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As temporary Editor of the Village News I follow on from Anna Morley who after over 12 years has relocated from Hagley to pastures new with her husband Robert. The HCA wish them every happiness in their new ventures and thank her for her contribution in ensuring the success of the Village News.

The Village News has recognised many changes to the Village over the years but continues to report monthly on what's on in our vibrant village community, provides an excellent guide to local trades and business who support the publication through advertising and is still run by volunteers.

This month by kind permission of the Hagley Historical & Field Society a walk around Hagley is included and a new format for "What's On" in our busy community- please see middle pages for a pull out.

I hope there are not too many mistakes or omissions in this edition - apologies if there are - any suggestions for future editions please email editor@hagleyvillage.org

Nichola Triga

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Hagley Parish Council

The recent launch of the 'Safer Roads for Hagley' campaign sent a clear message to Worcestershire Highways that the recent changes to the A456 and A491 through Hagley are having an unnecessary adverse effect for road users, pedestrians and those living along its route. In addition to these concerns a number of other highways safety issues in Hagley have been raised which will be included in the campaign. At the time of writing the next step is being considered and will be published as soon as possible.

Thank you for everyone who came out on the day, on what was an awful, wet, cold and windy day at a time when many had other Christmas matters on their minds. It was encouraging to see a group from Blakedown who came to support the campaign as well as many drivers slowing down to give their support.

As we approach the new municipal year it is worth confirming that Bromsgrove District Council has adopted a boundary change which means that some properties will move from Clent to Hagley Parish. This has been campaigned for over many years and the change will mean Hagley will get more funding overall on a recurrent basis to cover maintenance of minor assets such as street lighting, along with funding support to keep the library open and support litter picking and grounds maintenance.

The decision taken by the Parish Council not to support a petition to go after financial reserves held by Clent Parish Council reflected the formal guidance which showed that such a claim could only be legally successful if a neighbouring Parish Council is wound up. The request to change the boundary was always about what instinctively most residents believed was right that roads such as Western Road, Newfield Road and Pinewoods Avenue are part of Hagley Village and regularly use Hagley facilities. We are delighted to have been successful; had the bid failed it would be years before a further request could be made, the hours of work and support received from residents has proved to be worthwhile in getting exactly what we wanted.

Steve Colella Chairman Hagley Parish Council

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Gardeners' Club

At our AGM on February 24th you will find details of the 2016 programme and summer outings will be available. Another year of "Please think about what YOU can contribute to the Club and join the committee."

On March 23rd you will be pleased to know we are lucky to have a return visit from David Morgan who tells us that he is 'Not Much Good at Gardening'. We all enjoyed his presentation so much when he gave us a talk on the National Garden Scheme and this year's talk will be no exception as he tells us in his own enigmatic way why he is not a natural gardener.

Join us on the 27th April when Duncan Coombs is going to introduce you to Lawrence Johnson's other garden in France 'Serre de la Madone'. In case you have forgotten, Lawrence Johnson was the creator of Hidcote in the Cotswolds. An opportunity to hear more of the incredible designs and insights of the famous garden designer who actually ended his life at his home in France.

February's Lament

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Judy Berrow

Wyre Forest National Trust

Our February meeting is held at Blakedown Parish Rooms on 9th February starting at 7.30pm. It is our AGM and this will be followed by "In Anticipation" - Eric Greenwood will deliver an illustrated presentation on our forthcoming Summer Outings programme. Newcomers will be most welcome.

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Village News goes to press and we will be in position to provide details in the next issue. We have previously held such evenings over the past four years and these have included songs from Oliver!, The Sound of Music, Phantom of the Opera, Sweeney Todd, Chess, Chicago, Mary Poppins, Grease and Annie.

We may also be in a position in the next issue to say what our next main Youth Section show will be in October building on recent successes of 'Into the Woods', 'Les Miserables' and 'Grease'.

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Tony Forrest



Top comedy from Rory McGrath, music from Grammy award nominee Gretchen Peters and a play by one the UK's must-see theatre companies are amongst the highlights at Artrix this February.

Fay Hield seems to have been born knowing how to carry a tune and her first two albums won numerous accolades. Country music star Gretchen Peters is no stranger to awards either, having twice been nominated for a Grammy award. Both ladies are gracing the Artrix stage this month, as are Wille and the Bandits, a classic blues-rock three piece.

