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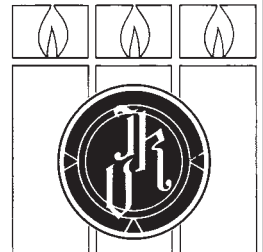


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December brings various Christmas celebrations and a number of the reports have details of the events that you may wish to attend to celebrate and enjoy Christmas. Please support the events and don't forget the Rambler Scouts Christmas Postal service- details see page 27.

Hagley Community Association hope you have an enjoyable festive period and wish you a happy and healthy 2017.

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Editor

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Hagley Parish Council would like to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Thank you for coming and supporting the Christmas in Hagley 2016 launch - a fantastic way for our community to get together just before we launch into what is usually a very hectic period. Many thanks to the businesses who supported this event with great enthusiasm, the Free Church, the many community groups, Hagley Parish Council, Cheryl Welsh from Bromsgrove's Centres Manager and of course Santa and Hagley Rotary.

This event is planned to be repeated annually and launches a month of extended hours for some businesses. Please check your local business for further details.

Many users of Station Road and Brake Lane will have noticed that the hedge has been cut back away from the pavement to give more space for pedestrians when crossing the bridge. This work was done by the Parish Council Lengthsman (supported by Worcestershire County Council's Lengthsman scheme) which empowers the Parish Council to carry out some tree management works. 'Ed' is regularly seen carrying out similar works across Hagley.

Final contracts have been completed in respect of the rebuild of the changing rooms on the playing fields. There may be some disruption to access to and from Church Street. Every effort will be made to minimise disruption whilst the works are ongoing but please bear with us whilst this essential work is being carried out. We are sure when the work is complete it will have been worth it.

The Parish Council has carried out some much needed tree management and tree planting in Hagley Cemetery including removal of some large conifers from graves and the planting of young trees dedicated to soldiers from Hagley who died fighting in wars.

It has recently been confirmed that the Parish Council has received some really positive news from the Safer Roads Partnership that it will be introducing speed enforcement along the A456 (similar to that in operation in Blakedown). This follows a series of meetings between councillors and the Partnership and extensive monitoring of traffic flows. It is hoped that similar monitoring and assessment of traffic on other routes through Hagley can result in the same outcome.

The Parish Office will be closed on Friday 23rd December and will re-open on Wednesday 3rd January.

Contact us: [clerk@hagleyparishcouncil.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@hagleyparishcouncil.gov.uk) or [assistantclerk@hagleyparishcouncil.gov.uk](mailto:assistantclerk@hagleyparishcouncil.gov.uk)

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Because of the importance of these proposed changes the issues were raised at BDC's Overview and Scrutiny Board who have agreed to the request that the matter is raised with the Health Authority.

A recent error in the BDC Direct Debit led to some council tax payment being taken early in October. If anyone has been financially penalised for this error please contact the District Council directly.

The next round of the New Homes Bonus panel will have met on the 16th November and the results will be known shortly.

The District Council's 'Place Team' has conducted an extensive litter pick along the main 'A' roads in Hagley as well as starting the winter path sweeps to remove fallen leaves. Other highways works are being co-ordinated with the County Council.

Please be aware that there will be changes to bin collections during the Christmas and New Year periods. Further information will be published in due course and is available on the District Council website.

### District Councillors

**Steve Colella and Rachel Jenkins**

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##### CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR CLOSING

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If you have appointments at the end of December or early January and need our help, please try to phone us (886696) before we close for the Christmas/New Year break.

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Hagley Library will be open on Christmas Eve until 1pm so if you have time to pop in it would be lovely to see you! We are then closed until 9am on Wednesday 28th December. On New Year's Eve we are open until 3pm and then closed until 9am on Wednesday 4th January.

If you are looking for an unusual but meaningful Christmas gift for a friend or family member then consider giving a learning course! We run courses in libraries and other venues all over the county in all sorts of interest areas.

