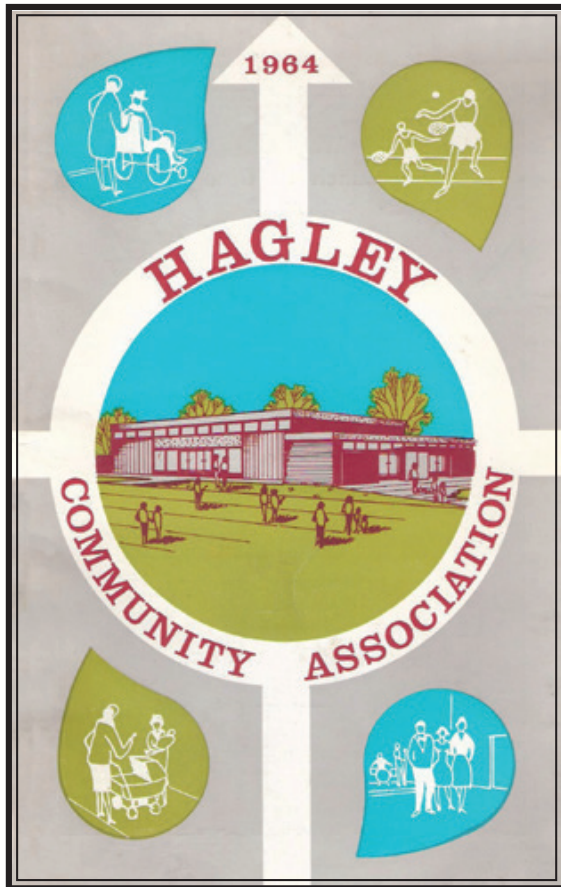




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It is hoped that a new Community Centre & Community Hub will replace the current building by the Centre's 50th birthday. There has been much consultation over the last 18 months and next month the initial design will be available for feedback by local residents and users of the Centre. Please do take the time to respond- this is your opportunity to shape the replacement facility and to "future-proof" it for future generations of Hagley residents.

Now that spring is here- why not take the opportunity to take a stroll around and try the walk on page 26 – always good to get some fresh air and enjoy our lovely surroundings.

Nichola Trigg  
Editor

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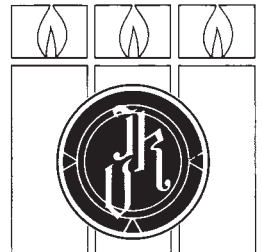


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HPC will be starting an audit of the street (footpath) lighting across Hagley with a view to upgrading lighting to meet up-to-date standards. A significant budget has been allocated to this upgrade and will be rolled out during the current financial year.

Various maintenance work is being considered at the Sweetpool Nature Reserve. This will include tree and path works, clearing the stream and wetland and installing nesting boxes and planting shrubs to attract more butterflies and bees.

I would like to welcome Alec Syrotiuk to HPC who was recently co-opted to the vacant councillor position. This brings the council up to its full complement of thirteen councillors. Please note that the telephone number for the office has changed to 01562 886239 and as a reminder the clerks' email addresses are:

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Steve Colella  
Chairman Hagley Parish Council



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I can now report that there are discussions with Cala Homes regarding the right hand turning at the A456/B4187 junction plus lane markings and exits on the roundabout.

Haybridge High School Head Teacher Caroline Hoddinott thanked me for encouraging the school to apply for Section 106 developers' money. They were awarded £600,000+ to help convert the temporary classrooms into permanent buildings. Hagley Primary School were awarded £700,000.

I have contributed £5,000 towards the new Hagley Scouts' Hut from my Divisional Fund.

### **District Council**

Myself, and fellow District Councillor Steve Colella (West), submitted two bids for capital funding, £600,000 towards the new community centre and £100,000 for the new scout hut, both to be considered by a cross party working group.

