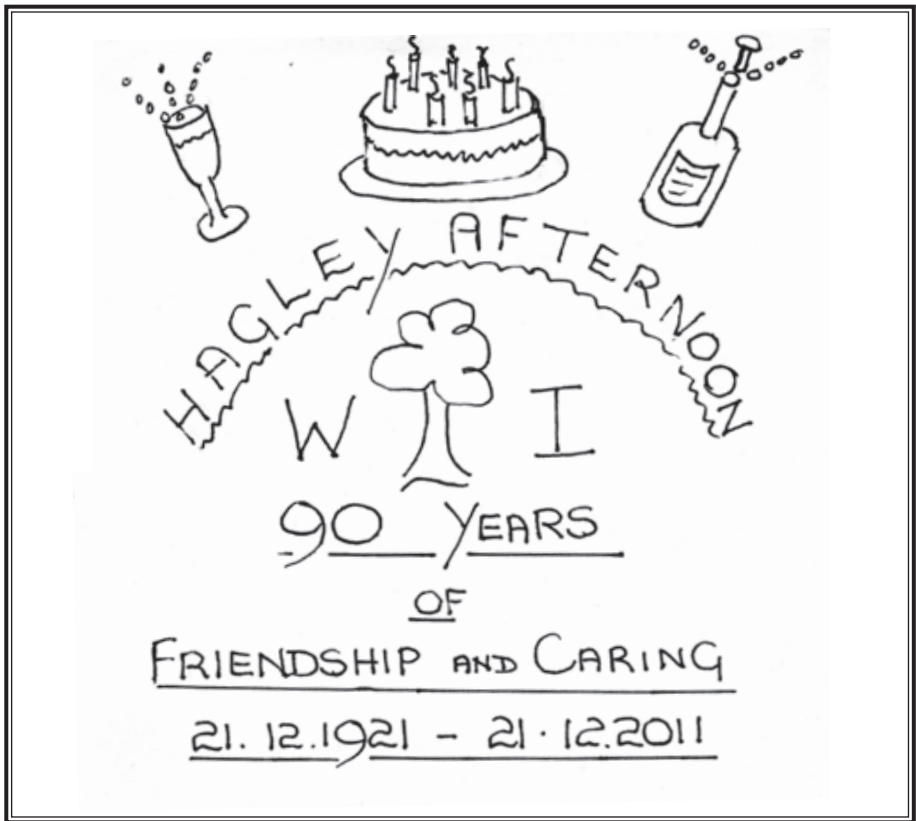




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Hagley Community Association would like to wish everyone a very happy and peaceful Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Thank you to all our affiliated societies and advertisers for their support this year. I would like to especially thank Jan Tandy for looking after the distribution of the Village News and Sue Holloway for handling the advertising.

I would also like to congratulate Hagley Afternoon W.I on the wonderful occasion of their 90th Anniversary, a great achievement. There is a very interesting piece on page 29.

Anna Morley, Editor

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

Anne Garth, Liaison Officer

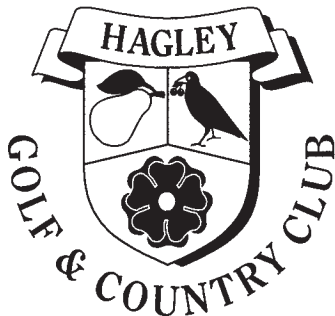
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Anne Garth, sister, Richard and Alison would like to thank everyone who sent cards, messages of sympathy, flowers and gifts following Pauline's death. We also appreciated the many generous donations received, which have been given to the Church in Hagley and Mary Stevens Hospice.



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Dear Editor,

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We care about our community and constantly address the litter situation around our premises and not just litter generated from Our Plaice. We personally organised extra bins from the council. We belong to the Hagley Business Association and are always happy to work with Hagley Parish Council.

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A resident frequently instigates visits to us by the Environment agencies, but their findings are always very positive and complimentary of our standards of hygiene; they commend us on our cleanliness and business achievements and comment on the relatively low litter level in our village.

