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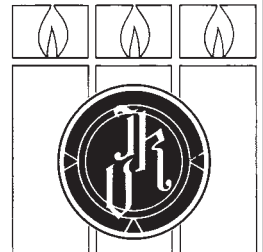


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Welcome to April's edition of Hagley Village News.

The evenings are getting lighter and we're welcoming in the spring. Last week I had a walk around the fields near St Johns church and it was so lovely to see all the sheep in the fields, this definitely represents springtime for me.

The middle pages details the outcome of the consultation for the new Community Centre and the fundraising plan – your chance to contribute to the replacement centre for future generations.

Also in this month's edition Friends of St Johns Church are hosting a coffee concert; if you have time make sure you go along on Friday 5th May to support the Church's events.

It's great to hear what the Girl guiding have been up to especially in celebrating the year of the rooster, the girl guides are still in need of leaders for the three districts, please contact Fiona Drewett if you are interested.

The Rambler Scouts would like your support for the "Hagley Stag Run & Ramble"- this event is on 14th May- early booking is advised- see page 28 for details.

Finally good luck to Mr Ted Hammond who will be retiring as Head teacher from Hagley Catholic High School in September, we wish you all the best.

Esther Gittoes
Editor



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The Helpline Office will be closed on Good Friday, 14th April, and Easter Monday, 17th April. If you have appointments in Easter week please try to phone us (886696) before we close on Thursday 13th April.

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Marjorie Fernihough



Hagley Tuesday Group

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Toni who submits the monthly report has been recovering from a broken wrist- we do hope she is on the mend. In her absence can we remind you of the events coming up for the Tuesday Group:

11th April The Builder who wore Pink Nail Varnish & Yellow Marigolds presented by Sue Langley

25th April 'Our Stour from Clent to Stourport' – what to see on the way presented by John Billing

St Saviours Hall at 8pm

Further details are available about the group and its activities on the website.

<https://hagleytuesdaygroup.wordpress.com>

HAGLEY COUNTRY MARKET

Hagley Country Market will be held at Hagley Community Centre on Friday 7th April 9:30am - 12:30pm.

Also Hagley Country Market will be held outside Hagley Cafe and The Hagley Cobbler on Friday 28th April, 10:00am-12:30pm.

Details: June Waine 01562 882255.

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Welcome to Esther who has taken over as Editor of Village News and many thanks to Nichola who stepped in as the interim editor over recent months.

Lighting Columns: The replacement of outdated lighting columns with new cost effective and efficient LED lighting has been completed.

HPC's 'Safer Roads for Hagley' Campaign: Worcestershire Regulatory Service has been invited to discuss what actions are being taken to tackle the impact on Air Quality from increased traffic congestion associated with the changes to the road layout; a primary cause of air pollutants and exhaust fumes.

Severn Trent Water Planned Major Sewer & Drainage works: the start of its public consultation was launched at the Annual Parish Meeting. Further information will be published over the coming weeks.

Lloyds Bank Closure & Post Office: the Clerk has contacted the relevant people expressing our disappointment at the closure of the bank and seeking reassurance that the post office works will start in the very near future.

Cllr Steve Colella – Chairman Hagley Parish Council

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Bromsgrove District Council Update

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

The recent increase in reported crime in the local media coincides with similar reports nationally and has raised general questions about the capacity of the policing team to tackle rising crime and deliver crime prevention initiatives.

In response to the apparent rise in crime locally a question was formally raised at Bromsgrove Council asking that the Police and Crime Commissioner reports on what measures he is taking to improve the Police Service across Hagley and Bromsgrove.

The Hagley and Rubery Policing Team have been asked to hold a public PACT meeting.

Worcestershire County Council Update

Councillor Rachel Jenkins

Flashing Speed Sign Adoption- Bromsgrove Road

Hagley Parish Council has agreed to adopt the flashing 30mph speed sign on the Bromsgrove Road -the vehicle-activated screen will go up shortly.

Footpaths

Hall Meadow and Woodland Avenue have been resurfaced and a footpath introduced on Brake Lane to the right of Haybridge High School's gates.

