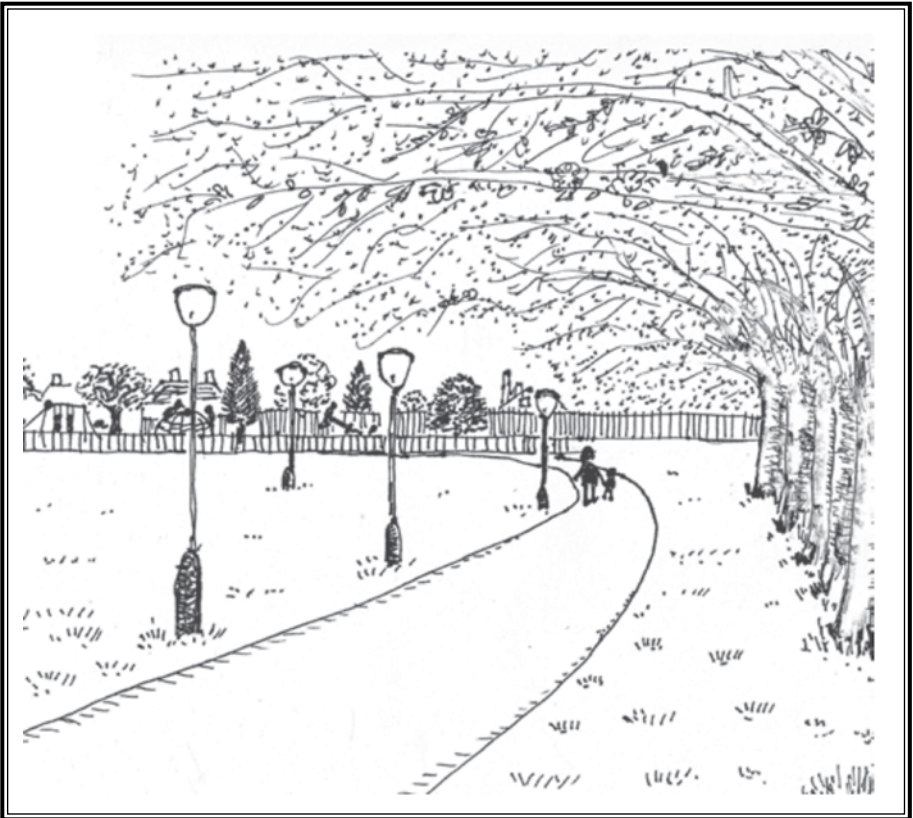




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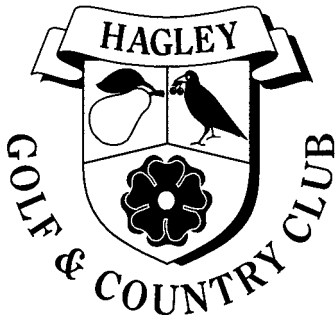
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This year all seems to be moving very quickly! It is February deadline already, which means it is nearly Spring, with any luck.

Thank you to the people who attended our A.G.M., in spite of my printing the wrong date in January – apologies! I know it is yet another meeting, but the great variety of clubs and associations in Hagley is one of our strengths, and we would be poorer without them – let's support wherever we can.

Have a good month; we have already started working on our new garden – I think it will take the whole Summer!

Anna Morley, Editor

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Cover pictures needed



It is always nice to be able to support an event in the village by putting it on the cover of the Village News, but sometimes there isn't a request for this and I can be searching for something attractive and of interest to us all.

It would be great to receive some new cover pictures, such as the one this month, maybe for a particular month, or maybe for general use.

Many thanks!
Anna Morley, Editor

Research Study – HHFS

To mark the centenary of the start of the First World War, Hagley Historical & Field Society is asking readers for names, stories, letters or pictures etc. to supplement research they are undertaking to record the attitudes, activities and contributions of the people of Hagley during the war as recorded in the 'Parish Magazines' published throughout this period. If you can contribute, please get in touch via the website www.hhfs.org.uk or with the Secretary on 01562 884820. Thank you for your support.