District council tax is increasing by 2.5% this year 2016/17 to help cover the decreasing central government funding, which is drastically reducing from £1.229 million to £678,000. There will be virtually no funding from central government for local services from next year.

Two Hagley groups received New Homes Bonus payments last year. Hagley Cricket Club received £10,000 and the Tennis Club received £15,000. Subject to final approval there is potentially £20,000 for the whole of Hagley in 2016/17.

I have recently assisted two residents' planning applications, calling in one application to the Planning Committee. I spoke on the applicant's behalf and the Planning Committee approved the application, which overturned the Planning Officer's recommendation for refusal.

## **Wyre Forest National Trust**

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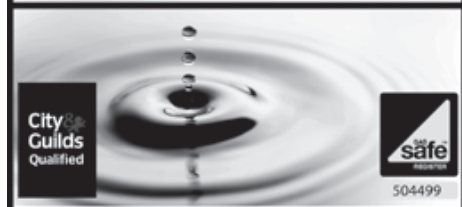
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## HAGLEY SURGERY NEWS

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A new practice nurse has been appointed, working Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. Hayley Humphries is a treatment room nurse and will run clinics such as minor illness, COPD (chronic obstructive pulmonary disease) spirometry and asthma.

Coeliac UK is running an Awareness Week from May 9th – May 15th; information leaflets will be available in the surgery and on the website: [www.coeliac.org.uk](http://www.coeliac.org.uk)

Detailed information about the surgery, its staffing, clinics and services is available online at: [www.hagleysurgery.co.uk](http://www.hagleysurgery.co.uk)

More information about the Wyre Forest Health Partnership, of which Hagley Surgery is a member, is available online at: [www.wyreforesthealthpartnership.co.uk](http://www.wyreforesthealthpartnership.co.uk)

Patient Participation Group



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### **MAY CLOSING**

Please note that the Helpline Office will be closed for the two May Bank Holidays on May 2nd and May 30th

(Also - advance notice of the closure on August 29th)

### **HAGLEY HELPLINE**

We offer a warm welcome to all our supporters, volunteers and clients. We should be pleased to welcome new volunteers - drivers and also for the office rota - so if you feel you could help in this valuable service do come along and meet the Committee and other members of Hagley Helpline.

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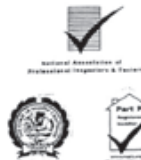
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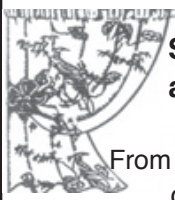
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If you're a music lover there's plenty for you to choose from this month including 70s campaigner and musician Tom Robinson, close-harmony singers and instrumentalists Mumbo-Jumbo and talented vocal trio Blake. If you're going to miss Carole King's appearance at Hyde Park this summer, we have the next best thing: The Music of James Taylor and Carole King from the creators of the award-winning Simon & Garfunkel Story.

Theatrical highlights in May include Vienna Festival Ballet's Swan Lake and, at Whitsun, The Curious Adventures of Pinocchio.

Every month Barnstormers Comedy showcases three of the top stand-ups on the London comedy club circuit and lets them loose in the Artrix Studio - this month's show is on 21st May. DJ funny man Christian O'Connell also makes a welcome return to the Artrix stage.

Films at Artrix Cinema this month include Hail Caesar!, Youth and, in tribute to the sadly departed Bowie, Labyrinth.

For further information on all the shows in May please visit  
[www.artrix.co.uk](http://www.artrix.co.uk) or call the box office on 01527 577330.



**HAGLEY ART CLUB**

## **ART CLUB**

Our AGM held in March reported another successful year for the Club. Membership stands at 80, we had a year of excellent and very interesting demonstrations which had attracted a larger number of visitors. Graham Madders, whose pictures were voted for the first 3 places by the public at the Annual Exhibition 2015, was presented with the new Alan Pritchard Trophy. In the second half of the evening Graham Madders and Mike Spencer gave a presentation and short talk about some of their paintings, which was very interesting and entertaining.

