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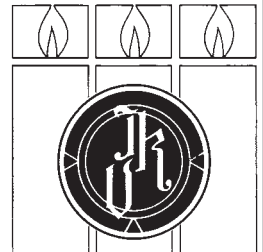


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Let's hope 2017 is a happy and healthy year for everyone. Plenty to do to get the New Year underway perhaps a walk around Hagley to get some fresh air and burn off some of that Christmas fayre! - see centre pages.

Advance notice 2 events coming up- Hagley Music Festival and the Resolution Run around Hagley Hall. Don't forget to get your tickets early for the Rotary event in February- this is always very popular and sells out quickly- see back cover for details.

A bit of history in the making when The Flying Scotsman passed through Hagley under the historic railway bridge that Hornby based it's model on. Thanks to Julie Lamb for the photograph on the front cover and hope she didn't mind we tweaked it slightly.

Nichola Trigg
Editor

HAGLEY MUSIC FESTIVAL 2017

The 2017 Hagley Music Festival runs from 5th May - 21st May.

Full details of the programme were on p.31 of the September 2016 Village News and will be published again in the March 2017 edition.

Tickets for the Festival will be on sale from March 1st; look out for the flyers!

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Over the coming weeks and months Severn Trent Water will be conducting a series of public information and consultation events to raise the awareness of an extensive sewer flood alleviation scheme in Hagley during the summer of 2017.

HPC remains concerned over the lack of action taken by Worcestershire Highways Authority to respond to complaints raised by the 'Safer Roads for Hagley' campaign and HPC has taken the unprecedented steps of hand delivering a letter making the Chief Executive Officer at WCC responsible for the unsatisfactory performance of the Highways Authority and making the CEO also responsible for the safety of road users and pedestrians.

At the time of writing the planned new Pavilion is awaiting the final formal confirmation of the Football Foundation grant. This will trigger final formal appointments of contractors to commence works.

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BROMSGROVE DISTRICT COUNCIL UPDATE

Two significant bids for funding have been made to Bromsgrove District Council on behalf of the Chub project team and the Hagley Scout hut rebuild project team and will be included in the forthcoming 2017/18 budgeting process.

At a recent BDC full council meeting the tabled Council Plan was defeated and is to be re-written as it was considered that the council plan did not reflect the full extent of the short and medium term financial efficiency plans required.

Related to a report from the Worcestershire Regulated Services it has been concluded that the Kidderminster Air Quality Management Area will continue to be monitored. As a reminder a few properties outside the AQMA continue to be monitored and analysed by WRS.

District Councillors

Steve Colella (Hagley West) & Rachel Jenkins (Hagley East)

Great Houses of Hagley

This is the last in a series of twelve articles about Hagley's demolished great houses.

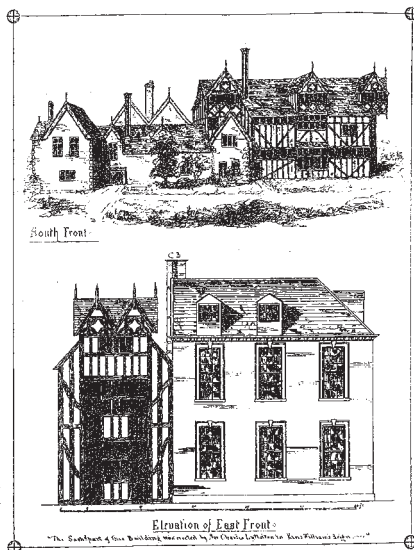
In c.1760 the original Hagley Hall was demolished.

The Manor of Hagley was sold two centuries before in 1564 by Sir John St. Ledger to Sir John Lyttelton and the old Hagley Hall was described then as a hunting lodge.

Charles Lyttelton built the present hall and demolished the old one, but before demolition two drawings were made of the south and east elevations. Clearly the building was in two styles, timber framed and stone and covered an area of about 30 by 40 metres. It is rumoured to have been where the cricket pitch is situated adjacent to St John's Church.

In the 1920's a wooden carved fireplace surround from the old house was taken out of storage and installed in the Barrel Room of the present house. It carries the Lyttelton and Bromley coats of arms, John, the grandson of Sir John Lyttelton above, married Meriel Bromley in 1590 and so the fireplace surround dates from that time.

