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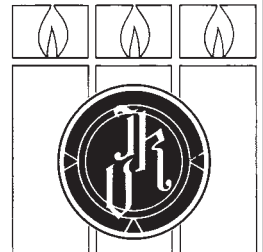


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Hello, and welcome to my first Hagley Village News as the new editor.

I would like to massively thank Nichola Trigg, who has done a tremendous job on the magazine as temporary editor. Although I have only been living in Hagley for the past ten months, I spent my childhood in this village whilst studying at Haybridge High School.

After three years at University it's lovely to come back to the village where I spent my school days and to take on a role as editor of the Village News. I'm looking forward to starting this venture and getting to know and to become more involved in village life.

I can't believe that we're already in March. Make sure you read when the Lent services are on in our local churches. As well don't forget to purchase your tickets for the Hagley Music festival, full details are on the back cover. Also Judy Berrow has a great tip for old tea bags on page 41.

Esther Gittoes
Editor



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There has been a separate group raising funds for Christian Aid in this area for over 35 years during which time more than £180,000 has been raised to assist the World's poorest people. Each year, during Christian Aid Week, a house to house collection takes place and, with the increasing number of homes in the village new collectors are needed. We believe that there are Christians living in Hagley who worship elsewhere and we imagine that there will be many other residents who are sympathetic to the cause. This year the week runs from Sunday 14 to Saturday 20 May and if you could spare a couple of hours during that week to help with the collection please contact Mollie McPherson, who chairs the committee on 01562 886503, or Martin Heathcock, the treasurer on 01562 884677 for further details.

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Friday 3 March: Women's World Day of Prayer – a service will be held in Holy Trinity Church, Belbroughton, at 11.00 a.m.

Friday 3 March: Messy Church St Saviour's Hall 3.15 – 4.45 pm. Crafts, stories, food, play time – all children with a parent / carers are very welcome!

Lent Groups. These will be held in Hagley on the theme "Food for Thought", at 11.00 a.m. on Thursdays in St Saviour's Church Hall, beginning 9 March. There will be afternoon and evening groups in our local area – details in church.

MARCH 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 St Saviour's
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19th March

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12th March

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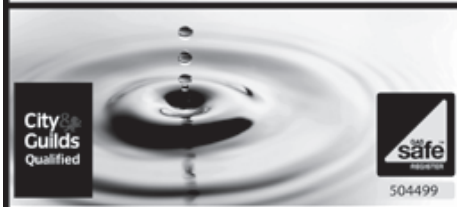
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Seventy people attended this enjoyable evening. Put the next one in your diary for 6th Jan 2018. This was the 12th time the Friends celebrated the end of the Christmas season, the first being held in 2005, 25 years after the formation of the Friends. Back then the former Viscount John Cobham recalled how "Before the Friends' formation God's House in the park was indeed under threat of closure. Now thanks to their labours the Parish can look forward and to a more secure future." We continue to have the eager support of the present Viscount Christopher. Thank you. Back in 2005 Joyce Coley, Milly Purton and David Baker were just three of the many who saw that the church decorations could be used for one last evening, before the candles and Christmas tree came down. So was born a night of homemade fun, informal music, readings, poetry, and sometimes risqué jokes, followed by delicious refreshments served with wine and soft drinks.

We all wish to thank Joyce Coley for organizing these events over the years. She has been able to call on such a varied group of friends and acquaintances for some truly memorable evenings.

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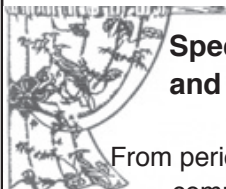
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She objects to following the strictures and simple life of the convent, but comes to befriend several of the nuns. The convent's choir learning that Mary Clarence has a background in music, elect her to take over as choir director. She then takes them from traditional hymn singing to gospel and rock-and-roll.

It wasn't until 2006 that a stage musical version premiered in California breaking box office records. It then moved to London's West End before transferring to Broadway in 2011. The musical received Laurence Olivier and Tony Award nominations including Best Musical.

Our award winning young performers will stage this show at the Community Centre from Wednesday 11th to Saturday 14th October 2017.

More details will follow in future editions of the Village News. If you have any enquiries please leave a message on 07907 457217.

