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February 2015

February is the month of waiting, as Spring is around the corner and we are all ready for her to arrive. But the signs are there and I have put the snowdrops on the cover to remind us that it won't be long.

Thank you to the members who attended the HCA AGM in January – another year gone! Your continued support is much appreciated. Have a good month and see you in March.

Anna Morley, Editor

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Hagley Community Association

Hagley Community Association would like to thank all its affiliated societies, and its advertisers, contributors and readers of the Village News, for your support last year and to ask for it again this year.

The Association are always glad to see new faces and potential members; we would be very pleased if you wanted to attend a meeting one night to see what happens. It is a commitment of approximately one evening meeting per month and you can take on as much or as little as you wish.

HVN

We think the *Village News* is the best of its kind locally (but we are biased!) and this is thanks to those people who put in their time and energy to see it produced each month and to get it to your front door.

Affiliates are always welcome to send their monthly contribution and these are the guidelines:

- Copy deadline is noon on 1st of the preceding month so 1st March for April edition.
- Word limit is 250; please add this at the end.
- Please type your entry; email is great, but you can post/deliver it too.
- I will always respond to emails so that you know I have got your article.
- Letters to the Editor are always welcome, but the *Village News* is not a political forum.
- Cover pictures are always in demand, of a neutral topic, seasonal submissions would be very welcome!

The Editor always looks forward to receiving the copy each month, and residents do look to the *Village News* for news of events, items of interest and as an antidote the reading the newspapers!

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At the time of writing objections have been raised on the proposed 'link road' between the Cala Homes Kidderminster Rd site and the Western Rd (Strathearn) site. Objections have been raised directly with Cala Homes, Bromsgrove District Council and Worcestershire Highways. The objections centre around the impact of traffic particularly on Western Rd and Newfield Rd.

By opening these roads up to the whole of the two sites will effectively leave the roads vulnerable to increased traffic adding to the already heavy 'rat run' that exists. The members of Hagley Parish Council remain disappointed that Worcestershire Highways are not supporting our concerns and remain insistent that in its view that by opening the Western Road junction to the whole site will not cause additional problems. At the time of writing there is still an opportunity to raise comments by contacting Bromsgrove Planning Department or Worcestershire Highways before the matter is presented to the planning committee.

We are currently in the process of setting Hagley Parish Council's precept for the forthcoming financial year 15/16. With the increasing roles and responsibilities of the Parish Council it is proving challenging and is a timely reminder of one of the benefits that the boundary change will bring to amenities and services in Hagley and the ability of Hagley PC to support the community. A draft decision on the change is expected by Bromsgrove District Council before the end of April. You will of course be kept informed of its decision and Hagley's response.

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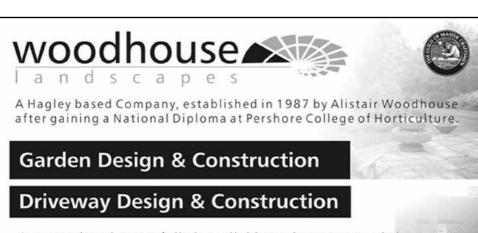


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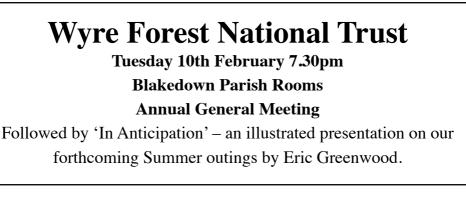
Like Hagley, Chaddesley Corbett has been marking the centenary of the start of WWI. In her talk entitled 'The Boys on the Board: Chaddesley Corbett and World War One' our speaker, Sylvia Beardshaw, described how the lives of her villagers were so drastically affected by the conflict. Her published research has revealed both names of those who perished and those who served and survived.

The book "Hagley Miscellanea" by John-Homery Folkes, the architect of St.Saviour's Hall, was privately published in 1974 with only 25 copies printed. Forty years later it is considered sufficiently interesting to merit a reprint. The author, born 1906, paints a picture of Hagley in the century and more before the explosion of house-building in the 1960s.