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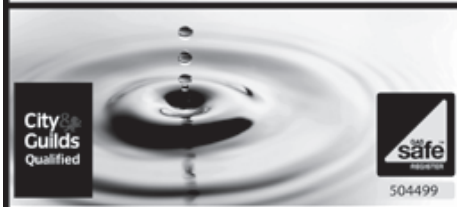
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### DECEMBER 2016

- Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> December**      **Messy Church**      St Saviour's Hall 3.15 – 4.45 pm. Crafts, stories, food, play time – all children with a parent/carer are very welcome!
- Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> December**      **Ex Cathedra "Christmas Music by Candlelight"**  
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- Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> December**      **Mary Stevens Hospice Christmas Concert**  
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- Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> December**      **Mothers' Union Advent Service**  
**St Saviour's 2pm**  
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- Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> December**      **Haybridge High School Christmas Concert**  
**St John's 7.30pm.** Call 886213 for ticket details
- Monday 19<sup>th</sup> December**      **Christmas Holiday Club**  
"Along the road to Bethlehem".  
(From 8.30am) 9.00 am – 3.00 pm. Bring packed lunch.  
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Date	8.00 am	9.30 am	10.30 am	6.30 pm
4 December Advent 2		Morning Praise <b>St Saviour's</b>	Holy Communion <b>St John's</b>	<b>6.00 pm</b> Shared Worship <b>Free Church</b>
11 December Advent 3	Holy Communion <b>St John's</b>		Morning Prayer <b>St John's</b> <b>10.45 am</b> Holy Communion <b>St Saviour's</b>	
18 December Advent 4	Holy Communion <b>St John's</b>		9 Lessons & Carols <b>St John's</b>	Carol Service <b>St Saviour's</b>
24 December Christmas Eve			<b>5.00 pm</b> Crib Service <b>St Saviour's</b>	<b>11.30 pm</b> Midnight Eucharist <b>St John's</b>
25 December Christmas Day			<b>10.30 am</b> Family Communion <b>St Saviour's</b>	

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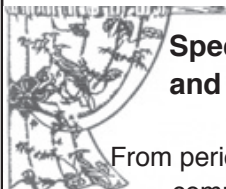
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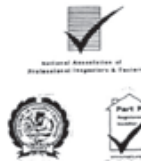
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# VILLAGE NEWS



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Minister: Rev David Tennant  
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### Christmas Services

Please note the times of the services over the Christmas and New Year period

<b>Bible Study &amp; Prayer Group</b>	Meets at the Church on Tuesday from 7.30 – 9.00pm
<b>Ladies Afternoon Fellowship</b>	Tuesday 13 <sup>th</sup> December at 2.30pm "A Christmas Celebration"
<b>Thursday Fellowship</b>	Meets fortnightly in the Hall at 8.00pm. Former and new members welcome.
<b>1 December</b>	Christmas Past & Present Speaker: Mrs Patricia Boyd
<b>15 December</b>	Christmas Party & Entertainment "The Springfield Singers"

### Sunday Services December 2016

Sunday School at 10.15am

<b>4<sup>th</sup> December</b>	<b>10.30am</b>	Rev David Tennant *
	<b>6pm</b>	Rev David Tennant *
<b>11<sup>th</sup> December</b>	<b>10.30am</b>	Rev Ernest Crutchley
	<b>4pm</b>	CHRISTINGLE
<b>18<sup>th</sup> December</b>	<b>NO morning/evening services</b>	
	<b>3pm</b>	CAROL SERVICE
<b>25<sup>th</sup> December</b>	<b>10.30am</b>	Rev David Tennant
	<b>(Morning Worship)</b>	
<b>1<sup>st</sup> January</b>	<b>10.30am</b>	Hymns & readings for a New Year
	<b>NO evening service</b>	

*\*Concludes with Holy Communion*

Church information concerning other activities taking place can be found on our website- Sunday Services are recorded and can be accessed on line at [www.hagleyfreechurch.org.uk](http://www.hagleyfreechurch.org.uk) or visit us on Facebook

Secretary: 886022 Hall / Church Bookings: 883583 or E mail: [hfc1905@btinternet.com](mailto:hfc1905@btinternet.com)



## Church services at St Peter's Parish Church, BROOME for December



**Sunday 4th December 2016 - Advent 2**  
9am Holy Eucharist at Broome church  
4pm 'Parents and Children Together' at Churchill

**Sunday 11th December 2016 - Advent 3**  
10am Holy Eucharist at Churchill church  
6pm CAROL SERVICE at BROOME CHURCH

**Sunday 18th December 2016 - Advent 4**  
9am Holy Eucharist at Broome church

**Saturday 24th December 2016 - CHRISTMAS EVE**  
4pm Crib & Christingle Service at Blakedown church  
11.30pm Midnight Mass at Blakedown church