Tony Forrest



Now the lighter nights are on their way we are busy planning a further class to add to our Tuesday afternoons at the community centre. We are to run a short 6 week programme of Tai Chi for falls prevention starting on Tuesday 7th March at 4.30pm. The class will run for 50 minutes and will introduce you to a manageable form of tai chi style movements to increase strength and balance. Other benefits of this form of exercise include reducing blood pressure, increasing energy levels and reducing the physical effects of stress to name but a few.

If you would like to give it a go, pick up the phone to book a place or ring for more details. The cost is £30 for the 6-week block. Numbers will be limited so book soon. No special equipment required just a mind open to trying new things!

Only a few places left in our current strength and balance classes so don't delay if you are interested.

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Wednesday March 1st

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 March 2nd

Hagley Library
Storytime - 10.30-11am
Hand of Friendship
Free Church Hall - 11-1.15pm
Taekwondo
Hagley Community Centre - 6-9pm
Evening Fellowship
Free Church Hall - 8pm
ou Can't Abdicate & Eat It - Mary Bodfish

Friday March 3rd

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

Saturday March 4th

Taekwondo
Haybridge Sports Centre - 10-1pm

Sunday March 5th

Hagley Tennis Club
Hagley RC School - 10am

Monday March 6th

Dial A Ride Bus Service
Hagley to Stourbridge
Hagley Country Dancers
Free Church Hall - 2-3.30pm

Tuesday March 7th

String Orchestra
Free Church Hall - 10-12noon
Active Seniors
Hagley Community Centre - 1.45pm
Tuesday Tea Club
Free Church Hall - 2.30-4pm
Historical & Field Society
St Saviours Hall - 8pm
Back to Back Homes Project - Birmingham-Derek Clarke

Wednesday March 8th

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
St John's Bellringers

St John's Church - 7pm
Western Badminton Club
Haybridge Sports Centre - 8-10pm

Thursday March 9th

Hagley Library
Storytime - 10.30-11am
Hand of Friendship
Free Church Hall - 11-1.15pm
Community Orchestra
St Saviours Church - 5.30-7pm
Taekwondo
Hagley Community Centre - 6-9pm

Friday March 10th

Dial A Ride Bus Service
Hagley to Kidderminster or Halesowen
Country Market Community Centre
9.30-12.30pm
HCK Badminton
Hagley RC School
7-8pm beginners
8-10pm members
Hagley Art Club
St Saviours Church Hall - 7.30-9.30pm
AGM & Members' Corner

Saturday March 11th

Taekwondo
Haybridge Sports Centre - 10-1pm

Sunday March 12th

Hagley Tennis Club
Hagley RC School - 10am

Monday March 13th

Dial A Ride Bus Service
Hagley to Stourbridge
Hagley Country Dancers
Free Church Hall - 2-3.30pm
Hagley WI
Hagley Community Centre - 2pm
Creating Books for Children - Mark Billen
Hagley Parish Council
Finance - 7pm

Tuesday March 14th

String Orchestra
Free Church Hall - 10-12noon
Active Seniors
Hagley Community Centre - 1.45pm
Tuesday Group
St Saviours Church - 8pm
Witley Court- the rise & fall of a palace -Ray Sturdy

Wednesday March 15th

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

Thursday March 16th

Hagley Library
Storytime - 10.30-11am
Hand of Friendship
Free Church Hall - 11-1.15pm
Community Orchestra
St Saviours Church - 5.30-7pm
Taekwondo
Hagley Community Centre - 6-9pm
Evening Fellowship
Free Church Hall - 8pm
Nova Chocolate- Jacquie Smith

Friday March 17th

Dial A Ride Bus Service
Hagley to Kidderminster or Halesowen
Country Market Community Centre
9.30-12.30pm
HCK Badminton
Hagley RC School
7-8pm beginners
8-10pm members

Saturday March 18th

Taekwondo
Haybridge Sports Centre - 10-1pm

Sunday March 19th

Hagley Tennis Club
Hagley RC School - 10-1pm

Monday March 20th

Dial A Ride Bus Service
Hagley to Stourbridge
Hagley WI
Hagley Community Centre - 2pm
Community Centre Tea
Hagley Country Dancers
Free Church Hall - 2-3.30pm

Tuesday March 21st

String Orchestra
No meeting
Active Seniors
Hagley Community Centre - 1.45pm
Tuesday Tea Club
Free Church Hall - 2.30-4pm

