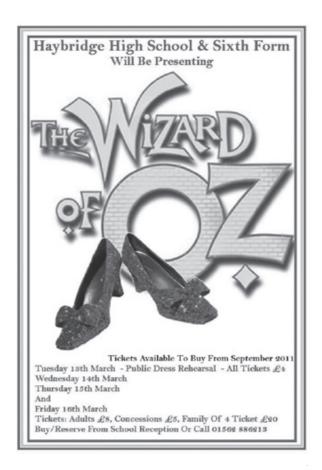


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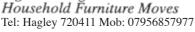
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EDITORIAL

A Happy and peaceful New Year to everyone in Hagley! And to those who still read the Village News on the website or have a posted copy – our readership is wider than our village!

We are still living in uncertain times but let's hope for a more settled year in 2012. There are two important requests in the Village News this month; one is for help with our distribution and the other is for help with the Village Show. It is with sadness that I print that appeal this month – I do hope that in such a large village as Hagley, there will be people who can spare some time to help so that we don't lose the events that make this such a wonderful place to live. The Village Show Committee are to be congratulated on their achievements over the last 28 years – can <u>YOU</u> now help?

Anna Morley, Editor

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VILLAGE SHOW COMMITTEE

For the past twenty eight years a village show has been held in Hagley, displaying products and skills in home crafts, home cooking, vegetable and flower growing, photography, flower arranging and a children's section; typical of any traditional village show. This was organised and run by a committee usually of members of the Gardeners' Club and the Evening Women's Institute, though not at all affiliated to them.

At a meeting on 7th November, the present committee felt they could no longer continue with the Village Show. This decision was not taken lightly.

If any person or persons wish to take up the reins, then the committee would be available to give guidance.

If, at the end of February 2012, there has been no response, the committee will commence with winding up procedures. 01562 882006.

John Oakes, Chairman

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Happy New Year to all the residents of Hagley. The Parish Council wish you all a happy, healthy and prosperous 2012.

Planning

In November the council looked at five planning applications. There were no objections to 11/0908 The Coppice; 11/0907 71 Lodge Crescent; 11/0914 22 Middlefield Lane; 11/0952 5 Bromsgrove Road and 11/0966 27A Church Street.

We were also advised that the application 11/0776 74 Worcester Road (conversion from offices to a restaurant) has been refused by Bromsgrove District Council.

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HPC expects the Cala Homes application to go to Bromsgrove Planning Committee in the very near future. We are again appealing for residents to consider the plans (copy on HPC website) and write with your comments to Bromsgrove DC Planners (more detail available on HPC web or from the Clerk). Please note that the timescale for comments is very tight.

HPC continue to support the overwhelming objections to this application and will be working with a professional planning consultant to challenge this proposal in the strongest possible terms. HPC appreciates the vast amount of support it has received in its previous objections but once again asks that residents make as many representations to the planners at BDC as possible.

The members of HPC appreciate that residents have continually come out in force by writing to the planners and making their feelings known. This is necessary once again; the consequences of not fighting such proposals, and making it known that the development will be damaging and overwhelmingly against local needs and wishes, are quite clear.

Thank you for your continuing support.

Catherine Humphries, Clerk to Hagley Parish Council

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Open Forum

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Recreational Facilities

This year's contribution to the National Trust will be directed towards installation of a dog poo facility at Adam's Hill.

Plans are in hand for dredging the village pond, enlarging the skateboard facility, and inserting pedestrian gates into the cricket outfield.

We raised no objection to the Cricket Club's planning application for a temporary pavilion. Plans for the permanent building will be considered at the January Public Consultation.

The Council will enquire into the 'Queen Elizabeth II Field Challenge'. This scheme may protect, and assist with funding for, recreation facilities.

The Diamond Jubilee Celebrations 2012 will include venues for music and dance, a village procession and a Cricket Match. Anyone willing to help please contact us.

Bromsgrove Core Strategy and Cala Homes Proposals.

Clent and Hagley Parish Councils are committed to the development of a joint Neighbourhood Plan which will seat out our objections to the Draft Core Strategy, and to the recent proposals from 'Cala Homes'. Discussions continue on the most democratic and cost effective way of achieving our objectives.

Minutes of this meeting are posted on Church Hall and Church notice boards and at www.clentparishcouncil.gov.uk

Stan Bloxham

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48 of us visited the Lord Leycester Hospital in Warwick in October and enjoyed a tour of the building by The Master, followed by a town walk led by the Town Crier.

The November meeting was particularly poignant for outgoing Meetings Secretary, Joan Barwick. Robin Skerratt's talk on "The Son of a Village Policeman in the 1940s" was the last meeting she had arranged after thirteen years in post and her retirement was marked with the presentation of a bouquet.

