAL & FIELD SOCIETY

The Society resumed its meetings programme in September with a fascinating presentation by the National Trust's Michael Smith on the history and restoration of Croome Court. The story of Croome was about three men - the owner, Lord Coventry; the garden designer, Lancelot 'Capability' Brown and the architect and designer, Robert Adam. Two of these also had links to Hagley: Sanderson Miller, who designed Hagley Hall, was a friend of Lord Coventry and Brown worked at Lord Cobham's Stowe before he moved to Croome in order to complete his first complete estate. Unusually, Brown also designed the house but as he concentrated increasingly on the landscape, Adam was brought in to design the garden structures. Croome's more recent history proved just as interesting as its construction; after its sale in 1948 the Court was used as a school, by the Hare Krishnas and as a hotel before being bought by the Croome Heritage Trust and opened by the National Trust in 2009. Michael's enthusiasm for his subject was infectious and he concluded with a tantalising glimpse of the development of radar during the last war when much of the site became RAF Defford.

Keep up to date with the Society's programme and read about the history of Hagley at www.hhfs.org.uk.

Our next meeting on 1st November is a presentation by Robin Skerratt, entitled 'The Son of a Village Policeman in the 1940s'. Non-members are welcome at meetings at 8.00pm in St Saviour's Church Hall, on walks and on visits.

Alan Atkinson

CLUB REPORTS



HAGLEY ROTARY CLUB



We all had a good evening out seeing the musical 'Annie' at the Malvern Theatre. During the last month we've had three excellent speakers:-

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David Bicker told us about Lord Nelson and the Battle of the Nile and the preparations and successful tactics used on 1st August 1798. Superior seamanship and gunnery firepower devastated the French fleet and ruined Napoleon's expedition in Egypt. In 1806 Nelson employed similar naval tactics at the battle at Trafalgar.

Colonel Mike Smith, OBE, talked about his career in Iraq and Afghanistan. He manages the Medivac Services based in Camp Bastion. The statistics are sobering; last year they dealt with 33 soldiers who unfortunately died, and over 100 serious amputees. They have handled around 50,000 casualties, including civilians, during the last five years.

Mike explained the treatment given to the wounded including surgery at Bastion, transport back to Birmingham Hospital, followed by rehabilitation services at Headley Court. He spoke about Help for Heroes; in four years this charity has raised over £110m which is being used for the recuperation of wounded services personnel. Our President gave a cheque for £1,100 which the club has collected during the last year.

David Dewhirst

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CLUB REPORTS

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

EVENING W.I.

Holiday memories are very definitely now in the past as we go into the Autumn programme. A members' meeting in September was celebrated at The Brasserie in Kidderminster – a lovely meal made even better by being with good company. By the time you read this we will be more aware of the problems children and their families go through when a child develops cancer as we are due to have a talk in October by a representative from the Acorns Hospice.

In September we had the privilege of staging a very successful fashion show in Hagley, and our thanks go to Debut for their support and help. The funds were raised in support of the Mary Stevens Hospice. It was an event that all members able to help took great pleasure in contribution their part.

Our meetings are held on the third Wednesday of every month, at Hagley Free Church Hall. We would be delighted to welcome you to our November meeting on the 16th at 7.30pm. For more information our contact numbers are Hagley 882875 or 720219



Katey Fletcher

Flower Arrangement Society

Our November meeting is the start of Christmas! Come and watch Andrew Lloyd with his demonstration entitled "Tis Christmas". We are sure to have a festive and entertaining evening.

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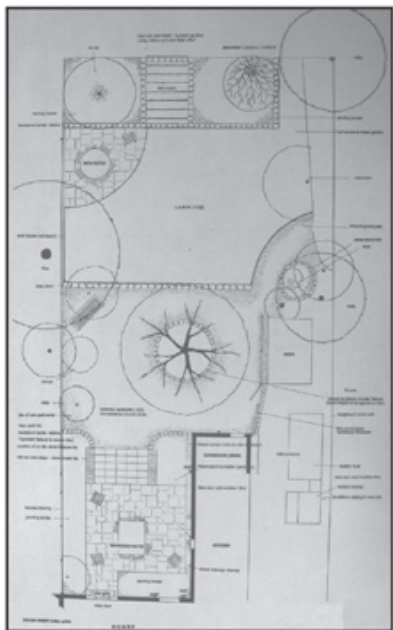
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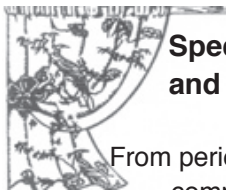
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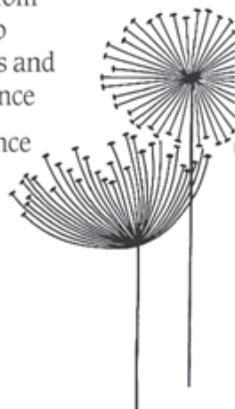
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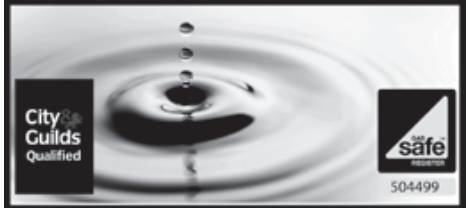
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If you have any old timber, or pallets you wish to donate please contact Dave Sheppard on 0793072553; we will also be operating a limited local collection on 4th November for those who require it. Please do not leave any timber in the field before first contacting Dave. Can I additionally ask that, no alcohol or personal fireworks (Including sparklers) be brought to the bonfire?