**Sunday 25th December 2016 - CHRISTMAS DAY**  
9am Holy Eucharist at Broome church.  
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**Library**  
Chatterbox - 4pm  
**Hand of Friendship**  
Free Church Hall - 11-1.15pm  
**Community Orchestra**  
St Saviours Church - 5.30-7pm  
**Taekwondo**  
Hagley Community Centre - 6-9pm  
**Clent Hills Singers**  
Hagley Free Church - 7.30-9.30pm

## Friday December 2nd

**Dial a Ride Bus Service**  
Hagley to Halesowen or Kidderminster  
**Messy Church**  
St Saviours Church Hall - 3.15-4.45pm  
**HCK Badminton**  
Hagley RC School - 7-8pm beginners  
8-10pm members

## Saturday December 3rd

**Taekwondo**  
Haybridge Sports Centre - 10-1pm

## Sunday December 4th

**Hagley Tennis Club**  
Hagley RC School - 10am

## Monday December 5th

**Ring & Ride Bus Service**  
Hagley to Stourbridge  
**Hagley Country Dancers**  
Free Church Hall - 2-3.30pm  
**Hagley Parish Council**  
Finance - 7pm

## Tuesday December 6th

**String Orchestra**  
Free Church Hall - 10-12noon  
**Active Seniors**  
Hagley Community Centre - 1.45pm  
**Tuesday Tea Club**  
Free Church Hall - 2.30-4pm  
**Hagley RC School**  
Dance Show - 7pm  
**Historical & Field Society**  
St Saviours Hall - 8pm  
Hugely Huggable History of the Teddy Bear  
**Wyre Forest National Trust**  
Blakedown Parish Rooms - 8pm  
Restoration of the Royal Naval College

## Wednesday December 7th

**Ring & Ride Bus Service**  
Hagley to Merry Hill  
**Mothers & Toddlers Group**  
Free Church Hall - 10-11.30am

**Hagley Tennis Club**  
Hagley RC School - 6.30pm  
**Western Badminton Club**  
Haybridge Sports Centre - 8-10pm  
**St John's Bellringers**  
St John's Church - 7pm  
**Hagley RC School**  
Dance Show - 7pm

## Thursday December 8th

**Dial A Ride Bus Service**  
Hagley  
**Hand of Friendship**  
Free Church Hall - 11-1.15pm  
**Community Orchestra**  
St Saviours Church - 5.30-7pm  
**Taekwondo**  
Hagley Community Centre - 6-9pm  
**Clent Hills Singers**  
Hagley Free Church - 7.30-9.30pm  
**Ex-Cathedra**  
Christmas Music by Candlelight St Johns Church - 7.30pm

## Friday December 9th

**Dial A Ride Bus Service**  
Hagley to Kidderminster or Halesowen  
**HCK Badminton**  
Hagley RC School  
7-8pm beginners  
8-10pm members  
**Hagley Art Club**  
St Saviours Church Hall - 7.30-9.30pm  
Social Evening- Harmonix

## Saturday December 10th

**Taekwondo**  
Haybridge Sports Centre - 10-1pm  
**Hagley Primary School**  
PTA Christmas Fayre - 11-2.30pm  
**Central England Camerata**  
Come & Sing Messiah - St Johns Church - 7.30pm

## Sunday December 11th

**Hagley Tennis Club**  
Hagley RC School - 10am

## Monday December 12th

**Ring & Ride Bus Service**  
Hagley to Stourbridge  
**Hagley Country Dancers**  
Free Church Hall - 2-3.30pm  
**Hagley WI**  
Hagley Community Centre - 2pm  
95th birthday celebration  
**Hagley Parish Council**  
Environmental/Highways - 7pm

## Tuesday December 13th

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

**Active Seniors**  
Hagley Community Centre - 1.45pm  
**Tuesday Group**  
St Saviours Church - 8pm  
Carols & Readings & Bring & Share Supper  
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Christmas Concert- St Johns Church - 7.30pm