Hagley has become a small thriving shopping centre and as such litter will be generated at times from all the shops by their customers. We believe parents do teach their children about litter and the majority of the children in our high performing schools are polite and responsible.

We should celebrate how lucky we are to live and work in a thriving, sustainable village and I suggest that anyone thinking otherwise visit towns in the nearby vicinity and they will realise that Hagley does not have a significant litter problem. Such people would be welcome as volunteers to pick up litter in the interests of the local community.

Yours sincerely,
Gregg and Caroline Howard

Dear Editor,

I'm led to understand that the Cala Homes land was designated for housing 20 years ago. Things have changed and Hagley has more than fulfilled its quota for development. So this land has no need to be developed.

The blame lies with Bromsgrove District Council. They are obviously dead set on ruining our village. The solution is to get this land re-instated to Green Belt as soon as possible, so benefiting the whole of the village.

Carolyn Williams

Dear Editor,

What a load of rubbish was dished out by the house salesmen at the Cala Homes Exhibition on Saturday 15th October. Affordable homes, no school places, no room on the roads and danger level pollution!

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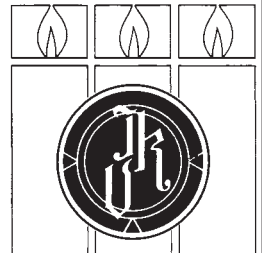


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Alcohol signs

If you see anyone drinking alcohol in the current alcohol free zones (including the playing field, car park, Worcester Road and the Sweetpool Nature Reserve) please do let us know. We would like to monitor the effectiveness of these zones. All reports will be logged and treated in confidence.

Planning

In October the council looked at four planning applications. There were no objections to 11/0865; 1 Milestone Drive extension and 11/0831 and 11/0832 (listed building consent) for additional rooflights at Hagley Hall Mews.

We did object to 11/0819 37 Winds Point which was an outline application for a new dwelling, and also to 11/0776 74 Worcester Road which was yet another application for a restaurant, having previously been dismissed on appeal.

The appeal re the extension at 70 Worcester Road was allowed.

Christmas

The Parish Council is once again providing the Christmas tree and lights in Worcester Road. The Hagley Business Association has taken over the Christmas Window Competition and we wish them every success with that and their Christmas event on the 7th December.

Fly tipping

We are also getting reports of crates and bags of empty alcohol bottles being dumped at various locations within the village. If you see anything or are aware of someone doing this, please let us know. Again, reports will be treated in confidence. We do need to stamp out this behaviour and with evidence, we can see that offenders are prosecuted.

There is a public consultation on whether the Alcohol-Free Zones in Hagley should be retained. Comments to the Parish Clerk as soon as possible please and before 15th December.

May we take this opportunity to wish all Hagley residents a very Happy Christmas.

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CLUB REPORTS

CLENT PARISH COUNCIL

The meeting on 17th October was held for the first time in Hagley Free Church. Almost half of the audience of around fifty were from the Hagley side of the Parish.



Bromsgrove Core Strategy

This important item generated a lot of discussion, with valuable contributions from the audience, particularly Hagley residents and members of Hagley PC.

The general consensus was against Bromsgrove's plans for the ADR; Hagley and Clent do not have the infrastructure to support the proposed population influx. There was debate on the draft **Demographic Evidence Report**. When finalised, this report will be part of the Local Neighbourhood Plan. The Council voted to support, and pay £700 (40%) towards the cost of, the report and will continue to work with Hagley PC on the production of the Neighbourhood Plan. Before the Plan is finalised all Parishioners will be consulted.

Sport and Recreation Facilities

Planning permission is being sought for the temporary Cricket Pavilion.

At the January Council meeting there will be a public exhibition of the alternative plans for the Community Sports Facility to be erected in Centenary Field.

Further suggestions were received from eager youngsters for the proposed enlargement of the skateboard facility. The council is now considering plans and costs for this facility.

Speeding, Parking and Lighting

These problems were fully discussed and where appropriate, referred to Worcester Highways.