The Group has been very active over the Summer, with the Cubs camping at Beaudesert, the Scouts camping at Symonds Yat, and various other activities.

I would like to congratulate Emma James, Paul Howlett, Ryan Shakeshaft, Caroline Hazel, and James Richards on completing their Explorer Belt Challenge which involved a hike in Denmark of over 100 miles in 10 days with all their kit on their backs, doing a day's work with a charity whilst they were there, raising money to fund their trip, and meeting other Danish Scout Groups. I would also thank Explorer Leaders Jim Austin and John Halloran for acting as the Support team whilst the Explorer Scouts were in Denmark for their challenge. This trip would not have been possible without the sponsorship of a local business and community organisations.

Miles Shakeshaft , Group Scout Leader
Hagley Rambler Scout Group



THEATRE GROUP

I will include a review of our production of *Guys and Dolls* 5th-8th October in next month's issue of the Village News. Lynn Fox who has been a leader of Youth Section for many years has now moved away from the area to pastures new. Lynn still had time to choreograph the dance moves in *Guys and Dolls*. We are going to miss Lynn's boundless enthusiasm for our Youth Section and taking on some very big shows and performing in number of them too including a wonderful performance of *Nancy* in the musical *Oliver* in 2008. Lynn was one of the first members of the Youth Section when it began back in the early 1990s when it began to stage the now familiar annual musical. The first show was *Bugsy Malone*. Lynn's family has a huge interest in musicals and Lynn performed songs from the shows with her brother, Ian, who is a professional entertainer who recently came back to perform with the group when we staged our *West End to Broadway* show earlier this year. Lynn teaches drama and we wish her well for the future.

I will have more details in the next issue of our next adult show due to be staged in February next year. If you have any interest in taking part in drama then please give Susan Dean on 07907 457217.

Tony Forrest

Girlguiding Walton District

There is a change in the Walton District set up. We now have a team heading the District.

Every three years we elect a new District Commissioner and our present District Commissioner Diane Kennedy has come to the end of her term. Diane, alongside her full time job, family commitments and as assistant leader with 1st Hagley Brownies, has guided us through our Centenary year where Rainbows `went wild`, Brownies `took over` (Hagley Hall, no less) and Guides and Senior section managed to `get away` - there certainly was a lot of celebrating and we thank Diane for all her hard work - which we know at times has not been easy. We have decided that the job is a lot for just one person, so we have selected a team comprising Sue Hemmings, Jayne Mottershead, Gill Quinlivan and Diane Field. All have a wealth of Guiding knowledge and will ensure guiding in Walton District continues to thrive.

With our units full to bursting we do endeavour to find a place for new girls eager to have fun, the guiding way. If you would like to put your daughter's name down, please ring Diane Field on 01562 883336 (for Rainbows and Brownies) and Jan Head on 885055 (for Guides).

Sue Hemmings



TREFOIL GUILD

In September Anne gave a talk on her experiences while on holiday trekking in Nepal. How far we've come from the lantern slide show given in the village hall by African explorers, returning triumphant to the natives they left behind! They would probably not have had 'wine and nibbles' and certainly no graceful hosting by Liz. Thank you Liz and Anne for an enjoyable and interesting evening. And, no, none of us remember lantern slides in village halls, so no sarky remarks by family members, thank you.

The money raised is already helping to provide a mid-day meal for some of the school children of the area.

Annual General Meeting time is upon us again, this year in the Committee Room of the Community Centre. Please note the change of venue. 7.30p.m. on Thursday 10th November.