## Wednesday December 14th

**Ring & Ride Bus Service**  
Hagley to Merry Hill  
**Mothers & Toddlers Group**  
Free Church Hall - 10-11.30am  
**Hagley Tennis Club**  
Hagley RC School - 6.30pm  
**Western Badminton Club**  
Haybridge Sports Centre - 8-10pm  
**St John's Bellringers**  
St John's Church - 7pm

## Thursday December 15th

**Dial A Ride Bus Service**  
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**Hand of Friendship**  
Free Church Hall - 11-1.15pm  
**Mother's Union**  
Advent Service - St Saviours Church - 2pm  
**Community Orchestra**  
St Saviours Church - 5.30-7pm  
**Taekwondo**  
Hagley Community Centre - 6-9pm  
**Hagley RC School**  
Carol Service & Christmas Fayre - 7pm  
**Haybridge High School**  
Christmas Concert- St John's Church - 7.30pm

## Friday December 16th

**Ring & Ride Bus Service**  
Hagley to Kidderminster or Halesowen  
**St John's Bellringers**  
St Johns Church- Open tower - 3-5pm  
**HCK Badminton**  
Hagley RC School  
7-8pm beginners  
8-10pm members

## Saturday December 17th

**Taekwondo**  
Haybridge Sports Centre - 10-1pm

## Sunday December 18th

**Hagley Tennis Club**  
Hagley RC School - 10am  
**Community Orchestra**  
St Saviours Church - 4pm

## Monday December 19th

**Ring & Ride Bus Service**  
Hagley to Stourbridge  
**Christmas Holiday Club**  
St Saviours Church Hall - 9am-3pm

## Tuesday December 20th

**String Orchestra**  
Free Church Hall - 10-12noon  
**Active Seniors**  
Hagley Community Centre - 1.45pm  
**Tuesday Tea Club**  
Free Church Hall - 2.30-4pm

## Wednesday December 21st

**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 - 7pm

## Thursday December 22nd

**Dial A Ride Bus Service**  
Hagley  
**Hand of Friendship**  
Free Church Hall - 11-1.15pm  
**Community Orchestra**  
St Saviours Church - 5.30-7pm  
**Taekwondo**  
Hagley Community Centre - 6-9pm

## Friday December 23rd

**Ring & Ride Bus Service**  
Hagley to Kidderminster or Halesowen  
**HCK Badminton**  
Hagley RC School  
7-8pm beginners  
8-10pm members

## Saturday December 24th

**Taekwondo**  
Haybridge Sports Centre - 10-1pm

## Sunday December 25th

**Various Church services**  
- see separate reports

## Thursday December 29th

**Dial A Ride Bus Service**  
Hagley  
**Hand of Friendship**  
Free Church Hall - 11-1pm

## Friday December 30th

**Ring & Ride Bus Service**  
Hagley to Kidderminster or Halesowen

# SCHOOL REPORTS

## HAYBRIDGE HIGH SCHOOL



Farewell.....

At the end of this term we will say goodbye to Ms Smith, who started her time at Haybridge as a trainee teacher and went on to become SenCo, then latterly Head of Personal Development.

Many students have been taught by her, and found her to be a brilliant listener when they have had worries they needed to talk through. We also say goodbye to Mrs Chapple, our UCAS and University Entrance co-ordinator who has given such superb guidance to Sixth Formers on this important aspect of their careers, helping them to choose the right courses and universities for them.

One other person will be leaving at the end of term, and that person is me. Just before half term we appointed my successor, who will lead the pastoral team and be the Designated Senior Lead for Safeguarding – I have to admit the whole process still seems a little surreal as I write this in early November ready for the December edition of the HVN, and in my heart I still cannot quite believe that retirement has come at last. It seems a very short time since July 1982 when I climbed into the staff room through the window (there was an assembly going on in the hall!) for my interview with Mr Hobson at Haybridge. Since then I have had various roles in the school, produced numerous shows, met lots of supportive parents and of course worked with probably thousands of wonderful young people. I hope that some of those former students and parents (even grandparents now!) are reading this, so that I can say to you what a wonderful honour it has been to teach and work with you, and to wish you all the very best for the future.