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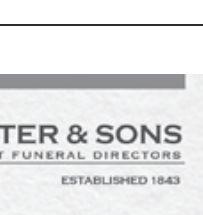
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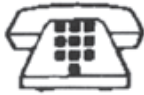
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It seems hard to believe that this month marks the first anniversary of David Bowie's death. To mark the occasion there will be a chance to see **David Bowie is**, an overview of the V & A's sell-out exhibition of his life and works.

Cinema highlights this month include **A Streetcat Named Bob**, **A Light Between Oceans** and **I, Daniel Blake**. There will also be an **RSC Live** screening of **The Tempest** which uses digital technology to portray Ariel the Sprite.

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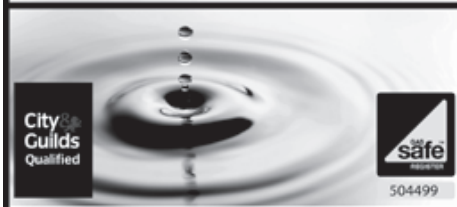
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The cathedral city of Worcester was the first Georgian City to be built in England, predating both Cheltenham and Leamington. This was the claim made by our speaker this month Sandy Cale in her presentation entitled 'Elegant Georgian Worcester'.

Little remains of Worcester prior to the 1660s as much of it was burned down by Oliver Cromwell after the defeat of Charles II at the battle of Worcester in 1651. From this low point the city was gradually rebuilt. Initially the buildings were in the black and white timbered style of which a few examples still exist today despite city planners. However, with the increased prosperity brought by industries such as porcelain manufacture and glove making the fine brick built Georgian buildings we now see gradually rose. Georgian Worcester as we know it today is characterised by such buildings at the Guild Hall built in 1722 by Thomas White which Pevsner described as probably the finest Baroque Town Hall in England.

The Hagley Archives Group has recently published a short book entitled 'Middlefield Lane, Hagley – A Short History'. The idea for this new publication was originally developed by the late Dr Peter Bloore who lived in Middlefield Lane. The Group decided that they would continue his research with the aim publishing a summary of his work along with contributions from past and present residents of the Lane. This illustrated book is available from Happy Families.

Our next meeting at St Saviour's Church Hall is on Tuesday 3rd January 2017. There will be a presentation by Madeline Goold entitled 'The Helm family of Worcester: a Dynasty of Dancing Masters'. Dancing Masters in Georgian times were very influential socially as they dictated the styles and etiquette of the day. Madeline is a NADFAS speaker, author and accomplished sculptor who lives in Hagley.

Visitors are most welcome at all our events – see hhfs.org.uk for details and contacts.

Jeff Cope

Hagley Gardeners' Club

An enjoyable evening was spent with a Virtual Tour around Newlyn, Cornwall by Adrian James. His relaxed delivery accompanied by his excellent pictures gave us an evening of delight.

We start off the 2017 with our Annual Social on Wednesday January 25th at St Saviour's Hall. We will be start with a lovely meal provided by outside caterers and then entertained by a return visit from Mary Bodfish with her Talk – 'Beer, Bets and Bull-baiting'.

Tickets need to be purchased by the 29th January from Judy Iliif Tel: 01562 883568.

February 23rd – AGM

March 22nd will be presented by the charity organisation 'Thrive'.

We are in the depths of winter now but at least the evenings are getting lighter again and snowdrops are beginning to appear to remind us that a new year is in progress.

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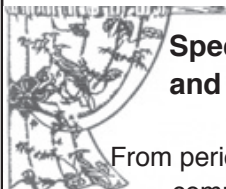
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St. John's Hand & Tower Bellringers

The Hand Bells will be playing at the 12th Night party on Friday 6th January at St. John's. If you have not been to this before it's a great ending of the Christmas season. The first half which starts at 7:30pm consists of readings, anecdotes, music, plus a piece from Tony Battersby the church administrator which reflects on the lighter side of life. There is then a buffet. Please do come along there is no charge, although if you are bringing all your large family or a coach party do let us know the numbers! Any food contributions will be welcome.

On Saturday 21st January there is an open tower for new ringers at St. John's church from 2 to 3pm. Please contact me if you are thinking of coming along to have a go at tower bell ringing.