A456 Traffic Island

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From the A491 Bromsgrove approach, the new layout will have the dedicated left turning into both the Cala Homes estate and Kidderminster A456 with the middle lane and outer lane around the island to Stourbridge/B'ham. The approach from B'ham to the roundabout will now have lanes correctly moving traffic on the middle lane to Kidderminster and outside lane to Park Road (inside lane on the roundabout lights before the Park Road turning)

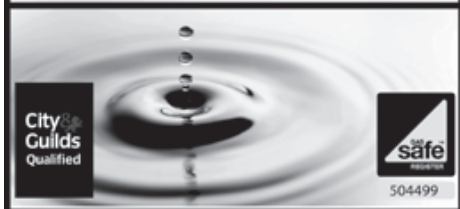
Kidderminster Road/Worcester Road junction (A456/B4187)

The outcome is not what I have hoped for. The initial drawings have not reintroduced the lengthening of the filter/slip road into Worcester Road (B4187) which would elevate the long queuing from the Shell garage. 3 more options are to be worked on; right hand only turning, a filter on the left and right hand side from the village and some lengthening of the filter/slip road.

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Middlefield Lane - A Short History

A booklet entitled “Middlefield Lane –a short history” has recently been published and may be of interest to those interested in the history of Hagley.

Based on the researches of the late Peter Bloore, and completed by his colleagues in the Hagley Archives Group, it tells the story of the development of Middlefield Lane from its agricultural state in the 18th century to its present day entirely residential character.

Thanks to the contributions of many present and former residents, the booklet also gives us fascinating insights into the lives of a number of families who have lived in the Lane during the past century.

The booklet is available to buy from “Happy Families” shop in Worcester Road, and costs £4. Profits from sales will go to a local charity.

Jacky Smith

Hagley Historical and Field Society



As you pass through Old Swinford on your way to Stourbridge, it may surprise you to know that at one time it was far more important and prosperous than Stourbridge. However, by the early eighteenth century Stourbridge, already noted for its glass, woollen and iron trades was a rapidly growing town. Despite having a population then of about 3,000 it had no Anglican church and was still part of the parish of Old Swinford.

The story of the building of St. Thomas' church, Stourbridge was the topic of Wendy Gwynne, our speaker this month. The building, begun in 1727, was funded by a private bequest and public subscription. No sooner had it been completed that ‘differences and quarrels’ broke out with the Rector of Old Swinford who had now lost a large part of his congregation and associated income. It took another 130 years before Stourbridge became a parish in its own right. The appointment of its ministers sometimes caused heated debate. In 1858, a fight broke out between supporters of rival candidates in Stourbridge High Street.

Although its architect is unknown it is very similar to James Gibb's St. Martin's in the Field in London and it is said to have the best plaster barrel vaulted ceiling in the country. So, please go and visit ‘St. Thomas opposite Waitrose’ as it is affectionately known locally as it has the most exquisite stained glass windows and also has a fine musical tradition.

Our next meeting at St Saviour's Church Hall is on Tuesday 4th April 2017 at 7.30pm. There will be a presentation by Julian Hunt, entitled ‘Harry Vincent and the Blue Bird Toffee Factory, Hunnington’. Harry Vincent's Blue Bird tins were a sort of visual history of 20th-century Britain. The uncovering of Tutankhamun's tomb in the 1920s triggered a spate of Egyptian designs; and when British families discovered the seaside after the war, Blue Bird sold them beach scenes and piers; the 1960s shepherded in rockets and airliners.

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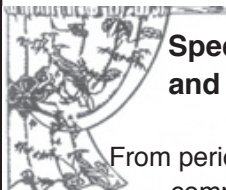
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Girlguiding- Walton District

Guiding continues to grow in Walton District with eleven full units, but we are still in need of leaders in all three sections, if you are up for the challenge please contact me by email fiona@drewettcrew.co.uk

The District held its 'Thinking Day' service on Sunday 12th February at St Saviour's Church hall. It was attended by around sixty of our members who were all involved in different ways from readings to acting out short sketches. All the girls had decorated a cardboard cut-out of their feet which were placed around a globe of the world to represent how we are all one big family. The collection for the day was split between the church and the Thinking Day Fund which was £90.

The units for the first half of the term have been doing a variety of things from Invisible ink and lip prints, swimming, panto visits, decorating Trefoil biscuits and celebrating the year of the Rooster by writing their names in Chinese, playing games with chopsticks and sampling Chinese foods and sweets.