Lynne Byford (Mrs B)



## HAGLEY RC HIGH SCHOOL

A large group of pupils from Y10 undertook a French exchange trip to St Dizier in northern France. Our partnership with the Lycée Luis Ortiz has been on-going for over five years with pupils from both schools visiting each other during the Academic Year. Whilst in St Dizier pupils experience three days in school, attending lessons, including a rare opportunity for them to experience what it is like to learn English as a modern foreign language! After the exchange, pupils enjoyed two nights in Paris, seeing the sights, before returning to Hagley.

In addition to French pupils visiting our school later in the year, a group of teachers from the Lycée visited us just before the half-term holiday in order to see how teaching in England differs from their homeland. Colleagues from Hagley and the Lycée exchanged teaching strategies and ideas for assessment, together with our French colleagues observing lessons. One brave French colleague even taught part of a lesson in English, in which they spoke fluent, perfect English... luckily for us, two language teachers accompanied the trip to the Lycée, so reciprocating was not an issue!

Two Year Groups also undertook residential retreat during November: Y12 attended the Diocesan Youth Centre in Stafford, near Alton Castle, whilst Y8 undertook retreat at the youth centre for Nottingham Diocese. Both retreats served as 'time out' for our busy youngsters, enabling them to deepen their spirituality by reflecting on their life choices and the consequences of their actions.

### Upcoming Events

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|--------------|---|
| 6-7 December | Dance Show, evening performance. Contact <a href="mailto:saston@hagleyrc.worcs.sch.uk">saston@hagleyrc.worcs.sch.uk</a> for ticket information. |
| 15 December  | Carol Service & Christmas Fayre, 7pm. All local residents are welcome; no ticket required, just turn up.  |

B McArdle

# VILLAGE NEWS

## CHRISTMAS POST IN HAGLEY HAGLEY RAMBLER SCOUTS



Hagley Beavers, Cubs and Scouts will deliver your Christmas post provided it has a Hagley address. Special Hagley Ramblers Scout Christmas Post stamps will be on sale for 25p each at Cavendish Cleaners and Walton & Hipkiss from 9.30am on 19th November. The final collection will be at 12 midday on 12th December.

All collection and sorting is done by a team of parents and the Beavers, Cubs and Scouts will help with deliveries between 19th and 23rd December.

All proceeds go towards the upkeep of the Scout Hut. Any queries, please contact Alison, Group Treasurer on 07969 950523 or at [hagleyramblerscout@btinternet.com](mailto:hagleyramblerscout@btinternet.com)

Sue Corlett

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December 26th	Closed
December 27th	Closed
December 28th to 30th	7:45am – 7:00pm
December 31st	Closed
January 1st	Closed
January 2nd	Closed
January 3rd	7:45am to 7:00pm



## HAGLEY ROTARY CLUB



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## CLUB REPORTS

### Hagley Community Orchestra

Hagley Community Orchestra will be playing in the St Saviour's Church Christmas Carol Service on Sunday Evening, December 18th at 6.30pm. We will be accompanying the carols and playing Christmas music by Handel and Corelli at the beginning, middle and end of the service.

If you play an instrument and would like to join us, please phone 07564 276404.

Our rehearsals will all be in St Saviour's Church: on December 1st, 8th and 15th from 5.30-7pm, and on the day itself at 4pm.

Some of our players will also be performing in "Come and Sing the Messiah" on December 10th in St John's Church at 7.30pm. Don't forget to book your performer's or audience ticket for what promises to be a truly memorable event!"

Cynthia Downes



### CLENT HILLS SINGERS

#### REHEARSALS for CHS AND ALSO FOR COME AND SING MESSIAH?

Clent Hills singers' rehearsals are on Thursdays at 7:30pm in Hagley Free Church, and finish at 9:30pm.

Over the autumn term we will be holding a series of workshops, to sing some interesting works, ending with Handel's Messiah; anybody is welcome to join us.

COME AND SING MESSIAH, which is to be held on Saturday December 10th in St John's Church Hagley. We are opening up these rehearsals to anybody who is interested. Rehearsals for Come and Sing Messiah will be held on December 1st & December 8th, there will be no charge for these rehearsals, but there is a charge of £12 for singers on the day.

Thursday December 8th will be our final rehearsal.