At our Meeting on Friday, 13th May, Jeni Neale is coming to introduce us to some new paints on the market, QoR Watercolours. Anyone interested in finding out more about these paints would be very welcome. There is a small visitor's fee which includes refreshments.

Looking ahead to our Meeting in June, our visiting Artist is Tom Shepherd who will be demonstrating "Land and Sea in Oils".

Anne Garth



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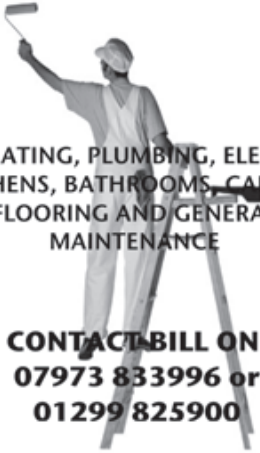


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Hagley Playgroup – every weekday (except Thursdays) Hagley Community Centre 9-12noon

## Monday May 2<sup>nd</sup>

**Ring & Ride Bus Service**  
Hagley to Stourbridge

## Tuesday May 3<sup>rd</sup>

**Hagley String Orchestra**  
Free Church Hall -  
10am-12noon

### Tuesday Tea Club

Free Church Hall - 2.30-4pm

### Chess Club

Free Church Hall - 7.30pm

### Hagley Historical & Field Society

St Saviours Church Hall - 8pm  
'Social Evening, Ticket Only'

## Wednesday May 4<sup>th</sup>

**Ring & Ride Bus Service**  
Hagley to Merry Hill

### Mothers & Toddlers Group

Free Church Hall - 10-11.30am

### Western Badminton Club

Haybridge Sports Centre -  
8-10pm

### St John's Bellringers

St John's Church - evening

## Thursday May 5<sup>th</sup>

### Hand of Friendship

Free Church Hall - 11-1.15pm

### Taekwondo

Hagley Community Centre -  
6-9pm

### Clent Hills Singers

Hagley Free Church - 7.30-  
9.30pm

## Friday May 6<sup>th</sup>

### Ring & Ride Bus Service

Hagley to Kidderminster

### Country Market

Hagley Community Centre -  
9-11am

### Messy Church

St Saviours Church Hall -  
3.15pm-4.45pm

## Saturday May 7<sup>th</sup>

### Taekwondo

Haybridge Sports Centre -  
10am-1pm

## Monday May 9<sup>th</sup>

### Ring & Ride Bus Service

Hagley to Stourbridge

### Hagley W.I.

Hagley Community Centre -  
7.30pm 'AGM, Resolution &  
Living in Dubai'

### Wyre Forest National Trust

Hagley Community Centre -  
8pm 'British Oak; an iconic  
tree – Archie Miles'

### Parish Council

Parish Office – Finance Meeting  
- 7pm

## Tuesday May 10<sup>th</sup>

### Hagley String Orchestra

Free Church Hall -

10am-12noon

### Chess Club

Free Church Hall - 7.30pm

### Hagley Tuesday Group

St Saviours Church Hall - 8pm  
'The History of the Co-op'

## Wednesday May 11<sup>th</sup>

### Ring & Ride Bus Service

Hagley to Merry Hill

### Mothers & Toddlers Group

Free Church Hall - 10-11.30am

### St John's Church

Coffee Morning - 10.30am

### Western Badminton Club

Haybridge Sports Centre -  
8-10pm

### St John's Bellringers

St John's Church - evening

## Thursday May 12<sup>th</sup>

### Hand of Friendship

Free Church Hall - 11-1.15pm

### Taekwondo

Hagley Community Centre -  
6-9pm

### Clent Hills Singers

Hagley Free Church - 7.30-  
9.30pm

### Hagley RC School

Spring Concert - evening

## Friday May 13<sup>th</sup>

### Ring & Ride Bus Service

Hagley to Kidderminster

## Friday May 13<sup>th</sup> (CONTINUED)

### Country Market

Hagley Community Centre -  
9-11am

### Hagley Art Club

St Saviours Church Hall  
- 7-9.30pm 'New QoR  
Watercolours-Jeni Neale'