During half-term, CBeebies stars Chris and Pui will be presenting their new stage show and The Good Dinosaur and Frozen Sing Along will be screening at Artrix Cinema. In a new series of family-friendly productions coming to Artrix in 2016, Red Earth Theatre will present The Remarkable Tale of Oliver Twist in the style of a Victorian music hall.

National Theatre director Rufus Norris will be giving a talk about his plans for the future and dance group Motionhouse will be showcasing their unique blend of dance, acrobatics and aerial work. Vamos Theatre will present The Best Thing, a full mask theatre production accessible to hearing and deaf audiences.

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David G Pettitt



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Looking ahead to March, this will be our AGM when we hope some new members will come forward for the Committee. More details next month.

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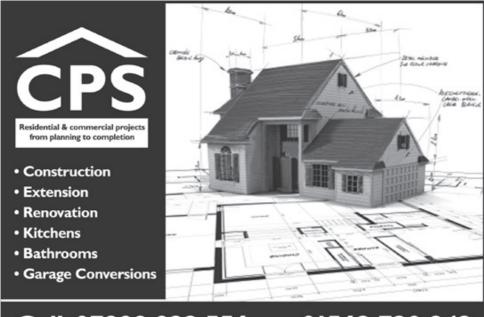
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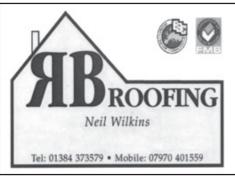
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Tuesday Tea Club

Free Church Hall - 2pm

Chess Club

Free Church Hall - 7.30pm

Hagley Historical & Field Society

St Saviours Church Hall - 8pm

Wednesday February 3rd

Mothers & Toddlers Group

Free Church Hall - 10-11.30am

Western Badminton Club

Haybridge Sports Centre - 8-10pm

Thursday February 4th

Hand of Friendship

Free Church Hall - 11-1.15pm

Friday February 5th

Country Market

Hagley Community Centre - 9-11am

Monday February 8th

Hagley WI

Hagley Community Centre - 2-4pm 'Pilates talk & demo- Bev Lockett'

Parish Council

Parish Office- Finance Meeting - 7pm

Tuesday February 9th

Hagley Tuesday Group

St Saviours Church Hall - 8pm 'Stourbridge Glass talk- Graham Fisher'

Chess Club

Free Church Hall - 7.30pm

Wednesday February 10th

Mothers & Toddlers Group

Free Church Hall - 10-11.30am

Western Badminton Club

Haybridge Sports Centre - 8-10pm

Thursday February 11th

Hand of Friendship

Free Church Hall - 11-1.15pm

Friday February 12th

Country Market

Hagley Community Centre - 9-11am

Hagley Art Club

St Saviours Church Hall -7-9.30pm 'Nature In Art- Valerie Briggs'

Tuesday February 16th

Tuesday Tea Club

Free Church Hall - 2pm

Chess Club

Free Church Hall - 7.30pm

Wednesday February 17th

Mothers & Toddlers Group

Free Church Hall - 10-11.30am

Western Badminton Club

Haybridge Sports Centre - 8-10pm

Thursday February 18th

Hand of Friendship

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Hagley Community Orchestra

St Saviours Church Hall - 5.30-7pm

Friday February 19th

Country Market

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Monday February 22nd

Parish Council

Parish Office- Environment Meeting - 7pm

Tuesday February 23rd

Hagley Tuesday Group

St Saviours Church Hall - 8pm 'A Humorous Look at Retirement-David Berry'

Chess Club

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Wednesday February 24th

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Thursday February 25th

Hand of Friendship

Free Church Hall - 11-1.15pm

Hagley Community Orchestra

St Saviours Church Hall - 5.30-7pm

Friday February 26th

Country Market

Hagley Community Centre - 9-11am

WALKS AROUND HAGLEY: WEST HAGLEY

(With thanks to Hagley Historical & Field Society)

DISTANCE: APPROXIMATELY 2 MILES TIME: 1.5 HOURS. PARK IN VILLAGE CAR PARK (O.S.MAP GRID REF. 903802)

From the car park turn right into Worcester Road.
This road is a very old road, from Stourbridge
to Worcester, which was turnpiked in 1753.
The houses on the right were built to house rail
commuters but have since been taken over as
shops and offices, or even rebuilt.