Wednesday March 22nd

Dial A Ride Bus Service
Hagley to Merry Hill
Mothers & Toddlers Group
Free Church Hall - 10-11.30am
St John's Bellringers
St John's Church - 7pm
Gardening Club
St Saviour's Church Hall - 7.30pm
Thrive
Western Badminton Club
Haybridge Sports Centre - 8-10pm

Thursday March 23rd

Hagley Library
Storytime - 10.30-11am
Hand of Friendship
Free Church Hall - 11-1pm
Community Orchestra
St Saviours Church - 5.30-7pm

Friday March 24th

Dial A Ride Bus Service
Hagley to Kidderminster or Halesowen
HCK Badminton
Hagley RC School
7-8pm beginners
8-10pm members

Saturday March 25th

Taekwondo
Haybridge Sports Centre - 10-1pm

Sunday March 26th

Community Orchestra
St Saviours Church - 9am
Hagley Tennis Club
Hagley RC School - 10am

Monday March 27th

Dial A Ride Bus Service
Hagley to Stourbridge
Hagley Country Dancers
Free Church Hall - 2-3.30pm
Hagley Parish Council
Environmental/Highways - 6pm
Annual Parish Meeting - Free Church Hall - 7.30pm

Tuesday March 28th

String Orchestra
Free Church Hall - 10-12noon
Active Seniors
Hagley Community Centre - 1.45pm
Tuesday Group
St Saviours Church - 8pm
You can't Abdicate & Eat It - Mary Bodfish

Wednesday March 29th

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

Thursday March 30th

Hagley Library
Storytime - 10.30-11am
Hand of Friendship
Free Church Hall - 11-1pm
Evening Fellowship
Free Church Hall - 8pm
Annual General Meeting

Friday March 31st

Dial A Ride Bus Service
Hagley to Kidderminster or Halesowen
HCK Badminton
Hagley RC School
7-8pm beginners
8-10pm members

Hagley Parish Council

Hagley Parish Council announced an average of 1% increase in its Parish precept at a meeting of the council on the 23rd January.

Whilst a rise is a rise we are pleased that we have been able to hold the precept tax increase to an average of 1%, even in a year where we've seen the Parish pick up the cost of keeping the Library open, agree to a second tranche of lighting upgrade, embedding the new parish boundary as well ensuring that the community bus supports those residents who rely on it as their only means of getting out and about, in addition to investing in a new changing room.

Residents may have noticed that a new bench has been installed at the point where Church Street becomes Summervale Road. The wives of Bryn Evans, Ron Piercy and Alan Rankin, in memory of their husbands, have donated this.

We currently have 3 allotment plots available at Church Street. The cost per plot is £25 per year annum; please contact the Clerk at HPC if you're interested.

The Annual Parish meeting will be held in the Free Church Hall on Monday 27th March at 7.30pm, all welcome.

Contact us: clerk@hagleyparishcouncil.gov.uk

Worcestershire County Council Update

Councillor Rachel Jenkins

Flashing Speed Sign adoption –Bromsgrove Road

Following concerns of speeding vehicles along Bromsgrove Road by the Lyttelton Arms expressed by residents, I have offered to pay for a flashing speed sign this requires adoption by Hagley Parish Council from whom I am awaiting a response (at the time of going to press).

Hagley Dial-A-Ride

A further £5,000 this year is going towards Hagley's Dial-a-Ride Bus Service as the service needs additional funding to keep it going. I was involved in the idea and set up of Hagley Dial-a-Ride Bus Service set up over 2 years ago whilst I was a Hagley Parish Councillor and also supported financially its introduction by contributing £3,500 from my divisional fund. This extra money will ensure the service continues for the next 3 years at least depending on usage. Extra money is needed to subsidise each journey not at full capacity payable by the Parish Council.

Park Road / Oldfields

I have supported double lines yellow in parts of the service road of Park Road and Oldfields from a number of residents who have access issues at certain times of the day. This is now on the county list to take further. There will be a public consultation on this in the future.

Council Tax Increase

WCC Cabinet has proposed an increase of 2.94% for 2017-18 (with 2% to Adult Social Care for aging population).

BROMSGROVE DISTRICT COUNCIL UPDATE

District Councillors Colella (Hagley West) and Jenkins (Hagley East).