## Saturday May 14<sup>th</sup>

### Taekwondo

Haybridge Sports Centre -  
10am-1pm

### Stour Valley Cat Rescue

Table Top Sale – Community  
Centre 10am

## Monday May 16<sup>th</sup>

### Ring & Ride Bus Service

Hagley to Stourbridge

## Tuesday May 17<sup>th</sup>

### Hagley String Orchestra

Free Church Hall -

10am-12noon

### Tuesday Tea Club

Free Church Hall - 2.30-4pm

### Chess Club

Free Church Hall - 7.30pm

## Wednesday May 18<sup>th</sup>

### Ring & Ride Bus Service

Hagley to Merry Hill

### Mothers & Toddlers Group

Free Church Hall - 10-11.30am

### Western Badminton Club

Haybridge Sports Centre -  
8-10pm

### St John's Bellringers

St John's Church - evening

## Thursday May 19<sup>th</sup>

### Hand of Friendship

Free Church Hall - 11-1.15pm

### Taekwondo

Hagley Community Centre -  
6-9pm

### Clent Hills Singers

Hagley Free Church - 7.30-  
9.30pm

## Friday May 20<sup>th</sup>

### Ring & Ride Bus Service

Hagley to Kidderminster

## Saturday May 21<sup>st</sup>

### Taekwondo

Haybridge Sports Centre -  
10am-1pm

## Monday May 23<sup>rd</sup>

### Ring & Ride Bus Service

Hagley to Stourbridge

## Tuesday May 24<sup>th</sup>

### Hagley String Orchestra

Free Church Hall -

10am-12noon

### Chess Club

Free Church Hall - 7.30pm

### Hagley Tuesday Group

St Saviours Church Hall - 8pm  
'Games evening'

## Wednesday May 25<sup>th</sup>

### Ring & Ride Bus Service

Hagley to Merry Hill

### Mothers & Toddlers Group

Free Church Hall - 10-11.30am

### Western Badminton Club

Haybridge Sports Centre -  
8-10pm

### St John's Bellringers

St John's Church - evening

### Hagley Gardeners Club

St Saviours Hall - 8pm  
'Bostin! Compostin! Mick  
Poulitney'