- The Wine Shop sold both sweets and wine until recently. It was the first shop in Hagley to make its own ice-cream after World War Two.
- Church Street is so named because of the Mission Church on the corner. Built in 1882 on land given by C.J. Bate and designed by Tom Grazebrook. It became a church hall when St. Saviour's was built and was sold in 1972 and demolished. The shops of Simon Emmott and G. Rossiter were built on the site.
- 4. The properties between Church and Chapel Streets were originally cottages with small front gardens and walls. Note the shop with the cottage characteristics. Also note the section of wall by Spar which was part the garden wall of the cottage built on that site. It is worth looking above the shop fronts to estimate the age of the buildings
- To the left hand side of No 107 was located Central Garage run by Ben Cutler from about 1920 until 1962. The swivelling petrol pump was a feature of the village. The garage not only repaired cars but provided a taxi service.



- Across the road No 96, a chemists shop, was already owned by Mr. Greenwood in 1928. It is remembered for its blazing open fire. Owned by the Co-op since 1993.
- King's was once Dr. Millar Smith's house later occupied by Dr. Gosling then Dr. Hansell.
 It then became a grocery store until bought out by Spar
- 8. Chapel Street, so named for the Primitive Methodist Chapel built in 1857, the building survives at No 10 behind the facade.
- Continue along Worcester Road to the lights. Turn right, round the corner, into Summervale Road. The name of fields nearby was Summergall but the Council substituted vale as 'nicer! The Beauty Shop Re-Aqua was once the SWS then MEB showroom from 1948-1960
- 10. Turn left into Milestone Drive. All of this land was once part of Spout Farm (a Spout means a spring), which was auctioned in lots in Dec.1924. A Nursery belonging to the Vaughan's was on the left and this is recalled by the name Nursery Close, built in the 1970s.

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- 11. Continue, passing Long Close and Spring Close, which recall two field names in the area, until you reach the 'T' junction. Turn right, you have joined an old track which has existed for many centuries going across the Brake from Pedmore to the Spout.
- 12. When the path leaves the metalled road Sweetpool Nature Reserve is on your left. The mill pool here was created in 1543 along with Brake Mill pool but the railway was built across the dam and part of the pool which dried up and became boggy.
- 13. There are bricks in the path near to where, on the left, there was Spring cottage, a farm worker's cottage, sold at the auction of Spout Farm.
- 14. Cross the railway, with due care.
- 15. As you walk along Sweetpool Lane the land on your right was enclosed by the 16th. century and that on the left was enclosed for grazing in 1632 as far as the bank and stile.
- 16. Pass The Crescent, built in the 30's on Spout Farm land. Then Hoarstone called after a boundary stone located at the junction of the Worcester and Kidderminster roads.
- 17. Note the variety and ages of the buildings, dating from 1900 to the present day. The Brake, on the corner with Brake Lane, is 1960's housing replacing a house of that name dating from at least the 18th. century. This was owned by Edward Milward Oliver in 1838, a descendant of the wealthy Milward family, once owners of Wollescote Hall before their fortune was gambled away in 18th century.
- 18. Ahead and to the left, across the field is The Birches, a house built in 1840 by Thomas Bate, a Stourbridge banker. Thomas Wilkes Webb (Glass Manufacturer) lived there in 1881.
- 19. Turn left and walk to look at the cottages a little way up the lane. These were built shortly after 1732 by Lord Lyttleton for his farm workers, they were sold in 1938 and in 1976 a developer sold them to owner occupiers.
- 20. Turn round and walk back along Brake Lane, Haybridge School, on the left, is built on the site of Brake Farm in existence by the 18th. Century. Thomas Tolley, owner in the 1840's sold some land to the Oxford, Worcester and Wolverhampton Railway Company (Old Worse & Worse) to build their track; in return they built the bridge north of Brake Lane to give access to his other fields.