- Just a reminder that the Garden Waste bin collection service starts week commencing 27th February or the week commencing 6th March depending on where you live; payment is due by the 1st March.
- At a meeting of Bromsgrove District Council on the 28th February the 2017/18 council tax was proposed, at the time of writing, as either up to 2% or £5 (Band D equivalent).
- Bromsgrove District Council is supporting an initiative to 'Keep Warm and Save Money'; for more information call 0800 988 2881
- Bromsgrove District Council also has free information and advice on Home Safety and Security; visit www.bromsgrove.gov.uk/living/support-at-home/home-safety-and-security for more information



HAGLEY RC HIGH SCHOOL

Without a doubt, one of the highlights on our School Calendar is our annual 'Pyramid Concert' at Birmingham Town Hall. Every February we, together with our primary feeder schools, stage a spectacular themed concert, which 100s of children contribute towards. In the past, pupils have performance music based within various decades, explored The Beatles' back catalogue and celebrated the music originating from within the Birmingham area. Last year, our evening concluded with surprised video messages from Ozzy Osbourne, Noddy Holder & pop star Jamelia!

This year's theme was 'A Night at the Movies', where pupils performed, musically and vocally, songs and scores from the soundtracks of some of the most iconic films of recent decades. The show included numbers from *Back to the Future*, *Armageddon*, *Footloose*, *Rocky*, *Ghostbusters*, *Fame* & *Pitch Perfect*. The evening is a culmination of a year-long project in which our Subject Leader for Music works with our colleagues in the primary schools to deliver the music curriculum to Year 5 pupils, who learn about the song composition and some of the key features of musical arrangements, ending with the concert. Birmingham Town Hall is a fantastic venue: if you came along on the evening, or lent your support in any way, we thank you very much for your generosity, and hope you had a great time!

Upcoming Events

March Geography Fieldwork

01 March Ash Wednesday

09 March Catenian Public Speaking Competition

15 March Big Bang Science Fayre

17 March Quiz Night (all local residents are welcome; further details on school website)

HAGLEY LIBRARY

Thursday morning is story morning at Hagley Library! Meet all your favourite characters in your favourite storybooks from 10.30 – 11am every Thursday. It's perfect for keeping little ones busy and perhaps you can find time to pick up a book or two yourself.

Would your older children like to vote for their favourite book in the Worcestershire's Teen Book Award? Have a look at our Facebook page for the shortlist and vote on the website www.worcestershire.gov.uk/info/20314/awards_and_book_recommendations/1267/worcestershire_teen_book_award_wtba before 16th March. Come into the library to borrow any of the shortlisted titles to help you make your decision – we would love to know what you think!

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Holly Ferris

Hagley Historical and Field Society



I am sure you will know what I mean by the term 'status symbol' and can think of any number of modern examples from the iPhone to the Rolls Royce. However in the 18th Century an unlikely status symbol was the Pineapple, which in 1780 cost about £40. In many well-to-do homes a Pineapple would be prominently displayed and rather than be eaten would sit on a mantle for months, quietly rotting away. If you weren't rich enough to own one, you could rent one for an evening. However, for families who were looking for a more permanent status symbol, for £70 you could purchase a piano. That would represent about £7,500 today and you had to learn to play it. You now understand the real cost of a Pineapple!

With increasing prosperity, the gentry wished to differentiate themselves from the hoi polloi. The importance of the piano at that time was that it indicated the material status of the family and was at the heart of the rising middle class social culture and aspiration. This included comportment, deportment, music and dancing and it introduces us to the Helm family of Worcester, the topic of our speaker this month, Madeline Goold. Her research into the history and restoration of her own period piano had brought this family to her attention. They were a dynasty of Dancing Masters who set up a Dancing School in College Square opposite Worcester Cathedral. Within a generation, through their encouragement of music, they were a major influence on style and etiquette in the heart of the City.

Our next meeting at St Saviour's Church Hall is on Tuesday 7th March 2017 at 7.30pm. There will be a presentation by Derek Clarke RIBA, entitled 'The Back to Back Houses Project in Birmingham'. Derek was Project Architect for their restoration, and has been involved in many other prestigious schemes, including rescuing the Perseus and Andromeda Fountain at Witley Court. Visitors are most welcome at all our events – see hhfs.org.uk for details and contacts.

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Hagley String Orchestra

It's always fun discovering something new, and this Spring Term we've been trying out a piece of music that none of us had played before or knew anything about. It's called Spring Pastorale and was composed by the Birmingham born and bred composer HERBERT LUMBY (1906-1987).