## Thursday May 26<sup>th</sup>

### Hand of Friendship

Free Church Hall - 11-1.15pm

### Taekwondo

Hagley Community Centre -  
6-9pm

### Clent Hills Singers

Hagley Free Church-AGM -  
7.30-9.30pm

## Friday May 27<sup>th</sup>

### Ring & Ride Bus Service

Hagley to Kidderminster

## Saturday May 28<sup>th</sup>

### Taekwondo

Haybridge Sports Centre -  
10am-1pm

# A WALK AROUND HAGLEY

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1. Take the path down from the National Trust Centre towards Hagley Wood. Note the views over the Black Country to Rowley, Dudley and Brierley Hill. Turn left where the path joins the one from your right.
2. In 200m. (220 yards) go over a stile into the wood. The field behind you was carved out of Hagley Wood in medieval times. The revised ditch & bank boundary can be seen if you look carefully. This arrangement was intended to keep animals out of the wood.
3. Through the wood join the surfaced track and turn left. In about 100m. (110 yards) on your right you will see a deer leap. During World War II the deer were let out of the Park because no feed was available for them in winter but they were encouraged to come back after the War ended by putting in this deer leap.
4. Turn back and head towards the A456. As you near Hagley Hill Farm take the path on the right to get to the main road. The farm site suggests an early date but no documentary proof. This was a working farm, part of Hagley Hall Estate, but farmed by tenants until the 1990s when the barns were converted and sold as housing. At this time the footpath, which formerly went through the farmyard, was diverted.
5. Cross the road carefully. Turn left and then right into Wassell Grove Lane. Cross the Lane and take the path to Wychbury Hill Fort. On your left is the Obelisk (known locally as Hagley Monument). Look out for an old track that crosses the path from Hagley towards Cradley - notice the dip in the far hedge (which indicates where it was). As you climb the hill feel, if not see, the ridge and furrow (results of ploughing methods many centuries ago) - the ground rises and falls a matter of a few inches as you walk. At the stile look at the steep slope to your left giving natural protection to the Iron Age Fort on this side.
6. Retrace your steps and follow the path down between the Monument and the Fort. The Monument was built by Admiral Thomas Smith (Lord Lyttelton's illegitimate half brother who lived at Rockingham Hall) in the eighteenth century as an "eye-catcher". He also employed James "Athenian" Stuart to design and build the "Temple of Theseus" which is the earliest Greek Revival building in Europe (1758). This is lower down the slope and can be seen from the A456. Take a look through the hedge to your right and you may catch a glimpse of the massive banks and ditches giving protection to this side of the Hill Fort.



# A WALK AROUND HAGLEY

7. The path leads down to Monument Lane. On the main road to your left, behind the hedge is Rockingham Hall. Its origins date from about 1600 but Admiral Smith employed Sanderson Miller to extend the house in 1751. It was also altered and extended in Victorian times, and is now divided into flats. The detached building, on the left hand side between you and the hall was the Orangery and it is now two houses. Cross the A456 and go into School Lane.
8. Turn left into Hall Meadow and then right on to the path across to Hagley Hall. The mews on your right were built at the same time as the Hall. Sir George, later Lord Lyttelton, built the Hall from 1756-60 in the fashionable Palladian style by Sanderson Miller. The cricket pitch is the site of the old Elizabethan Manor House which was pulled down at the same time that the Hall was built. Turn right into Hall Drive and by the lodge turn left on to the path. Note the drinking fountain on the wall
9. The path leads to the Sunfield Homes, a home and school for mentally handicapped children. As you go down the slope note the hollow way on the left. This would have been the original track over Gallows Brook and on to Clent.



10. Turn left on the track that takes you onto the Clent Hills, and then left again to follow the boundary path between the Clent Hills and Hagley Park. The Park was originally a medieval deer park. It has been owned by the Lyttelton family since 1564. In 1747 improvements were begun to make it "Modern" by building various features or follies as ornamentation. It is over 200 acres and much of it is still used for farming deer.

11. In the Park by the gates the Gothic Castle can be seen, completed in 1748. This castle was built by Sanderson Miller and he is known to have used some masonry from Halesowen Abbey. It was admired by Horace Walpole when he visited Hagley Hall. It is one of several 18th century follies in the grounds. Continue to follow the Park boundary fence until it turns to the left. Go forward over the stile for about 200m. (220 yards) to the point where you turned into Hagley Wood.
12. From here retrace the route back and uphill to Nimmings Wood car park, or carry on if you started the walk at one of the other points.

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## Historical & Field Society

Do you recall 'Spy 13'? You probably won't unless you were a schoolboy (or girl) in the late 1950's. Spy 13 was a comic strip character, who as a World War II British spy, frequently parachuted into occupied Europe with his reliable B2 wireless set, on a series of secret and always successful missions. These stories were perhaps an attempt to raise the spirits of an austere post war Britain. I was reminded of this by the B2 wireless set brought along by our speaker this month, Ben Nock to complement his presentation 'Clandestine Communications in WWII'.

Ben is the curator of the Military Wireless Museum in Kidderminster which is the result of a hobby turned into an obsession. He has more than 800 sets and he brought several of them disguised in their original suitcases to illustrate the history of the British Secret Service and its foreign counterparts. The Italian set was somewhat unreliable but housed in the most stylish suitcase which would not be out of place in any exclusive hotel. The British set was of excellent quality in an unassuming suitcase likely to contain an overnight change of clothes. The German set was of superb quality but in a rather military looking suitcase which even to casual observer was likely to contain a wireless set.