Editor

Win Long

Win's son Jim, daughter Pat, and all the family would like to thank everyone for their kind messages of sympathy. We would also like to thank everyone for coming to the funeral service at St John's and for donations given in Win's memory. A total of £448 was raised for the Midlands Air Ambulance.

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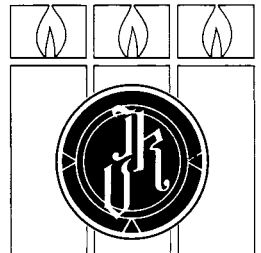


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Discussions between Hagley Parish Council and Worcestershire County Council in respect of the Library services and community transport are on-going with the main aim being to explore options to ensure the services are maintained as best as possible or improved where we can. Further discussions are also on going with the Hagley Business Association, Hagley Community Association and the Doctor's surgery in respect of car parking. As soon as we have more detail we will publicise any changes.

The Parish Council is also exploring possibilities to improve the changing rooms used by West Hagley FC and seeking funding from BDC for further play equipment on Hagley playing fields. Options are also being developed with a group of residents and the Community Association around the redesign and rebuild of the community centre. Volunteers who have the relevant professional qualifications would be a welcome addition to the working party.

This very busy period reflects the proactive strategic approach the members of Hagley Parish Council are committed to in looking at ways to maintain and improve local public services.

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It appears that rules for the same games vary with geographical location with some of the tougher ones represented in the Northern Counties.

To mark the centenary of the outbreak of the First World War, the Society wishes to record the attitudes, activities and contributions of the people of Hagley during the war as recorded in the 'Parish Magazines' published throughout this period.

While we have a good knowledge of villagers who died in the conflict, we have incomplete records of those who served and survived. We would be grateful for any names, stories, letters or pictures which your family might have of relatives or friends who were involved, to help complete the story of Hagley's involvement. We can be contacted via our website www.hhfs.org.uk or the Secretary on 01562 884820.

Our meeting on 4th February sees Diana Clutterbuck presenting 'Emily Lyttelton of Hartlebury and Hagley'. Visitors are most welcome at all our events – see website for details and contacts.

Jeff Cope

Hagley Playgroup

Our new recruits have now settled in and we are enjoying lots of fun activities in the new term.

We do have a few remaining places, so if you have a two year old who you think may be ready for their first steps of independence and learning in a caring environment, please give me a ring for a chat on 07899846669/01562882433, or email hagleyplaygroup@live.co.uk

Sharon Gould

CLUB REPORTS

EVENING W.I.



I hope we are well on the way to Spring when you read this! The first meeting of the year was excellent, given by Mrs Irene Oliver telling us about the old roads of Hagley and how historians discovered them. Several of us had a turn at water divining in the hall, some were successful others not but with no explanation.

We shall welcome Wendy Fryatt from the 'Black Country Food Bank' in March. If you would like to join us please do you will be most welcome.

The Hagley Group meet for a light lunch with a speaker and pancake tossing, no running! on Shrove Tuesday.

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Katie Fletcher

Hagley Wives & Women's Fellowship

On Feb 11 we have Sandy Cale coming to talk about The Great Escape, the story of King Charles II after the Battle of a Worcester. This is followed on Feb 25 when Nic Yates will tell us of his experience of being an Olympic Torch bearer.

Looking forward to March 11 Angela Hugman will be looking at the lighter moments of being a Physiotherapist.

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Toni Allison

CLUB REPORTS



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Poppy Appeal Record-breaker!

I am delighted to report that as the Branch goes from strength to strength, the 2013 Poppy Appeal in Hagley and Blakedown has been an outstanding success and reached record-breaking levels of fundraising. This is despite extremely poor weather conditions during the duration of the Appeal and major disruption caused by roadworks in Hagley which reduced the amount of footfall in the village over several days.

