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EDITORIAL

Many thanks to those people who have contacted me to say they can help with the distribution of the Village News. I am hopeful that by now, we have managed to arrange things to relieve the pressure on the team; there are still a few good souls about! I hope the News is safe for now!

Still plenty going on, see the Parish Council pages, Church pages and the Forthcoming Events for information and events. I might say we can look for signs of Spring, but who knows what the weather will be doing when we read this in February?!

If you would like to come and join us for a meeting, do give me a ring, we'd love to see you!

Anna Morley, Editor

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Manage the Community Centre, which involves:

- Bookings
- Maintenance of building and gardens
- Diary
- Keeping up to date with legislation
- Keeping the accounts

Run the Village News, which involves:

- Gathering and sorting copy, via post and email
- Editing
- Managing the Advertising and revenue
- Managing the Distribution
- Hold a 'Mulled Wine and Mince Pies' celebration at Christmas for Distributors

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- Communicating with all affiliated societies
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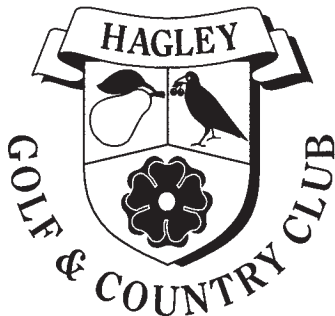
- Support and discussion for all members
- Keeping accurate Minutes
- Hold an A.G.M in September

So there's quite a lot to do! If you would like to be involved, or could offer help in any other way, please do get in touch:

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CALA Homes Application

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You can enter comments through this website. Alternatively, email pec@bromsgrove.gov.uk or write to the planning department at the council house in Bromsgrove.

Planning

In December the council looked at one other planning application; there were no objections to 11/0929 for unit 2 Hagley Mews, change of use from B1 to D1 – workshop to medical aesthetic practice.

Parking

Parking enforcement will soon be decriminalised. That means that there will no longer be a police traffic warden coming to the village. Through a partnership between Bromsgrove, Redditch and Wyre Forest Districts, wardens will be coming to Hagley from the District Council. They will have the power to impose fixed penalties for parking offences, dog fouling and littering.

Catherine Humphries,
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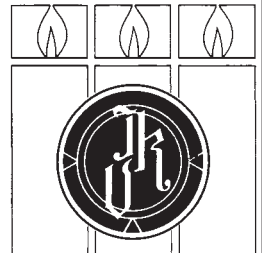


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MAIN OUTCOMES

CALA Homes

It is anticipated that the outline plan for 250 homes and industrial units on the border of the Parish will be deferred; this will enable us to further advise Parishioners of the issues, and to submit additional material to Bromsgrove DC alongside our thoroughly researched objections. The Council agreed a further funding contribution of £505 towards the Hagley/Clent Objection Documents.

Financial matters

Final Agreement of the budget was deferred until the January meeting.

Highways issues

We are researching the cost of placing a flashing speed sign in Newfield Road. Affected Parishioners will then be consulted.

Sport/Recreation/events

We expressed thanks to Parish youngsters for raising over £100 towards the enhancement of skateboarding facilities. We are taking advice on the possibility of setting up a Clent Youth Parish Council.

We resolved to donate £250 to Comic Theatre Group, to improve visibility at Sunfield Theatre.

An outline of the programme for the Diamond Jubilee showed that many exciting events will take place over three days.

The new pedestrian gates into the cricket outfield will allow more access for walkers/dogs.

PLEASE NOTE: THE WHOLE OF CENTENARY FIELD SHOULD BE A DOG-POO FREE ZONE!

Official Minutes are presented at the start of each meeting and at www.clentparishcouncil.gov.uk

Stan Bloxham

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March 9th will be our Annual General Meeting and after the business, Sean Counley will give us an *Introduction to Digital Art*.