A number of other matters were thoroughly debated.

Please see Minutes posted on notice boards and on our website www.clentparishcouncil.gov.uk

Clerk to the Council

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CLUB REPORTS



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Ann Paraiso, who joined our club in September, gave her “career talk”. She started her nursing training in Manchester, and moved to Chorley working on adult rehabilitation. She then tried various specialisms such as: endoscopy, blood donation and midwifery. She took a degree course in nursing at Manchester University and is now training to be a doctor at Leicester University Medical School.

John Sadler gave an interesting talk on his family business - Sadler’s Microbrewery, at his pub, Windsor Castle at Lye Cross. He and his son supply a range of 7 award winning bottled beers and 6 cask ales to pubs in the West Midlands, and nationwide via his own web site.

In the two Saturdays before Christmas we’ll be out “shaking the Cans” in the village, and we hope that you will give generously for local charities. We would like to wish everyone a very happy Christmas and a peaceful New Year.

David Dewhirst



ART CLUB

December 9th is the Christmas Evening with Anthony Slinn: ‘Masterpieces of the 20th Century’. You will remember Anthony has visited us before. We will have the usual refreshments, when members will be requested to provide something for the table.

Looking to the New Year, the 13th January meeting will be ‘Landscape in Watercolour’ by Rupert Cordeau.

A Pritchard, Honorary President

HISTORICAL & FIELD SOCIETY

Our October meeting was preceded by a short AGM, at which committee reports were presented and next year's committee was elected. Jackie Hiorns acted as chairman for this part of the meeting. The speaker was Eric Greenwood, who delivered a fascinating talk entitled 'The Mysteries of Sutton Hoo'. Starting with the discovery of the artefacts in 1939 at Woodbridge in Suffolk, Eric believed that their quality was superior to that of the Staffordshire Hoard. Illustrating his talk with slides, our speaker looked at some of Woodbridge's history before showing contemporary photographs of the excavation of the 27metre ship used in the burial. The first mystery was that there was no body and the second, why should there have been a burial in a ship. The burial had been dated to between 620 and 640AD and it was supposed by many that the occupant had been the King of the East Anglians. The third mystery was the appearance of a Roman dish among the contents of the grave. Eric suggested that there were many similarities with Scandinavian burials that he had studied, particularly with regard to the use of the ship and the style of the helmet. A thought-provoking evening that left many questions unanswered.

The website www.hhfs.org.uk continues to be updated regularly: find out more about Hagley's history.

Our next meeting on 6th December is the Robert Deeley Memorial Event and is a celebration of 21 years of the Research Group with cake and buffet. Admission is by ticket only.

Alan Atkinson

Hagley Wives & Women's Fellowship

We are celebrating Christmas this year on **December 13th** with Carols and Readings at St Saviour's church followed by a Bring and Share supper in the hall. Please arrive at 7.30pm to prepare your group's table. This year's collection will go to Admiral Nurses. There will also be an opportunity to donate to Acorns Children's Hospice in lieu of giving Christmas cards.

Our meetings for 2012 begin on **January 10th** with a talk by Lee Morton who will explain about the relationship of food and drink, there may be a few samples.

On **January 24th** we have Lynne Hughes talking about the lesser known charity Admiral Nurses. Like the McMillan nurses, they provide a very valuable service and this talk will fill us with details about how they care for families.

Advance Notice.