E.O.Gingell

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Sunday 20th November -
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Hagley Wives & Women's Fellowship

We all thoroughly enjoyed our first talk on 27th September given by John Groen entitled *The Romance of Chocolate*, a most informative and interesting talk about the history and workings of Cadburys from the Aztecs to the present day. Even better he had us all munching on the wonderful products and gave us samples to bring home, what more can a girl ask for????

Come along and join us on November 8th when Alan Atkins explores *The History of Post Boxes*, which I am sure will be enlightening.

Following on close behind on November 22nd we are invited to a musical adventure when David Wornham presents *Tuneful Tubes*, I wonder if we shall have audience participation, we shall find out when we attend.

Leading up to Christmas we shall have our annual Christmas celebrations and supper on December 13th, which will be a nice end to 2011 for our group.

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Book Club

November seems appropriate for the Brontës somehow - it will add to the atmosphere. We will go for total immersion in reading any of those remarkable sisters. We meet on Wednesday 9th November at 9 Oldfields at 8.00p.m. Details 884469

The MacMillan Coffee Morning on 30th September was well supported and our thanks go to those who helped us. The total raised has reached £557.32. Thank you.

Pat Waite

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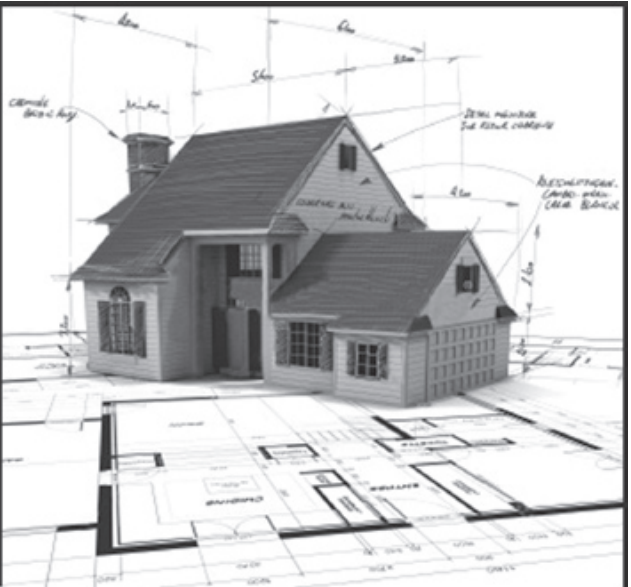
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6 Nov – All Souls' Tide

Every year we hold a Sunday evening service to remember those who have died in the last 12 months, and invite friends and relatives to come, to give thanks for their loved ones' life, and to light a candle. People sometimes remember people from further in the past, too. This year it will be in St Saviour's at 6.30 pm on Sunday 6 Nov. Do come if there is someone you wish to remember.

11 Nov – Tots and Toddlers' Group – St Saviour's @ 1.30 pm

All ages welcome from 0 to pre-school – contact Jayne (882053).

12 Nov – Favourite Bible readings, Hagley Free Church, 10.00 – 1.00

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17 Nov – Mothers' Union Meeting St Saviour's Hall @ 2.30 pm

The Speaker is Rev. Alma Organ "My Path to Ordination"

26 Nov – Friends of St John Christmas Fayre – Community Centre

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26 Nov – Clent Hills Singers' Advent Concert – St Saviour's @ 7.30pm

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NOVEMBER SERVICES

| Date | 8.00 am | 9.30 am | 10.30 am | 6.30 pm |
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| 6th – 3 before Advent | | Morning Praise St Saviour's | Holy Communion St John's | All Souls Service St Saviour's |
| 13th – 2 before Advent | Holy Communion St John's | | Morning Prayer St John's Holy Communion St Saviour's | |
| 20th – Christ the King | | | Parish Communion St John's | Celtic Praise St Saviour's |
| 27th – Advent Sunday | Holy Communion St John's | | Parish Communion St Saviour's | Advent Carol Service St John's |

Every Thursday at 10.00 am there is Holy Communion at St Saviour's.

CLUB REPORTS

Playgroup

We are enjoying many exciting activities with the children this term, and will shortly become very busy with our lead up to Christmas.

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Hagley Primary School

The children are all settled into their new year groups and enjoying the new play area that was built during the summer holiday. This was a joint project between Hagley Primary School and the PTA. This is proving to be a fantastic new resource for our children which encourages them to explore the outside environment.



Tida Manka is visiting us again from The Gambia and is spending a week in school teaching all age groups.