1st Hagley Rainbows completed the Sight Awareness Badge by making a sandwich, completing an obstacle course and drawing pictures all blindfolded, they also had a visit from Orla the guide dog and her owner Lisa.

I visited 2nd Hagley Guides on a night when they had made some fantastic cakes, with an outdoor theme towards the Outdoor Challenge Badge and then volunteered to make a trifle with a partner who was blindfolded, very messy.

Fiona Drewett DC Walton District



HAGLEY ROTARY CLUB COME AND JOIN US



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- You could donate to our club or Rotary initiative
- You could volunteer to speak at one of our meetings about a cause or interest that is close to your heart.
- You can also volunteer to help the club in one of its initiatives, without becoming a member

Come and find out more about us. We meet every Monday (except Bank Holidays) at 7.15pm for 7.30pm at Hogarth's Stone Manor Hotel, Bromsgrove Road, Kidderminster DY10 4PJ

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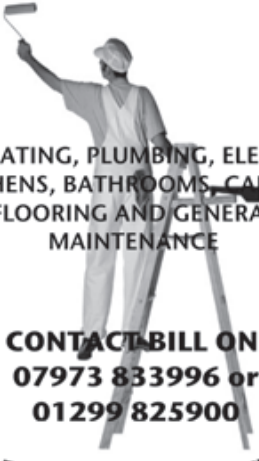


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Saturday April 1st

Taekwondo

Haybridge Sports Centre - 10-1pm

Sunday April 2nd

Hagley Tennis Club

Hagley RC School - 10am

Monday April 3rd

Dial A Ride Bus Service

Hagley to Stourbridge

Hagley Country Dancers

Free Church Hall - 2-3.30pm

Tuesday April 4th

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 - 7.30pm
Bluebird Toffee factory- Hunnington
- Julian hunt

Wednesday April 5th

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 April 6th

Hagley Library

Storytime - 10.30-11am

Hand of Friendship

Free Church Hall - 11-1.15pm

Taekwondo

Hagley Community Centre - 6-9pm

Friday April 7th

Dial A Ride Bus Service

Hagley to Kidderminster or Halesowen

Hagley Country Market

Hagley Community Centre
9.30-12.30pm

HCK Badminton

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

Saturday April 8th

Taekwondo

Haybridge Sports Centre - 10-1pm

Sunday April 9th

Hagley Tennis Club

Hagley RC School - 10am

Monday April 10th

Dial A Ride Bus Service

Hagley to Stourbridge

Hagley WI

Hagley Community Centre - 2pm
History & Restoration Of Hagley
Park - Joe Hawkins

Hagley Parish Council

Finance - 7pm

Wyre Forest National Trust

Hagley Community Centre - 8pm
Walsall: Town of 100 Trades -
Michael Glasson

Tuesday April 11th

String Orchestra

Free Church Hall - 10-12noon

Active Seniors

Hagley Community Centre - 1.45pm

Tuesday Group

St Saviours Church - 8pm
The Builder who wore Pink Nail
Varnish & Yellow Marigolds