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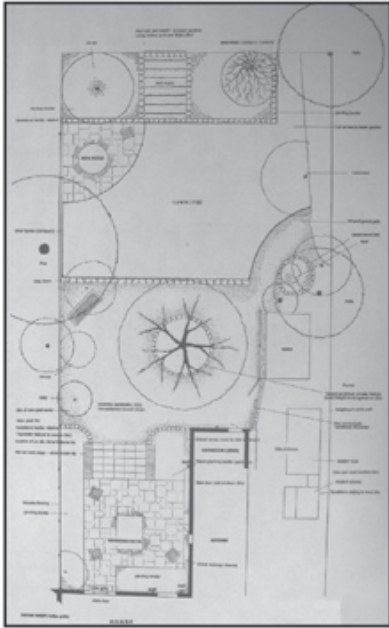
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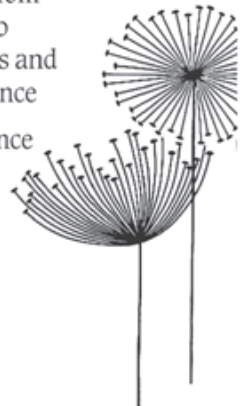
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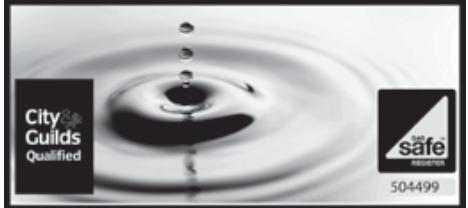
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TREFOIL GUILD

Our evening spent with the Youth Theatre Group watching them perform 'Guys and Dolls' proved to have great entertainment value. Their energy gave us a lift – enough to extend the evening by a couple of hours lifting coffee cups and cake plates at a member's home. It was not exactly 'partying to the wee small hours' but as near an approximation as we could manage.

Another convivial occasion will be our Christmas Party on Thursday December 8th, 7.30 for 8.00p.m. at 42 Summervale Road. It is also time to thank all connected with the Hagley Village News for their work throughout the year, and wish them all a Happy Christmas and Happy New Year. And once more – thank you

E.O.Gingell

Girlguiding Walton District

We were pleased to welcome 10 new Guides this term, replacing our oldest girls, 8 of whom have moved on to be Young Leaders with Rainbow, Brownie and Guide units in Hagley.

We have had a busy term and took advantage of the mild weather to continue a programme of outdoor activities alongside indoor pursuits. We spent an evening at the Beaconfield Campsite near the Lickey Hills where we played wide games in the dark. With the generous support of Hagley Primary School we purchased spring bulbs and planted these at the school as part of a fundraising event for the charity "Marie Curie Nurses"; we look forward to seeing the daffodils coming up in the spring.

In September we organised a coffee evening for Macmillan Cancer Support; the Guides made and decorated cakes and we raised over £150.

We have been working towards the "Aim Hi" badge which encourages a healthy body and mind, and following this, we went into Birmingham to watch the National Trampolining and Tumbling competition, and then had a chance to try out trampolining for ourselves at the Crystal Leisure Centre.

We are looking forward to joining other Guides, Brownies and Rainbows at the Black Country Museum in December for a Santa Hunt, and plan to finish the term with a seasonal twist: ice skating!

Susan Hyne



THEATRE GROUP

The Theatre Group has sadly lost its longest serving member and Joint President, Pauline Lewis, who died recently. Pauline made an outstanding contribution to the success of the group being a member for over 50 years and for much of that time serving as the club's Secretary. Pauline provided sterling service on many of the Group's productions back stage as prompt, on props and Front of House as Ticket Secretary. She showed that you don't have to be an on stage performer to be at the heart of an amateur dramatics society. Her honest feedback was always appreciated. Outside of the Theatre Group Pauline was very keen on Gilbert and Sullivan, ballet and was a volunteer helper at Mary Steven's Hospice. Pauline's presence and contribution will be greatly missed.

Our Youth Section's production of *Guys and Dolls* 5-8th October was enthusiastically received by all of our audiences. Our next show is another first for the Theatre Group as we will be staging a play written by one of our own members. David Knowlton has written 'The Social Circle', set in a quiet Cotswold village where four couples gather for a birthday party. As the evening progresses the plot turns into a dark tale of relationships, friendships and deceit. The play will be performed at the Community Centre from Thursday 16th to Saturday 18th February. Doors open at 7.00p.m. with performances commencing at 7.30pm. For advance ticket sales, (at £ 6.00 and £ 5.00 concessions) please telephone 07907 457217. Also please phone that number and leave a message for Susan Dean should you wish to take part in any aspect of amateur theatre. We wish everyone a happy Christmas and New Year.