Joan's final year has seen some superb presentations and Robin's was no exception. He enthralled the audience with stories of his life in Wychbold, where his father was the local constable. A former Guardsman, George stood no nonsense and was well regarded by the local community. Robin took us on a 'virtual walk' around the village during the period of his own childhood and we were introduced to the many characters and heard the often amusing, stories of how they came to be involved with the Law. Such was the quality of the presentation that it was easy for the audience to transport themselves back to a time when life was simpler, slower and with few modern conveniences. All this was presented without any visual aids other than a table full of mementos of the Police and Wychbold.

The website www.hhfs.org.uk has recently been updated by the addition of further photographs.

Our next meeting is on 3rd January when Sylvia Beardshaw will present "Chaddesley Parish to the Twentieth Century".

Alan Atkinson



ART CLUB

The Club commences another New Year. Best wishes to members with their painting during 2012. The subject for January will be

Landscape in Watercolour with Rupert Cordeau. If watercolour is not your medium, there is still much that can apply with picture composition and use of colour. The January meeting is on Friday 13th in St Saviour's Church Hall, Hagley at 7.30pm. Looking to February, the subject will again be Watercolour, this time with Nature when we have another visit from Valerie Briggs.

Referring to the November Exhibition, the votes cast from visitors as the most liked pictures were - 1st **Seaward Bound** No. 73 by Graham Madders - 2nd **Two Locks Cottage** No.107 by Bob Swingler - 3rd **Making Ready** No. 61 John Instance

A Pritchard, Honorary President



HAGLEY ROTARY CLUB



We hope you enjoyed your Christmas celebrations, and that the New Year will be more peaceful and happier than 2011. We had a superb Christmas party at the Stone Manor Hotel; 34 of us had dinner, with entertainment and carol singing.

Many thanks to those of you who kindly gave cash donations when we Rotarians were out in Hagley "shaking the cans" before Christmas. We will give all the money collected locally.

During December we gave £100 each to: Kemp and Mary Stevens Hospices, Hagley Senior Citizens, Blakedown Friday Club, Elizabeth Attwood House, Belbroughton British Legion, Action Heart, Hand of Friendship and Rotary Disabled Sports.

One of our new members, Dr Hassan Paraiso, gave an excellent illustrated talk on his career. From the Cameroon he moved to London and took a Masters Degree in Radiation Biology then moved to Lancashire as a Senior House Officer before spending a year as an SHO in Oncology at Christies Hospital. He specialised in Acute Medicine, and became the Head of the Acute Care Unit at Russell's Hall Hospital. His department treats about 55 new patients a day; 1600 per month.

On Friday, 20th February, we are holding a Cabaret Night. The excellent comedian, David Huband, will again be providing the entertainment and there will be a fish and chip supper in Hagley Community Centre. Why not come and help us raise some more money for local charities?

If you are interested in finding out more about Hagley Rotary's activities, call on 07966 116612, then come and have a **free dinner** with us.

David Dewhirst

Flower Arrangement Society

Our meeting this month will be held at the Community Centre commencing 7.30 p.m. on Monday 30th January and our demonstration will be by Janine Hall entitled "Where Rabbits Dream". Visitors are always welcome. Why not give us a try!

Christine Reaney



THEATRE GROUP

Happy New Year and we hope that our shows this year bring some distraction and amusement from the country's economic woes. Last year we had very successful shows.

In February both adult and youth members performed a selection of songs from the shows including Les Miserables, Carousel and Phantom of the Opera to name but a few, alongside former youth member turned professional Ian Fox who made a very welcome return to our stage. In October our Youth Section's production of Guys and Dolls (with some adult support) was enthusiastically appreciated by audiences and received critical acclaim from Trevor Guest, of the National Operatic and Dramatic Association, whose review stated that this was "Yet another fine performance from this talented Youth Group....for this talented company the future looks bright."

We are proud to be presenting our next show written by one of our own members, David Knowlton. The Social Circle is 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 with many comic moments will be performed at the Community Centre from Thursday 9th to Saturday 11th February. Doors open at 7.00p.m. with performances commencing 7.30pm. Tickets (£ 6.00 and £ 5.00 concessions) are available from Paddock Butchers or from Sue Dean on 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.

Tony Forrest



Clent Hills Singers



Many of you attended our Advent Concert on 26th November, and it was a very joyful occasion, heralding the Christmas season!

The next event will be a joint concert with Hagley Community Orchestra on 17th March in St. Saviour's Church, to raise funds for disabled facilities at St. John's Church. The choir and orchestra, with Paula Downes (soprano), will be performing choruses and arias from Handel's Solomon and Haydn's Creation, and the orchestra will also be playing music by Bach, Mussorgsky and John Williams.