Chinese Education delegates visited Worcestershire from Zangzhou in October and spent an afternoon at Hagley Primary School.

In November we will be hosting a group of Chinese Children from our partner school.

At the end of September our local MP, Sajid Javid toured school and had a Question and Answer session with our Yr 5 children

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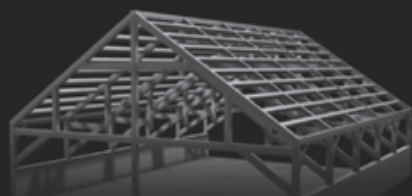
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Many of our children enjoy welcoming members of the Gateway Club to Hagley. These lovely people who have severe special needs thoroughly enjoy African Drumming so we have organised an evening with Drum Love in October.

Looking ahead to the Spring, after the very successful Pyramid Concert last year, we are looking forward to bringing together our feeder schools again for a celebration of music. This year the focus will be on the Beatles. The Concert will be held on 9 February at the Birmingham Town Hall at 7pm.

A residential retreat has been organised for Yr10 at Soli House, Stratford, which will take place from 21-24 February 2012. This retreat is being organised, in partnership with Bishop Walsh Catholic High School, to act as a time of Lenten preparation.

The programme of activities is based in and around the grounds of Soli House. The activities available may include games, river walking, team building and reflective exercises, as well as regular blocks of free time to spend around the beautiful town of Stratford.

The Girls Tennis team have now qualified for the Midlands region quarter finals at Nottingham Tennis Centre on Thursday 17 November. They will be one of 16 teams in Great Britain remaining in the competition in which 526 Year 8 girls teams entered. The Year 8 Girls will play at 10.45am on Thursday 17 November on indoor acrylic.

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Haybridge High School and Sixth Form

Our new students have settled well. Year 7 bonded brilliantly during their induction day at Blackwell Court, engaging in exciting team activities, whilst Year 12 students enjoyed a university style Fresher's Fayre, where they signed up for a range of activities, including acting as reading buddies to support younger students.

Rehearsals are already underway for three drama productions, ranging from 'Measure for Measure' to 'The Wizard of Oz'. In sport we have got off to a superb start this season: the under sixteen girls' and boys' rugby teams have won the prestigious Army Sponsored Sevens competition, and as we go to press are preparing to represent Birmingham and the Black Country in the Midlands finals. Football teams have progressed through to the 3rd round of the National Schools FA Cup, and several girls have qualified for County squads in netball.

In October we were delighted to welcome 23 visitors from our partner school in Langenfeld, Germany. Mr Kilmartin, Head of Languages says, "The exchange gives students a wonderful opportunity to widen their horizons, learn about a new culture, make new friends and use their language skills in an authentic environment".

Our marvellous PTA are already planning a Festive Shopping Evening on Thursday 17th November at 7.00pm, where there will be stalls selling gifts for all the family and a musical interlude from the ever popular Soul Band. Tickets, to include mulled wine or a soft drink and cakes, are available from the school office or via email at pta@haybridge.worcs.sch.uk.

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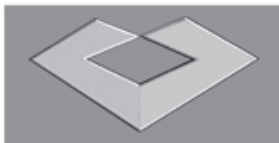
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The Hagley and District Churches are combining to celebrate the 400th publication anniversary with a Bible Reading in the Free Church. Readings will be given using different translations; there will be an exhibition of different Bibles; refreshments in the hall. All welcome

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Held every Sunday during November, in the Hall at 9.30am,

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Tuesday 1 November at 2.30pm
 Speaker Mr Martin Heathcock

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Saturday 26th November

Community Centre
11.00a.m.-1.00p.m.

*All the usual stalls, to include
Christmas decorations and gifts,
cakes, tombola, groceries, books,
white elephant and refreshments*

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SATURDAY 26 NOVEMBER
10.30am-2pm

*A warm welcome awaits you, and
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Face Painting, Books, Toys, Raffle,
Bottle Tombola, Cakes, Fancy
Goods, Bric a Brac, Games, Hot
Drinks and FoodAND MORE!*

Stour Valley Cat Rescue

Table Top Sale

at The Hagley Community Centre,
Worcester Lane, Hagley on;

Saturday November 5th

Admission free

From 10:30am till noon

Lots of stalls including books,
jewellery, bric a brac, toys,
collectables.

Tea and coffee available

To include various charity stalls

Reg charity 514904

Stour Valley Cat Rescue

Christmas Coffee Morning

at The Hagley Community Centre,
Worcester Lane, Hagley on;

Saturday December 3rd

*Admission 50p includes
festive refreshments*

Starts 10:30am

Lots of stalls including books,
jewellery, bric a brac, toys,
collectables.