### Hagley String Orchestra

We've had a marvellous time this Autumn Term working at Andrew Downes *Five Movements for Piano and String Orchestra*, which has really come together with superb pianist Tony Bridgewater – most enjoyable. Two other highlights for us have been Dvorak's wonderful *'American' String Quartet* and Mozart's *Three Divertimenti K136-8*. We've saved till Christmas playing a seasonal and beautiful *Chorale Prelude* by Brahms and Corelli's *'Christmas' Concerto Grosso*.

Next term we've got twelve rehearsals starting on Tuesday 10th January and finishing on 4th April (omitting 21st February as the schools' Half Term). Our very varied programme for Spring 2017 includes works by CPE Bach, John Ireland, Haydn, Respighi and Schubert.

We rehearse simply for pleasure without any stress of public performance and we always welcome new players. If you're thinking about joining us in Hagley's Free Church Hall on Tuesday mornings 10am – 12noon, please contact Haydn (no relation to composer!) on (01562) 885252; sanhay50@gmail.com

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# CLUB REPORTS

## Girlguiding Walton District-Autumn 2016

All our Units are enjoying a variety of indoor and outdoor meetings this term - just a couple of examples.....

1st Hagley Rainbows are working towards the Beatrix Potter badge , finding out about the wildlife featured in her stories . They are also planning a Christmas fancy dress party and a trip to a Panto .

3rd Hagley Brownies have been to Blackwell Court for their Pack Holiday. This year they had a 'Peter Pan ' theme for their craft activities but also had a go at abseiling ,the zip wire and pedal car racing.They have also undertaken the 'jellybaby' challenge with a range of jellybaby linked activities! A ten pinbowling night and decorating mini christmas cakes are two of the evenings planned in the run up to Christmas.

Outdoor cooking and Patrol Christmas challenges are just two of the activities for 2nd Hagley Guides. They are also fundraising for their Young Leader who has been selected for an International group visiting Canada next year.

Girlguiding UK has now launched its new website and our Leaders will be getting all the latest on this at County Day in November as well as County information and training sessions to assist them in their roles. Walton will also be represented at the Remembrance Day Parade in Hagley.

Many thanks to our dedicated Leadership team and District Commissioner, Fiona Drewitt.

Season's Greetings and Happy New Year !

**Gill Quinlivan**  
District Guider



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Oh no it isn't! Oh yes it is! Highlights at Artrix this December include panto, Christmas comedy and a New Year's Eve party.

Families have plenty to look forward this month. All & Sundry's production of **Robin Hood & the Babes in the Wood** is this year's panto and there are several family theatre shows including a charming production of **Where's My Igloo Gone?** and **Zorro's Christmas Adventure**. Festive craft will be the flavour of the day on Saturday 19th and this will be followed by a special screening of **Happy Feet**.

Ballet fans are in for a festive treat with two screenings of the Royal Ballet's spectacular production of the **Nutcracker**. On the comedy front, **What the Dickens?** is an hilarious audience-led romp through some of Dickens' most popular characters and **Barbara Nice's Christmas Cracker** is likely to include a large helping of silliness and audience participation.

Films at Artrix Cinema this month include **Philadelphia**, **Girl On the Train** and an **NT Live Screening of No Man's Land**.

Last but definitely no means least there's a chance to celebrate the New Year in style with the Beat Brothers at **Artrix's New Year's Eve Party**. The evening comprises a late bar until 1.30 am, roulette table, food, dance and live music.

Artrix's new café is open daily 11-2 for lunch and hot and cold drinks.

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



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# CLUB REPORTS



October has seen the start of the match season with twelve matches played in the month. Approximately half won so not a bad start overall. Notable wins include: Worcester Ladies first team against XDC 2. This team got promoted last year and this is an early indicator that this team could do well again this year. Also the Worcester Vets team have won their first two matches against Blackminster and Kidderminster in division 3.

Details of fixtures can be found on our web site: <http://hckbadders.wixsite.com/home>

Our beginners club continues to flourish. This month we have focused on forehand clear and a range of back hand shots, before moving on to play games and considered court position and opposition awareness. Anyone wishing to join us will be very welcome. This section of the club is pay and play at £5 per evening and rackets can be provided if required. So there is no excuse not to come and give it a go.

We play at Hagley Catholic School Sports Hall on Friday evenings. The beginners/ social section from 7 till 8pm which is followed by the main club night from 8 to 10 pm. (Match nights – Tuesday: 8 till 10pm)

The annual Christmas dinner dance is booked for the 3rd December at Wharton Park Golf Club with a good turnout of both full and beginner members.