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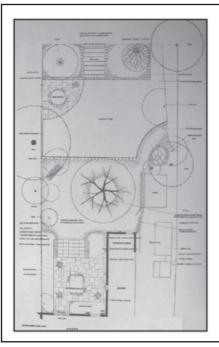
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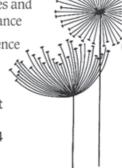
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AFTERNOON W.I.

2011 was the year of our 90th birthday – and we tried to celebrate it in style with three different parties and a splendid Birthday Lunch where we heard about Hagley Women's Institute's very first meetings – alternately in upper and lower Hagley to try to unite the two communities.

For 2012 we're looking forward to wide-ranging and stimulating meetings, as well as tackling familiar and new crafts in the monthly Craft Group. Several events are planned – a Pancake Lunch on Tuesday 14 February and lunch at the Granary on Tuesday 28 February, visits to the Barber Institute and to Art and Design events at Hatfield and Blenheim.

To start the new year, the first meeting on Monday 9 January will be a talk on the Ifakara Bakery Project and the Free Bread Fund in Tanzania. The monthly meetings are held on the second Monday at 2 pm in the Community Centre. Visitors are always welcomce to the meetings – we look forward to welcoming you.

Rosie Wynne

EVENING W.I.

Having held our annual meeting towards the end of last year we are now ready to start the New Year in style. In December many of us were fortunate enough to be part of the audience for the Pantomime put on by Blakedown WI members – a lovely start to the Christmas festivities. On the same day we also enjoyed a lovely meal so all requisites for a happy time were fulfilled.



Now we are looking forward to 2012. We have a wide range of speakers planned for this year and are in the throes of finding some interesting places to visit during the coming year. At this month's meeting on Wednesday, 18th January, we shall be having an interactive presentation on the subject of Local Crime Community Sentence when we shall have a chance to 'be the Judge' of a serious crime! Visitors are always welcome at our meetings - we meet at Hagley Free Church Hall on the third Wednesday of every month.

For more information our contact numbers are Hagley 882875 or 720219.

Katey Fletcher

Girlguiding Walton District

All our units have had a busy Autumn term. Several of our Leaders attended the County training day in November; the information and ideas from the day will support our planning activities in the future. The County challenge this year is 'Make a Difference', where all units are encouraged to undertake a project to benefit their community so this will be reflected in our future programmes for the girls.

We have also welcomed some new adult Leaders and our Young Leaders attended a meeting which will hopefully lead to the opening of a Senior Section group in the new year for girls who have left Guides.

We thank Jayne for organising the Leader's seasonal 'get together' at the Badger's Sett and Sue Hemmings for co-ordinating the arrangements for the District visit to the Black Country Museum for the Santa Hunt.

May we wish all our members and parents a Happy and Peaceful New Year.

Gill Quinliven



TREFOIL GUILD

The A.G.M in November was very well attended and it didn't take us long, (well, to be honest, only about two hours) to finalise next year's programme. One of our number pointed out that the finished list did encompass rather a lot of food orientated meetings but the rest of us stoutly, nay, rotundly, said that there was absolutely nothing wrong with that!

On Monday 9th January, at 2.00pm Marjorie and Barbara are asking us to a meeting at No. 4 Cavendish Drive. They went to a County meeting on our behalf and would like to pass on the information they received. On the following Thursday 12th we have our monthly meeting in the afternoon at 2.15pm. This to take place at 42 Summervale Road and a companiable way to start the New Year.

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Visitors are welcome at our first meeting of the year on Monday 9th January. Or if you can't make that, how about joining us to listen to the speakers at our annual speech contest on 23rd January? This is an opportunity for our more experienced members to pit their skills against each other in front of a panel of judges. And we do have some very good speakers! But don't be put off by the level of expertise demonstrated and feel that you couldn't achieve that standard. You'd be surprised at how a few months coaching in basic skills can develop a speaker capable of performing well in any forum. For more information visit our website www.StourbridgeSpeakers.org.uk or call David Wike on 01527 835161.

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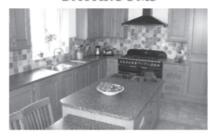
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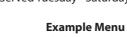


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HOOL NEWS

Hagley Catholic High School

In December, Switch It Off Week, a Worcestershire and nationwide campaign to cut down on electricity usage, ran for the fifth consecutive year at Hagley Catholic High School. This year the campaign was spearheaded by Year 8 pupils, who worked hard creating a poster campaign and gave up their lunch hours to go undercover and monitor lights and equipment left on. They have also used the new Envido software to monitor the school's electricity usage live on the 'Kamayaq' website.