Wednesday April 12th

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 April 13th

Hagley Library

Storytime - 10.30-11am

Hand of Friendship

Free Church Hall - 11-1.15pm

Taekwondo

Hagley Community Centre - 6-9pm

Friday April 14th

Dial A Ride Bus Service

Hagley to Kidderminster or Halesowen

Hagley Art Club

St Saviours Church Hall - 7.30-
9.30pm
Lino Printing- Steve Millward

HCK Badminton

Hagley RC School

7-8pm beginners

8-10pm members

Saturday April 15th

Taekwondo

Haybridge Sports Centre - 10-1pm

Sunday April 16th

Hagley Tennis Club

Hagley RC School - 10am

Monday April 17th

Dial A Ride Bus Service

Hagley to Stourbridge

Tuesday April 18th

String Orchestra

Free Church Hall - 10-12noon

Active Seniors

Hagley Community Centre - 1.45pm

Tuesday Tea Club

Free Church Hall - 2.30-4pm

Wednesday April 19th

Dial A Ride Bus Service

Hagley to Merry Hill

St John's Bellringers

St John's Church - 7pm

Western Badminton Club

Haybridge Sports Centre - 8-10pm

Thursday April 20th

Hagley Library

Storytime - 10.30-11am

Hand of Friendship

Free Church Hall - 11-1pm

Friday April 21st

Dial A Ride Bus Service

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HCK Badminton

Hagley RC School

7-8pm beginners

8-10pm members

Saturday April 22nd

Taekwondo

Haybridge Sports Centre - 10-1pm

Sunday April 23rd

Hagley Tennis Club

Hagley RC School - 10am

Monday April 24th

Dial A Ride Bus Service

Hagley to Stourbridge

Hagley Country Dancers

Free Church Hall - 2-3.30pm

Hagley Parish Council

Environmental/Highways - 7pm

Tuesday April 25th

String Orchestra

Free Church Hall - 10-12noon

Active Seniors

Hagley Community Centre - 1.45pm

Tuesday Group

St Saviours Church - 8pm
Our Stour from Clent to Stourport-
John Billing

Wednesday April 26th

Dial A Ride Bus Service

Hagley to Merry Hill

St John's Bellringers

St John's Church - 7pm

Gardening Club

St Saviour's Church Hall - 7.30pm
Transylvania in Romania -Jim

Preston & Mervyn Needham

Western Badminton Club

Haybridge Sports Centre - 8-10pm

Thursday April 27th

Hagley Library

Storytime - 10.30-11am

Hand of Friendship

Free Church Hall - 11-1pm
Annual General Meeting

Friday April 28th

Hagley Country Market

Outside Hagley Cobbler/Hagley
Café - 10-12.30pm

Dial A Ride Bus Service

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Hagley RC School

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Saturday 29th April

Taekwondo

Haybridge Sports Centre - 10-1pm

Sunday 30th April

Hagley Tennis Club

Hagley RC School - 10am

Your Community Centre - the Big Rebuild

As you probably know by now, the current Community Centre is over 50 years old and no longer accommodates our growing village and all its needs. We have been busy planning the Big Rebuild over the past 2 years and we are hoping to submit plans on in the next few months.

It's a large-scale project with the proposed centre over 800 square metres with a budget estimated at around £1.3million.

After all the surveys, consultations and planning meetings, here's our *first sketched floor plan and site plan* for single storey proposals for the new Community Centre.

We'd like to thank everyone who responded to the surveys and to the working group for consideration such a wide range of ideas. Like any large project it is not possible to incorporate every suggestion but the main aim was to provide a centre that would provide *more space, greater flexibility, multiple users* and yet *affordable*.

The main hall

The hall, (which seats 200+) is a multi-purpose area where drama, music and dance performances can take place. It is flexible enough in size to accommodate a badminton court, 4 table tennis tables and 3 short mat bowls carpets. The hall can also be divided with a folding screen to provide two smaller spaces for separate use. The back of the hall could be used for exhibition space.

Café and meeting rooms

The café area can be flexible, with other uses such as a chillout area and merge with the entrance area to give a feeling of space. There is a seated patio area next to the café perfect to watch the kids having fun on the field.

The meeting rooms are multi use and can be used for exercise, education, art and crafts as well as small business or social meetings.

Exercise and play areas

The main walkway is wide enough for further exhibition space. The playgroup area is also flexible space and will accommodate a studio for exercise or other uses – this area has its own dedicated store and toilet. There is also an outside play area for play or other activities where indoor and outdoor space is required to be adjacent.

Next stage

Now we've agreed the final list of facilities, a single-storey build and drawn up a plan, the next stages are to get 3-D drawings sketched up, submit our planning permission and put the project up for tender. There will no doubt be a few tweaks and small-scale changes before the drawings and design are absolutely finalised however.