The overall total collected by the Branch was an impressive £10,121.83 (£9,104.25 in Hagley and £1017.58 in Blakedown and Churchill).

This compares with the 2012 figures of £7,604.54 in total (£7,033.16 in Hagley and £571.38 in Blakedown and Churchill). **The overall increase in fundraising is 33% up on last year, and is an all-time Branch record!**

I would like to thank all the Branch Membership (currently standing at 101) for their support of the Charity, and particularly those Members and Poppy Collectors who were able to help directly with the Appeal. I would also like to pay tribute to the generosity of the Communities of Hagley, Blakedown and Churchill in making these results possible in the current economic climate. Worthy of particular note, was the contribution made by our younger generation in the three local schools, Hagley Primary School, Hagley Catholic High School and Haybridge High School. Between them, they collected over £1000 during the Appeal, and sixth form pupils from Haybridge also helped with the street collection.

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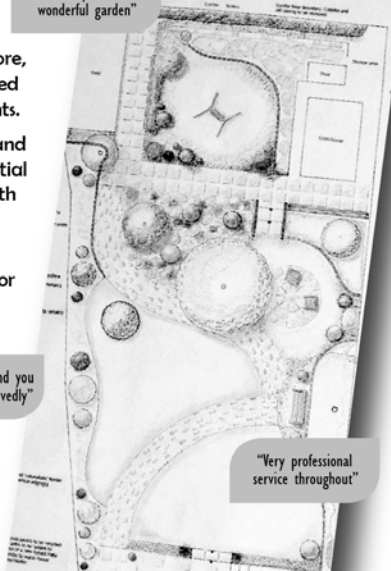
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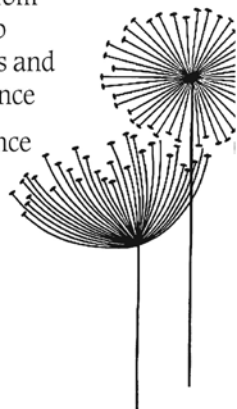
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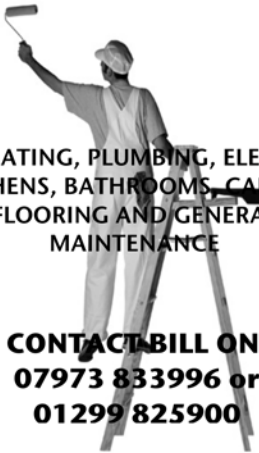


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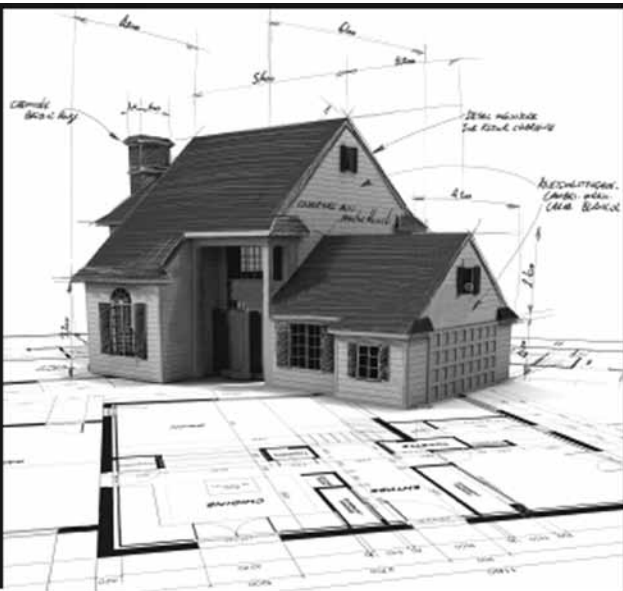
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HAGLEY ART CLUB

ART CLUB

At our meeting on Friday 14th February, Michelle Howard, visiting artist, will be demonstrating 'Flowers in Mixed Media'. This should be an interesting evening and help us to look forward to Spring.