Born in Hall Green, Lumby was not only a composer of many songs written for his wife, contralto Muriel Normansell, and lots of compositions for strings, but he was also a superb violinist, viola player and pianist. He was able to play the Sibelius Violin Concerto when only 17 years of age, and he became Principal Viola in the City of Birmingham Orchestra (the precursor of the world famous CBSO) before leaving in 1944 to concentrate of composition and teaching.

His Spring Pastorale and other works were broadcast by the BBC Midland Orchestra during the 1940s and '50s. There is an annual 'Lumby Prize for Violinists and Violists' at Birmingham Conservatoire in his memory.

We should be delighted if you joined us (violin, viola, cello or double bass). For more information, please contact Haydn Thomas on (01562) 885252; sanhay50@gmail.com

Jeremy Patterson
Conductor



St. John's
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Bellringers

The January meeting of the Northern Branch of the Worcestershire & District Change Ringers Association saw over 50 ringers attend the service presided over by Kim Topham, with the organ played by Paul Evans.

The service was preceded by an hour of practice in raising the 8 tower bells in peal. This is when the bells starting from the down position are all raised in unison and stood in the up position. As the bells are pulled harder the clapper starts to hit the bell twice in each revolution. The most skilful ringing bands get the bells up and down every time with the 8 bells in order sounding one after another. This is very difficult to perfect, but easy for those outside the tower to note any mistakes. Go here to listen to St. Martin's ringers at Hagley, ringing down in peal. <http://www.hagleycofe.co.uk/media/>

Later ringers from across the area had chance to ring methods on the 8 bells. This was a great opportunity for our home ringers to join with experienced ringers in their home tower. Prior to the association business meeting, the Hand Bell-ringing ladies laid on a buffet for those attending. Thank you.

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Hagley Rotary Club held its usual street collections during the Christmas period to raise monies for our charities and thank everyone who supported us. We enjoyed meeting you all.

Our Cabaret evening at Hagley Village Hall on 24th February was enjoyed immensely by all who attended and we thank local Comedian Dougie Parker and Ashcroft & Lewis for entertaining us for the evening. Everyone was very generous in their support and we had a great evening. As usual we had a wonderful fish and chip supper from "Our Plaice" in Hagley Village.

We are really pleased to welcome a new member, Godfrey Spencer who joined us at the beginning of the year, we look forward to welcoming him into our club.

But we have also suffered more sadness and have lost two members and great friends. Brian Powell, one of the founders of Hagley Rotary Club sadly passed away after a short illness and we were shocked to lose Stewart Aston, who joined us from Namibia a couple of years ago. Their memory will live on in the work of the club. They both will be sadly missed by us all and we send our love to Janet Powell and Stewart's wife, our fellow Rotarian Janet and their families."

Julie Banks

HAGLEY W.I.



At our first meeting of 2017 we learned a lot about the village with a very interesting talk by Irene Oliver on the Roads of Hagley. The earliest one, probably dating from the Stone Age, was along the present Worcester Lane. She explained how they had developed from animal tracks, through the well-engineered Roman roads, the later the turnpikes and toll roads to our present dual carriageways.

We also voted on the Resolution that will be debated at the National WI AGM in June. The members' choice was to Support Women's Refuges.

In March, we will have a talk by Mark Billen entitled 'Creating Books for Children' and we are looking forward to a Tea at the Community Centre when Megan Bury will talk about 'Living in Dubai'.

Besides the monthly meetings members take part in events organised within the county. There is also a regular Knit and Natter Group and members enjoy going out for a 'Friday Lunch' once a month a local pub or restaurant.

We are always happy to welcome visitors and new members. We meet monthly on the second Monday at 2.00 pm in the Community Centre. Do come along – we'd be very happy to welcome you.

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The new programme will reflect the changing world we live in and relevant to the needs of members. This way we can make sure that Girlguiding continues to be the go-to youth organisation for girls and women in the future. If you are interested in the plans afoot please take a look at <https://youtu.be/DWxWceKwHvk>.

We would all like to thank Maxine Wyeth Leader with 2nd Hagley Rainbows who has volunteered to test Phase 2 of the “Doing Our Best” Quality Pilot Scheme for Midlands Region – taking 6 months to complete upon which they will receive a nationally recognised “Doing Our Best “Quality Mark and Badge.

Fiona Drewett DC Walton District

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The Club continues to meet on Monday afternoons from 2 to 3.30p.m. in the Free Church Hall. There is plenty of parking via Chapel Street.