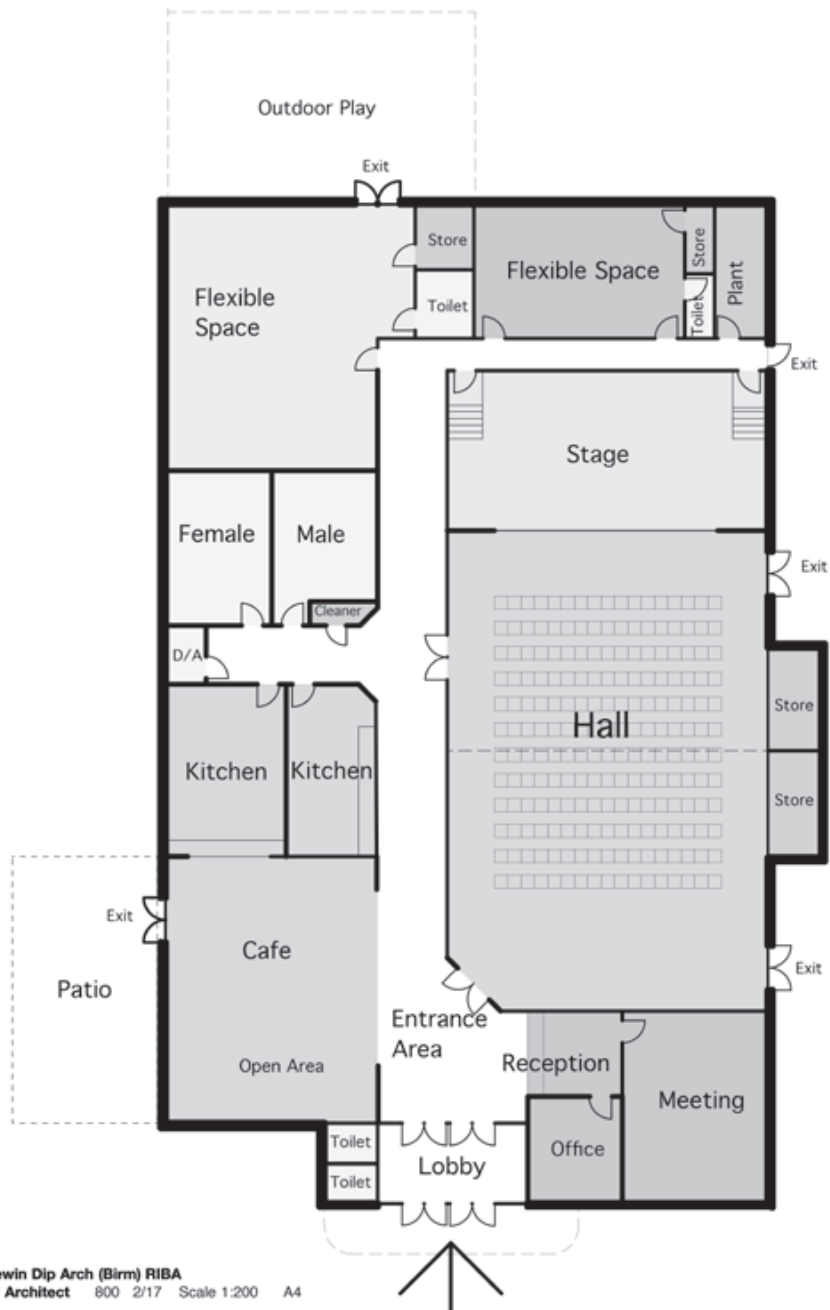
We wanted to share the first plan as we prepare to launch our exciting *fundraising campaign* to bring the rebuild to life. A multi-step fundraising plan which involves crowdfunding and a website redesign is currently under way. We have a fantastic start as we have secured approximately 25% of the funds required – we also have a strongly supportive community and councillors who are backing the scheme, which is a part of our local neighbourhood plan.

We need a name!

We will need a name for the new centre so get your thinking hats on now – we'll compile a list of the best suggestions we receive and have a vote!

Share your suggestions and questions on our dedicated Facebook page, **Hagley Community Association** or our Facebook group **Love Hagley**.

Hagley Community Centre Rebuild Project
Sketch Layout
FLOOR PLAN (835 sq m)



VILLAGE INFORMATION

HAGLEY RAMBLER SCOUTS

Get set to run this summer! The first ever Hagley Stag Run 5/10k and Ramble at Hagley Hall is on May 14th and organisers Hagley Rambler Scouts are hoping it will raise the money they need for their new Scout HQ which now has planning permission.



Entry is £10 for adults, £5 for children and must be pre-booked via the website www.hagleyramblers.com -suitable age is 8 years old upwards.