21. The Station was not built until 1884 because of the dispute about who should pay for the land for the access to it. In the end Hagley residents paid for 570 sq. yards and G,W.R. for 166 sq. yards. A corrugated iron building preceded brick

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- 22. Station Road was formerly part of Brake Lane until the Station was built. The oldest buildings are the block of shops and cottages (No's 5 & 7) built in the 1850's to take advantage of trade from rail passengers. No 7 sold wool and sewing accessories from 1916 until 1995, amongst other things. No 5 was a grocers shop from 1912 until 1971.
- 23. The house on the right hand corner was built by Thomas Tolley for his son Moses in the early 1850s. The area of the cross roads was known as Clap Gate until about 1870. It was where the road from Birmingham to Kidderminster met the road from Stourbridge to Worcester (until road improvements in the 19th, & 20th. centuries)



- 24. Cross the road into Park Road. On the left is St. Saviour's Church opened in 1908 to serve the needs of the growing community in West Hagley (then called Lower Hagley). It replaced the Mission Church.
- 25. Walk a little way up Park Road. On the right is Lodge Crescent, this was built in the 60's on the site of Park Farm (The Greens sold in 1958) Note the old gatepost by the pillar box.
- 26. Look at the old buildings of the Primary School which was built in 1939 just in time to receive evacuees as well as local children.
- 27. Return to Lodge Crescent, cross over the road and use the passage to Rooks Meadow. Continue to Middlefield Lane.
- 28. Turn right, in a short distance is Middlefield Farm Built in the 1840's by Thomas Bate of the Birches on land previously part of Hollier's Farm, before this it was the middle field in the medieval common field system.
- Turn left, across, by Long Compton Drive was St. Mary's Nursery in the 1920's. On your left is St Saviour's Court occupying the site of houses built after the sale of Middlefield Farm.
- Cross the road at the traffic lights and continue along Worcester Road, in the field close to the site of West One a Neolithic stone axe, probably originating in Cornwall, was found in 1893.
- 31. Return to the car park to complete the walk.



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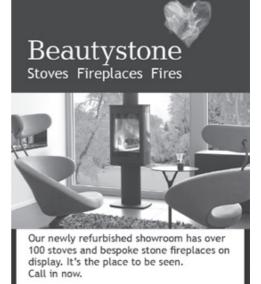
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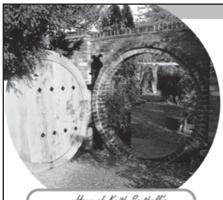
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Our next meeting is on Tuesday 2nd February when we will have a presentation by 'Discover History' who are a small, friendly team of professional historical interpreters, entitled 'Romans in Worcestershire'. They have visited us on previous occasions and can be relied upon to provide both an interesting and entertaining evening suitable for all ages. Visitors are most welcome at all our events – see hhfs.org.uk for details and contacts.

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This month we will be finishing preparations for our coloured belt promotions in March.

Janet Richards

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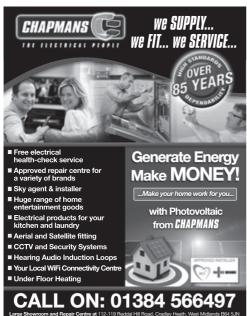
Now that we are well into 2016, Christmas and our celebrations seem a long time ago. In December, we enjoyed a festive lunch at the Brasserie and then ended the year with a light-hearted Christmas party with entertainment – a play and a talented young magician.

At our next meeting on Monday 8 February, we will have a talk and demonstration of Pilates by Bev Lockett – and maybe we will also be able to try the exercises. The following month, on Monday 14 March, Cameron Addicott will give a talk entitled '20 Years Undercover'. Assuming that there are not two Cameron Addicotts, he worked undercover for HM Customs and SOCA (Serious Organised Crime Agency) and is the author of 'Interceptor' which was made into a BBC serial. Sounds very interesting.

The Knit and Natter Craft Group meets monthly and continues to make small brightly-coloured tops for 'Fish and Chip' babies. And for any members who would like to join it, there is a monthly outing for lunch.

The monthly meetings are on the second Monday at 2.00 pm in the Community Centre. We're a friendly group with a varied and interesting programme – do come along, you would be very welcome.

Rosie Wynne







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CLUB REPORTS



Hagley Ramblers Scout Group

Hagley Ramblers Scout Group had a very busy Autumn Term and here is a taste of some of the activities the children enjoyed.

The Beavers visited "the Owls" in Birmingham on the train, flew a Drone, played their own 'blow football' rugby world cup, did a Halloween trick or treat spooky walk to see some real witches, built the guys for the bonfire and had Nerf gun wars.