The book includes: the early days of the railway station; the building of St. Saviour's church; houses large and small; an attempt at encroachment in Church Street; the Rifle Corps and the Range; the nursemaid question! and an eyewitness account of the fire at Hagley Hall on Christmas Eve 1925. It is available from Happy Families or our Secretary (884820), priced as £5.

Our meeting on Tuesday 3rd February at 8pm in St. Saviour's Church Hall sees Deborah de Haes presenting 'The Work of the Friends of Birmingham Museums 1931 – 2014'. She will describe how the Association of Friends has supported Birmingham Museums Trust to finance some of its acquisitions and how its members volunteer in other practical ways. Visitors are most welcome at all our events – see hhfs.org.uk for details and contacts.

Jeff Cope



AFTERNOON W.I.

And so 2014 has come and gone bringing another memorable year for Hagley Afternoon and a little time for reflection before the delights to come in 2015!

The last meeting of the year was a Christmas Party and also our 93rd WI Birthday. It was a very enjoyable occasion with guests from Blackwell & Burcot and Hagley Afternoon W.I.s. The food provided by members was particularly delicious and with quizzes, readings - both amusing and appropriate to the season - and a crazy pass the parcels (some 40 in all!) game a good time was had by all.

Now we look ahead to the 100th Anniversary of the WI movement in the UK which is to be celebrated this year. Hagley Afternoon and Hagley Evening are planning a special joint event to commemorate the occasion.

A reminder to members that some of the dates given on the programme are incorrect and that all our meetings are on the 2nd Monday in each month and not as stated for April, May and July.

Much to look forward to in the coming months - both with speakers and social events so if you think you might like to try us, meetings are at Hagley Community Centre, 2nd Monday in each month at 2pm. Just come on the day or if you would like further information please contact the undersigned on 01562 885215.

Megan Bury

EVENING W.I.

Christmas and New Year seem a long time ago and we are now in that part of the year when there is little other than snowdrops and the odd crocus or daffodil. While writing this we are looking forward to combining with Hagley Afternoon WI. It will be good to get to know more people in the WI and the extra bodies should keep the hall cosy and warm during the cold of January.

During this month of February, on Wednesday 18th, we are back to normal and our own meeting will be in the Free Church Hall, Worcester Road, Hagley when we shall hear a talk entitled 'Goodwill and Growth for Africa' by Charles Horner. It promises to be an interesting evening so do come and join us, you would be most welcome. For more information our contact numbers are Hagley 882829 or 882875.





ART CLUB

At our meeting on Friday 13th February, Robin Holder, our visiting artist, will be demonstrating 'A Landscape in Oils'. Looking ahead to March, this will be our A.G.M. when we hope new members will come forward

for the Committee. Further details next month.

Visitors are always welcome to any of our meetings. We meet in St. Saviour's Hall on the second Friday of each month at 7.30pm. There is a small fee which includes refreshments. Anne Garth



Basil Brush and a Whitney Houston tribute act are amongst the highlights in a diverse programme of events this February.

There's a classical theme running through this month with the Fidelio Piano Trio appearing, courtesy of Bromsgrove Concerts who also present the Young Musician's Showcase. The Flying Dutchman is being screened live from the Royal Opera House and Midland Sinfonia will play a selection of pieces by well-known composers.

Much vaunted blues star **Jo Harman** is paying her first visit to Artrix this month and **The Acoustic Blues House Party** is bound to get those toes tapping. Romantics will love **Nya King**'s amazing tribute to **Whitney Houston** on Valentine's Day.

The National Theatre series of screenings continues with the powerful production John. There's also an opportunity to see the screening of the RSC production of Love's Labour Lost. Local theatre company All and Sundry tackle 50s 'angry young men' drama Look Back in Anger

The nation's favourite fox **Basil Brush** will be bringing his own inimitable style of comedy to entertain families during half-term. Little ones will also enjoy the **NT Live (Encore)** production of Treasure Island during the holidays.