Our next meeting is on Tuesday 3rd May. It is our annual Social Evening. There will be the usual refreshments followed by a presentation by members Irene Oliver and Don Freeth entitled 'Hagley Roads Through the Ages'.

Visitors are most welcome at all our events but on this occasion tickets must be purchased in advance – see [hhfs.org.uk](http://hhfs.org.uk) for details and contacts.

Jeff Cope

## Gardeners' Club

We are encouraging gardeners to make use of every bit of compost and who better to advise us than Mick Poultney on May 25th. He is going to talk about 'Bostin! Compostin!' a Black Country expression and I am sure it will be as entertaining as his last rendering.

Trentham Garden Visit on June 11th is booking up fast so don't miss this opportunity -Visitors welcome' Information: Gerry Bird Tel: 01384 372839

June 22nd – Jim Teague, a new speaker on our circuit, will be talking about 'New Plants and Getting them to Market'. He is a nursery man who owned his own nursery for many years and is now managing the outlets of one of the big companies. He has a vast knowledge and experience so we are in for an interesting evening.

On July 27th we welcome a return visit from Hilary Twigg who is going to help us to make the most of our containers and pots.

### Garden Tips

Tights cut up are a boon in the garden. A leg cut into 2 or 4 makes strong long ties for roses. The ties are strong and flexible and do not damage the plant stems in the wind. Short plant ties cut straight across the leg in strips and fit over your wrist. Take them off one at a time and save all the hassle of rummaging around in your pocket. Keep a small pair of scissors in your pocket to cut into a straight piece if required.

Happy Gardening  
Judy Berrow



## Hagley Catholic High School

### Recent Events

At the start of May a group of Key Stage 4 pupils went on pilgrimage to Rome. A varied programme of religious, historical and touristic activities filled four amazing days in Italy's capital. Pupils enjoyed a tour of the Colosseum before spending a relaxing afternoon amongst the ruins of the Roman Forum. A visit to the San Giovanni in Laterno Church (the Pope's local parish church) provided a unique opportunity to revise for some aspects of pupils' upcoming GCSE Religious Studies. Other highlights included a visit to the Scala Sancta, the Vatican, the Time Machine Cinema and an amazing evening tasting gelato whilst sitting around the Trevi fountain. We were also fortunate to celebrate Mass in St Peter's Square with Pope Francis.

Our annual 'Halas House' disco for adults with severe learning disabilities was a highlight of the month. Over 50 pupils gave up two hours of an evening to lay on a party for our long-town, much loved friends at Halas House in Halesowen. The evening, of course, could not have been the success it was, without the generosity of many families in the school who donated food, drink, flowers and decorations.

At the end of the month, a group of GCSE Geographers were fortunate to spend a long weekend exploring the wonders of Sicily. Their exploration of Mount Etna provided an ideal opportunity to explore, first hand, some of the natural wonders of the world they learn about in class.

### Upcoming Events

5 May	A-level Theatre Studies Exam (local residents are welcome to be parts of the evening audience. Please contact <a href="mailto:saston@hagleyrc.worcs.sch.uk">saston@hagleyrc.worcs.sch.uk</a> for details)
12 May	Spring Concert (details also available from Sarah Aston, email above)
23-27 May	Primary Music Tour
28 May - 4 June	Lourdes Pilgrimage

B. McArdle



## Haybridge High School

When I wrote the article for the April newsletter, I said that the school was 'alive to the Sound of Music' and also to the sound of hammering as the set for our annual production went up. This was swiftly followed by the resounding echoes of applause, as this show was hailed as one of our best ever productions. I am sure that you will be pleased to know that this Summer Mr Burt will be directing a medley of drama pieces to celebrate 'Shakespeare 400' which marks the 400th anniversary of Shakespeare's death.