A Pritchard, Honorary President

HISTORICAL & FIELD SOCIETY

The Society's last meeting of 2011 was a special event to celebrate the 21st Birthday of the HHFS Research Group. The Group's founder, Tom Pagett, started off with a short account of how the group came into being and then went on to describe their first project to record the remains of the forty or so watermills on two local streams. Following on was Irene Oliver who talked about the project to record farm buildings before they were converted to other uses: she illustrated this by concentrating on the survey of Brakemill Farm. Sheila Pearson spoke next on The Field House and explained how the group had succeeded in linking 1914 garden drawings by Gertrude Jekyll to the physical remains on the ground. The team had followed this up with dowsing to glean more information. Don Freeth then showed the photographs he had taken when the old sewage farm was replaced by the modern pumping station at the end of Cavendish Drive. The presentations were concluded by a tiny sample of the many hours of oral history that members of the group had recorded over the years – a precious resource that is often overlooked. To round the evening off, the 76 members and visitors enjoyed a buffet, accompanied by a specially made birthday cake. Dr Mike Hodder, Birmingham City Council Planning Archaeologist, proposed a vote of thanks to the Group.

Our next meeting, to which all are welcome, is on 7th February when Keith Cattell will present "The English House".

Alan Atkinson

CLUB REPORTS



THEATRE GROUP

Our next adult show is now upon us so hurry to get your tickets. The Theatre Group is always open to new challenges. For this production one of our own members, David Knowlton, took up the gauntlet of writing the script. David's "The Social Circle" is set around the relationships of a number of couples who have been invited to a birthday party in a quiet Cotswold Village. As the party progresses the relationships between the friends are more complicated than it first seems and there are dark deeds being planned. The play has many comic moments and 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 (at £ 6.00 and £ 5.00 concessions) are available from Paddock Butchers or from Susan Dean on 07907 457217. Also please phone that number and leave a message for Susan should you wish to take part in any aspect of amateur theatre.

Tony Forrest

Flower Arrangement Society

This month's meeting will be held at the Community Centre on Monday 27th February commencing 7.30 p.m. and our demonstration will be by Brigette Manton entitled "Seasonal Inspirations". Visitors are always welcome.

Christine Reaney

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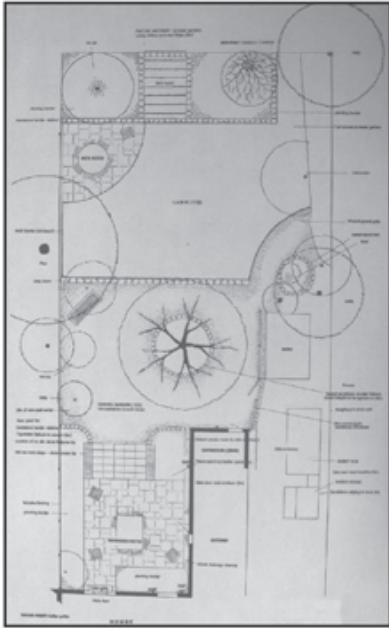
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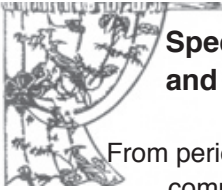
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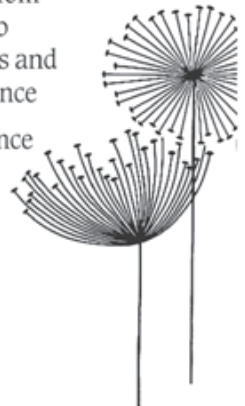
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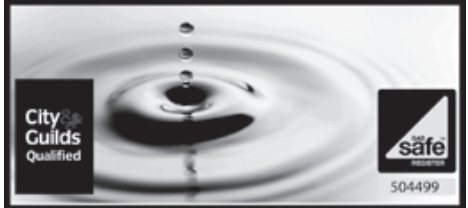
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AFTERNOON W.I.

We ended 2011, our 90th birthday year, with the dedication of the seat on the playing field near to the Community Centre. We hope that it will be a popular 'place in the sun'. We were then wonderfully entertained by Richard Westcott as a Pantomime Dame – the Dame's make up routine, the multi-coloured bloomers and a series of beautiful and flamboyant costumes and wigs – accompanied by the traditional stories, songs and audience participation.

The 2012 programme is now in full swing. On Monday 13 February we will hear from Melvyn Thompson about the setting up of the Kidderminster Carpet Museum. And on Monday 12 March, we have David Berry talking on a topic that will be of interest to us all in due course – Humour in Retirement.

The meetings are at the Community Centre at 2.00 pm monthly on the second Monday. If you feel you might enjoy our activities and our company, do come along to our meetings – you will be warmly welcomed.