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The club is based at Hagley RC School in Brake Lane. Regular social mix-ins take place on Sunday mornings (10 am to 1 pm) throughout the year and in the spring and summer there are evening sessions too. The club also plays in various local leagues as well as running its own internal competitions so there's plenty of opportunity to enjoy your tennis.

The fees for 2015 are:-

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Families with a minimum of 3 members (including 1 adult and 1 non-adult) get a discount of 20%.

Sounds good doesn't it? If you would like to find out more just get in touch with Rosemary Brice on 01562 883774 or Linda Cross on 01562 883344. See you on court.

Sandy Thomas

Gardeners' Club

26th February short AGM - 2015 Programmes available for members

Celebration of our 40th Anniversary on the 26th February. We hope that you read our feature in the January Village News which informed you of the start and growth of Hagley Gardeners' Club. We are always happy to welcome new members and visitors to our evening meetings. We also hope that the Club will still be steaming ahead in 40 years time.

Deep in winters bitter cold the snowdrop waves its head.

Shaking in the biting wind when everything else seems dead.

25th March – Gordon Forrest – 'Wild Flower Meadows' - Always a welcome speaker to our meetings, he is a local man known to many of you. His love of wildlife is well illustrated in his beautiful books and his fascinating Talks. Do join us in March for another enjoyable evening.

Visitors welcome to join us at St Saviours Hall meetings start at 8.00pm..

Happy Gardening!

Judy Berrow, Tel: 01562 777014

HAGLEY COMMUNITY ORCHESTRA

Preparations are now under way for an exciting project by Hagley Community Orchestra. Members of the orchestra will be joining forces with musicians from Central England Ensemble to mount a semi dramatic production in costume of 'The Ballad of St Kenelm', Andrew Downes' musical setting of the poem by Francis Brett Young. The world premiere performance will be directed by Cynthia Downes at the Hagley Music Festival on April 22 in St John's Church.

St Kenelm was a seven year old boy when he was crowned King of Mercia in AD 821. His jealous older sister, Quendrytha, organised the murder of her young brother, so that she could be Queen. Her paramour Escebert carried out the dark deed in the woods over Clent. To find out what happened in the rest of this heart-rending tale, don't forget to note our world premiere performance in your diaries.

Cynthia Downes



THEATRE GROUP

Riding high on the success of the 'Les Miserables', our Youth Section is looking forward to the musical

'Into the Woods' which will be staged at the Community Centre in October. The show mixes together several Brothers Grimm fairy tales with the main characters taken from 'Cinderella', 'Little Red Riding Hood', 'Jack and the Bean Stalk' and 'Rapunzel'. The plot hangs around a story about a childless baker and his wife and their quest to begin a family. Their journey into woods takes them into a bewildering place full of witches, wolves, giants and mysterious strangers. Be careful what you wish for, wishes can come true, but at a price. The music and lyrics are by Stephen Sondheim and James Lapine. Sondheim is one of the greatest lyricists in musical theatre over the past fifty years. His credits include 'West Side Story' and 'Gypsy'. More details will follow in the next issue of the Village News. If you would like to take part in any aspect of theatre from acting, directing, front of house or backstage please phone 07907 457217 and leave a message. We will be very pleased to hear from you.

Tony Forrest



Hagley Tuesday Group

formerly Hagley Wives and Women's Fellowship

Our 2015 programme continues with a look "**Behind the Scenes of the West Midland Safari Park**", a talk given by our guest Bob Lawrence on Tuesday 10th February at 8pm.

Two weeks later on February 24 at 8.00pm we welcome David Howe who will be answering the question, Can we train our brains? A talk entitled **Remembering Not to Forget**.

Do remember to join us for both our entertaining evening is February.

Looking forward, Fiona Lucas will be giving a talk on 10th March about **Tea Towels from around the World**, stories inspired by these everyday household objects.

You are most welcome to come along and join us.