Looking ahead to March, this will be our AGM, when we will hear reviews of the past year and plans for the future, especially taking into account that this is our 25th Anniversary year. Some members of the Committee will be standing down this year, so we will be looking for new members to take on key roles for the Club. Following the AGM, in the second part of the evening, Graham Short will be covering a new topic – Micro Art.

Anne Garth

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Girlguiding Walton District

2014 is the 100th birthday of the Brownies. Walton District will be celebrating throughout the year so please look out for further details of events.

All our units are full with plenty of girls on our waiting lists but we urgently need new volunteers to help with one of our two Rainbow units due to the ill health of the leaders; this unit has 20 girls aged 5 to 7 and meets on Thursdays between 4.30 and 5.45 pm. If you can assist with your time you will find this worthwhile and most rewarding. There is a danger of this unit otherwise having to close. Walton District Girlguiding has a friendly and supportive team to provide training, resources, guidance, support and help.

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TREFOIL GUILD

Our February meeting will be quite diverse. Some genteel craft work, making 'favour' boxes for celebratory occasions, a Valentine Quiz and a birthday party for two of our members. Should be fun, 7.30pm on 13th at 42 Summervale Road.

Thinking Day is also a birthday event. The 22nd February was chosen as the day Guides celebrate with others because it was Lady Baden-Powell's birthday. This year West Midland Guilds meet at the Catholic School, here in Hagley. We've been chosen to 'do' refreshments. Just in case the milk has been forgotten, the idea is someone local can run home for it. The powers that be obviously have little faith; we stalwartly follow the 'Be Prepared' motto. But this year we really will try to remember a big candle.

E.O.Gingell

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Music and romance are on offer for visitors to Artrix this February.

As always, there's a packed schedule including comedy, opera, childrens' shows, theatre and music.

Classical highlights include **Bromsgrove Concerts** presenting guitarist **Craig Ogden and the Tippett Quartet**. **Midland Sinfonia** are performing a Romantic Strings selection of classical tunes and opera lovers will enjoy Mozart's tragic comedy **Don Giovanni** screened live from the National Theatre.

There's lots on offer for comedy fans including a crazy blend of science and comedy in **Full Frontal Nerdity** and an appearance from top stand-up comedian **Paul Sinha**.

A romantic evening is in store on Valentine's Day with **Keith James** presenting a musical tribute to the poetry of **Leonard Cohen**. For folk enthusiasts we have the delightful **Kathryn Roberts** and **Sean Lakeman**. Tribute band **T.Rextasy** promises a return to the halcyon days of 'I love to Boogie' and the nostalgic journey continues when 60s icon **Gerry Marsden** takes us across the Mersey.

Theatrical treats include an **All and Sundry** production of 50s angst play **Look Back in Anger**, spine-chilling stories in **Grisly Tales from Tumblewater** and a modern twist on boy meets girl in **My Romantic History**.

Finally for those little people in your life, we have some amazing tricks from the **Champions of Magic** to keep them guessing and an invitation from **People's Theatre** to join them and **Old MacDonald** on a visit to his farm.

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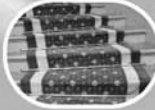


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Café Church is a kind of fusion - a fusion of worship and breakfast. We meet informally, to have breakfast together, to enjoy one another's company, and also to focus on our faith and to pray. It's fun, it's different - there will always be a place for you if you wish to come.

Sunday 2 Feb 6.30 pm - Candlemas Service in St Saviour's

Candlemas is the formal end of the Christmas season - the day when Mary and Joseph took Jesus and presented him in the Temple, as an act of thanksgiving. We shall be holding a vigil service by candlelight in the evening, to mark this festival day.