Rosie Wynne

EVENING W.I.

Many members of our WI were fortunate enough to see the great Pantomime - Jack and the Beanstalk - that Blakedown WI put on in early December. Like all good amateur productions the humour and love of their task in hand shone out and was a wonderful build up to our own Christmases. Their commitment to put on such a magnificent entertainment impressed us tremendously, thank you.



As you read this we should be well into the winter season, beginning to see snowdrops and daffodils, with the hope of Spring shortly. At Hagley Evening WI our programme of speakers for the coming year has been settled and we are in the throes of planning outings and activities for the time of year when it is pleasant to be out and about.

At this month's meeting on Wednesday, 15th February, we shall be having a talk given by Roy Peacock on Ernest Stevens, the Stourbridge entrepreneur and philanthropist. 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

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At the meeting our forthcoming Social Events were announced. It looks as if we shall be having a variety of outings, with something for everyone.

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TREFOIL GUILD

Not a lot to report this month. The Christmas Party went on its merry way, very much as usual. Yes, we did exchange Christmas cards. In the event we all thought the promise of 'I'm giving to charity instead' rang a bit hollow, so cards are on the agenda again.

Our February meeting is on 9th at 7.00p.m. Liz has invited us to her house in Lodge Crescent to see a D.V.D. We will each take one of our favourites and then who knows – perhaps a lucky dip?

Thinking Day on Wednesday 22nd will be marked by a meeting of Worcestershire Guilds at Droitwich at the Church of the Sacred Heart at 2.00p.m. This is usually a very interesting, thoughtful event so it is hoped a number of us can join other Guild members on that day.

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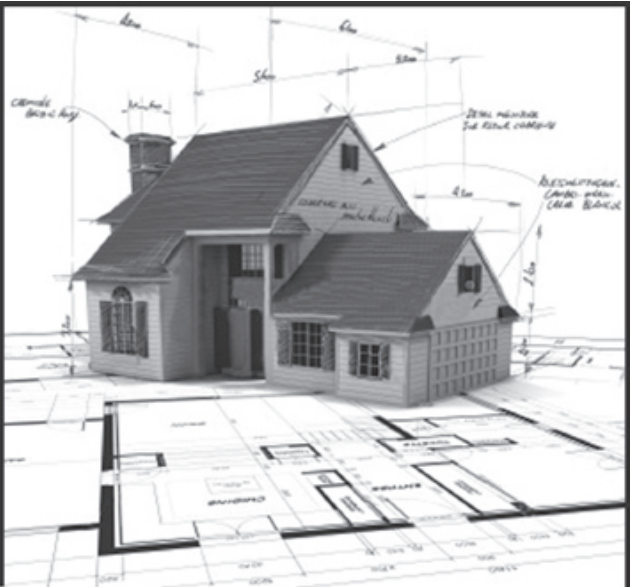
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5th – 3 before Lent		Café Church St Saviour's	Holy Communion St John's	Evening Prayer St Saviour's
12th – 2 before Lent	Holy Communion St John's		Morning Prayer St John's Holy Communion St Saviour's	
19th – Sunday before Lent			Parish Family Communion St John's	Evening Praise St Saviour's
26th – Lent I	Holy Communion St John's		Parish Communion St Saviour's	Compline & Music for Lent – 6.00 pm St Saviour's

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



If you are a lover of poetry and prose, then put the following dates in your diary. On Friday, February 24th at 8.00.p.m, the Bromsgrove Literary Group, “Words”, hosts a visit from the Poet Laureate, Carol Ann Duffy, who has made poetry part of the national landscape and whose work is acclaimed across the world.

“Words” was formed in 1979 with the objective of promoting interest in the use of the written and spoken word. We are delighted that it has moved its venue to Artrix for 2012, and Ms Duffy is the first in a series of visits by eminent literary figures, including Sir Michael Holroyd, David Edgar, Michael Billington and David Lodge.

And then on Saturday, February 25th at 3.00.p.m, Simon Callow, who is not only one of Britain’s finest and best loved actors, but also an acclaimed author and biographer, will read from his new book

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Tickets for Carol Ann Duffy are £12 and for Simon Callow are £15 (£13). They are available from the Box Office on 01527-577330 or online at www.artrix.co.uk

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We are already looking forward to the performance of our Musical, "The Wiz" which will be part of our summer term Arts Week activities. Students are now learning the songs in preparation for the auditions which will take place later in the term.