The school celebrated Advent with breath-taking performances of music, dance and drama. The school hall was decorated with artwork produced by students. After the inspiring liturgy everyone was able to enjoy the Christmas Fayre in the Gym which included a variety of refreshments, from teas, coffees, mince pies and hot chocolate to Fair Trade snacks and home-made crepes with fillings. There was a choice of non-alcoholic Mulled Mora and traditional Mulled Wine.

The ever- popular Bottle Stall Tombola was a star attraction and families came away with mistletoe, freshly sourced from the Tenbury Mistletoe Fair and sold at very low prices.

Lots of home-made cakes, home-made Christmas cards, home-made jewellery and a selection of Fair Trade gifts and trinkets made in the developing world were sold in order to raise money for the Fr Hudson Society, the social care agency of the Catholic Archdiocese of Birmingham to support the Sixth Form as they prepare to accompany and support the sick and elderly on their pilgrimage to Lourdes.

V. Greer-Spencer



h Haybridge High School and Sixth Form

The end of the Autumn term was very busy, with a range of events and successes to celebrate. Student Voice is very strong in the school, and we were very proud of the moving, thought provoking assemblies led by our Sixth Formers on Remembrance Day and during Anti Bullying week. We were also delighted to host a talk from a member of the House of Lords to encourage students to engage more with the political and parliamentary process. Lord Faulkner of Worcester, former Deputy Speaker of the House, met with seventy-five students representing all year groups, who are studying subjects including Citizenship, History and Law. The one and a half hour session focussed on the work and role of the Lords in the political and law-making process. This was followed by a question and answer session on various aspects of the parliamentary process and life at Westminster generally. Michael Conroy-Harris, Community Programmes Co-ordinator at Haybridge, who is developing a number of Political Literacy projects, including Sixth Form study visits to the UN headquarters in Geneva, said, "This was a fantastic opportunity for our students to interact with someone who knows the parliamentary system inside out and is in 'the thick of it', so to speak. The world of politics and law-making can sometimes seem far removed from students' daily lives, so visits like this are invaluable." We look forward to another active year in 2012 to build on these initiatives.

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1st

am New Year Day Service*
pm No evening service

8th

am Rev Ian Jennings pm To be announced

15th

am Rev Phil Rees pm Rev Phil Rees *

22nd

am Mr Ian Cole pm Rev Riki Twigg

29th

am Rev David Tennantpm Rev David Tennant

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Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

The Hagley and District Service will be held at the Free Church on Sunday 22 January, at 6.00pm The service will be conducted by Rev Riki Twigg

JUNCTION SERVICE IN THE HALL

Sunday 8 January at 9.30am
Family Breakfast and Informal Service
Sunday 22 January at 9.30
Messy Church with informal worship and
activities for all the family.

A warm welcome to all

Sunday School will meet at 10.15am on 8, 15 and 29 January

It will combine with Junction at 9.30am on 22 January

InterActive meets in the Coffee Lounge weekly, 7.30 - 8.30pm from 9 January Topic......"Heaven is for Real" Bible Study, Prayer, Praise, Discussion

LADIES AFTERNOON FELLOWSHIP

Tuesday 10 January at 2.30pm

THURSDAY FELLOWSHIP at 8.00pm

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Tea and coffee available

To include various charity stalls

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From 10:30am till noon

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TUESDAY 3rd

Senior Citizens' Club Free Church Hall 2.30p.m.

THURSDAY 5th

Clent Hills Singers Free Church 7.30p.m.

FRIDAY 6th

Chess Club

Free Church Hall 7.00p.m.

MONDAY 9th

Afternoon W.I.

Community Centre 2.00p.m.

'The Ifakara Bakery Project'

TUESDAY 10th

Hagley Wives & Women's Fellowship

St. Saviour's 8.00p.m. 'Food and Drink'

WEDNESDAY 11th

Book Club

36 Lodge Crescent 8.00p.m. 'Wielding the Tickling Stick'

THURSDAY 12th

Clent Hills Singers

Free Church 7.30p.m.

FRIDAY 13th

Chess Club

Free Church Hall 7.00p.m.

TUESDAY 17th

Senior Citizens' Club

Free Church Hall 2.30p.m.

THURSDAY 19th

Clent Hills Singers

Free Church 7.30p.m.

FRIDAY 20th

Chess Club

Free Church Hall 7.00p.m.

TUESDAY 24th

Hagley Wives & Women's Fellowship

St. Saviour's 8.00p.m. 'Admiral Nurses

THURSDAY 26th

Clent Hills Singers Free Church 7.30p.m.

FRIDAY 27th

Chess Club

Free Church Hall 7.00p.m.

TUESDAY 31st

Senior Citizens' Club

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