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Hagley Gardeners' Club

Our 2017/18 programmes will be available at the March meeting. A wide variety of talks which will hopefully titillate our members.

March 22nd will be presented by the charity organisation 'Thrive'. This is a very interesting insight into the ways of helping handicapped children and adults to get involved with gardening and the expectations of participants

April 26th introduces you to two new speakers from Chaddesley Corbett. Jim Preston and Mervyn Needham sharing their visit to 'Transylvania in Romania'. They will be covering an area of great interest to bird lovers. A relaxed evening with two-experienced wildlife, birds and plant lovers.

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This will be followed on March 28th by a talk by Mary Bodfish entitled 'You can't Abdicate and Eat it', which tells the story of Edward VIII and Mrs Simpson. Another different talk will be given on April 11th by Sue Langleigh entitled The Builder Wore Pink Nail Varnish.

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Stars of the BBC Radio 4 show Croft and Pearce take to the Artrix stage this month and Jo Enright from Phoenix Nights is the headline act in **Stand Up For Women**, a special all female comedy line-up for International Women's Day. The talented **Stephen Bailey** tackles the art of conversation in his debut stand-up show.

Films and screenings at Artrix Cinema this month include **A United Kingdom** with an additional screening for Parents & Babies, **A Monster Calls**, Oscars contender **La La Land** and **The Lego Movie**. **Madam Butterfly** will also be screened live from the Royal Opera House.

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HAGLEY ART CLUB

ART CLUB

Our Meeting on Friday, 10 March, will be our AGM, when we will be hearing the results of last year's activities and receiving details of the new Programme for the coming year. The Club will also be hoping to welcome some new members on to the Committee. After the AGM, in the second part of the evening, we have a Member's Corner when a few members bring along some of their pictures and talk about the medium used and the stories behind them

Looking ahead to April, Steve Millward, one of our members, will be demonstrating and telling us all about Lino Printing.

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CLUB REPORTS



HCK Badminton Club

The season is drawing to a close, and the club has some positive results to show for it, with several teams currently sitting in second place, particularly in our stronger Worcester league. There has been plenty of progress, especially in the newer and younger teams, and we're looking forward to a summer of continuing to develop players' skills.

The beginners club goes from strength to strength, with record numbers now attending. Anyone wishing to come along 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 till 8pm which is followed by the main club night from 8 till 10pm. (Match nights – Tuesday – 8 till 10pm)

Socially, post-match drinks at the French Hen continue every Friday, and Carl (our social secretary) has organised a curry night for interested members.

For more information regarding the beginners or main club, please contact Sam Ryder on 07979 243957 or sam@alfordinsurance.co.uk

Hagley Helpline

Hagley Helpline has celebrated various milestones over the years. Last year was our 25th – to mark the occasion an Anniversary Supper for Helpline volunteers was held. We were delighted to welcome Margaret Oliver who had originally suggested forming a group to provide a service for Hagley resident's way back in 1990.

In our first year nearly 100 individuals approached Helpline. In excess of 500 specific tasks were undertaken by a team of 55 volunteers. Last year in 2016 – 415 requests were made. To date we have 47 volunteers, 32 of whom are drivers.

In the beginning some people questioned the need for such a service in Hagley. Many of our aims and objectives didn't reach maturity either for legal, insurance restrictions or health and safety reasons.

Today, requests are for transport mainly for medical appointments or occasionally for essential shopping. We do our best to respond positively to each request received and with the knowledge that our clients are very grateful for the service we provide for local residents.

Hopefully we can continue for many more years to come

Hagley Helpline is a registered charity and is available for Hagley residents of any age group.

If you feel you could benefit from our service, or know any Hagley resident who could, please contact our office between 10 a.m. and 12 noon Monday to Friday on 886696.

Hagley Helpline Committee.



HAGLEY HELPLINE

886696

Monday - Friday 10am to 12 noon



Hagley Dial-a-Ride Bus Service

The Hagley dial-a-ride service is available to all in Hagley, specifically:

- the elderly
- residents who do not have access to other transport
- those who do not drive
- those who live too far away to comfortably walk to bus stops
- those who find it difficult to walk and carry anything
- parents/carers with young children and who do not drive

Please call 0121 453 9682 to register.