The run which has options for 5 or 10K will start at 11am, participants will have the chance to run round the course through the woodland, - once a medieval deer park, featuring ancient trees, drifts of bluebells and watercourses which have been sympathetically intertwined with the Georgian landscape creating a true national heritage asset.

What's the Stag Run all about? A stag represents stamina, strength and self-reliance, all qualities which make a great runner. If you've never run before why not make this your first run? You can run at any pace and there is no pressure as it's not a timed race. The ups and downs of the woodland terrain will really put your stamina to the test so make you sure you warm up well and drink plenty of fluids!

The park will remain open from 1pm - 3pm for an optional 'ramble' for those who fancy a quick stroll or ramble round the course and there will be plenty of refreshments for runners and supporters to enjoy before and after the event. The Vikings will be here again to entertain (and frighten) us with a ferocious battle.

So make sure you add the Stag Run to your diary - May 14th. This event is aimed to be a fun event with prizes awarded for first, second and third place. Everyone who completes the circuit will receive a goody bag and water will be available around the course.

Organisers hope it will raise enough money to finance the new home of the Hagley Scouts and Explorers which are open to both girls and boys from the age of 6 through to 14. May 14th will also see the launch of an online crowd funding campaign which is set to go viral, see the website for further details!

The Scout Group would like to thank Lord Cobham for use of the Hall and facilities.

Sue Corlett



HAGLEY RC HIGH SCHOOL

Local residents may be aware that, after 26 years of loyal service to the school (9 years as Deputy Head teacher and 17 years as Head teacher), Mr Ted Hammond will retire on 31 August 2017.

"On behalf of the Board of Directors of St Nicholas Owen Catholic Multi Academy Company, in partnership with the Hagley Academy Committee, we are delighted to inform you that Mrs Suzanne Horan has been appointed as Principal of Hagley Catholic High School with effect from 1 September 2017.

We look forward to working with Mrs Horan in her new role, to implement her vision for moving the school forward, and to lead the staff to achieve the very best outcomes for the children and young people whom we serve.

We would like to express our gratitude for the support that we have received throughout the recruitment process from Fr Martin, Fr Des Devenney, members of the Hagley Academy Committee, Mr Hammond and the Diocesan Education Service."

- Mrs JK Griffin (Chair of the Board)
- Mrs EM Yates (Chair of Hagley Academy Committee)

Upcoming Events

3-4 April	School Musical (contact Mrs Sarah Aston for tickets: 883193)
4 April	Sixth Form Applicants Evening
5 April	Presentation Evening
7-13 April	Ski Trip
27 April	A-level Theatre Studies Performances (7pm)
28-30 April	Geography Fieldtrip to Sicily

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Easter Bunny's Eggs-ellent Adventure hops into view on Easter Monday and there's a chance to join in the egg hunt and meet the Easter Bunny. More Easter treats come in the form of CBeebies Spotbots in **Bad Guys** and Edinburgh Festival hit **Annabelle's Skirting Board Adventure**.

There'll be a battle of the bands with **Mods v Rockers** and blues star **Chantel McGregor** makes a welcome return visit. Popular tribute bands on this month's billing include **Genesis Connected** and **Fleetwood Bac**. Singer songwriter **Emily Maguire** will also be gracing the Artrix stage.

On the comedy front **Milton Jones** practices his latest material on the Artrix crowd and up and coming Irish comedian **Seann McLoughlin** is bound to provide a few laughs.

Films and screenings at Artrix Cinema this month include **Jackie**, **La La Land** and **Manchester By The Sea**.

For further information on all the shows in February please visit www.artrix.co.uk or call the box office on 01527 577330.



HAGLEY ARTS CLUB

ART CLUB

At our Meeting on Friday 14th April, Steve Millward, one of our members, is taking the Evening to demonstrate and tell us all about Lino Printing. This will be something quite different from our usual painting demonstrations.

In May we are all looking forward to welcoming our visiting Artist, Pollyanna Pickering, who will be giving a Talk about her lovely drawings and paintings.

Visitors are welcome to any of our Meetings which commence at 7.30pm on the second Friday each month, at St Saviour's Church Hall.