Thursday 21 Feb: Mothers' Union AGM and Tea - St Saviour's Church Hall from 2.30 pm

FEBRUARY SERVICES

Date	8.00 am	9.30 am	10.30 am	6.30 pm
2 February Candlemas		Café Church Church Hall	Holy Communion St John's	Candlemas Service St Saviour's
9 February 4 before Lent	Holy Communion St John's		Morning Prayer St John's Holy Communion St Saviour's	
16 February 3 before Lent			Parish Family Communion St John's	Evening Praise St Saviour's
23 February 2 before Lent	Holy Communion St John's		Parish Communion St Saviour's	Compline St Saviour's
2 March Sunday before Lent		Morning Praise St Saviour's	Holy Communion St John's	Evening Prayer St Saviour's

10.00 am Holy Communion each Thursday at St Saviour's



Hagley Catholic High School

With the cold weather and dark nights, the first half-term back after the holidays has been difficult, but as action-packed as ever.

Recent Events

At the start of January, pupils from across all Key Stages enjoyed a wonderful skiing trip to Austria. The trip involved skiers of all abilities, and some who skied for the very first time. The conditions there meant that pupils were able to benefit fully from professional skiing instruction and pupils returned from the trip all having improved the skills.

After two full weeks back at school, over 80 pupils from Y7 enjoyed a two-night residential retreat at Alton Castle Catholic Youth Retreat Centre in Staffordshire. There, they reflected on their relationships with themselves, their peers and with God through a series of physical activities, including rock climbing, mountain biking and even an outdoor survival skills workshop.

On 23 January, the school marked the feast day of St Nicholas Owen, our Patron Saint. Residents may be aware of the work Nicholas undertook locally at Harvington Hall during the Reformation in order to help ensure the survival of the Catholic faith in Britain. Harvington Hall is open to the public for guided tours.

Upcoming Events

- 6 February – Intermediate Maths Challenge
- 11 February – Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes
- 25 February – visit from Challenge Team


Throughout February, Miss Bevan is leading an initiative aimed at increasing boys' participation in Dance projects, by having some Y8 boys working with professional dancers over a number of weeks.

On the evening of Thursday 13 February, we have our Pyramid Concert at Birmingham Town Hall. This is a showcase of material from some of our own pupils, but primarily work of pupils in our primary Feeder Schools who have worked with our very own Mr Mallinson. Tickets for the evening are available from Mrs Aston on 01562 883193.

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The end of the Autumn Term was tinged with sadness for the school, as we mourned the death of one of our much loved students, Danny Sanders. Danny had Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy, a condition which meant that he was confined to a wheelchair throughout his time at Haybridge. However, this did not affect his outstanding work ethic. He was a dedicated student who had recently started to study for his A-levels after completing his GCSEs to a high standard. Our thoughts and prayers are with his family at the start of this new year. Friday 13th December was a day dedicated to raising funds in Danny's memory to support the work of Heartlands Hospital in purchasing a piece of ventilation equipment and The Muscular Dystrophy Campaign. Students and staff, in addition to making a contribution for wearing a Christmas jumper, also took part in 'The Big Christmas Train Quiz' and sold cakes and cookies. Money was also donated from the Christmas Concert, the SLT cake bake and the Years 7 & 8 disco. Currently the grand total stands at £2224.81. The Autumn Term was a strong term for fundraising, we raised a fantastic £3918.89 for charity in one term, donating money to Macmillan, Children in need and the Philippines, appeal amongst others. We look forward to even more success this term.

Lynne Byford

It happened in Hagley...

6 January 1847 ... a fire in the chimney of a farm house led to the mother of the owner Mr Pagett, a butcher from Stourbridge, becoming 'so much alarmed' that she collapsed and died.

13 January 1847 ... John Cross was sentenced to one month in prison after admitting stealing one shilling from a huckster's shop owned by Thomas Powell.