Timetable

Monday – Stourbridge

Wednesday – Merry Hill

Thursday - Hagley

Friday – Kidderminster or Halesowen

Pick up 1 at 9:45am and return at 12:15pm

Pick up 2 (if demand) at 10:45am and return at 13:15pm

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.

HAGLEY VILLAGE NEWS

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Hagley Music Festival

PROGRAMME

Friday May 5th

HAYBRIDGE HIGH SCHOOL / HAGLEY RC HIGH SCHOOL

Shopper's Coffee Concert

free admission, collection for charity
10am – 12 noon - Free Church

A selection of pieces from music students at our local High Schools

Saturday May 6th

KING EDWARD'S VIth FORM COLLEGE, STOURBRIDGE CHAMBER CONCERT

12.30 pm St. Saviour's
Lunchtime Concert

- free admission, collection for charity

Saturday May 6th

EMMA JOHNSON 'Clarinet Goes to Town'

7.30pm St. John's
(Unreserved seating, £18)

Emma Johnson was the winner of the 'Young Musician of the Year' in 1984 and is still one of the most popular figures on the concert scene, with an unparalleled ability to speak straight to an audience's heart. For this concert, she forms a trio for an irresistibly jazzy programme which shows an altogether sassier side of this wonderful soloist. This is a welcome return by Emma to our Festival.

Sunday May 7th

MATT DAVIES

3pm St. John's

(£7.50 to include a cream tea during the interval)

The ever-popular Matt Davies performs a selection of popular piano classics with a cream tea during the interval, supplied by Hagley Café.

Monday 8th May

EX CATHEDRA with HAGLEY PRIMARY SCHOOL

7.30pm St. Saviour's
(Unreserved seating, £5)

An evening performance of the 'SingMaker' programme which the pupils will have been working on all day. A wonderful opportunity for these children to rehearse and perform with a professional choir.

Friday 12th May

THE DENNER ENSEMBLE

7.30pm Hagley Hall – Saloon

(Numbered seats, maximum 100, £18 to include drinks and canapés)

An early music ensemble with a 'twist' – they use their early music, played on early instruments, to tell stories (sometimes bawdy!); this promises to be an entertaining evening of musicality. This performance is in the beautiful and appropriate setting of the Saloon of Hagley Hall, with wine, soft drinks and canapés served in the interval.

Saturday 13th May

BIRMINGHAM SYMPHONIC WINDS

7.30pm St. John's
(Unreserved seating, £10)

An award-winning wind band, featuring talented youngsters and experienced professional musicians (think CBSO), performing a programme of big band, jazz and film themes with a touch of classical thrown into the mix.

Sunday 14th May

CENTRAL ENGLAND CAMERATA 'COME AND SING' - MOZART REQUIEM

All day rehearsal

7.30pm performance (Unreserved seating, £10)

A wonderful opportunity for all choral singers (sight reading of music required) to participate in the rehearsal and performance of Mozart's Requiem with professional soloists; this will sound fabulous in the setting of St. John's. (Tickets: £10 for participants; evening audience only, £10)

Friday 19th May

'THE SOUNDS OF THE 60s' – 'The Reflections'

7.30pm Community Centre (£10, maximum 150)

Remember the hugely successful Abba tribute band in 2015? This time it's a live 5 piece band 'The Reflections', performing all those 60's favourites. Step back in time, dress up and relive those heady days. Bring your own refreshments!!

Saturday 20th May

THE SUSAPHONICS (Kidderminster Ukulele Club)

(Unreserved seating, £2.50)

12.30 pm St. Saviour's

Lunchtime Concert, featuring the local ukulele band already well-known to the Hand of Friendship, Hagley Helpline, Hagley Country Club, Hagley U3A.

Saturday 20th May

THOMAS TROTTER ORGAN CONCERT

7.30pm St. John's
(Unreserved seating, £10)

To commemorate the 30th anniversary of the rebuilding of the organ in St. John's, a recital by Thomas Trotter, one of Britain's most widely admired musicians. He has a special relationship with the City of Birmingham, where he was appointed City Organist in 1983. Thomas will be performing pieces by Bach, Mozart, Anderson, Widor, Vaughan Williams, Elgar and Mendelssohn. The audience will be able watch Thomas via a specially-installed video screen.

Sunday 21st May

CHORAL EVENSONG THE CHOIR OF WORCESTER CATHEDRAL

6.30pm St. John's

Choral Evensong sung by the choir of Worcester Cathedral; a fittingly beautiful way to close the 2017 Festival.