Tony Forrest

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7pm - Community Carols - Blakedown

Sunday 18th December - Advent 4
9am - Holy Eucharist - Broome

Saturday 24th December - Christmass Eve
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11.30pm - Midnight Mass - Blakedown

Sunday 25th December - Christmass Day
10am - Holy Eucharist - Broome

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U3A

What a journey we went on this afternoon, at our meeting at St. Saviour's Church Hall. Mr Andrew Loundes dramatised the life of the Titanic, from the building and the maiden voyage, to the dramatic sinking. The thing that was surprising was how much of the ship had been produced here on our own doorstep. A most informative talk.

Tickets for the Christmas Lunch were on sale and went very well; in fact there is now a waiting list.

We meet on the first Wednesday in the month at 2.00p.m. at St. Saviour's Hall. If you need any information, please contact Mrs J Jennings on 883425

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AFTERNOON W.I.

Our 90th Birthday celebrations continued with a superb buffet lunch at Barnt Green Cricket Club for all the members followed by anecdotes and newspaper reports of the early meetings of this WI – in 1921 Hagley was a farming community, there was Upper and Lower Hagley and only just over 100 dwellings!

The Seat for the playing field to commemorate our '90th' has arrived. It should be in place by the time you read this and will be dedicated shortly.

At the October meeting, Bill Davies spoke of his Pilgrimage with Copenhagen – his bike – to Santiago di Compostella. It was amusing, informative and thought-provoking, and illustrated with pictures of Copenhagen, other pilgrims and the terrain – including two deserts, four mountains and many deserted villages with wild and inquisitive dogs.

On Monday 12 December there will be the Christmas Party and Richard Westcott talking about 'The Pantomime Dame'. The first meeting in 2012 is on Monday 9 January with a talk about the Ifakara Bakery Project.

The meetings are held in the Community Centre monthly on the second Monday at 2 pm. Do come and join us – the meetings are interesting and varied – and you will be very welcome.

Rosie Wynne

EVENING W.I.

Winter approaches once again – what do we have in store I wonder? We have enjoyed the Autumn programme with a number of us attending the Annual Council meeting at Stourport Civic Centre, where, after the business, we were entertained by Andrew Lloyd, our local national flower demonstrator. His repartee whilst creating fantastic arrangements is amazing.

Our speaker in October gave us an insight into the work of Acorns Children's Hospices in the West Midlands. Also in October we joined Kinver WI to share an evening with Nell Gwynn.

The Group meeting was at Pedmore and another evening of flower arranging, this time celebrating Halloween and Christmas.

At our Annual Meeting in November we presented a cheque for £450 to Mary Stevens Hospice – proceeds from the Debut Fashion Show.

Now we are looking forward to the Blakedown pantomime in December, which is always an evening filled with laughter.

Our meetings are held on the third Wednesday in the month in the Free Church Hall so do come and join us one evening you will be made most welcome. For more information please phone Liz on 01562 720219 or Pauline on 882875.

Happy Christmas to one and all from Evening W.I.



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David Wike



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The Branch held its annual Poppy Supper on 7th October at St. Saviour's Church Hall to draw together the Members, Poppy Collectors and friends of the Branch to acknowledge and celebrate the sterling work done by them during the Poppy Appeal last year. Around sixty people attended the event and it proved highly enjoyable. Service awards (for those who consistently help with the Appeal each year) were presented by the Worcestershire County Royal British Legion Chairman, Tony Hartley-Woolley, MBE. Of particular note was a presentation to Mrs. Jean Pardoe, our Poppy Appeal Organiser, for 55 years service.

The Branch has also paid tribute to one of the last heroes of World War Two by making Ray Johnson an Honorary Member. Ray is 87 years old and landed on Gold Beach in Normandy on D-Day (2) with the Royal Engineers as part of the Allied Invasion Force. He saw action throughout France, including the infamous battle at Caen, then in Belgium, Holland and finally Italy. After the war, he was posted to Egypt and Palestine to deal with the conflict between the Arabs and the Jews.