25 January 1847 ... Mr Moss of Hagley Hill Farm 'has now in his possession a stupendous pig, the animal being nine feet long, upwards of four feet high and estimated to weigh upwards of forty score'.

10 February 1847 ... A fine of one shilling was imposed on John Male after he endangered people by riding his wagon with reins.

What is this Life

What is this life if full of care we have no time to stand and stare.

Thus wrote W.H. Davies at the start of his poem "Leisure" in 1911.

How much faster has life become since those words were written. As a result of technology everything has to be instant these days. Humans have not evolved to live in this unhealthy madcap materialistic society. However that's what we've got. So at the very least heed the wisdom of the poem. Stop and think whether our pressured lives could not be better spent than working all hours just to buy bigger houses, exotic foreign holidays, a Porsche, the latest miraculous electronic gizmo and so forth. Why not take time to smell the flowers, sit doing nothing just for a while and enjoy the true leisurely joys of life not just the passing pleasures.

Years ago I wrote the following poem comparing the difference between how as we grow from children to adults our perceptions of time change, not necessarily for the better.

TIME

Time rushes slowly by and all but fools and children think how swift the winter moves from frost to summer sun. But for these the rain forms pools that represent eternity;

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Sunday School at 10.15am

2nd

am Rev David Tennant

pm Rev David Tennant*

9th World Church Sunday

am Mr Ian Cole

pm Mrs Jo Jenkins

16th

am Rev Rikk i Twigg

pm Rev Diane Cooksey*

23rd

am To be announced

pm Mr Keith Flinders

* Includes Holy Communion

World Church Sunday 9th February

On this Sunday we think of the Church active in the world. This year at our morning service, we hear about the work of "The World Prayer Centre". The Mission Statement of the Centre is by prayer- Encouraging, Envisioning, Empowering Embracing, Enabling In our evening service we are updated on the work of "Upendo". A charity supported by the Church, providing for homeless children in Tanzania

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Historical & Field Society

St. Saviour's Hall 8.00p.m.

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THURSDAY 6th

Hagley Community

Orchestra

St. Saviour's Church

6-7.00p.m.

Clent Hills Singers

Free Church 7.30p.m.

FRIDAY 7th

Country Markets

Community Centre 8.45-

11.00am

Chess Club

Free Church Hall 7.00p.m.

MONDAY 10th

Afternoon W.I.

Community Centre 2.00p.m.

'Cookery Demonstration'

Parish Council

74A Worcester Road 7.00p.m.

TUESDAY 11th

Hagley Wives & Women's Fellowship

St. Saviour's Hall 8.00p.m.

'Charles II – The Great
Escape'

THURSDAY 13th

Hagley Community

Orchestra

St. Saviour's Church

6-7.00p.m.

Clent Hills Singers

Free Church 7.30p.m.

FRIDAY 14th

Country Markets

Community Centre 8.45-

11.00am

Chess Club

Free Church Hall 7.00p.m.

TUESDAY 18th

Tuesday Tea Club

Free Church Hall 2.30p.m.

WEDNESDAY 19th

Evening W.I.

Free Church Hall 7.30p.m.

'Traidcraft'

THURSDAY 20th

Hagley Community

Orchestra

St. Saviour's Church

6-7.00p.m.

Clent Hills Singers

Free Church 7.30p.m.

FRIDAY 21st

Country Markets

Community Centre 8.45-

11.00am

Chess Club

Free Church Hall 7.00p.m.

MONDAY 24th

Parish Council

74A Worcester Road 7.00p.m.

TUESDAY 25th

Hagley Wives & Women's Fellowship

St. Saviour's Hall 8.00p.m.

'An Olympic Torch Bearer'

THURSDAY 27th

Hagley Community

Orchestra

St. Saviour's Church

6-7.00p.m.

Clent Hills Singers

Free Church 7.30p.m.

FRIDAY 28th

Country Markets

Community Centre 8.45-

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Chess Club

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