Toni Allison





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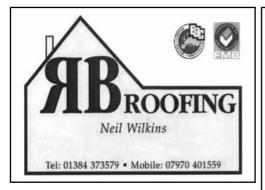
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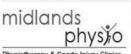
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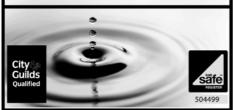
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FEBRUARY 2015

Friday 6 February: Messy Church in St Saviour's Church Hall from 3.15 pm to 4.45 pm: Theme "You're My Favourite!", based on the story of Joseph. Activities for children, parents / carers. Everyone welcome!

Ash Wednesday – 18 February. A service of Holy Communion with the imposition of ashes, the traditional way of marking the beginning of Lent, will be held at 8.00 pm in St Saviour's.

Thursday 19 February: Mothers' Union Branch AGM and Tea

- 2.30 pm in St Saviour's Church Hall.

Lent Groups. After last year's well-received Lent course, we will once again join with members of Hagley Free Church at 11.00 am on Thursdays for Lent groups in St Saviour's Church Hall. The theme is "Hope Actually", and will be based on the Gospel reading for the week and material from The Church Urban Fund. The first session is on Thursday 26 February.

| Date | 8.00 am | 9.30 am | 10.30 am | 6.30 pm | |
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| I February | | Morning | Holy Communion | Candlemas | |
| Candlemas | | Praise | St John's | Service | |
| | | St Saviour's | - | St Saviour's | |
| 8 February | Holy | | 10.30 am | Shared Evening | |
| 2 before Lent | Communion | | Morning Prayer | Worship | |
| | St John's | | St John's | At | |
| | - | | 10.45 am | Hagley | |
| | | | Holy Communion | Free Church | |
| | | | St Saviour's | | |
| 15 February | | | Parish Family | Evening Praise | |
| Sunday before | | | Communion | St Saviour's | |
| Lent | | | St John's | | |
| 22 February | Holy | | 10.45 am | Compline | |
| Lent I | Communion | | Parish | St Saviour's | |
| | St John's | | Communion | | |
| | - | | St Saviour's | | |
| I March | | Café Church | Holy Communion | Compline | |
| Lent 2 | | Church Hall | St John's | St Saviour's | |
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FEBRUARY SERVICES

10.00 am Holy Communion each Thursday at St Saviour's

CLUB REPORTS



The Royal British Legion

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www.britishlegion.org.uk/branches/blakedown Branch Chairman & Hagley Fete Organiser. (Tel. no. 01562 886556 phollis100@gmail.com)

Another Poppy Appeal Record-breaker!

I am delighted to report that the Branch continues to go from strength to strength. The 2014 Poppy Appeal in Hagley and Blakedown has been an outstanding success and reached record-breaking levels of fundraising yet again. This is despite the decision to withdraw from house-to-house collections because of administrative difficulties at Branch level.

The overall total collected by the Branch was an impressive £10,351.08 (£9,713.41 in Hagley and £637.67 in Blakedown and Churchill).

I would like to thank all the Branch Membership 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 the businesses in Hagley and Blakedown, and our younger generation in the three local schools (in this First World War Centenary year), Hagley Primary School, Hagley Catholic High School and Haybridge High School. Between them, they collected £1188.52 during the Appeal.

The Remembrance Parade, service at the Hagley War Memorial and the church service at St. John's Church were also extremely well-attended, despite the logistical problems thrown up by the major roadworks at the A491 traffic island. My thanks go to all those who attended for their support, particularly the Scout and Girl Guide Associations, Hagley Parish Council and officers from West Mercia Police Force.



TREFOIL GUILD

For some of us the Trefoil Christmas Party signals the start of the festive season. Over the years, rituals have developed and one of ours is cutting the Christmas cake. Quite often one hears 'Oh we don't bother with a cake, it never gets eaten'; our answer tot that is

to start eating it earlier, at the beginning of December.

For our February meeting Heather has promised pancakes at her house. We have tasted the results of her catering skills and it will be an evening to look forward to, on Thursday 12th February at 7.30pm.











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Hagley Catholic High School

Happy New Year! We trust that you all enjoyed a peaceful rest over Christmas and managed to spend time with your loved ones.