At 3pm on the same day members of the Worcestershire & District Change Ringers Association will be playing, all current and former ringers are invited. If you have been a ringer in the past at any tower do come along and join us. Ringing is like riding a bike once you have the knack you never forget it.

And finally thanks for the compliments we have received for our ringing of muffled bells at the Remembrance Day service and also at Milly Purton's funeral. "An uplifting sound" was one comment.

Contact us via ringers@hagleycofe.co.uk

Richard Scarth

Hagley String Orchestra

Following a 4-Tuesday break over the festive season, we have started rehearsals (10th January to 4th April except 21st February) reinvigorated with our Spring Term programme. As is our want we've chosen a good mix of styles from the 18th to 20th centuries.

Hopefully anticipating warmer spring weather, we are playing a variety of dance music by Italian Respighi and British John Ireland, and also some German dances by Franz Schubert. By popular request, our string quartet this term is the wonderful 'Sunrise' quartet by Haydn, another Spring-evoking piece.

Of particular interest is a symphony for strings by Carl Philipp Emanuel Bach. He was the second son of the great JS Bach, who himself came from a most gifted musical family. JS Bach sired 20 children with his two wives, but only four daughters and four sons survived him. All four sons became well-known musicians and composers, and perhaps the most famous and prolific was CPE Bach, who became 'chamber musician' to the flautist King Frederick the Great in Berlin.

Do consider joining our relaxed and friendly group; we will warmly welcome all new players. For all interested in joining us in Hagley Free Church Hall on Tuesday mornings 10am - 12 noon, please contact Haydn Thomas on (01562) 885252; sanhay50@gmail.com

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Tuesday January 3rd

Active Seniors

Hagley Community Centre - 1.45pm

Tuesday Tea Club

Free Church Hall - 2.30-4pm

Historical & Field Society

St Saviours Hall - 8pm
The Helm Family- Dynasty of Dancing Masters

Wednesday January 4th

Dial A 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 January 5th

Hand of Friendship

Free Church Hall - 11-1.15pm

Taekwondo

Hagley Community Centre - 6-9pm

Evening Fellowship

Free Church Hall - 8pm
Confessions of a Pantomime Dame

Friday January 6th

Dial A Ride Bus Service

Hagley to Kidderminster or Halesowen

Messy Church

St Saviour's Church Hall - 3.15-4.45pm

HCK Badminton

Hagley RC School
7-8pm beginners
8-10pm members

St John's Bellringers

12th Night Party- St John's - 7.30pm

Saturday January 7th

Taekwondo

Haybridge Sports Centre - 10-1pm

Sunday January 8th

Hagley Tennis Club

Hagley RC School - 10am

Monday January 9th

Dial A Ride Bus Service

Hagley to Stourbridge
Hagley Country Dancers

Free Church Hall - 2-3.30pm

Hagley WI

Hagley Community Centre - 2pm
Hagley Roads - Irene Oliver
Hagley Parish Council
Finance - 7pm