The Cubs' activities included golf, martial arts, circus skills, model building, wide games up Clent and home skills. They also paid a visit to Kidderminster Fire Station and Tesco's in Stourbridge and ended the year at Boing Zone.

The Scouts had an equally fun and challenging agenda which included a weekend camp in the Brecon Beacons, climbing, shooting, tobogganing, an incident hike, knife skills and back woods cooking.

Another piece of exciting news is the start of a second Cub Pack and second Scout Troop in September 2015 which meant a considerable number of children were able to join off the waiting list. This has only been made possible through the dedication and commitment of the adult leaders who work very hard on a voluntary basis to ensure the continued successful delivery of Scouting in Hagley.

The Group does, unfortunately, have a problem with regard to its accommodation. We are in the process of putting in a planning application to build a new and larger hut. The current accommodation is nearing the end of its life and we are taking the opportunity to increase its size to include an additional meeting hall in order that we can continue to expand. Our current hut is in use at least once if not twice every night of the week. We will soon begin fundraising in earnest and would welcome with open arms anyone who can assist us with this. It is very apparent that Scouting is in high demand in our village and we will continue to work hard towards getting to a point where all boys and girls can be accommodated within the Group. Please help to spread the word about our need for funding and do get in touch if you can help in any way!

Sue Corlett



HAGLEY TREFOIL GUILD

This is by way of being the "Last Hurrah" of the Hagley Trefoil Guild. Failing to find anyone willing to be our next chairwoman, and being unable to continue without one, we have decided, with regret to close the guild in the New Year. We've had a great deal of fun and formed some strong bonds with each other and with members of other guild too, these friendships will continue and we look forward to still supporting Guiding in Hagley whenever we are asked.

Elizabeth Gingell

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8am for 24 hours	£115.00	£230.00
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1pm to 6pm	£39.00	£82.00
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8am for 24 hours	£155.00	£310.00
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8am for 24 hours	£85.00	£170.00

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6.00pm

Sunday School at 10.15am

7th

am Rev David Tennant*

pm Rev David Tennant*

14th

am Rev Mike Spencer

pm Rev Stuart Scott

21st

am Rev Dr Phillip Rees

pm Rev Dr Phillip Rees

28th

am Mr Ian Cole

pm Mrs Sally Hayden

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Some members are able to walk to the club, others are brought by family and friends and recently the "Ring and ride" now transports a good number of members from various parts of the village which is much appreciated by all those who use it.

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10am Holy Eucharist and Imposition of Ashes - Broome

Sunday 14th February - Lent 1 10am Benefice (combined churches) Eucharist - Churchill

Sunday 21st February - Lent 2 9am Holy Eucharist - Broome

Sunday 28th February -Lent 3 10am Benefice (combined churches) Eucharist - Broome

Holy Eucharist every Wednesday at 10am in Broome Church.

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Lent and Lent Groups. Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, 10th February, with a service of Holy Communion with the "imposition of ashes" at 8.00 pm in St Saviour's Church. Both the local Anglican churches and Hagley Free Church will be following Paula Gooder's "The Joy of the Gospel" for our Lent Groups this year. This is a six-session exploration of Pope Francis' inspiring and acclaimed reflections on sharing the love of God, published as "Evangelii gaudium". Groups will be held in St Saviour's at 11.00 am on Thursday (beginning on 11 February), Blakedown on Thursday afternoons, and in Clent/Belbroughton on Tuesday evenings.

Thursday 18 February: Mothers' Union Meeting – St Saviour's Church Hall from 2.30 pm: Branch AGM and tea.

Sunday 28 February: Wedding Couples Tea at St John's Church from 3.00 pm. Our annual wedding tea when all couples being married in the Parish are invited to join us to look at planning their wedding day, with refreshments.

FEBRUARY SERVICES

Date	8.00 am	9.30 am	10.30 am	6.30 pm
7 February		Morning	Holy	6.00 pm
Sunday		Praise	Communion	Shared Evening
before Lent		St	St John's	Worship
		Saviour's		Free Church
14 February	Holy		10.30 am	
Lent 1	Communion		Morning Prayer	
	St John's		St John's	
			10.45 am	
			Holy	
			Communion	
			St Saviour's	
21 February			Parish Family	Evening Praise
Lent 2			Communion	St Saviour's
			St John's	
28 February	Holy		9.30 am	Compline
Lent 3	Communion		Holy	St Saviour's
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