Finally, with Christmas approaching, let us not forget those currently away from their families, serving in Afghanistan and other parts of the world, and remember the sacrifices they make on our behalf. Our prayers are with them for a safe return to their loved ones.

Peter Hollis (Branch Chairman)

NOTICES

90 YEARS OF W.I. IN OUR VILLAGE

The W.I. in Hagley was founded in 1921 under the presidency of the then lady Cobham. Meetings were mostly held at the Hall Barn, which served as a venue for many activities at the time.

In 1927 the W.I. held a Flower and Vegetable Show and it was suggested that a section for cottage gardens should be added, the precursor to our own Village Show.

In spite of the fact that it was wartime, it was decided that it was good for morale to celebrate our 21st birthday in 1942. Out of meagre rations the Committee decided that they must make a cake. The list of donations was as follows:

Mrs Broad... 1 egg, $\frac{1}{2}$ lb sugar

Miss Harrison...brandy

Mrs Jones... flour, eggs

Mrs Walker... mixed fruit

Mrs Dunne... cherries, eggs

Mrs Boyles... $\frac{1}{4}$ lb sultanas, icing sugar

Mrs Gidden... 2 eggs, $\frac{1}{2}$ lb sultanas

Mrs Fisher... 1 egg, candied peel

Mrs Barden... 2 eggs, $\frac{1}{4}$ lb currants, cherries

Mrs England... raisins, $\frac{1}{2}$ lb sultanas, $\frac{1}{2}$ lb margarine, $\frac{1}{2}$ lb currants.

The two absentees from the meeting, Miss Mellor and Mrs Green no doubt made their contributions too.

I feel great sympathy for the responsibility undertaken by the cook, Mrs Jones, especially as I know of a lady who was entrusted by members at a church social with their tea and coffee (precious rations), who, in a moment of aberration, put both into the urn. Quick thinking came to the rescue; she poured the same drink from two separate pots as tea and coffee and no-one expressed any doubts about the beverages served! At the celebration garden party, Mrs Jones was thanked for the beautiful cake, but the 70 members present cannot have had more than a sliver each.

Over many years W.I. has made many contributions to the community. In WWII they produced 544lbs of jam and 153lbs of pickles in response to an appeal by the Ministry of Food and contributed £642 in 1940 to the war effort. They supported money-raising efforts to build our Community Centre and played the leading role in the making of the village Millennium wall hanging, unveiled by Lord Cobham in 2000 and still displayed in the Community Centre. This year, to mark our anniversary, Hagley Afternoon W.I. is donating a seat to be placed near the Library and Community Centre, where a lack of provision has been noted.

As Miss Glazebrook, President in the 1920s and 30s wrote, a good W.I. is a most valuable asset in the community. She mentioned the way that it brought members together in friendship and encouraged and developed hidden talents. Our members are proud of their past record and have much to live up to in the future.



Irene Oliver

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Great Daffodil Appeal

Dear Editor

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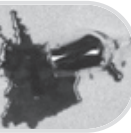


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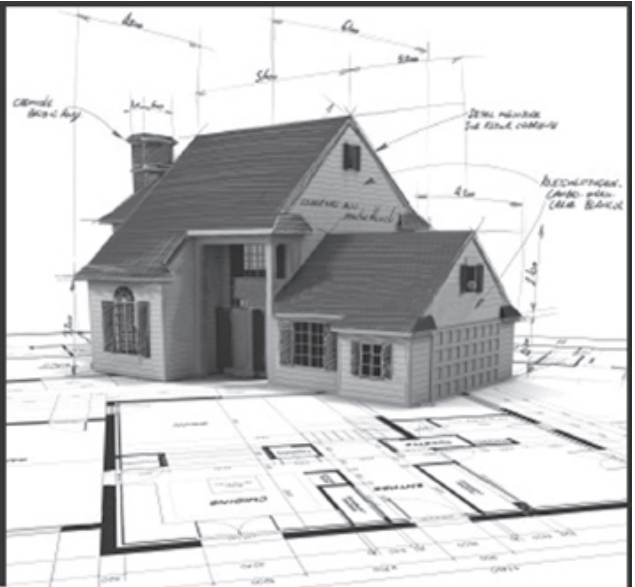
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20-22 Christmas Holiday Club – St Saviour's from 9.00 am-12.15 pm
This is an opportunity for children between the ages of 3 and 11 to have fun and participate in music, drama, cookery, arts, crafts & games. Further details from Jayne Mottershead on 882053.