Tuesday January 10th

String Orchestra

Free Church Hall - 10-12noon

Active Seniors

Hagley Community Centre - 1.45pm

Tuesday Group

St Saviours Church - 8pm
The Quiz- Ann Pagett

Wednesday January 11th

Dial A Ride Bus Service

Hagley to Merry Hill

Mothers & Toddlers Group

Free Church Hall - 10-11.30am

Wyre Forest National Trust

Blakedown Parish Rooms - 2pm
Thomas Telford's Shropshire Legacy

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 January 12th

Hand of Friendship

Free Church Hall - 11-1.15pm

Taekwondo

Hagley Community Centre - 6-9pm

Friday January 13th

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
Buildings- Alex Maczkowski

Saturday January 14th

Taekwondo

Haybridge Sports Centre - 10-1pm

Sunday January 15th

Hagley Tennis Club

Hagley RC School - 10am

Monday January 16th

Dial A Ride Bus Service

Hagley to Stourbridge

Hagley Country Dancers

Free Church Hall - 2-3.30pm

Tuesday January 17th

String Orchestra

Free Church Hall - 10-12noon

Active Seniors

Hagley Community Centre - 1.45pm

Tuesday Tea Club

Free Church Hall - 2.30-4pm

Wednesday January 18th

Dial A 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 January 19th

Hand of Friendship

Free Church Hall - 11-1.15pm

Taekwondo

Hagley Community Centre - 6-9pm

Evening Fellowship

Free Church Hall - 8pm
Woven in Kidderminster

Friday January 20th

Dial A Ride Bus Service

Hagley to Kidderminster or Halesowen

HCK Badminton

Hagley RC School
7-8pm beginners
8-10pm members

Saturday January 21st

Taekwondo

Haybridge Sports Centre - 10-1pm

St John's Bellringers

Open Tower- St John's Church - 2pm

Sunday January 22nd

Hagley Tennis Club

Hagley RC School - 10am

Monday January 23rd

Dial A Ride Bus Service

Hagley to Stourbridge

Hagley Country Dancers

Free Church Hall - 2-3.30pm

Hagley Parish Council

Environmental/Highways - 7pm

Tuesday January 24th

String Orchestra

Free Church Hall - 10-12noon

Active Seniors

Hagley Community Centre - 1.45pm

Tuesday Group

St Saviours Church - 8pm
My Life & Hats - Catherine Clark

Wednesday January 25th

Dial A 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

Gardening Club

Annual Social-St Saviour's Church Hall - 7.30pm
Beer, Bets & Bull Baiting

Thursday January 26th

Hand of Friendship

Free Church Hall - 11-1pm

Friday January 27th

Dial A Ride Bus Service

Hagley to Kidderminster or Halesowen

HCK Badminton

Hagley RC School
7-8pm beginners
8-10pm members

Saturday January 28th

Taekwondo

Haybridge Sports Centre - 10-1pm

Sunday January 29th

Hagley Tennis Club

Hagley RC School - 10am

Monday January 30th

Dial A Ride Bus Service

Hagley to Stourbridge
Hagley Country Dancers
Free Church Hall - 2-3.30pm

Tuesday January 31st

String Orchestra

Free Church Hall - 10-12noon

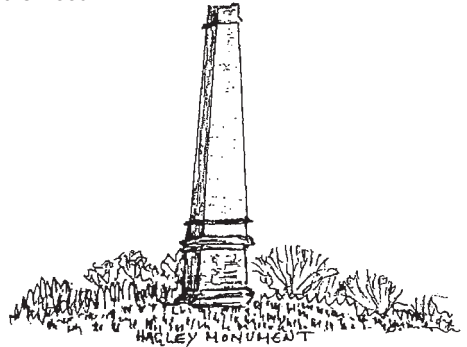
Active Seniors

Hagley Community Centre - 1.45pm

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1. Take the path down from the N.T. 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 1990's 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.

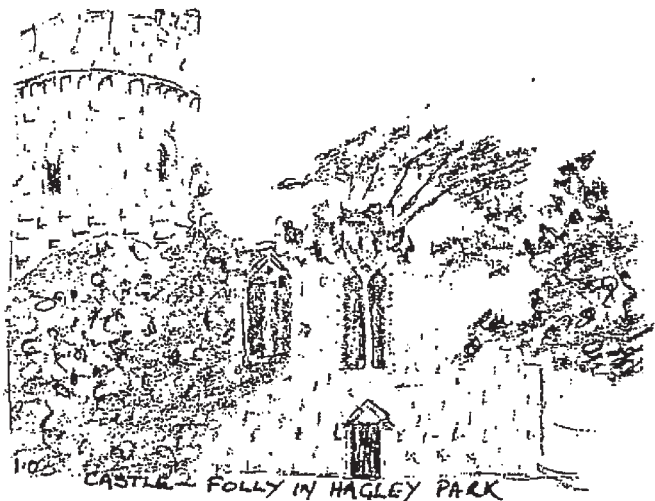


6. Retrace your steps and follow the path down between the Monument and the Fort. The Monument was built by Admiral Thomas Smith (Lord Lyttelton's illegitimate half brother who lived at Rockingham Hall) in the eighteenth century as an "eye-catcher". He also employed James "Athenian" Stuart to design 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.

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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HAGLEY RAMBLER SCOUTS

The Hagley Ramblers Scout Group have voted the 2016 bonfire event the best yet with some 4,300 people attended the event on a field in Hagley. As well as a huge bonfire there were a range of tasty foods on offer including burgers, hot dogs, sweets and a large variety of cakes. A new delicacy this year was delicious chick pea curry and samosas provided by East End foods.