Recent Events

January was a busy return to school after the break. During the first half of the month, two important trips took place. The first was our annual residential retreat to Alton Castle, Staffordshire, for our Y7 pupils. Up in Alton, pupils were enabled to reflect on their relationships with themselves and each other whilst undertaking an active programme of events, including mountain biking, rock climbing, trekking and survival skills! The retreated was for two nights and the pupils came back renewed with one type of energy, if feeling slightly exhausted in another! Secondly, the first of our traditional ski trips took place to the Alps. Conditions on the Alps enabled lots of skiing to be done, though with little fresh snow. Pupils of all ages took part, some for the first time – everybody returned keen to go again.

Mid-January saw the Sixth Formers undertaking mock examinations, in preparation for their A levels in the summer. This was, naturally, a busy and slightly stressful time for the students, but it proved to be a useful exercise, in which the students conducted themselves wonderfully and were given some useful feedback.

Upcoming Events

On Thursday 12 February, at 7pm, you are cordially invited to attend our annual music concert at Birmingham Town Hall. This uplifting concert features over 300 young performers from the nine Hagley Pyramid Schools. With a selection of famous Elton John songs performed in a variety of styles, plus a few joyous hymns, this musical celebration is sure to get you singing along. Tickets are available directly from www.thsh.co.uk

- 12 Feb Pyramid Concert @ Birmingham Town Hall
- 25 Feb Challenge Team (Sex & Relationships Education)
- 27 Feb TenTen Theatre (Sex & Relationships Education)

CHESS CLUB

Towards the end of last year Greg Voskanian died aged about 93 years. He was one of the pillars of the club for approximately 25 years. He had been at various times Tournament Director of internal competitions, a Team Captain in a Worcestershire County chess League, and Dudley& District League. He was a strong thoughtful player in his native Russian tradition, and could hold his own against the best.

On December 11th we were away to Worcester City in Division I of Worcestershire County Chess League. Before the match Andrew Moore, our Chairman, paid tribute to Greg Voskanian who was well known and highly respected in chess circles. Hagley players dedicated the match to Greg and won 2 $1/2 - 3 \frac{1}{2}$. James Friar, Jim Friar and Andrew Moore won their games with Joseph Friar on Board I drawing. Bill Sitch lost and so did Paul Sharratt. The latter is a well known player from Stourbridge Chess Club, who has been persuaded by our Team Captain Jim Friar, to help us out.

So far our record reads: played 3, won 1 and lost 2, which is not too bad bearing in mind our Team Captain can barely cover the 6 boards, He virtually has no choice in selection, which is why any new member would have a very good chance of being chosen to play at the highest level in the County.

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Andrew Downes' musical setting of the poem by Francis Brett Young.

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on April 22 in St John's Church

a semi-dramatic production in costume



Hagley Primary School Kindergarten 25 Year Reunion

We can hardly believe that we are nearly 25 years old! From small beginnings the kindergarten grew to be the wonderful place that it is today. We hope to have a reunion in May next year and this is just to say that we hope that as many "old" pupils and helpers will be able to attend (date to be confirmed).

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TUESDAY 3rd

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Clent Hills Singers Free Church 7.30pm

SATURDAY 7th

Hagley Community Orchestra St. John's Church 3-6.00pm

MONDAY 9th

Afternoon W.I. Community Centre 2.00pm 'Nova Chocolates' Parish Council 74A Worcester Road 7.00pm

TUESDAY 10th

Hagley Tuesday Group St. Saviour's Church Hall

8.00pm Behind the Scenes at West Midland Safari Park

THURSDAY 12th

Hagley Community Orchestra St. Saviour's Church 5.30-7.00pm Clent Hills Singers Free Church 7.30pm

TUESDAY 17th

Tuesday Tea Club Free Church Hall 2.30pm

WEDNESDAY 18th

Evening W.I. Free Church Hall 7.30pm 'Goodwill and Growth for Africa'

THURSDAY 19th

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MONDAY 23rd

Parish Council 74A Worcester Road 7.00pm

TUESDAY 24th

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THURSDAY 26th

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