DECEMBER SERVICES

Date	8.00 am	9.30 am	10.30 am	6.30 pm
4th – Advent 2		Youth-Led Morning Praise with Parade St Saviour's	Holy Communion St John's	Compline St Saviour's
11th – Advent 3	Holy Communion St John's		Morning Prayer St John's Holy Communion St Saviour's	
18th – Advent 4	Holy Communion St John's		9 Lessons & Carols St John's	Carol Service St Saviour's
		24th – Christmas Eve	5.00 pm Crib Service St Saviour's	11.30 pm Midnight Eucharist St John's
25th – Christmas Day			Parish Family Communion St Saviour's	

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

CLUB REPORTS

Playgroup

We are very pleased to announce, that as a result of our Ofsted Inspection, we have been awarded an “OUTSTANDING” grade! This is due to the hard work and dedication of the staff, and of course, it helps to have such lovely children to work with!

May we wish all our families, past and present a very Happy Christmas and a healthy New Year!

If you would like to know more about our group, please ring Sharon Gould on 01562 882433 at any time.



The Artrix Winter Brochure is available from the middle of November and, even more than usual, it is packed full of a plethora of drama, dance, comedy, live music of all genres and spoken word events.

Christmas is catered for by an eclectic mix of the annual pantomime by All and Sundry – this year it is “Beauty and The Beast” – the English Symphony Orchestra, “Soul Trader”, “Zorro’s Christmas Adventure”, “All on a Winter’s Night” by Johnny Coppin and friends (I saw this last year at Cheltenham Town Hall and it is a wonderful mix of seasonal music and words), “Abba Forever” and “A Christmas Carol”, plus a range of films

And then in the New Year the three lads from Bromsgrove and Redditch who made up the charttopping band of the 90’s, “Dodgy”, return to their roots and we have two unmissable spoken word events with the visits of the Poet Laureate, Carol Ann Duffy, and the renowned actor Simon Callow.

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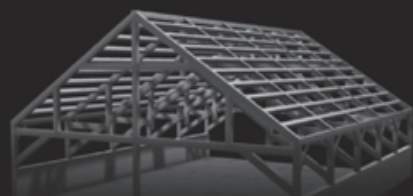
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During November two members of staff undertook 24hrs of sponsored silence, starting at 9am on Monday 7 November to raise money for Million Minutes, an Archdiocesan charity which provides opportunities for disadvantaged children who are under 16. The whole school extended the observance on 11th November by remaining silent, as they worked, for eleven minutes at eleven o'clock on 11th of the 11th 2011. This provided the opportunity for all to appreciate the beauty of silence, to develop spirituality and to be attentive to the word of God who speaks deep within the heart.

A variety of activities marked the end of the first half of the Autumn term with National Baking Week, a visit to Brize Norton, enjoyment of "The Nutcracker" at the Birmingham Hippodrome Theatre, a Geography trip to Sicily and a Family Mass for our Year 7 students.

Our first visit by professional musicians for KS3 for the academic year was on 31 October when a workshop/ performance by the Good Natured (signed to EMI and recently on tour with The Wombats) took place in the Theatre. This was a great success and much appreciated by the students.

After the very successful pyramid concert last year, we are looking forward to bringing together our feeder schools again for a celebration of music on 9 February 2012 at the Birmingham Town Hall at 7pm.

V. Greer-Spencer

Haybridge High School and Sixth Form

The PTA got into the Christmas Spirit early this year, with their fabulous Ladies Evening on 17th November. Proceeds will go towards the new sound system for the Sports Hall.