For the benefit of families a quiet firework display took place ahead of the spectacular main fireworks later in the evening. An unusual highlight was a visit from the Vikings! Not only did the Vikings, fittingly, light the bonfire they also staged a Viking battle – a truly spectacular sight in front of the bonfire.

A huge thank you to Lord Cobham for the use of the field, Cala Homes as our main sponsor, Miller Plant Hire for their generous gift of telehandler and driver for the bonfire build, East End Foods for donating the vegetarian curry and accompaniments, SecurePro for providing security and safety advice, Lloyds Bank, Tesco's, Morrison's, Spar and Waitrose. Last but by no means least thank you to all the volunteers who worked tirelessly up to, during and after the event – they are a truly formidable force!

A large proportion of the profits from this popular event will go towards the building of a new Scout Head Quarters in Hagley. A new HQ is urgently needed to cater for the ever growing demand for scouting and other community activities within the village.

Sue Corlett & Pam Humzah

Girlguiding Walton District - Autumn 2016 continued

2nd Hagley Brownies completed the Disability Awareness badge using blindfolds and ear defenders to replicate what it would be like to be blind and deaf. They performed a "skit" to parents called "The Garden" telling how the animals destroyed the garden made for them by the Gardener (based on the story of Adam and Eve).



1st Hagley Rangers Senior Section opened up again with five members. They worked on the Mission Spectacular badge which was to celebrate the Senior Section being 100, it included an Indian tea party, building and cooking on open fires, planning and doing a trip to an ice cream parlour on public transport and talking about their 100 most influential women. If you have left guiding but are looking to be a Senior Section member then please contact Rachel Coton on rachel.hagleyrangers@gmail.com

Looking forward 2017 promises to be a very exciting year, as 2nd Hagley Rainbows and 1st Blakedown guides are 25 years old, and Rainbows nationally celebrate 30 years.

2nd Hagley Rainbows have many exciting events planned; a pantomime trip to see Snow White

and the Seven Dwarfs, a visit from the Falconry Centre in Hagley and even a " Farm to Fork" trail where they will visit Tesco, behind the scenes and learn how produce is grown and what happens to it before it ends up on our supermarket shelves, ready for us to buy.

Fiona Drewett



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CLUB REPORTS



Hagley Tuesday Group

Formerly Hagley wives and Women's Fellowship

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 a change to our programme on February 14th, Andrew Plant from the Falconry Centre at Webb's of Hagley has very kindly stepped in and will be coming to talk about the centre and the birds of prey he works with.

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

<https://hagleytuesdaygroup.wordpress.com>

Toni Allison 01562 884079

Hagley Evening Fellowship

Happy 2017 to all members!

Please come along and join us at 8 pm at Hagley Free Church Hall.

We start the New Year with two talks "Confessions of a Pantomime Dame" Mr Richard Westcott on January 5th and on January 19th "Woven in Kidderminster" Mr Melvyn Thompson.

Both talks promise to be both entertaining and informative

Liz Tew

HAGLEY W.I.



In November members enjoyed a journey from the northern tip of Alaska to Tierra del Fuego on the southernmost tip of Chile. The journey had been undertaken by Manuel and Jill Quieroz, travelling in a campervan for seven months. We heard of the people they met, the fantastic places visited and the highs and lows of living in a campervan for that length of time - all illustrated with beautiful photographs.

On a very wet day a Christmas Lunch was held and enjoyed at Barnt Green Cricket Club. The room was warm and welcoming and the food delicious. Members now look forward to another visit in the spring of next year.

Hagley WI has a Knit and Knatter group which meets every month and supports a number of charities both at home and abroad. The ongoing project is to knit baby clothes and blankets for the Neo-Nate Unit at Russells Hall Hospital and at present blankets are also being made for the women of the Fistula Clinic in Ethiopia.

It is hoped, in the spring of next year, to revive the occasional musical afternoons and the "Casual Friday" lunches at varying venues continue to be enjoyed. So much to look forward to in the coming months!

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**



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SCHOOL REPORTS



HAGLEY RC HIGH SCHOOL

Our Term ended with a number of events which helped us to begin the Christmas Holiday on a high note!