For more information regarding the beginners or main club, please contact Keith Price on 07815 650718 or Sam Ryder on 07979 243957.



The nights are drawing in, shorter days and we rush in and out avoiding the dark and the cold. There are better programmes on the TV and before we know it we are spending lots more time seated and less time active! One magazine recently quoted 'sitting is the new smoking' and this highlights the importance of remaining active – including during those winter months.

So what can we do to counteract this? Well even periods of standing are much better than periods of sitting so make sure you 'sit less and move more' during the day, use the stairs if you can and take every opportunity to take some exercise. Why not come along to Active Seniors classes on Tuesday afternoons at Hagley Community Centre and learn how to increase your circulation, move your joints, strengthen your muscles and improve your balance. We have lots of strategies to get you moving .....even dare we say it 'homework books' to help you top up your exercise levels at home.

Classes are filling up very quickly so don't miss out, come along for your free taster session as soon as you can (if you can't make Tuesdays ring for alternative venues and dates). That includes you men out there too!! Our chaps are outnumbered by our lovely ladies at the moment so we would love more men to join us in class.

Remember an ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure - so let's work on your strength and balance together and keep you well this winter! Call us for more details on 07512 546480 and get strong and steady with us!!

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## CLUB & SCHOOL REPORTS

### Hagley Gardeners' Club

A reminder that we do not hold a meeting in December but the committee would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a Very Happy Christmas.

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**Judy Berrow**

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### HAGLEY PRIMARY SCHOOL

Hagley Primary School has welcomed several members of staff, who have settled into their new roles well and are already having a great impact. The entrance area has recently undergone major transformation, combined with a new car park barrier, improving site safety.

Every year group and their parents have been welcomed into school curriculum meetings to learn the focus of the years' learning, as well as finding out about new techniques, such as using the new Times Tables Rock Stars website!

Year 6 have all undergone Bikeability training with great success, as well as studying Macbeth and having a wonderful drama workshop. Year 3 have enjoyed their history project and had a great time doing a Stone Age Workshop. Year 4 have been to Bishop's Wood, where they were lucky enough to see a greater crested newt and a hibernating queen hornet! The whole school enjoyed Roald Dahl day, with some marvellous costumes being worn. The children in the choir and those in years 4 and 6 are busy preparing for the Young Voices Concert at the NEC in January. The songs sound fantastic already! KS1 are busy rehearsing and preparing for their Christmas Nativity performances.

The PTA are well underway with their arrangements for the Christmas period and the Christmas Fayre, which is to be held on the 10th December, between 11am and 2.30pm. We are very grateful to all those involved in making this a success, and for all parents and carers for their ongoing support. All are welcome to drop in to the Christmas Fayre on the 10th to enjoy a cup of coffee and a mince pie

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### Hagley Historical and Field Society



'Made in Smethwick' is not a phrase that you see very often these days unless you are a connoisseur of iron manhole covers, a few of which can still be seen in some old Black Country streets. However, Smethwick was once the industrial workshop of the world and this fact is still proudly stamped on the town's seal. Its rise and decline was the topic of our speaker this month, Mary Bodfish.

With the arrival of the canal in 1769, Smethwick became an industrial boomtown as it then had easy access to abundant supplies of the coal, iron ore and limestone from the Black Country necessary for metal founding. At its peak, Smethwick employed 50,000 people. When coal gas lighting was installed in Boulton and Watt's Soho foundry in 1800, the manufacture of steam engines could continue both day and night for the first time.

Glass production was second only to that of metal. Chance Brothers were responsible for the glass in the face of Big Ben and also for the tremendously successful invention of Crown Glass. 1.25 million square feet of which was used in the Crystal Palace built for the Great Exhibition of 1851. You may remember now with nostalgia such famous names as GKN, Ash & Lacy, Tangye, Evereds, the Cape Hill Brewery and Mason's Jafarade, all of which sadly no longer exist.

Our next meeting is on Tuesday 6th December. There will be a presentation by Dr Gillian White entitled 'The Hugely Huggable History of the Teddy Bear'. Gillian is a NADFAS speaker and is well known to Society members. She will cover origin of the 'Bear' in the 19th century through Winnie the Pooh to Paddington.