***We look forward to seeing you
and thank you for supporting us.***

NOVEMBER 2011 DIARY

TUESDAY 1st

Playgroup

Mondays to Fridays (not Thursdays)

Community Centre
9.00a.m.-12 noon

Historical & Field Society

St. Saviour's Hall 8.00p.m.
'Son of a Village Policeman in the 1940s'

THURSDAY 3rd

Clent Hills Singers

Free Church 7.30p.m.

FRIDAY 4th

Country Markets

Community Centre 8.45-11.00a.m.

Chess Club

Free Church Hall 7.00p.m.

SATURDAY 5th

Hearing Dogs for Deaf People

Free Church Hall 10.00a.m.
'Coffee Morning'

Hagley Rambler Scouts

Family Bonfire
Field opposite Webbs

MONDAY 7th

Stourbridge Speakers' Club

Talbot Hotel, High Street
Stourbridge 7.45p.m.

TUESDAY 8th

Senior Citizens' Club

Free Church Hall 2.30p.m.

Hagley Wives & Women's Fellowship

St. Saviour's Hall 8.00p.m.
'The History of Post Boxes'

Wyre Forest Centre

Blakedown Parish Rooms
8.00p.m.
'Historic Gardens of Herefordshire'

Wednesday 9th

Book Club

9 Oldfields, 8.00p.m.
'The Brontë Sisters'

THURSDAY 10th

Clent Hills Singers

Free Church 7.30p.m.

FRIDAY 11th

Country Markets

Community Centre 8.45-11.00a.m.

Chess Club

Free Church Hall 7.00p.m.

Art Club

St. Saviour's Hall 7.30p.m.
'Landscape and Flowers in Oil'

MONDAY 14th

Stourbridge Speakers' Club

Talbot Hotel, High Street
Stourbridge 7.45p.m.

Parish Council,

74A Worcester Road 7.00p.m.

THURSDAY 17th

Clent Hills Singers

Free Church 7.30p.m.

FRIDAY 18th

Country Markets

Community Centre 8.45-11.00a.m.

Chess Club

Free Church Hall 7.00p.m.

Art Club

Community Centre 7.00p.m. – 9.00p.m. Annual Exhibition

SATURDAY 19th

Art Club

Community Centre 10.00a.m. – 4.00p.m.
Annual Exhibition

SUNDAY 20th

Art Club

Community Centre 10.00a.m. – 4.00p.m. Annual Exhibition

TUESDAY 22nd

Senior Citizens' Club

Free Church Hall 2.30p.m.

Hagley Wives & Women's Fellowship

St. Saviour's Hall 8.00p.m.
'Tuneful Tubes'

THURSDAY 24th

Clent Hills Singers

Free Church 7.30p.m.

FRIDAY 25th

Country Markets

Community Centre 8.45-11.00a.m.

Chess Club

Free Church Hall 7.00p.m.

SATURDAY 26th

Clent Hills Singers

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

MONDAY 28th

Flower Arrangement Society

Community Centre 7.30p.m.
'Tis Christmas'

Stourbridge Speakers' Club

Talbot Hotel, High Street
Stourbridge 7.45p.m.

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Dear Editor

Thank you to Ray Tungate for his recent letter in the HVN highlighting the litter problem in the village centre.

As some may know, where litter mainly spoils the local environment is in the playing fields and adjoining car parks.

Especially during milder weather and weekends, there can be over a hundred items of litter at one time affecting this public open space. Sixth form pupils from both high schools regularly litter at lunchtimes. All litterers ignore the dozen or more public litter bins.

Of greater concern is the weekly littering of vessels of alcohol, often dozens at a time, and all in the supposed alcohol restricted zone. Perhaps the presence of the alcohol explains the repeated graffiti, arson, and other criminal damage to public and private property there.

The costs of the clear up fall to Hagley residents.

I hereby make the following positive suggestions:

1. All parents of the young people in the village who are littering to teach them not to.
2. Police to carry out their previously promised regular patrols at the peak times when littering (and alcohol breaches) are occurring, in order to catch offenders.
3. Both high schools to nominate pupils as litter monitors who can clear up their lunchtime litter.
4. As evidence shows that considerable public litter originates from Our Plaiice alone, the proprietor to re-introduce the voluntary litter picker he stopped employing several years ago, to clear up chip shop litter only, this to be done in the interests of the local community.

Yours faithfully, Peter Rowbottom

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