The first big event was our Winter Concert. The evening of high spirited entertainment, although not exclusively themed on Christmas, showcased a wonderful plethora of musical talent sourced from every year group in the school. Orchestra, Boys' Vocal Group, Drum Band and our aptly-named Wind Band 'Toot Toot', performed an exciting mix of pieces, some of which had been composed by the pupils themselves. One of the bands, called 'H90', has recorded a cover version of the theme tune from the TV show Friends, I'll Be There For You, after being scouted by the man who signed U2! The song is available to download on iTunes for a bargain price of 79p..... please download it and help raise funds towards providing holidays and respite care for terminally ill children.

In the second week of December, a group from one of our choirs treated some local residents to a bit of carol singing...hopefully helping to warm the atmosphere, which was enveloped by freezing temperatures! If you were one of the residents who heard the carols, we hope you enjoyed them.

Term ended with our formal evening Carol Service & Christmas Fayre. Pupils, again from each Year Group, presented the story of salvation, from the Bible, accompanied by some of our favourite carols: congregational, musical and choral. The service was followed by our now-traditional Christmas Fayre in the school gym, with all funds raised going towards our Sixth Formers' pilgrimage to Lourdes next year, to look after the elderly and terminally ill of our Archdiocese.

Upcoming Events

6-8 January	Y7 Residential Retreat
6-11 January	Ski Trip to Neukirchen, Austria
26 January	Rotary Public Speaking Competition

B McArdle

HAYBRIDGE HIGH SCHOOL



Our chosen charities this year are Mary Steven's Hospice, Cancer Research UK and Water Aid. In October we had a non-uniform day and raised £1047 for Cancer Research UK. At Christmas we went carol singing in the village for Mary Steven's Hospice, held a Christmas Coin Extravaganza and a Haybridge House Bake Off,

as well as collecting items for the Salvation Army.

In sport, Thomas Mills and Finn Syson have both been selected for the Worcestershire County Schools' U14 football squad for this season and the Year 7 football team (Will Stephens, George Pilliner, Jonathan Glover, Toby Dingley, Billy Moore and Ryan Snape) secured first place in a five-a-side tournament in November. Aliyah Neason was highest placed British girl at the World Irish Dancing Championships. Siena Smith and Maddison Smart have both been selected to take part in Cinderella Dreams, a performance project with the Birmingham Royal Ballet.

There were also some fantastic successes in the Senior Mathematics Challenge with Bronze Awards for Jenny Kendall, Francesca Jordan and Tom Fell, Silver Awards for Sam Roberts, Mark Bell, Gemma Moore, George Richards and Kristina Ivancova and a Gold award and Best in School award for Alexander Gardner.

Finally, we were absolutely delighted to submit sixteen entries for the St. John's logo design competition. The judges were so impressed with the quality of the designs that all the entrants have received a £10 voucher with Year 11 winner Annabel Hoare awarded a cheque for £100.

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CLUB REPORTS

Hagley Theatre Group



It was very pleasing to see reported in the Stourbridge News that one of our former Youth Section members is achieving success in his acting career in the US.

Jaspal Binning was a member for a few years and appeared as the Artful Dodger in our production of *Oliver* in 2008. Jas went onto study at the New York Film Academy and is now appearing in *Brown Nation* on Netflix. He has also started co-directing with a TV pilot *Doomsday* winning an award at a Vermont television festival. Jas has heaped praise on his time with the Theatre Group's Youth Section and urged people to support amateur theatre.

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

Tony Forrest

Hagley Country Dancers

We meet every Monday up to and restart on January 9th 2017. Please do come along and join in at the Free Church Hall between 2 and 3.30pm on Monday afternoon.

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 ART CLUB

ART CLUB

The Club's Annual exhibition held during the last weekend in November was again a great success. The results of the public voting for the Best Liked Pictures:

1st	No 81	Uffmore Lane (towards Clent)	Graham Madders
2nd	No 85	A View from the Rabbit Run	John Maule-Finch
3rd	No 14	A Man and His dogs	Ann Becke

Graham Madders will be retaining the Alan Pritchard trophy for another year. Congratulations to all artists.

At our meeting on Friday 13th January, Alex Maczkowski will be giving a demonstration "Buildings" using charcoal/carbon. This will be something quite different for us and should be very interesting.

Looking ahead to February, our visiting artist will be John Pooler demonstrating "Watercolour Street Scenes".