Anne Garth

Hagley Theatre Group



Rehearsals are now underway for our Youth Section's talented performers production of the musical 'Sister Act'.

This is based on the 1992 American comedy film that starred Whoopi Goldberg as a lounge singer who has been put into the witness protection scheme at a San Francisco convent and has to pretend to be a nun known as Sister Mary Clarence. 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 the 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.

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By the time you read this our new Tai Chi for falls prevention class at Hagley Community Centre 4.30pm-5.20pm Tuesday afternoons will be well underway. However if you are interested and have not yet spoken to us then it's not too late to pick up the phone and book a taster session to see if you like it.

Not only is Tai Chi good for balance it also helps with the management of many other health conditions including arthritis and high blood pressure and it can help you to manage stress and anxiety. So why not give it a go – give us a call to discuss.

Our strength and balance classes remain very popular and currently demand is outstripping supply!! So if this is something you might be interested in we have started a new class quite locally in Belbroughton on Thursday afternoons and hope you can join us there. Ring for more details. We are taking names for a waiting list for the Hagley classes.

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Hagley Country Dancers

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

We will break for Easter on April 3rd and restart on April 24th.

Several new people have joined us since the last newsletter, and they are all enjoying the dancing, also the company.

So all you need to do is come along on a Monday afternoon for one and a half hours, to make all the difference to your wellbeing.

There is no charge for a first visit; subsequently the cost is £2 per person.

For more information, ring June Waterhouse, 01562 700369



As we approach the end of the league season five of our nine teams are in contention for promotion. The Cradley Mixed will almost certainly come runners up in division 2. Worcester Men's and Ladies fist teams both look to be set to finish in second place meaning they would both be in the end of season playoffs. Worcester Vets lie currently in third spot but with a game in hand. So it looks like we will have plenty to celebrate at the end of April.

The beginners club continues, with record attendance in recent weeks. 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 to 10 pm. (Match nights – Tuesday – 8 till 10pm)

Socially as always post-match drinks at the French Hen continue every Friday. The recent trip to Lye for Balti followed by drinks and a band at the Brewhouse was well attended and due to its success is likely to be repeated next month.

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The AGM was held in February followed by a short Talk from our chairman John Oakes.

Our 2017/18 programmes will be available at the April meeting, including details of our summer outing to Barnsdale Gardens on the 24th June. A wide variety of talks and events, which will hopefully titillate our members.

April 26th introduces you to two new speakers from Chaddesley Corbett. Jim Preston and Mervyn Needham will share their visit to 'Transylvania in Romania'. They will be covering an area of great interest to bird lovers, plants and travel enthusiasts

May 24th will also introduce us to a Speaker who is new to the Club. Adam Greathead is John Massey's head gardener at Ashwood's Nurseries. He is going to talk about his own garden called Duck Pools. He is young, enthusiastic and forging a name for himself on the Gardening circuit.

We are now enjoying the glorious spring, a favourite time of year for many. The warm sunny days we have been waiting for to enable us to enjoy our gardening and get ahead with managing our new seedlings and starting to plant out more and more vegetables and prepare our beds for the summer's bounty.

A very exciting time.

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In the 95th year of the WI in Hagley members felt it important to continue to commemorate this event in 2017 and to that end the speakers at the February meeting, Vince Williams and John Goodson, gave an illustrated talk on the "WI at War". This proved most informative and entertaining particularly with the reminiscences and stories the talk provoked from members on the WI during the Second World War.

With the days drawing out and signs of spring appearing, members of Hagley WI have much to look forward to in the coming months. As well as the usual speakers there will be a special lunch in March to commemorate Joy Peers who gave so much of her life to the WI both in Hagley and at County level. A garden visit is being planned and early thoughts are being directed to the summer outing.

The Knit and Knatter group continues to be successful and is already planning items to make for Christmas as well continuing with knitting items for neo-nates and the blankets for Ethiopia's Fistula Clinic.

Meetings are at Hagley Community Centre, 2pm on the second Monday in each month. Members are always pleased to welcome visitors so, if you think we sound interesting, come to one of the meetings or on 01562 885215 contact the undersigned for more details.