Hagley Catholic High Pyramid of Schools Celebration through Music: 50 years of the Beatles will be held at Birmingham Town Hall on 9 February at 7pm. Tickets are stalls £5 and the rest £7, to try cover our costs. They are available through the Town Hall Box Office on 0121 345 0600. A £2 fee per transaction will be charged on all bookings except purchases made in person at Town hall or Symphony Hall Box Office and some tickets are directly available from the Arts Office at Hagley Catholic High School.

The concert was a tremendous success last year and we hope that everybody is as excited as we are about the forthcoming event. It will be the result of seven months of dedicated work by our music staff and eight feeder schools. All the children have responded well to this wonderful opportunity.

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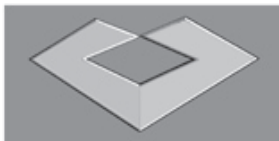


The Branch raised £8,261 during the Poppy Appeal last November. The sum collected was slightly higher than the amount collected in 2010, which is encouraging in the light of the current economic climate. My thanks go to the Members of the Branch and Poppy Collectors for all their hard work, and, in particular, Mrs. Jean Pardoe, our Poppy Appeal Organiser. Our thanks also go to all those individual members of the public, schools, churches, local shops and businesses and Community groups who gave so generously in support of the Appeal.

How splendid that 'The Military Wives' choir became the Nation's No.1 best-selling single at Christmas with their heart-rending "Wherever you are". I would like to pay tribute to them, choirmaster, Gareth Malone, and Chris Evans from Radio 2 who personally did so much to publicise their song. The Legion was one of the two military charities to benefit from the sale of the cd.

On another positive note, the Branch Membership has increased by over 100% since we began our recruitment drive at the Hagley Village Fete in July last year. We now have over thirty new Members. They come from the local Community, and even further afield. In fact, the youngest recruit, aged 28 years, lives and works in Vancouver, Canada! This is a unique achievement for any Branch of The Royal British Legion. 2012 will see our Membership drive gather pace as we endeavour to persuade more individuals to join the Nation's largest and foremost military charity.

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5th

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 pm Rev David Grainger*

12th World Church Sunday

am Mr John Butterworth
 pm Mr John Butterworth

19th

am Rev Phil Rees*
 pm Rev Diane Cooksey

26th

am Rev Ernest Cruchley
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Clent Hills Singers

Free Church 7.30p.m.

FRIDAY 3rd

Country Markets

Community Centre 8.45-11.00a.m.

Chess Club

Free Church Hall 7.00p.m.

MONDAY 6th

Stourbridge Speakers Club

Talbot Hotel, High Street
Stourbridge, 7.45 for
8.00pm

TUESDAY 7th

Historical & Field Society

St. Saviour's Hall 8.00p.m.
'The English House'

WEDNESDAY 8th

Book Club

43 Sweetpool Lane
8.00p.m. 'Poetry Evening'

THURSDAY 9th

Clent Hills Singers

Free Church 7.30p.m.

FRIDAY 10th

Chess Club

Free Church Hall 7.00p.m.

MONDAY 13th

Parish Council
74A Worcester Road
7.00p.m.

TUESDAY 14th

Senior Citizens' Club

Free Church Hall 2.30p.m.

Hagley Wives &

Women's Fellowship

St. Saviour's Hall 8.00p.m.
'Valentine's Day Quiz'

THURSDAY 16th

Clent Hills Singers

Free Church 7.30p.m.

FRIDAY 17th

Country Markets

Community Centre 8.45-11.00a.m.

Chess Club

Free Church Hall 7.00p.m.

MONDAY 20th

Stourbridge Speakers Club

– Annual Evaluation
Contest

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Stourbridge, 7.45 for
8.00pm

THURSDAY 23rd

Clent Hills Singers

Free Church 7.30p.m.

FRIDAY 24th

Country Markets

Community Centre 8.45-11.00a.m.

Chess Club

Free Church Hall 7.00p.m.

MONDAY 27th

Parish Council

74A Worcester Road
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TUESDAY 28th

Senior Citizens' Club

Free Church Hall 2.30p.m.

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