Anne Garth

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Badminton Club

As we head towards the season mid-point our teams can report mixed results. The Worcester VETs team top their division and the Worcester Ladies first team are joint leaders with Malvern Hills. Both in a good position to push for promotion in the New Year.

On a negative note however none of our three Cradley Combi teams have won a game yet despite having close matches. This is a new format introduced this season so hopefully we will get to grips with the new pairings and pick up some points in 2017.

The beginners club continues with four juniors coming along this month. Although initially not our target age group they have fit in nicely having already played school competitions. 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. 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 to 8pm which is followed by the main club night from 8 to 10 pm. (Match nights – Tuesday – 8 till 10pm)

Socially the Christmas dinner dance at Wharton Park Golf Club was a great success with 26 members and partners attending and as always post-match drinks at the French Hen continue every Friday.

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



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So when the Friends decided to be a little more proactive in publicising events at the church the committee decided to approach the Art Department at Haybridge High School & Sixth Form, with the offer of a prize to a student for the best design for a new logo. And wow what a response!

Jim Higgs, one of the judges and the only remaining original trustee helped to choose the winner, the choice was so difficult out of the 16 entries. We must congratulate the students and Zoe Earles Head of Art & Design for their help in this project.

Annabel Hoare, the winner was presented with her prize at a school assembly on 7th December Thank you Haybridge. Thank you Zoe Earles. Thank you Annabel.

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New Year's Day. There will be just one service on Sunday 1 January – a Holy Communion service in St John's at 10.30 am – during which there will be an act of renewal and commitment for the New Year, which will replace the first part of the service.

Friday 6 January: 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 19 January: Mothers' Union Meeting St Saviour's Hall 2.30 pm: Speaker Susan Price, Faith & Policy Co-ordinator: "What is Faith & Policy" about? – All welcome.

Sunday Club meets on the 2nd and 4th Sunday of each month in St Saviour's, during the 10.45 am Holy Communion Service. Children go into the church hall after the first hymn for their own activities, and return for a blessing near the end of the service, and tell everyone what they've been doing. All are very welcome!

JANUARY SERVICES

Date	8.00 am St John's	9.30 am St Saviour's	10.30 am St John's	10.45 am St Saviour's	6.30 pm
1 January Christmas 2			Holy Communion		
8 January Epiphany	Holy Communion		Morning Prayer	Holy Communion	Epiphany Praise St Saviour's
15 January Epiphany 2			Parish Family Communion		
22 January Epiphany 3	Holy Communion		10.30 am Holy Communion CLENT		6.00 pm HADAC Christian Unity Blakedown

10.00 am Holy Communion each Thursday at St Saviour's



Church services at St Peter's Parish Church, BROOME for January



Sunday 1st January 2017 – The Naming of Jesus
10am – Benefice (combined churches) Eucharist at Blakedown church

Sunday 8th January 2017 – for the EPIPHANY
9am – Holy Eucharist at Broome church
4pm – Parents and Children Together at Blakedown church

Sunday 15th January 2017 – Epiphany 2
9am – Holy Eucharist at Broome church

Sunday 22nd January 2017- Epiphany 3
10am – Benefice (combined churches) Eucharist at Broome church
6pm – Week of Prayer for Christian Unity Service at Blakedown church

Sunday 29th January 2017 – Presentation of Christ in the Temple
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SATURDAY 7 JANUARY 2017

In the Church 10.00 – 12 noon.

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Ladies Afternoon Fellowship Tuesday 25 January at 2.30pm Speaker: Mr Don Moss

Thursday Fellowship at 8.00pm Meeting in the Church Hall

January 9th Speaker: Mr R Wescott *Confessions of a Pantomime Dame*

January 19th Speaker: Mr M Thompson *Woven in Kidderminster*

Sunday Services January 2017

10.30am 6.00pm

Sunday School at 10.15am

1 st January	am	"Hymns & Readings for a New Year". No Evening Service
8 th January	2.30pm	"New Year Renewal Service" with Holy Communion Rev David Tenant No other service this Sunday
15 th January	am pm	"Loaves & Fishes Team" Rev Paul Harrison
22 nd January	am	Rev John Maile
	6.30pm	Hagley & District Churches Together at St Saviour's
29 th January	am pm	Mr Ian Carnell Rev Ian Hendry

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