Students have also been busy in other areas: Sixth formers David Hughes and Hannah Tetlow represented the school very well in the Bromsgrove Debating competition hosted by our MP Sajid Javid. Sam Abrams, Thomas Anderson, Dominic Price and Eliz Cirakli won the Year 10 Maths Feast at Wolverhampton University. Ting Ding achieved second place from thousands of entries in the Actionwork National Anti-Bullying week poster competition. We are also delighted that earlier in the Spring Term we received a letter from Nick Gibb MP, Minister of State for Schools which included the following paragraphs: I am writing to convey my warmest congratulations to you, your staff and your pupils for your school's very high standard of achievement in the GCSE examinations in 2015. The percentage of pupils achieving five or more GCSEs at grades A\* - C, including English and mathematics, shows that your school is one of the top 100 non-selective state-funded schools in England. Currently there are over 3,500 secondary schools in England, so we are proud of this accolade.

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## HAGLEY W.I.

The speaker for the March meeting of Hagley WI being unable to come a substitute needed to be found. Fortunately Vince Williams and Jon Goodson were able to help us with their talk on "Idle Women".

There was a most interesting, informative and amusing presentation on the lives of these far from "idle" women! They had been recruited during WW2 to handle working canal barges as the men had gone into the forces or were in factories.

The work for the women was arduous, dangerous and very tiring but without them the carrying of essential items for the battle against Nazism could not have continued. The canals were the safest way of transporting essential goods as they were never attacked by the enemy, and the little known work of these "Idle Women" should be acknowledged.

An Afternoon Tea was much enjoyed with entertainment by WI members from the Performing Arts Group.

The diverse programme will give us speakers on Elizabeth 1st and Robert Dudley, Living in Dubai, A Flower Arrangers Garden and the History of Knitting!

A Summer Outing, several lunches and a Garden Party completes our events for the summer season.

If all or any of these attracts you please come to one of our meetings which are on the 2nd Monday in each month 2pm at Hagley Community Centre we would be delighted to meet you. If you would prefer to make contact beforehand please phone 01562 885215 to speak to the undersigned.



Megan Bury



## Hagley Tuesday Group

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Our year's entertainment is going by really quickly and on 10 May we have a talk on 'The History of the Co-op' by Ned Williams, we've all heard of it but how did it start? Come along and find out the whole story.

It's our annual 'Own Evening' on 24 May, a chance to do it ourselves. This year we are having a games evening, and group members will each provide themselves with light refreshments. It should be a fun home-spun evening.

Both events are in St Saviour's Church Hall and begin at 8.00pm

Looking forward to 14 June, we have Dave Morgan coming to try and inspire us to dust off our spades, with his talk entitled 'I'm Not Much Good at Gardening'. After his talk we may all have wonderful flower beds and finely manicured lawns.

Toni Allison



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Clent Hills Rotary also undertook to help publicise the event in the locality with roadside banners, posters and leaflets distributed to local businesses. For the first event last year there were 165 runners. Club members were pleased with the excellent support of local people to help the number of entrants increase to 415 this year with more than £10,000 being raised for the Stroke Association charity.

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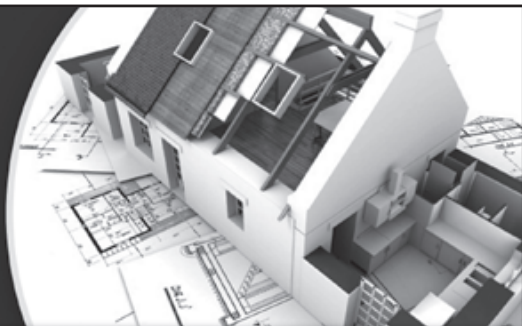
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The object of these workshops is to enjoy our singing without the pressure of a concert.