Visitors are most welcome at all our events – see [hhfs.org.uk](http://hhfs.org.uk) for details and contacts.

*Jeff Cope*



### Hagley Tuesday Group

Formerly Hagley wives and Women's Fellowship

Please join us for our Christmas service on December 13th at 8pm, an evening of Carols and Readings in St Saviour's church followed by a customary Bring and Share supper in the hall, a lovely way to begin the Christmas festivities with friends.

Looking forward to 2017, we have an ever popular quiz presented by our leader Ann Pagett on January 10th. It's time to dust off our brains after Christmas for a light-hearted evening.

This will be followed by a talk on January 24th entitled "My Life and Hats" which will include a wonderful display of hats by Catherine Clark

We have lots of other interesting evenings planned so do come along and join us, we meet at St Saviour's Hall at 8pm.

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# CLUB REPORTS

## HAGLEY W.I.



At the October meeting members enjoyed watching how Italian bread is made and subsequently were able to enjoy the great taste of newly baked focaccia!

The demonstrator, Janice Bell, answered many questions from members who watched with interest the way ingredients were prepared, how the dough was kneaded and how the final touches were given to the bread before it was put in the oven.

The Acting-President told members of two scams she had recently received and had fortunately realised them for what they were. She asked that members warn their friends and relatives of these scams as they are so realistic as to be believable.

There are many exciting things to look forward to in the coming months including 'Magic Russ' at the very special 95th Birthday of WIs in Hagley, in December.

To commemorate the occasion members have raised funds, largely due to a series of Fashion Shows arranged by Debut, to put another seat on Hagley Playing Field. This is now in place and, we hope, will be as well-used as the existing one which commemorates 90 years of Hagley Afternoon WI.

Hagley WI meets at Hagley Community Centre 2pm on the 2nd Monday in each month - we are always delighted to welcome visitors and prospective members. Please come to a meeting or, on 01562 885215, contact the undersigned for further information. - **Megan Bury**

## Hagley Country Dancers

We meet every Monday up to and including Monday 12th December. Please do come along and join in at the Free Church Hall between 2 and 3.30pm on Monday afternoon.

After our Christmas break we restart on January 9th 2017.

We have about 25 members and attendance varies between 15 and 20. We dance a mixture of the Playford tradition dances, Community dances and dances composed more recently. We have a rota of five resident callers who bring their individual style to each afternoon. No experience is necessary and all dances are walked through before dancing.

The atmosphere is very relaxed and informal – anyone looking for some gentle exercise, some friendly chat and a bit of a laugh is very welcome.

For more information, ring June Waterhouse, 01562 700639



## Hagley Theatre Group



The Theatre Group's Youth Section's production of the musical 'Bugsy Malone' performed on 12th to 15th October at the Community Centre was a resounding success thoroughly entertaining the audiences.

This was the third time that this show has been performed by the section in its history including the first production, staged in 1990. All the cast put everything into their performances producing some high quality singing, acting and dancing. We shouldn't forget the hardworking adults from the director and assistants, backstage crew, front of house and set constructors who had some considerable challenges.

I should be in a position to tell you what next year's production will be in the January issue. If any youngsters would like to join this award winning group (from Year 7 to age 18), hearing from any lads would be particularly welcome, telephone 07907 457217.

Best wishes to you all from all in the Group for a Happy Christmas and New Year.

**Tony Forrest**



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We want to record what a warm happy and helpful person Milly was. Hand bell-ringing was only one of her many activities within the church. Her cakes were legendary appearing at every church event.

I only knew Milly for a few years, I will always remember her for her willingness to help and give her all to others. We will greatly miss her.

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Our Meeting on Friday 9th December, is our Christmas Social Evening. Our entertainment this year will be from a group called Harmonitx, a small female choir. This is always a lovely informal 'get-together' evening with a buffet supper.

Looking ahead to the New Year, our visiting Artist will be Alex Maczkowski to demonstrate painting 'Buildings'

Reminder: Our small exhibition in the tea Rooms at Harvington Hall is on until 18th December so there is still time to visit.

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Cost is £1.00 each way with a bus pass and £2.00 each way without a bus pass.

Please note that depending on demand the service may change the destination and times.