On 8th November Haybridge took part in the Shakespeare Festival for Schools at the Artrix Centre in Bromsgrove. Our group of thespians performed a half hour version of 'Measure for Measure', a challenging choice for a school production. The performance was chilling: the students created the world of the play with confidence. They owned the stage, and spoke the verse with real intelligence and perception. The play, with another short play, The Pantomime Play, will be performed in school towards the end of January. Rehearsals are also taking place for our Christmas Carol Concert, on Thursday 15th December at St John's Church, and also for the next drama production.

On another note, the work attached to our newly achieved Teaching School status, in partnership with Stourport High School, has begun. Our initial plans include becoming a training hub for Specialist Leaders in Education linked to Mathematics, Modern Foreign Languages, Gifted & Talented Provision and Sixth Form. We will also work with both Worcester University and Birmingham City University in training new recruits to the profession.

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FORTHCOMING EVENTS

CLENT PARISH COUNCIL



Parishioners Visit to the House of Commons

The Parish Council has organized a parishioners outing to Westminster, for a tour and meet with our MP, Sajid Javid on Tuesday 10th January 2012. There will be a nominal charge of £15 for this trip to cover transport costs. The coach will leave Clent at approximately 7.15am to arrive at 11.40am for our tour of the House of Commons. We would then have time for lunch, followed by a talk from Sajid at 2.15pm. The rest of the afternoon would then be free time. We should aim to leave London at 5pm and arrive back in Clent at approximately 9.00pm.

Places are limited to 53 so could you please let me have a cheque made payable to Clent Parish Council for £15.00 per person if you are interested in taking part. Please forward cheques to Clent Parish Council, 167 Bromsgrove Road, Hunnington, West Midlands B62 0JU
Tel : 01562 710255. Places will be on a first come first served basis.

Ruth Mullett, Clerk, Clent Parish Council

CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY CLUB

St. Saviour's Church Hall Hagley

20-22nd December 2011
9.00a.m.- 12.15p.m.



The holiday club is an opportunity for children between the ages of 3 and 11 to have fun and participate in music/drama, cookery, art/craft and games at St Saviour's church hall Hagley.

All leaders at the holiday club are CRB checked. To apply please complete an application form which is available in both St Saviour's and St John's churches.

The cost for each session is £6.00 but £5.00 if attending more than one session or if accompanied by a sibling. Drinks and snack are included in the cost.

For further information please contact Jayne Mottershead on 01562 882053.

DECEMBER 2011 DIARY

THURSDAY 1st

Play group

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

FRIDAY 2nd

Country Market

Community Centre 8.45-
11.00a.m.

Chess Club

Free Church Hall
7.00p.m.

TUESDAY 6th

Afternoon W.I.

Community Centre
2.00p.m.

Senior Citizens' Club

Free Church Hall
2.30p.m.

Historical & Field Society

St. Saviour's Hall
8.00p.m.
'Robert Deeley Memorial
Event'

FRIDAY 9th

Country Market

Community Centre 8.45-
11.00a.m.

Chess Club

Free Church Hall 7.00p.m.

MONDAY 12th

Afternoon W.I.

Community Centre
2.00p.m.
'90th Birthday Party'
Parish Council
74A Worcester Road
7.00p.m.

TUESDAY 13th

Hagley Wives & Women's Fellowship

St. Saviour's 8.00p.m.
'Christmas Celebrations'

WEDNESDAY 14th

Evening W.I.

Free Church Hall
7.30p.m.
'Festive Celebration'

FRIDAY 16th

Country Market

Community Centre 8.45-
11.00a.m.

Chess Club

Free Church Hall
7.00p.m.

MONDAY 19th

Parish Council

74A Worcester Road
7.00p.m.

FRIDAY 23rd

Country Market

Community Centre 8.45-
11.00a.m.

Chess Club

Free Church Hall
7.00p.m.

FRIDAY 30th

Chess Club

Free Church Hall
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