This term ends on 17th March 2016; the next term resumes on May 14th and we continue up to May 19th; we will be holding our AGM on May 26th.

New members are always welcome (any voice, but especially Tenors).

David G Pettitt

## Hagley String Orchestra

Our summer term began on Tuesday 12 May last and we continue until Tuesday 12 July. As this would have given us 14 rehearsals, we decided to reduce to 13 by having a break at the schools' Half Term on Tuesday 31 May. During May, our conductor Jeremy Patterson is away visiting the U.S.A. for three weeks, and we're delighted that Tony Bridgewater, formerly Director of Music at Old Swinford Hospital School, has agreed to direct on Tuesdays 10, 17 and 24 May.

We're rehearsing a new programme which includes Bartok's well-loved Rumanian Folk Dances, a Handel Concerto Grosso (always good fun) and the wonderful Serenade for Strings by Dvořák (tricky!!), also some more Mozart and Sibelius.

All string players most welcome to join us in Hagley Free Church hall on Tuesdays from 10.00 a.m. to 12.00 Noon. We always have a relaxing social coffee break mid-rehearsal.

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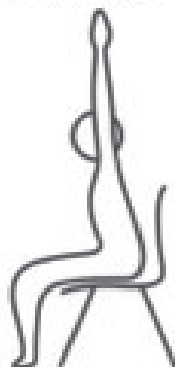
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8<sup>th</sup> am Rev Brian Taylor  
pm Rev Dr Phillip Rees

#### 15<sup>th</sup> Christian Aid Sunday

am Re Dr Richard Massey  
pm Blakedown at 6.30pm

#### 22<sup>nd</sup> Pentacost

am Sunday School Anniversary  
pm Mr Philip Turley

29<sup>th</sup> am Mrs Hazel Quelch  
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8 May Ascension Sunday	Holy Communion St John's		10.30 am Morning Prayer St John's 10.45 am Holy Communion St Saviour's	
15 May Pentecost			Parish Family Communion St John's	Christian Aid Service 6.00 pm Blakedown
22 May Trinity Sunday	Holy Communion St John's		10.30 am Parish Communion with Client St Saviour's	Evening Praise St John's
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This year the event will feature an even bigger stage, more bands, children's attractions, street food, craft beer and stalls. The popular Pimms stand will also be back. Tickets will be available to purchase in advance in May - both online and in local stores. So make sure you get your gazebos and picnic blankets at the ready.

This year's music line up is yet to be announced but keep an eye on our **HAGFEST 2016 Facebook page** for announcements confirming bands and attractions, and also our website **[www.hagfest.co.uk](http://www.hagfest.co.uk)**. The event is once more supported by Base Studios, Stourbridge, which did a great job last year organizing the music line-up.

Organisers Fran Evans and Rachel Jenkins are very excited about 2016 and are keen for it to be a success: "Last year was our first event and we had fantastic community support as well as the amazing weather which certainly helped. We hope that people are still just as keen to support us so we can get the community centre plans moving forward following recent consultation." "If we can make the new build bigger and incorporate more features and local services as planned, it will prove invaluable to a larger number of local people and will be an exciting new asset for the village. This year most of the money raised will again go towards the community hub project, with 10% being put towards the Birmingham Children's hospital for a new rare diseases unit. Please come and support these fantastic causes whatever the weather!"

**HAGFEST** Organisers are currently appealing for potential sponsors to get in touch – **anyone interested in becoming a sponsor should email organiser Fran Evans at [contactme@francescaevans.com](mailto:contactme@francescaevans.com)**. Clent Hills Vet Group have already signed up for the second year running, with interest from several more local businesses. However there are several sponsorship packages still available. It's not too early for helpers to sign up either, so if you fancy manning a stall or doing a spot of face painting do get in touch. **This event is supported by Hagley Parish Council (HPC) and the Hagley Community Association (HCA).**

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