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I suggest trying to concentrate on the lowest part, normally the bass, as it is these notes which form the basis of the harmony. This is true whether the bass is sung or played by e.g. cellos and double basses, bassoons, tubas and euphoniums, or bass guitars etc. In rehearsal, when pitching notes is difficult and the music sounds out-of-tune, it's a good idea to practice slowly building up the chord from the bottom note. Vibrato is apt to blur the accuracy of pitch, and this is why groups such as close harmony Barbershop work hard to achieve the perfect 'open' 4th, 5th and octaves to get resonance with higher harmonics.

This means that everyone singing or playing upper parts need to keep an ear open for the sound of the bass line. This is not easy, particularly when one is rehearsing unfamiliar music, as one needs to concentrate so hard on one's own part. However, as soon as possible when you become more confident with your part, try to hear what everyone else is doing and specifically the bass. The really good quartets understand the music holistically i.e. all of it, and not just their own part.

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Rev David Tennant*
Rev David Tennant*

23rd April
am Rev Rikki Twigg
pm Mr Keith Flinders

9th April
am
pm

Palm Sunday
Rev David Tennant
Mr Andy Hewines

30th April
am Mrs Marjorie Davies
pm No Evening Service

16th April
8.30am
10.30 am

Easter Day
Rev David Tennant*
Rev David Tennant*

*Includes Holy Communion



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Monday 10 April, 8.30 am - 3.00 pm Easter Holiday Club. St Saviour's "Holy Holidays! Batman". No charge. Donations welcome. Bring a packed lunch. Registration forms in St Saviour's. (Enquiries 882053)

HOLY WEEK 2017

Monday 10th April - Wednesday 12th April

8pm Compline St Saviour's

Maundy Thursday 13th April

10am Holy Communion St Saviour's
8pm Holy Communion- celebrating the Last Supper St Saviour's

Good Friday 14th April

9.30am Hot Cross Bun Breakfast Church Hall
10am Good Friday @ St Saviour's Church Hall
2pm Good Friday Service St John's
7.30pm Good Friday Service Free Church

Easter Eve 15th April

8pm The Easter Liturgy St John's

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
2 April Lent 5		Café Church	Holy Communion		6.00 pm Ev. Worship Free Church
9 April Palm Sunday	Holy Communion		Morning Prayer	Holy Communion & AGM	Palm Sunday Praise St Saviour's
16 April Easter Day			Parish Family Communion		Festival Evensong St John's
23 April Easter 2	Holy Communion			Parish Communion	
30 April Easter 3			10.30 am CLENT Group Holy Communion		Evening Prayer St John's

We're now on Facebook - search for Hagley CofE please "like" our new page.



VILLAGE NEWS



Friends of St John's Church

Hagley Music Festival 2017 opens on Friday 5th May with the "Shoppers Coffee Concert" commencing at 10am at the Free Church with free admission. Do take a break in your shopping on that day to pop in.

St. John's hosts six of the events for this year's festival. The first being on Saturday 7th May. St. John's is situated in the park surrounding Hagley Hall at the very top of Hall Lane past the Lyttelton Arms.

If you are planning to go to any of these events please go that little bit earlier and take a stroll outside the church. You may be lucky enough to see the deer grazing just over the fence at the back of the church and cricket ground. What better way to get your mind settled for a concert?

Due to the popularity of these events walking from the car park can take quite a few minutes so please leave yourself plenty of time.

The full details of all the events including those at St. Saviours, the Free Church, Hagley Hall and Hagley Community Centre can be found at <http://www.hagleymusicfestival.co.uk> or go to Facebook and search for Hagley Music Festival 2017. Three of the twelve events are free admission.

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To reserve a place please contact Joyce on 07444 075376 or email heartstartbromsgrove@gmail.com or just turn up on the night.

Our thanks go out to last year's fantastic Hagfest team, our brilliant bands and everyone who came to the event.



UPDATE

Your money has gone to 2 great causes, one to the Community Centre rebuild and also to Birmingham Children's Hospital's Star Appeal to raise money for the new Rare Diseases unit. The organisers of the appeal are hugely thankful for every amount raised as it brings them closer to being able to help children who might otherwise have little hope of being cured or who would have to go a long way away for treatment.



There is sadly no Hagfest this year due to plans for works on the playing field and work on the rebuild scheme but it is hoped it will be able to return bigger and better in 2018.